



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
February 2006

Jan's Jottings



I am extremely proud of our club and the fact that so many of our members have shown such infectious enthusiasm about being involved and a desire to learn more about TFRW and how we can learn to be more effective in supporting Republicans. Greater Houston Council held their Nuts 'N' Bolts meeting on January 17 and our club had six members in attendance. That is great! Betty Guthrie, Max Prezbindowski, Mary Moss, Kitty Berger, Kay Waghorne, and I all enjoyed seeing Congressman Michael McCaul swear in our GHC officers and hearing our TFRW president, Borah Van Dormolen speak about how TFRW works. Borah is such a vibrant and entertaining speaker she inspires everyone to make a difference by being more active in our political process, and to continue to grow our membership.

There will also be four of us, Rita Parrish, Kay, Kitty, and me, attending the TFRW leadership conference in Austin on February 3rd and 4th. I know we will come back brimming with new ideas to help us be an even better and more effective club. I already know we have wonderful people. One of the comments I hear frequently from those that visit our club or meet our members at the various events, is what a nice and friendly group that it is. I couldn't agree more. Thank you all.

I hope you have been following what has become a very interesting primary campaign season and have been attending some of the forums (which have included a little fireworks every now and then) that are being held to learn more about the candidates. Rita Parrish, our Campaign Activities chairman has an article in this newsletter about being involved in some of these campaigns. Not only is it an important thing to do, but, it is also fun. It is also a great way to work with other members of our club and to meet more new people that might also like to become members.



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



February 4 TFRW Leadership Workshop
Austin, TX

February 6 Last Day to Register to Vote

February 14 Tuesday Evening CFRW
Meeting 6:45pm - Home of
Marketa Fisher

February 21 March 3 Early Voting

March 7 Primary Election

March 14 CFRW Morning Meeting

April 11 Primary runoff Date

At our February meeting, besides hearing candidates, Carolyn Hodges, Greater Houston Council president, will be speaking to us about another important opportunity to participate in politics at the grassroots level, and that is by attending your precinct convention. Hopefully some of you have attended these in past years, but, I am sure there may be many of you that are not even aware of them. As soon as the polls close on primary election day, the convention is held at the same place you vote. By attending the precinct convention, your voice can definitely be heard. Come to the meeting to learn more about this process and its importance. Also remember, that any time spent attending the precinct convention or working for candidates counts toward your volunteer hours. Be sure to keep a record of your time and turn it in to Rita.

I hope you will all join us on Valentine's Day for our next meeting. See you then.....



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CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN



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The luncheon meeting was called to order by president, Jan Ott, at 10:00 a.m. at Romero's Las Brazas Cantina.

Guests and new members were introduced. Special guests were Kaye Goolsby, Greater Houston Council TFRW liaison, Sylvia Manley, District 7 Director, Jo Konen, Newsletter Editor for Greater Houston Council and TFRW, Representative Peggy Hamric, Senatorial candidate, and Jack Cato, County Treasurer.

Stephanie DeHondt introduced the speaker, Joseph Naqvi of the US Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence who spoke on the positive impact of our troops in Iraq.

The November general meeting minutes were approved as printed in the December newsletter. The treasurer's report was given with a reminder that 2006 dues are due.

CFRW club meeting announcements continue to run in neighborhood newspapers. Kay Waghorne is forming a committee to organize a spring fashion show. Transcripts of the October candidate forum are available.

If anyone cannot access the newsletter on-line please contact Dawn Shull, so that it can be mailed. Mary Moss debuted the new CFRW nametags. Please report all campaign volunteer hours, poll worker hours, etc. to Rita Parrish. The state senatorial candidates are looking for volunteers. The primary will be held March 8, followed by precinct meetings.

The following positions are currently open and CFRW is looking for volunteers to fill them: assistant to treasurer, legislative, community services, parliamentarian, and Americanism. Other new business was the following meeting announcements: United Republicans Candidate Forum on January 17, Greater Houston Council meeting on January 17, Leadership Development Workshop in Austin on February 3-4, and a TFRW trip to Washington, D.C., on April 24-27.

The NFRW is currently looking for candidates for its Dorothy Andrews Kabis Internship.

CFRW will co-host a candidate forum January 31, at Wyndehaven Terrace. The February meeting will be on the 14th at 6:45 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Submitted by,
 Kitty Berger, Secretary CFRW



Have you paid your dues? Dues were due December 31. The amount due is \$25 for regular members, \$17 for associate members, and \$30 for supporting members. Mail the form on page 5 with your payment to Max.





Campaign Activities:

The upcoming March 7 primary election is fast approaching. It is so exciting to know that soon we will have a clear candidate in so many races for the November 2006 elections. As members of Cy-Fair Republican Women we have a unique opportunity to represent the candidates of our choices and really make a difference in how the election process turns out. There are so many ways that our help can influence the chances of a particular candidate doing well in the elections. In addition, all of the various activities that we can become involved in help to make us better informed voters. For example, when you get the chance to work on a candidate's campaign, you learn a lot about him or her by getting to know other people who have known them for a long time and really know their backgrounds well. Also meeting and talking with the candidate yourself will help you to know them better and give you first hand knowledge so you can really be a representative for this candidate with your own family and friends. This is of great benefit to the candidate because you can spread the word and thus multiply his or her voter base.

