



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2007

Kay's Kolumn



*"We will not waiver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."
President George W. Bush*

Six years ago this month America and our very freedoms were attacked. September 11th 2001 has forever changed the shape of our nation. And, despite politics at its worse, our brave men and women and their families continue to reflect all that is good and honorable and decent about America.

As we mark another year in this war on terror Cy-Fair Republican Women would like to take this time to remember and honor those brave men and women and their loved ones who have served to protect us still today.

We are grateful.

For me the anniversary of September 11th serves to remind us just how important it is that we work to elect people who understand the stakes. What we do as Republican Women is important. I feel a sense of purpose. Together we will make a difference.

We were honored by Congressman McCaul at our August meeting where he gave an informative presentation on his battles in Congress. We were also presented with four new members that evening as we held our Membership Drive. I want to thank Kelli Ray and her entire committee for all the hard work that went into the event. Cheryl Mills and Jan Ott gave us wonderful embarkation photos. Millie Alford provided wonderful room decorations and coordinated food and drink. Fran Warren, Krista Steele, Mary Atchison, Stephanie DeHondt, Mary Moss and Dawn Shull all pitched in to help with the event.

CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sept 11.... CFRW-Meeting -10:30 AM
Hearthstone Country Club
- Sept 15.... Greater Houston Council Campaign
Mgmt School 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- Sept 18.....Greater Houston Council
Meeting - 9:30 AM
- Sept 26.....NFRW Convention
-30 Palm Springs
- Oct 12..... High Heels and High Tea II
Fashion Show Fundraiser

With the TFRW Campaign School, Voters Registration Drive, NFRW Convention, our Fashion Show, and then the TFRW Convention coming up we have lots of activities planned for member involvement. I hope each of you will participate in as many of these activities as you can and help us continue to grow and be an effective club.

Cy-Fair Republican Women are officially "Bus Buddies." Some of our members participated in the program to ride the bus with elementary school children during first week of school to help insure that they arrived home safely. We participated at our adopted school... Walker Elementary.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at the September 11th meeting. It will be a memorable event.

Later, Kay



SEPTEMBER MEETING



TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 11

Time: 10:30 AM - Coffee/Social
11:00 AM - Meeting/Speaker

Place: Hearthstone Country Club
7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, Texas

Lunch Following Meeting:
\$15.00 per person with Lunch
\$3.00 per person without Lunch

RSVP:

Krista Steele: 281-246-4894
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No later than Monday, September 10th

SPEAKER: ALICE REKEWEG

Alice says her hero is her Marine son, David Polyansky. During his deployment in Iraq, Alice was deeply involved with the 1/23rd Marine Moms and the Houston Marine Moms. Even though David has since returned to Houston and civilian life, Alice is still involved with local military support groups. Among those are the 1/23 Marine Moms, Houston Marine Moms, Blue Star Moms and the Patriot Guard Riders.

Alice's current mission in life is to get the 91st Psalm Bandana into the hands of every military person in Iraq and Afghanistan. She stops at homes with yellow ribbons tied on trees and talks to the family. She lets them know she prays for the military and gives them a 91st Psalm Bandana to send to their loved ones. Alice always carries a few of the bandanas with her in case she runs into someone that has a family member in the war zone.

Alice has spoken to many Republican groups to let them know that lip service about Supporting Our Troops is not enough.

Her present project is the 1st Battalion 23 Marines out of Houston. They along with the 3/23 Marines out of Louisiana are being deployed to Iraq in September. Combined, the two units consist of nearly 1300 troops. She began raising funds to provide bandanas for all of them before they head out to Iraq. The bandanas will be shipped to the unit Chaplain when they get there.

In addition to her support for the military, Alice is deeply involved in politics. She has actively campaigned for many of the city, county and state office holders. Alice is the President of the Kingwood Area Republican Women, the Senate District 4 Chair of the Harris County Republican Party and a member of the Lake Houston Pachyderm Club. She was recently summoned to the Oval Office by President Bush who wanted to commend her for her work with the troops.

Please join us on September 11th as we pay special tribute to those that fight for our great nation.



