



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2007

Kay's Kolumn



Our September 11th meeting was a wonderful tribute to those who serve for our freedoms and way of life. I hope that everyone has been re-committed to working to elect those people who 'have not forgotten'. And doesn't our Kelli have a tremendous voice? Thanks Kelli!

Please note that we will not have a general meeting in October. We will instead be hosting our 2nd Annual High Heels and High Tea fashion show and luncheon on October 12 at Lindsay Lakes and I hope everyone is excited about it. The event is just around the corner and promises to be loads of fun. Mary still has tickets available if you would like to purchase more, please let her know!

Our very first voter registration drive was a great success. We signed up 36 new voters. So we are well on our way to meeting our goal of 100 by year's end. I hope that everyone will be able to work one of these events. Our next one is on October 13th at the Cy-Fair Fest at the Community College on Barker Cypress. Please let Julie or me know if you are interested in participating.

Dawn Shull, Millie and I are off to the National Convention on the 28th. We will have a full report of the event at our November meeting. Also, there is still time to get your Registration in for the TFRW convention in El Paso if you would like to go. We already have 10 members going and we would love more to come if you can make it.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Oct 12..... CFRW HIGH HEELS & HIGH TEA
Lindsay Lakes - 11:00 AM
(More info on page 2)
- Oct 13.....Cy-Fest at Cy-Fair College
- Oct 16..... Greater Houston Council Executive
Board Meeting - 10:00 AM
- Oct 17.....Community Partners Day at
Cy-Fair College
- Nov 8-11...TFRW State Convention
El Paso , Texas

The campaigns are in full swing and we are beginning to see candidates and their representatives drop by at our meetings. We welcome these candidates and I hope everyone will take the opportunity to visit with them and ask questions about their positions. This is a wonderful way for us to get first-hand information about the candidates. Please take advantage of that. Also, please let us know of any event for a candidate that you would like posted on the web site. As a club we don't support any Republican candidate over another in the primary. As individuals you are welcome and encouraged to support any candidate and solicit volunteers from our membership to help you. And of course... turn in those hours!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the High Heels and High Tea event.

Until then.....Kay



OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENT



Cy-Fair Republican Women
Proudly Presents



High Heels and High Tea

Emceeding the event will be our own
The Honorable Corbin VanArsdale
Texas State Representative, District 130
Along with Special Guest
The Honorable Tom Craddick,
Speaker of the Texas State House of
Representatives

Fashion Show – *fashions by Cabi with accessories*
by Silpada Jewelry

Lunch

Blind Auction – *several items from our elected*
officials and 7 nights' accommodations at the
Marriot Surf Club, Aruba

Vendor Showcase

11 a.m.

Friday, October 12, 2007

Lindsay Lakes

16536 Mueschke Road, Cypress, Texas 77433

Tickets: \$50 each

Premium Sponsor - \$500 (10 tickets and
sponsor name acknowledgment)

Select Sponsor - \$250 (4 tickets and
sponsor name acknowledgment)

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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

September 11, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 11:09 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. After a moment of silence in memory of those who perished in the attacks of September 11, 2001, Alice McDill, Chaplain, gave a special reading and invocation followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests, including Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale, Phil Owen (Charles Bacarisse staff), Jill Fury (Ed Emmott staff), and Sandy Oliver (Patricia Harless staff). Stephanie DeHondt, VP: Programs presented a stirring video, "We Will Never Forget", about the tragedy of the 2001 attacks. Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, sang a lovely rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner". Yellow ribbons were given to attendees to wear.

Stephanie introduced our speaker, Alice Rekeweg, President of Kingwood RW and mother of a U.S. Marine who served in Iraq. She spoke of her experiences as a mother of a serviceman serving in the war and all her efforts to assist the troops and their families. Her heartfelt presentation gave many ways in which citizens can show support and aid U.S. troops fighting in the Mideast. She explained how successful her Bandana Project was with the service men and women. The bandanas are printed with the 91st Psalm and are useful in sand storms, etc. A Peter Barnes' children's book was presented to her to sign. The book will be donated in her honor to a local school library. Jan Ott suggested a basket for voluntary donations toward the Bandana Project be passed. A total of \$259 was collected.

Millie Alford, Legislative Chair, presented each attendee who had a family member in the military with a red rose.

The minutes of the August 14, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter.

Treasurer Dawn Shull reported a balance of \$3067.98 in the club's treasury. The report was accepted as presented.

Cheryl Salyard, CFISD Assistant to Superintendent Anthony, distributed handouts and spoke briefly about the 2007 Bond Election.

Kay announced the photos of TFRW out-going President, 'Borah Von Dormolen and CFRW members are needed. Please get them to Kay by Thursday, September 13, 2007. The Campaign Management School (\$50 registration fee) is scheduled to take place all day on Saturday, September 15, 2007. Contact Jan Ott if you are interested in attending.

