



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
October 2006

Jan's Jottings

OK, everyone! We are coming down to the wire and I ask you to remember one very important thing.



GOTV *does* have an effect on tight races. Any time you give your time to grassroots efforts to help Get Out the Vote you help the entire ticket. Whatever time you have to help make phone calls, block walk, stick on labels, stuff envelopes or simply remind your friends and neighbors to vote really does help.

History shows us that when one party is in control, they tend to do very badly in off-year elections. People don't remember the good things those in office have done but instead take out their grievances on those in power. When you hear people talk of not voting or even casting a protest vote, remember that Republicans do not lose because of too many people voting for Democrats, they lose because too many Republicans fail to show up to vote.

I would like to remind you of the 1960 Republican convention when Goldwater was losing to what was considered the more liberal wing of the Republican party. His supporters were talking of "sitting out" this election. In his speech to the convention Goldwater said,

"Some of you do not agree with every statement in the Official Platform of our Party, but I might remind

you that this is always true in every platform of an American political party. Both of the great historic parties represent a broad spectrum of views, spread over a variety of individual and group convictions.....

Over the years, however, it is clear what the historic position of both the great parties has been. There has been a real difference, overall, in the two great parties. I might suggest to you, during the past thirty years, it is true beyond any doubt that those with more radical views have felt more at home in the Democrat Party, while those with strong historic beliefs have felt more at home in the Republican Party.

.....Yet, if each segment, each section, of our great Party were to insist on the complete and unqualified acceptance of its views, if each viewpoint were to be enforced by a Russian-type veto, the Republican Party would not long survive."

This all leads us back to GOTV. TFRW will be sending their A-team to help Martha Wong and Patricia Harless on October 14 – 17. What is an "A-Team"? – It is an intense effort of block walking and phone banks, led by the campaigns. I hope you will be able to help out then.

Make sure you get out to vote early. I have included the times for early voting and four locations where you can vote (there are many more). Keep this schedule handy. I will look forward to seeing you at our next meeting with Congressman John Culberson, Congressman Michael McCaul, some of our candidates and a little motivation from Joe Nixon. Please bring friends!

Early Voting Schedule

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>23-Oct</u> | <u>24-Oct</u> | <u>25-Oct</u> | <u>26-Oct</u> | <u>27-Oct</u> | <u>28-Oct</u> |
| | 8:00 AM | 8:00 AM | 8:00 AM | 8:00 AM | 8:00 AM | 7:00 AM |
| | 4:30 PM | 4:30 PM | 4:30 PM | 4:30 PM | 4:30 PM | 7:00 PM |
| <u>29-Oct</u> | <u>30-Oct</u> | <u>31-Oct</u> | <u>1-Nov</u> | <u>2-Nov</u> | <u>3-Nov</u> | |
| 1:00 PM | 7:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 7:00 AM | 7:00 AM | |
| 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:00 PM | |
| Bear Creek Jersey Village Tomball Cypress Creek | | Bear Creek Park Community Center Jersey Village City Hall Tomball Public Works Building Barbara Bush Library | | Bear Creek Dr at Patterson 16327 Lakeview Dr 501B James St 6817 Cypresswood | | |



October Meeting and Speaker



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Time: 6:45p.m. Coffee/Social -7:15p.m. Meeting/Speakers

Place:

Guest Speakers

Local, state and judicial candidates

at the home of Rita Parrish

12406 Francel Lane

(in Longwood - Key Map 328X)

6:45 p.m. Social, 7:15 p.m. Meeting

Please Note!! This is a gated street - if the gate is not open, scroll down to Parrish on the screen. If you have a problem the phone number is 281-376-1616

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WE HAVE SUCH AN EXCITING MEETING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER!

We consider it such an honor to have TWO of our Houston Congressmen joining us at our next meeting, **District 7 Congressman, John Culberson and District 10, Congressman Michael McCaul.** **Congressman Culberson** is the third Congressman to represent District Seven. The Texas Legislature created District Seven in 1965, and George H. W. Bush was elected as our first Congressman in 1966. Bill Archer succeeded him in 1970, and John Culberson was elected in 2000. Congressman Culberson serves on the House Appropriations Committee, and is a member of the House Republican Whip team. He is the only Texan on the Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, HUD, USPS, Judiciary and D.C. and also serves on the Subcommittee on Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and NASA.

Congressman McCaul has been recognized as a true leader in his first term and was selected by his freshman peers to serve as their Representative to the Republican Leadership. He is a member of the Homeland Security Committee, and is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Investigations where he works to strengthen and secure our borders, and protect America from the threat of terrorism. Congressman McCaul also serves on the International Relations and Science Committees and was also named Vice Chairman of the U.S.-Mexico Inter-Parliamentary Group and as Assistant Whip.

