



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

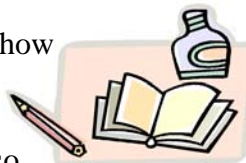
NEWSLETTER  
April 2006

## Jan's Jottings

I want to tell all of you how proud I am of Cy-Fair Republican Women. At the last meeting when so many of you raised your hands that you had gone to your precinct meeting, many for the first time, I knew that we are succeeding in getting more people involved in our political process. We now have several ladies that are delegates to the State Convention. I know, maybe like many of you, that before I was in a Republican Women's club, I had never even known about these meetings. It is just one of so many reasons that our clubs are important. I also want to pass on to you what I have been told so many times (and what I know to be true), and that is what a nice and friendly group of ladies make up our club.


We have a hard-working committee very busy on preparations for our *High Heels and High Tea* fashion show, luncheon, and blind auction. There will also be some booths with special items for sale. I have been listening in on the plans, and I can assure you that it is going to be a lot of fun and it will be a very nice event that you don't want to miss. We are very fortunate to be having **Congressman Michael McCaul** as our guest speaker. This is a great time to invite your friends to a very special occasion. Its success depends upon everyone coming out and bringing as many people as you can. The very best "thank-you" we can give to Kay Waghorne and her committee is to sell every ticket we have available. We will not have a regular meeting in May since they would be so close together and we really want to focus on just making this extra-special. We hope to make enough money to be able to support some of our candidates in the upcoming elections.

There are a lot of very important issues coming up, and it is important to keep a Republican majority.



CFRW UPCOMING DATES  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- April 11 ..... Primary runoff Date  
April 11 ..... 6:45p - CFRW Meeting  
May 6 ..... **High Heels and High Tea**  
(bring your auction items  
and money from ticket sales)
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- May 9 ..... No Regular Meeting  
May 17 ..... CFRW Board Meeting  
June 13 ..... CFRW Regular evening  
meeting

One of the very important things that you can do in working toward that goal is to be supportive of President Bush. I have heard both **Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison** and **Congressman McCaul** speak out very passionately in support of what he is doing, particularly his commitment to the war on terror. I appreciate both of them greatly for that support. It is easy at times to become disillusioned when we hear the constant bashing both from the opposition and in the press, and even more so when we hear it from fellow Republicans, but, we must continue to work to counter the misinformation and sound bites. As a part of our club and TFRW, we have more opportunities to hear directly from our elected officials and we have more tools to separate fact from fiction.

We also have some local elections coming up very soon and you are very likely to not see or hear much about them even though they affect each and every one of us. I am talking about board elections for Cy-Fair ISD and for Cy-Fair College. We hope some of these candidates will come to our next meeting as we will have more information about these elections in addition to our program about Stem Cell Research. The April meeting will be a great opportunity to learn more about this issue. I will look forward to seeing everyone there.



**MINUTES**  
**March 14, 2006**  
**CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

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

Following the invocation and pledges guests and new members were introduced.

The guest speaker, Judge Janice Law, reviewed her book, *Sex Appealed: Was the U.S. Supreme Court Fooled?* The book reveals the background of the Texas case that was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court and eventually led to striking down sodomy laws and allowed states to proceed with legalizing same sex marriages. The talk was followed by a question and answer session and book signings.

The February general meeting minutes were approved as printed in the January newsletter. The treasurer's report was given. It was announced that next month's guest speaker topic is stem cell research. Jan has received many compliments on the CFRW newsletter. Mary Moss' membership committee has passed out the new membership books. Our current membership is 46.

Kay Waghorne announced that our spring style show, High Heels and High Tea will be May 6, 11:00 a.m., at Raveneaux Country Club. Members were given tickets to sell. Ticket prices are \$50 each for general admission, 4 for \$250 for reserved seating, and \$500 for a reserved table of 10. Money and unsold tickets should be turned into Kay by April 15. Sharon Moore is asking for any teacups that can be loaned for the event. Auction items are also being collected at this time.

Sylvia Manley, District 7 Director, spoke to the club about poor voter turnout at the recent primary election. She stressed the need to work on voter turnout for the general election in November. It was pointed out that many people did not vote in the primaries, so that they would be eligible to sign petitions to get independent candidates on the November ballot. A large number of our members attended their precinct meetings following the primary. Phylliss Kyd wrote a proposition that was adopted at her precinct meeting.

The new Americanism chair, Elizabeth Mitchell, reviewed several books. Other new chairs are Susan Fruit, Community Services and Micheline Hutson, Publicity. There is still a need for a Parliamentarian. The Greater Houston Council will meet March 22, with Don Carlson, former chief of staff to Congressman Bill Archer, speaking.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20, followed by lunch.

Submitted by,

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**Ways and Means:**

*High Heels and High Tea* Fashion Show and Lunch Fundraiser is on target and we need your help. You should have received your tickets and I hope that you will be able to sell them all. Please let me know as soon as you sell any so that I can keep up with the sales. Also, we need auction items. If you have any questions about it let me know. Finally, we need tea cups and saucers. If you have any that you would like to let us use please let me know. Also, if you have any of the little decorative high heels we can borrow that would be great too. .... Thanks, Kay



**Legislative Report:**

The biggest item in everyone’s mind is the upcoming special legislative session on school finance that is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 17, 2006. The governor is being forced to call this session in order to develop a solution to the state’s current system of school finance, which the Texas Supreme Court has found to be unconstitutional.