There are many jobs that would help the candidates out and help you learn more at the same time. You could make phone calls from your home, you could help with mail-outs from the campaign office, answer the phone for the campaign office or whatever else is needed to make the campaign run smoothly. The candidates also do block walks on Saturday mornings and this can be very inspiring to take part in. With so many opportunities there is sure to be something for everyone who would like to help. The bottom line is that we can all make a difference and all of our help is very much appreciated by all the Republican candidates. One candidate who has contacted our club and asked for help is State Representative District 133 Candidate Barbara Larson. She has said that she needs anyone who is interested to please volunteer to work at her campaign office. Please call 281-679-6700 to volunteer. Another candidate who asked for help with his campaign is State Senatorial Candidate Joe Nixon and you may call 713-460-4347 to help at his office.

Also State Senatorial Candidate Peggy Hamric would like help with her campaign. Anyone who is interested please call Peggy's office at 832-249-1420. You can get the phone numbers and addresses of other candidate's offices at <http://www.CFRW.net> in the Members Only Link or you can email Rita Parrish at reparrish@hotmail.com and request the contact information for the candidate of your choice.

Another way to make a difference is just by getting everyone you know out to vote. Early voting starts on February 21 and ends on March 3. It really helps to encourage all your family and friends to vote when it's convenient for them. During the election days the polling places need help also. Each precinct polling

location can use your assistance on election day. Some of the tasks may seem simple, but they help the voting process run smoother for your precinct. After the election is over, everyone who would like to, can attend their precinct convention on March 7 immediately following the polls closing and possibly become a delegate to the Senatorial District Convention which will be held in the Houston area.



Legislative Report:

One hot topic in Washington right now is how to close loopholes in House and Senate Ethics Rules that exempt taxpayer-funded government lobbyists from the gift limits that apply to almost all other citizens.

This exemption allows lobbyists for entities like public universities and city governments to shower Senators and Congressmen with free luxury skybox tickets to the biggest football games or free front-row tickets to the most popular concerts. This kind of unlimited gift-giving is considered unethical if it is done by lobbyists representing private companies or not-for-profit groups. YET, unfathomably, it is considered perfectly fine when it is done by taxpayer-funded government lobbyists, who are usually lobbying for additional federal funding at the expense of the taxpayer.

Congress plans to address the lobbying reform issue as soon as they return to Washington the week of January 30, Contact your Senators and Representatives if you would like to encourage them to close the loopholes that exempt taxpayer-funded government lobbyists from the rules that everybody else must obey!

An extremely important issue we should all be following is the Tax Reform Commission's study of the state's tax structure and the funding of our public schools because of the directive from the Texas Supreme Court. The Commission is holding public hearings across the state to formulate recommendations to the Texas Legislature, which is expected to consider those recommendations before June of 2006.

This effort has serious, long-term implications for Texas schoolchildren, Texas consumers, and businesses. All forms of taxation (property taxes, sales taxes, and business taxes) to fund our schools will be on the table for consideration and debate.



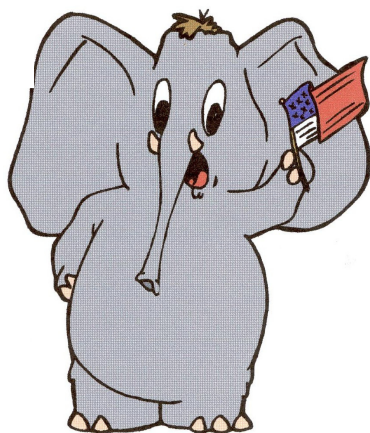
★ Membership:

Name tags are now available. We have designed a wonderful 3x1-1/2" hard plastic name tag with a magnetic clasp. The cost for the name tag is \$12.00 (after our 2-14 meeting the cost will be \$15.00). Sign up for your custom made name tag at the February meeting or call or email Mary Moss - 281-550-9415 - moss311@sbcglobal.net.

★ Ways and Means:

Membership Books will be distributed at the February meeting to those members who have paid their 2006 dues. We will assemble our books at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, February 11 at Kay Waghorne's home. If you're interested in helping contact Kay. Ad solicitations were mailed out on November 22 to Elected Officials. We've had a great response. "High Tea and High Heels," our next fund raiser will be a spring fashion show. A Committee is now forming to plan the event. Please contact Kay Waghorne - 281-550-1723 if you wish to help.

SUPPORT YOUR CANDIDATES!



We should remember the presidents this month. Presidents' day is February 20th. Where would this country be without the leadership and bravery of our presidents? Just think for a moment of George Washington and how he founded our country. It was a great act of bravery and strength. I hope all our leaders will be brave and make our world a safe and better place.

*-Elizabeth Mitchell
Americanism Committee*



**Regular Meeting
TUESDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 14**

At the home of Marketa Fisher
7510 Holly Court Estates
(in Hearthstone)
6:45p.m. Social, 7:15 p.m. Meeting

Please RSVP by February 13 to Jan at J.ott@wethou.com or 281-859-6464

The campaign season is well underway and getting more heated by the minute. We have asked each of the candidates in State Representative District 133, Barbara Larson, Mike Schofield, and Jack Murphy along with the candidates for State Representative District 133, Patricia Harless and John Devine to be our guest at our February meeting. They will be able to give you general information about themselves, talk about what issues are most important to them and what each of them would like to see accomplished if elected. Carolyn Hodges, President of Greater Houston Council, will also give us a short presentation about precinct conventions and the delegate process. Please join us for an exciting meeting. Come in time to enjoy coffee and dessert beginning at 6:45pm.



7510 Holly Court Estates



State Senate District 7 – 4 Candidates in race, no Incumbent
 Please work for the candidate of your choice. They all need your help.



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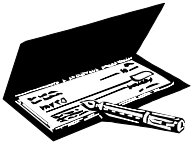
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DUES



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Name: _____

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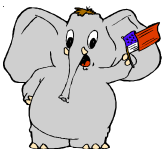
<http://thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

<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



Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

Abraham Lincoln