Stephanie announced that Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale and Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick will be the emcees for our fundraiser High Heels and High Tea Style Show and Luncheon on October 12, 2007. Several of the models are staff members for elected officials.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, encouraged members to sell tickets to the High Heels and High Tea fundraiser. She must know how many tickets have been sold by September 24, 2007. Volunteers are needed to help with the Blind Auction and registration table on the day of the event. Please contact Mary if you are interested in helping. The "Life of the Party" cookbooks have gone to press and should be available at the Luncheon/Style Show in October. Mary thanked the committee and volunteers who assisted with the cookbook. A few CFRW shirts are available for purchase from Mary.

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MINUTES - Continued



Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, welcomed new members, Regina Lemons and Jill Fury. She will hold a New Member Orientation following today's meeting for all members who have recently joined.

Newsletter Editor, Rita Parrish, asked that members contact her if they want their newsletter mailed rather than sent electronically.

Kay announced that CFRW will be participating in Voter Registration Drives on September 19, 2007 and October 10, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cy-Fair Community College during the Community Partners Days.

Awards Chair, Jan Ott, reported that CFRW is on track to win awards with just a couple of requirements to be completed.

Publicity Chair, Mary Atchison, reported that CFRW is getting good coverage in community newsletters and recently in the Houston Chronicle.

Cheryl Mills, Community Services Chair, reported that several members had volunteered for the CFISD Bus Buddies Program. She also provided note cards for attendees to write notes of support and appreciation to be sent to members of the military.

Old business: None was reported.

New business:

- Kay announced that although she as President would be a delegate three (3) other delegates and four (4) alternates to the TFRW Convention needed to be elected. The membership voted to take a plurality vote. Parliamentarian, Barbara Dorsey prepared and distributed the ballots. The results were as follows: Delegates are Jan Ott, Millie Alford, and Dawn Shull; Alternate Delegates are Stephanie DeHondt, Dawn Fobbs, Rita Parrish, and Barbara Dorsey.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Betty Guthrie

CFRW: Secretary



COMMUNITY SERVICE - Cheryl Mills



Thanks to Mary Moss for volunteering as a "Bus Buddy" all FIVE days! Also serving our community were Kay Waghorne, Fran Warren and Krista Steele's daughter who rode a school bus home with students of Walker Elementary School during the first five days of school.

Our Support the Troops project resulted in 20 cards written by members at our September 11th meeting. Our speaker, Alice Rekeweg, inspired us all to do more for our Troops, so we will plan to write notes at every meeting, and further support Alice's Bandana project.

Cheryl Mills





A Look at Immigration.

The U.S. Census Bureau uses the term foreign born to refer to anyone who is not a U.S. citizen at birth. This includes naturalized U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents (immigrants), temporary migrants (such as foreign students), humanitarian migrants (such as refugees), and people illegally present in the United States.

The U.S. Census Bureau uses the term native to refer to anyone born in the United States or a U.S. Island Area such as Puerto Rico, or born abroad of a U.S. citizen parent.

The Census Bureau provides a variety of demographic, social, economic, geographic, and housing information on the foreign-born population in the United States.

It seems that everywhere you turn these days, someone is talking about **immigration**.

For this month's legislative report, I've chosen to write about some of the issues that surround it. I don't have the answers. **Who knows the answers?** President Bush didn't have the answers, as evidenced by the fact that Congress failed to accept his ideas. I believe that his heart is for the American people and anything he suggests is for the overall benefit of our country. Is he right about the amnesty issue? I don't understand politics or economic issues on this level, or how many people should be allowed, or all the Homeland Security nuances. I do pray for his wisdom in all things political and I pray for those who advise him. Politicians don't seem to have the answers. They argue incessantly about who is responsible for what areas; federal, state, local authorities? I don't hear a lot of concrete ideas about how to solve the problems (our own reps withstanding). ☺

The ladies organization which I attended a couple of months ago doesn't have the answers, as they yelled out, "Make them learn to speak English and "we pay taxes, and they don't" (to name a couple of things from the floor of the meeting). I was taken aback as I listened to some of state's "fine" women almost come to blows with a speaker regarding the social issues of Houston. I pray they will learn compassion for those less fortunate and appreciation of those who make their lives so much easier.

Neighbors and friends don't have the answers. I'm not sure "they" are robbing us of our jobs. I don't see people standing in line to bus tables, clean houses, mow yards, paint our homes, build and repair streets, pick up trash, and do all the menial labor that we've refused to do. When you think about what would happen if all those jobs suddenly were without workers, it's very sobering. I don't want to do those jobs. I went to college for half my life so I wouldn't have to do them, but I don't want those jobs to be neglected. I want my house clean (although I do my own), my children cared for, a clean place to eat my meals when I go out, and I want to have all the things I want to have, just the way I want them to be. Yet, we feel we have the right to complain and downgrade the people who are taking care of our needs, just because it is our "God-given right." Not sure I buy that one. For the most part, we're all products of immigrants. Aren't we glad they didn't close the borders before our families got here? My family actually goes back to the Native Americans who were here when the boats arrived, but that's another story.