Both of these gentlemen have done an outstanding job representing us and we appreciate each of them for taking time out of their very busy schedules to come visit with us. It is sure to be an exciting and informative evening, so please join us in welcoming them.

State Representative Joe Nixon will also be sharing with us the very latest “Rockin Republicans” hits! It is a very entertaining presentation that will remind us just how fortunate we are to live in the great state of Texas, and how proud we should all be of the fine Republican men and women that serve us in the Texas Legislature.





MINUTES CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Minutes for September 12, 2006 General Meeting

The meeting was held at Luigi's Restorante on Jones Road. It began with coffee at 9:30 followed by the meeting being called to order at 10:00 by Jan Ott, President. After the invocation and pledges, led by Alice McDill, guests and new members were introduced. Special guests were Al Davis, representing the campaigns of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Judge Mike Schneider; Representative Corbin Van Arsdale; and candidate for District 126, Patricia Harless. Allyson Nixon asked for volunteers for Martha Wong's campaign. Martha is in a tough re-election battle and could use help in her office on Richmond, just inside the loop.

Stephanie DeHondt introduced the guest speaker, David Hornet, director for the Grand Parkway Association. He gave an overall project summary of the Grand Parkway, followed by a question and answer session.

The July and August general meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletters. Jan Ott gave the treasurer's report. Kay Waghorne announced that she had children's books written by Peter Barnes for sale. Jan thanked Dawn Shull for the great job she is doing publishing the monthly newsletter for CFRW.

Rita Parrish spoke about the upcoming elections and campaign activities. As a club we are going to work Wednesday mornings in Patricia Harless' campaign office and Monday mornings in Martha Wong's. It was also suggested that members could adopt a judicial candidate and host a coffee for them. There are a number of campaign materials available for anyone wanting to display bumper stickers or yard signs. Mary Moss has "Vote" pins available to those that would like them.

The CFRW board made a recommendation to contribute \$100 to the Laura Bush Foundation. The foundation takes cash only contributions and is currently helping to rebuild public school libraries in Louisiana. The club voted to make the contribution.

A Campaign Fund Disbursement Committee was nominated and elected. Mary Moss nominated Kitty Berger, Rita Parrish nominated Maureen Young, Kay Waghorne nominated Betty Guthrie, and Mary Moss nominated Rita Parrish. The committee will meet to make decisions regarding contributions to Republican campaigns in the November elections.

New CFRW officers and committee heads will be needed for the new year. A nominating committee is needed to develop a slate to be voted on in November. Rita Parrish nominated Maureen Young, Mary Moss nominated Phyllis Kidd, and Kay Waghorne nominated Betty Guthrie. All those nominated were elected to the committee.

A meeting place for the October meeting is needed if anyone would like to volunteer their home. The November meeting will be at Hearthstone Country Club. GHC will host an immigration forum on October 16, if anyone would like to register. Senator Hutchison will be the guest speaker for the luncheon. Lt. Governor David Dewhurst will be the speaker for the September 19 GHC meeting.

Door prizes were awarded to Brenda Wright, Sylvia Collum, Patty Davis, Dawn Fobbs, Emily Klein, Kitty Berger, and Martha Gallagher. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 followed by lunch.

Submitted by,
Kitty Berger, Secretary CFRW





CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Oct 10 CFRW- Meeting
- Oct 16..... Greater Houston Council Meeting
Immigration Forum
- Oct 23-Nov 3... Early Voting
- Nov 7..... Election Day
- Nov 14..... CFRW-Meeting



Membership:

Our September Membership drive was a huge success. We enlisted five new regular members and two associate members! Welcome to all of you. It's never too late to bring a guest (potential member) to our meeting. We're still in the running for the Dewhurst Membership Award, so please think of anyone who you feel would enjoy the friendship, community service and information that our club provides and bring them to the next meeting!

Remember - Republican Women's Clubs are grass roots at its finest. Be informed, be involved, **bring a friend.** We can make a difference!



Campaign Activities

GET OUT THE VOTE. There is not very much time left now before the November Elections and all the candidates are very busy making sure that everyone knows what they stand for as candidates in this very important election. The most important thing of course is that everyone gets out there and spreads the information they learn about the candidates and the issues to all their voting friends and family. Many of these candidates have been to our meetings so we have had the opportunity to meet them and also to hear what they have to say. So please make sure that everyone you know is registered to vote and informed about the potential candidates on Election Day. If any of you need voter registration cards I have plenty of them so just let me know. The last date to register is October 10, 2006. Also if you have any family members who can't go out to vote they can register to vote

by mail but have to have that request in by October 31, 2006 and have their ballot mailed in by the date specified on the application.