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MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

August 14, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the Membership Drive general meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 7:30 p.m. at Twin Lakes Clubhouse. Mary Moss gave the invocation followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the new Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests. First Vice President – Programs, Stephanie DeHondt, introduced our speaker, Congressman Michael McCaul (U.S. House of Representatives, 10th Congressional District of Texas), Representative Corbin Van Arsdale (District 130), Representative Patricia Harless (District 126), and Representative Gary Elkins (District 135).

Stephanie introduced the guest speaker, Congressman Michael McCaul. Congressman McCaul presented a very informative video featuring excerpts from his work during the 110th Congress. Issues included legislation concerning support of U.S. border patrol and a crackdown on drug cartels, the hearing regarding the investigation into the case against Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean, the practice of “earmarking” insertions into bills after hours by Democrats, and the critical need to seek victory and stability in the Middle East. Congressman McCaul was presented with a Peter Barnes’ children’s book to sign which will be donated in his honor to a local school library.

Kelli Ray, recently appointed Membership Chair, welcomed new members to CFRW and encouraged others to join.

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 general meeting were approved as printed in the August newsletter.

Treasurer Dawn Shull reported a balance of \$4124.56 in the club’s treasury. The report was accepted as presented.

Kay Waghorne announced that as club President she would be the delegate to the NFRW Convention in Palm Springs in late September. A ballot election was held to select an alternate delegate. Millie Alford will be the first alternate delegate and Dawn Shull will be the second alternate delegate.

Stephanie DeHondt reported that the program for the September 11, 2007 general meeting will be Alice Rekeweg, mother of a Marine, who will speak about her activities to support the U.S. troops in the Middle East.

Ways and Means Chair, Mary Moss, gave a brief description of how funds raised are used. She reported that the cookbooks are going to press soon, but asked for more recipes in the bread and rolls and “this and that” categories be submitted to her by the upcoming weekend. Representative Tom Craddick, (Speaker of the Texas State House of Representatives) and Representative Corbin Van Arsdale (District 130) have agreed to be the emcees for the High Heels and High Tea fashion show on Friday, October 12, 2007 at Lindsay Lakes. Tickets will be sent to members to sell. Information was available on the table. Non-corporate donated items are needed for the Blind Auction. Mary announced that CFRW denim shirts and red t-shirts were available for sale.

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

Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, welcomed new members. She announced that the new CFRW brochures and flyers are now available and asked all to take some to share.

Awards Chair, Jan Ott, reported that applications for TFRW awards will be submitted at the end of the month.

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

Kay presented past President, Jan Ott, with the CFRW scrapbook which was assembled by Emily Klein who was unable to attend the night’s meeting.

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Cheryl Mills, Community Service Chair, reported that volunteers are needed for the CFISD Bus Buddies program on August 27-31, 2007. Volunteers will ride after-school buses to help students de-board at correct bus stops. Optional training session is scheduled at the Berry Center.

Old business: None was reported.

New business:

- Parliamentarian, Barbara Dorsey announced the results of the vote for alternate delegate to the NFRW Convention.
- Kay announced the new Membership Chair is Kelli Ray and the new Community Service Chair is Cheryl Mills.
- The next general meeting will be held on September 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club.
- Jan Ott announced that the TFRW Convention will be on November 9-11, 2007 in El Paso, TX. The CFRW delegate will be elected at the general meeting in September.
- The next Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held at Raveneaux Country Club. Please check website for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Betty Guthrie
CFRW: Secretary



LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Millie Alford



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>

There have been no changes in the Bills listed on the August Report. The following includes selected bills which have had some action since May, 2007 and should hold interest for our members. All filed house bills can be accessed at:

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=80R&ID=housefiled>

Texas Legislature
Filed House Bills
80th Legislature Regular Session
Report Date: 8/26/2007

HB 1 Author: Chisum | Guillen Sponsor: Ogden Last Action: 05/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07 Caption: General Appropriations Bill.