I see those jobs as the undergirding of the economic fabric of our country. Those jobs may be steps to other jobs for the immigrants who come into our country who work honestly and try to make their lives better by education and sincere vested interest in becoming part of our Community. Yes, we have immigrants who break the law. We have citizens who break the law, as well. That cannot be the primary issue to declare all immigrants have no right to be here.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Continued



When the nineteenth-century American poet Emma Lazarus wrote, *Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.* (“The New Colossus” 1883) I doubt very seriously, she foresaw all the issues we’re dealing with today. I’m sure her heart was one filled with compassion for those less fortunate who dreamed of a better life for themselves and their families.

Some see the biggest issue as one of **legality**. We must be concerned with people entering the country legally and for the proper reasons. We must rid our country of those who are here with intent to accomplish their goals and do not share ours. A greater focus is now on protecting our borders from drug dealers, criminals and terrorists who have no concern for our citizens or our property. We all need to share in the vigilance of what kind of people are being allowed to enter our country.

I fear for our breached borders by those who would do us harm. I fear for entry by terrorist factions who are doing the will of radical zealots and cannot possibly understand the values of democracy and freedom. I fear for my son-in-law who will leave for Iraq in December and my son who serves in California on one of our missile bases and for all the military personnel who put their lives on the line every day....of their own free will, not of a draft. I fear that our Children and Grandchildren will be denied the opportunity to grow up and live in a country free from hate crimes, bigotry, and disregard for fellow man. Can I make a difference in the big picture? What can I do as a citizen and one woman from Texas with very little political clout?

I pray that God will give me discernment about these issues and help me to help others to realize that we’re either part of the solution or part of the problem. I want to have my eyes opened to the facts and the real issues and not be apathetic. I will vote and give support to those who are bound by their moral and ethical mandates to be fair and just while putting our safety and well-being above economic gains, private or commercial. I will respect others and recognize that we are a nation blessed by God and our role in His Plan is to live by example, extending the hand of generosity and aid, while guiding others to become responsible, law-abiding, productive citizens. Instead of being so quick to judge, I will try to be part of the solution.

References:

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If you’d like to read another **opinion** on the subject, access the website for Thomas Melaccio’s article. He certainly has some heady things to say about immigration...not all of them are reasonable, but he does have the right to express his opinions.

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=54519c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD&vgnnextchannel=54519c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD>





CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Julie Addison



Cy-Fair Republican Women were present at Cy Fair College on September 19, 2007 to participate in our first Voter's Registration Drive. We very successfully signed up 36 new young voters.

Our next effort will be on October 13th when we will participate in the Cy-Fest at Cy-Fair Community College and we hope to garner another batch of young involved college students. We will also participate in Community Partners Day at Cy-fair College on October 17th. Our goal is to sign up 100 voter's by years end and we are well on our way to reaching this goal. Please come out and help if you can.

Thanks to all our volunteers who made this day such a success. Those who helped were: Julie Addison, Mary Atchison, Stephanie DeHondt, Dawn Fobbs, Joy Gregory, Rita Parrish, and Dawn Shull.



WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



High Heels & High Tea II

I hope to see you all at **High Heels & High Tea, Friday, October 12, 2007**. The event will be held at Lindsay Lakes, a brand new banquet facility on Muesche Road just 2.4 miles off Hwy 290. Texas State Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Tom Craddick** will be joining our friend, Texas State Representative **Corbin VanArsdale** as EmCees for our fashion show. Also, Kay and Al Waghorne have donated their **timeshare in Aruba** as one of our Blind Auction items. This wonderful prize is in addition to numerous items that have been donated from our elected officials and our members that will be up for bids in our Blind Auction. *See you there with "HEELS" on!*

We still need some help for the day of the event. If you can help out in any capacity - either large or small - **please contact me, Mary Moss at 281-550-9415 or moss311@sbcglobal.net**.

CFRW's "Life of the Party" Cook Book

Our *sassy* new cookbook will debut at our High Heels & High Tea. I know that *all* of you will want a copy of this great cook book that is full of wonderful recipes from our members, elected officials - past and present - and their wives. This is such a great cook book you will want one (or more) to give as gifts. The cost will be \$25 for the padded, three-ring binder style book.

Peter Barnes - children's books - \$18 each - 5 different titles available

These cleverly illustrated children's books that explain how our American government works - from the president to the congress to the supreme court will also be available at our High Heels & High Tea. These are great gifts for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, school teachers, or even gifts in your name to local schools or libraries.

That's it for this time.

Mary



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Important links:

<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.