A corresponding problem is the fact that the legislature is grappling with increasingly vocal pressures to lower property taxes. It is suspected that the tax reform measures will cause there to be increases in business taxes. Most likely the result will be a property tax reduction combined with a reform of the franchise tax. Entities not previously required to pay taxes will be required to do so, and it is expected that the plan will involve a business tax on gross receipts. It is important to keep tabs on this process and let your legislator know how you feel about the new proposed tax reforms.



**Membership:**

We now have our own stylish name tags. Come prepared to order your very own hard plastic, magnetic backed, personalized name tag at our next meeting. The cost is \$15.00.



**Campaign Activities:**

As we all look forward to the months of campaigning leading up to the elections in November, lets all remember to volunteer and give your candidates plenty of help to assure they get the votes needed on election day. If you do put in volunteer hours please remember also to report the time you have spent working for your candidates. If any of you worked the polls, without being paid for doing so, this is reportable hours. Also any work in candidate’s offices, phone calling solicited by a candidate/campaign, doing mailings and hours spent at a special event or organizing the event (but not if you attend as a guest or are compensated for the event). All hours volunteered at campaigns and at headquarters include portal to portal travel if you go directly there and back home.

Thanks to all of our members who have been volunteering and reporting their hours. Let’s all continue to stay active in supporting our candidates and turn in your hours spent working for the Republican Party. Please continue to report your hours by email to [reparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:reparrish@hotmail.com) or by phone 281-376-1616.



**Publicity:**

If you have any publicity ideas or have any publications that you would like to see CFRW advertised in please send Micheline an email to: [mhutson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhutson@sbcglobal.net). We currently have a recurring monthly ad in Krenek publications for both the Katy and Hwy. 6 area papers. We are also in the Sun papers, Longwood Cardinal, and the Leader. Please let Micheline know if you are not seeing these ads in your paper. See High Heels and High Tea Flyer in this newsletter.





## NEWS AND NOTES



### Americanism:

From a letter written to the president of the American Defense Society on January 3, 1919, three days before he died:

*“In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the man’s becoming in very fact an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag...We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language...and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.”--Theodore Roosevelt*

### “The Star-Spangled Banner”

Francis Scott Key-1814

Written at Fort McHenry, it has been the national anthem since 1931

A recent survey shows that two out of three Americans can’t recite all the words to the *Star-Spangled Banner*, arguably the world’s most famous anthem.

*O! say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last  
gleaming?*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the  
perilous fight,*

*O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly  
streaming?*

*And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof to the night that our flag was still there.*

*O! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O’er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave?*



## General Meeting TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 11

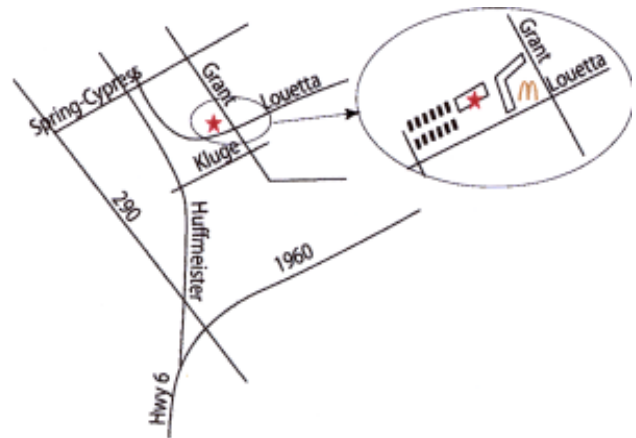
**Lakewood Glen Community Center**

**13310 Louetta**

6:45p.m. Social, 7:15 p.m. Meeting  
Guest Speakers: Wayne and Melinda Rose

**Please RSVP** by April 9 to Jan at  
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Wayne and Melinda Rose will be speaking on Stem Cell Research: Science, Ethics, and Politics. They have made numerous presentations to church groups, political organizations, and professional organizations to help provide a clearer understanding of the science and distinctions between different types of stem cell research.



Lakewood Glen Community Center







***High Heels and High Tea***  
**Fashion Show, Lunch and Blind Auction**

Presented by

***Cy-Fair Republican Women***

**May 6, 2006 - 11:00 AM**  
**Raveneaux Country Club**  
**9415 Cypresswood Drive**  
**Spring, TX 77379**

**Special Guest Speaker**

**Congressman Michael McCaul**

**Premium Sponsors**

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**\$500.00.**

**Select Sponsors**

4 preferred, reserved seats and a listing in the program  
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**Individual General Admission Tickets**

**\$50.00**

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Kay Waghorne at 281-550-1723 or [kwaghorne@msn.com](mailto:kwaghorne@msn.com).**

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Jan Ott, president**

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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

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