MANY THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. We have had fun and contributed to the candidates' campaigns by helping out in their offices. In August we went to Martha Wong's Campaign Office and helped with a large mail-out. Thanks that day to Maureen Young, Jan Ott and of course I was there also. In September we went over to help out at the campaign office of Patricia Harless who is running for State Representative District 126. We helped with a variety of jobs at the office such as addressing and stamping mail-outs and other general office help. We had a large group that day and I want to thank Dawn Fobbs, Kathleen O'Neal, Brenda Wright, and Maureen Young for joining me that day and putting in so much effort. We had fun and all felt like we were doing much to help these candidates with their campaign efforts. We will continue to work for these candidates up until Election day and would love to have more of you come out and help with us. Please feel free to contact me at 281-376-1616 or at reparrish@hotmail.com for more information.



Ways and Means

We are selling the "A Mice Way to Learn About Government" series of children's books. Written by Peter Barnes and illustrated by his wife, they are wonderful books. We hope you will take time to look at them at our next meeting. Selling for \$18 each, they make wonderful Christmas or birthday presents. Even if they can't read yet, parents can read these delightful stories to their children, helping them to become familiar with terms and events in a fun and entertaining way.

We will also be selling and taking orders for fall floral arrangements. The vase is a real pumpkin with beautiful silk flowers. They make great hostess gifts for Thanksgiving and will decorate any home throughout the fall and into the holidays. The price of each unique arrangement is based on size and content. There will be some available for you to see and purchase at the October meeting.





Community Service

Our club’s school Dictionary Project is in full swing! Our CFRW club will be donating dictionaries to all the third grade students at Owens Elementary School on Jackrabbit Road to do our part in the Republican Women’s National School Dictionary project to elementary schools. We will be making the donation of these dictionaries in person soon. Stay tuned for more details, or call Susan Fruit at 281-463-2972 for more information.



Legislative Report

In place of the glossary, let’s take a look at the 79th Texas Legislature. This information comes from a pdf file from this website. I have hit the high points. For the details on each issue, please access this website. <http://www.house.state.tx.us/resources/accomplishments79th.pdf>

Accomplishments of the 79th Legislature

“The 79th Legislature accomplished a lot for the State of Texas . Lawmakers passed a solid budget bringing more money to schools, health care and public safety. They also passed major lawsuit reforms, improvements to child and adult protective services, workers’ compensation reform, stronger parental rights for minors seeking abortions and constitutional marriage protections.

Last session, in the face of a \$10 billion shortfall, legislators were forced to cut programs, trim nonessential spending and prioritize education and health and human services while balancing the budget. Although times were rough, they implemented fiscal responsibility. At the end of the day, Texas was one of the few states to cut general revenue spending, fix a monumental deficit and balance the budget without new taxes.

This session, legislators began with more money to invest in schools, health care and the job market. Strong economic growth meant more state revenue to invest and



Legislative Report (cont..)

spend - without new taxes. By prioritizing child and adult protective services, lawmakers authorized the hiring of more than 2,500 new child protective service workers so investigators and caseworkers can spend more time protecting

children and families and less time on paperwork. Legislators improved CHIP and children’s Medicaid funding, thereby expanding vision, dental and hospice coverage and allowing hundreds of thousands of additional children to receive health coverage.

State leaders also took strong action to protect Texas workers and employers. They fixed a broken workers’ compensation system, which increased care and benefits for injured workers, encouraged good doctors and health professionals to rejoin the workers’ comp system, and cut costs for employers. And they again cracked down on frivolous asbestos and fast-food lawsuits.

Although the House and Senate did not reach an agreement on a final school finance plan before the 79th Legislative Session ended, members of the Texas House continue to work hard to find ways to cut property taxes and improve the way Texans fund public schools, without undermining job creation and economic opportunity.”

There is information on the following:

STATE BUDGET: *Supplemental Appropriations*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: *Increasing funds for education, Steroid Education Program, Teacher Retirement System Reform, Additional Education*

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: *Funding for Higher Education, Incentives to graduate on time, Educational Services*



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<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<http://thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

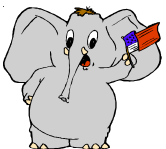
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<http://www.texaspolicy.com/> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<http://www.ghcrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us> - Texas Secretary of State web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments.



“...political correctness is the tribute intelligence must pay to ignorance.”

---Wesley Pruden, The Washington Times September 19, 2006