



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2007

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AHOY Mates!

“You and your guests (husbands and male-friends are welcome) are cordially invited to attend the sail away party for the Cruise Ship CFRW”

That's right.... We are embarking on a new course into the campaign season for the 2008 elections and we are seeking shipmates! Please make plans to bring your invited guests to join us on August 14 for our Membership Drive meeting. This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends, co-workers and acquaintances to our wonderful club. Also, if you have not been able to attend a meeting in a while, please take this opportunity to join us and get caught up on things. Please RSVP so that we will have a good count on the number attending.

I have great news about our quest for Chairmanship posts; with several new members stepping up to the plate (no arm-twisting here!) to take on these responsibilities. Please welcome and thank Francis Warren for handling our Registration post along with Barbara Dorsey. Kelli Ray, will be our Membership Chairman. Cheryl Mills is going to head up our Community Service projects, and Alice McDill is our club Chaplain. Please give them your thanks and your support for taking on these responsibilities. While they have agreed to chair the posts they will need help from all of us to do their important work. Please give them and our other Committee Chairmen your time and talents as your schedule will allow.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 14.... CFRW-Meeting - 6:45 PM
Twin Lakes Clubhouse

August 21.....Greater Houston Council Meeting

August 31.....Presidential Straw Poll
Fort Worth, Texas

Sept 26-30....NFRW Convention
Palm Springs

Nov 9-11.....TFRW Convention
El Paso, Texas

Please be sure to get your recipes in for Mary Moss. We are wrapping that project up and should have the books to print for release at our High Heals and High Tea event in October. And talking about that event, we are looking for blind auction items and vendors. Remember that any donation must be from an individual as we are not allowed to take corporate contributions. I look forward to seeing our shipmates and prospective shipmates on board in August.

In the meantime.... stay dry and cool. This global warming will give way to the big chill before you know it!

Bon Voyage... Kay



AUGUST MEETING



TUESDAY - AUGUST 14

Time: 6:45 PM - Coffee/Social
7:30 PM - Meeting/Speaker

Place: Twin Lakes Clubhouse
13000 Twin Lakes Boulevard

RSVP: Krista Steele: 281-246-4894
Ksteele@entouch.net
No later than Monday, July 9th



FEATURING CONGRESSMAN

MICHAEL McCAUL

Michael McCaul is currently serving his second term representing Texas' 10th District in the United States Congress. The 10th Congressional District of Texas stretches across 8 counties from Austin to the Houston suburbs, and includes Austin, Bastrop, Burleson, Harris, Lee, Travis, Washington and Waller Counties.

As member of the Homeland Security Committee, and former Chairman of the Subcommittee on Investigations for the 109th Congress, Congressman McCaul worked to strengthen and secure our borders and prevent waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer funds. During the 110th Congress, Congressman McCaul serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, Science and Technology where he focuses on making our nation safer and protecting America from terrorists.

Also serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Congressman McCaul works with other nations to open new markets and protect America's interests abroad.

Congressman McCaul and his wife Linda live in Austin, Texas with their five children Caroline, Jewell, and the triplets Lauren, Michael and Avery. He continues to live in Austin and returns home from Washington almost every week to be with his family and constituents.

Please join the CFRW for our August meeting as we welcome "Our Congressman" in the 10th District of Texas, Congressman Michael McCaul.



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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

July 10, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the general meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 11:05 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Alice McDill gave the invocation followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and introduced a number of guests including Representative Corbin Van Arsdale, Representative Patricia Harless, and Toni Anne Dashiell, nominee for president of TFRW.

First Vice President, Stephanie DeHondt, introduced the guest speaker, Darcy Mingoia, President of Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce. Ms Mingoia presented a very informative program accompanied by a slide presentation about the railway project of the Highway 290 Passenger Rail Coalition. The mission of the organization "is to provide an advocacy group representing the appropriate counties to promote the consideration of implementing passenger rail service along the existing Highway 290 railroad tracks currently owned and operated by Union Pacific" from downtown Houston to College Station, TX. Ms Mingoia was presented with a Peter Barnes' children's book to sign which will be donated in her honor to a local school library.

The minutes of the June 12, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed in the July newsletter.

In Treasurer Dawn Shull's absence Kay reported a balance of \$4592.34 in the club's treasury. The report was accepted as presented.

Stephanie DeHondt reported that the August 14, 2007 evening general meeting has been designated as the Membership Drive event with a "cruise night" theme. She will secure speaker(s) for the event.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, asked for more recipes to be submitted for the club's cookbook. She needs more recipes especially in the vegetable and side dishes, bread and rolls, cookies and candy, and "this and that" categories. Forms are available in the newsletter as well as on the website. Absolute recipe submission deadline is August 1, as the cookbook goes to print in August with a target distribution date of October 12, 2007. Volunteers are also needed to type the recipes. If you can assist, please contact Mary. Plans are proceeding for the High Tea and High Heels luncheon and CABi Fashions and Silpada Jewelry style show which will be held on Friday, October 12, 2007, at Lindsay Lakes on Mueschke Road off Rt. 290. A special guest speaker is in the works! Non-corporate donated items are needed for the Blind Auction. Volunteers are needed to assist with this fundraiser. Please contact Mary if you can help or have an item to donate!

Campaign Activities Chair, Julie Sweidel, stated that she needs suggestions for a location for our voter registration drive. She asked that members report their volunteer hours to her.

Millie Alford, Legislative Chair, requested questions and concerns about pending bills which she will research and include her findings in the newsletter and website.

Awards Chair, Jan Ott, reported that award applications have been submitted to the NFRW and applications for TFRW awards will be submitted at a future time.

Publicity Chair, Mary Atchison, reported that CFRW is getting coverage in some neighborhood newsletters and in some area Sun newspapers, but continues to have difficulty obtaining coverage from the *Houston Chronicle*.

Old business: None was reported.

New business: Jan Ott presented and described the committee's recommended Standing Rules for CFRW. An amendment to one of the Standing Rules was passed. It stated that no employee of an elected official shall be a voting member of the committee to disburse funds. The amended Standing Rules were accepted by unanimous vote.

Kay announced that the Membership Drive general meeting on August 14, 2007, is themed "Cruise Night". Members interested in volunteering to plan the meeting/program are asked to stay after today's meeting for an organizational meeting led by Mary Moss.

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Kay announced the new Registration Chair is Frances Warren and her assistant is Barbara Dorsey. The new Chaplain is Alice McDill. A Membership Chair is still needed.

Millie Alford won the TFRW boot pin in the door prize drawing. Toni Dashiell reported that the boot pins are available for sale for \$8 and the Texas shirts are available for \$35.

Texas State Representative (District 130), Corbin Van Arsdale, reported that the recently ended congressional session was a productive one. During the interim between sessions legislators are busy working on future bills, talking with individuals and groups, supporters as well as opposition, for their views and input.

Texas State Representative (District 126), Patricia Harless, stated that she had completed her first session and was thankful for the local support she received.

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Betty Guthrie



LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Millie Alford



I'm very proud to present news about our pledge to the Texas Flag. Below is an article which I believe is very newsworthy. Enjoy your summer. Be involved.

House votes to change Texas pledge to include "under God" Two Austin legislators oppose the change
By David Rauf-AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF—Saturday, May 05, 2007

The Texas House voted overwhelmingly Friday to approve a bill that would add the words "under God" to the pledge to the Texas flag. Two Austin lawmakers opposed the proposal. Under [House Bill 1034](#), written by state Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Tomball, the one-sentence salute would become: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God and indivisible." The bill would make the first change to the pledge since the Legislature adopted it in 1933. Riddle said her bill would allow the state pledge to mirror the national one, which has contained the words "under God" since 1954.

"The national pledge is an indicator of what and who we are as a nation," Riddle said. House members voted 124-12 to send the bill to the Senate, where Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, is expected to sponsor the measure. Earlier this session, Patrick authored a bill to mandate that the motto "In God We Trust" be posted in the Senate. Senators approved that measure, and the House passed a similar one.

HB 1034, which had 98 co-sponsors, had been the subject of debate among Democrats since April 27, when Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, had the proposal removed from the Local and Consent Calendar, which contains only noncontroversial bills. The bill was again challenged by Burnam before it won tentative approval by the House just before 1 a.m. Friday. Burnamsaid the change would infringe on the religious beliefs of some students.

"What we've seen today is that the real purpose of this is bill is not to create a parallel pledge and it certainly is not to promote justice for all," Burnam said. "It is to promote one religious perspective that is exclusive."

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Reps. Donna Howard and Valinda Bolton, both Austin Democrats, voted against the bill.

Bolton said her concepts of religious liberty and separation of religion and state are engraved in “every fiber of her being.”

“It would be very easy to vote ‘yes’ on this bill to avoid being seen as voting against God,” Bolton said.

“But I am very confident in my Christian faith and my relationship with God, so I will be voting ‘no’ for this bill and voting ‘yes’ for religious freedom.”

drauf@statesman.com Additional material from the Associated Press. Bolded, underlined section not original to text.

FYI: Capitol Switchboard 512-463-4630

Texas Legislature Online: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

To inquire about your representatives: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>

To look at a particular bill and get the updated information on it:

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx>

Regarding Current Bills: Please refer to the July Legislative Report for full descriptions of bills.

Trans Texas Corridor: HB 1892 05/18/2007 E Vetoed by the Governor.

Voting: HB 218 05/16/2007 S Co-sponsor authorized

HB 626- 05/17/2007 - S Left pending in committee

Health: HB 109-06/15/2007 E Effective immediately 06/15/2007
Signed by the Governor 06/15/2007

HCR 35- 06/15/2007 E Signed by the Governor

Education: CSSB 1031- Signed by the Governor 06/15/2007 Effective on 9/1/07 06/15/2007

Immigration: HB13 Returned from the House for further action 05/25/2007 Passed Senate

HB 104 No Change 04/19/2007 H Left pending in committee

HB1196 Signed by the Governor 06/15/2007 Effective on 9/1/07 Passed 06/15/2007

HB291 - No Change 04/16/2007 H Left pending in committee

Children’s Initiative: HB8 Jessica’s Law. Signed by Gov. 6/15/07, Effective on 9/1/07

Gambling: HB 10 No Change 05/04/2007 H Failed to pass to engrossment

Appropriations: HB 3678 Signed by the Gov. 06/08/2007 Effective immediately 06/08/2007

HB 1287 Signed by the Gov. 06/15/2007 Effective immediately

Life: SB 439 No Change. 05/22/2007 H Placed on Major State Calendar

Gun Laws: HB 991- Signed by the Governor 05/23/2007 Effective Immediately.





CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Julie Sweidel



The next major goal of CFRW Campaign Activities for this year is the sponsoring of neighborhood voter registration drives. The plan is to organize several drives in different locations in order to get exposure for the club and to get citizens mobilized in the political process. We have discussed ideas for possible venues and hope to have some dates set in the very near future. If you have any ideas to contribute, please let us know! Email me at jsweidel@gmail.com to discuss further.

FYI – New members: Much of what CFRW does is to consider all candidates and then work to elect quality Republicans to office. In doing so, members report the hours they spend working on campaigns which earn valuable awards points with TFRW for our club. Several Presidential candidates have already thrown their hat into the ring and are setting up offices in the Houston area. Now would be a great time to learn about the candidates that interest you..... and work for our club at the same time. By working on several campaigns at once you will better be able to get an inside look at the candidates and learn more about their plans for our country.

Just a reminder to our members: Be sure to let me know if you have any volunteer hours to report for the 2nd quarter (April, May & June).



COMMUNITY SERVICE - Cheryl Mills



Cy-Fair Bus Buddies Program

Our beloved Walker Elementary School is in need of 10 to 18 volunteers to ride the school busses and help our youngest students find their way home the first five days of this school year — August 27-31. This will be a great opportunity for our members to wear our official shirts and promote community awareness while helping local children. Only one short training session will be required: One Hour Bus Buddy Training offered at the Berry Center

August 20: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

August 21: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

August 22: 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM

The program began last year and was extremely successful. The bus drivers especially loved it, according to the head of the program, Pam Scott of Cy-Fair Partners in Education. Please contact Cheryl Mills at sdcmills@swbell.net with your name and available dates of service. Let's keep our children safe!



MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

We are pleased to welcome returning member **Cheryl Mills**.

We are also happy to welcome our newest members **Barbara Buxton**
and **Kelli Ray**.





WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



CFRW Cook Book

We are in the process of typing all the recipes that we have received from your membership and several elected officials. We should have the finished product available for purchase at our big fall event - **High Heels and High Tea**.

I want to thank everyone who submitted recipes and especially to my typist - you all are wonderful.

High Heels & High Tea II

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE! - Our second **High Heels & High Tea** is on the calendar for **Friday, October 12, 2007**. The event will be held at Lindsay Lakes is a brand new banquet facility jon Muesche Road just 2.4 miles off Hwy 290.

Be thinking of groups of friends to invite to this fun event. Ask your Bunko Group, Tennis Team, Prayer Group, or any other friends from other organizations that you may be involved in. If you can get 4 together you can be a Select Sponsor or if you can get 10 together you can be a Premium Sponsor. With both, your group will have its name in the program. **Individual tickets are \$50, Select Sponsor (4 tickets) is \$250, and Premium Sponsor (10 tickets) is \$500.**

We need Blind Auction items. If anyone has access to time-shares, vacation homes for the weekend, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia, autographed books, craft items, jewelry, spa treatments, or the like, please think about donating them to our auction. We are looking for items that are at least a \$50 value. We are looking for nice, new items, but collectibles are ok too.

We will also need help locating **Vendors** who would like to set up a table at the event advertising their business. The types of vendors we had last year were jewelry, Pampered Chef, Southern Living, florists, speciality desserts, scrapbooks, and skin care. For a \$50 fee and a \$50 valued auction item we will provide a space at the event for them to show off their product or service. **REMEMBER**, since we are a PAC, these donations/vendors cannot be from corporations - only from individuals, partnerships or sole proprietors.

If you can help out in any capacity - either large or small - **please contact me, Mary Moss, 281-550-9415 or moss311@sbcglobal.net**. More people on the committee means we can spread the work out so that it is not a big problem for just a few.

Peter Barnes - children's books - \$18 each - 4 different titles available

We still have several of these cleverly illustrated children's books that explain how our American government works - from the president to the congress to the supreme court. 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.