HB 2 Author: Chisum | Hartnett | Branch Sponsor: Ogden Last Action: 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07

Caption: Relating to making appropriations to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of school district property tax rate reductions and providing for the transfer of general revenue into the property tax relief fund.

HB 3 Author: Puente | Hilderbran Sponsor: Averitt Last Action: 06/15/2007 E See remarks for effective date

Caption: Relating to the management of the water resources of the state, including the protection of instream flows and freshwater inflows, and to the management of groundwater in the area regulated by the Edwards Aquifer Authority and to the operations and oversight of the authority.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Continued



HB 4 Author: Puente Sponsor: Averitt Last Action: 06/15/2007 E See remarks for effective date Caption: Relating to water conservation.

HB 5 Author: Berman | McReynolds | Flynn | Goolsby | Naishtat Sponsor: Deuell
Last Action: 05/04/2007 E Effective on adoption of const. amendment

Caption: Relating to providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the school district's tax rate and protecting a school district against any resulting loss in local revenue.

HB 8 Author: Riddle | Berman | Pena | Vaught | Escobar Sponsor: Deuell
Last Action: 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07

Caption: Relating to the prosecution, punishment, and supervision of certain sex offenders and to certain crimes involving sex offenders.

HB 9 Author: Crownover | King, Phil | Woolley | Hamilton | Escobar Sponsor: Ellis
Last Action: 05/23/2007 S Placed on intent calendar

Caption: Relating to the elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places; providing penalties.

HB 10 Author: Chavez | Pena | Castro | Haggerty Last Action: 05/04/2007 H Failed to pass to engrossment
Caption: Relating to certain gaming activity conducted by an Indian tribe or tribal organization.

HB 11 Author: Cook, Byron | Chisum | Rose | Paxton | Keffer, Jim Sponsor: Eltife
Last Action: 05/18/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07

Caption: Relating to the filing of sales reports with the comptroller by wholesalers and distributors of certain alcohol and tobacco products.

HB 12 Author: Hilderbran | Guillen | Chisum | Turner | Cook, Byron Sponsor: Estes
Last Action: 06/15/2007 E See remarks for effective date

Caption: Relating to parks, wildlife, hunting, and historic sites; the funding, powers, and duties of the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Parks and Wildlife Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission; and standards for certain state law enforcement officers; providing a criminal penalty.

HB 13 Author: Swinford | Escobar | Christian | Woolley | Guillen Sponsor: Carona
Last Action: 05/25/2007 S Returned from the House for further action

Caption: Relating to homeland security issues, including border security issues and law enforcement.

HB 14 Author: Keffer, Jim | Rose | Delisi | Morrison | Thompson Sponsor: Nelson
Last Action: 06/13/2007 E Effective on adoption of const. amendment

Caption: Relating to reorganizing certain state institutions that provide financing for cancer research, including creating the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and information about certain cancer treatments; granting authority to issue bonds.

HB 15 Author: Chisum Sponsor: Ogden

Last Action: 06/15/2007 E Effective immediately

Caption: Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction, transfer authority, and other adjustment authority regarding appropriations.





CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES



Cy-Fair Republican Women will be participating in our very first Voters Registration Drive. We will be part of the Cy-Fair College 1st Community Partners Day. We hope to have as many members as we can participate. Details will be available soon.



MEMERSHIP - Kelli Ray



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT We are happy to welcome our newest members:

Melinda Biersdorfer, Debra Delacroix Edwards, Joy Gregory, Nena Jurek and Regina Lemons.

Please be sure to say hello to them all at our next meeting.



WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



CFRW's "Life of the Party" Cook Book

The cook book is at the printers and will be available at our big event - **High Heels & High Tea - October 12th**. 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.

I would like thank everyone who contributed recipes, to the ladies who helped type the recipes - Millie Alford, Cheryl Mills, Louise Rugaard, & Kay Waghorne - and to the ladies who helped proof read the recipes - Mary Atchihson, Barbara Dorsey, Betty Guthrie, Cheryl Mills, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Dawn Shull, and Kay Waghorne. And a very special thank you to our very talented Jan Ott for the great cover design and graphics.

High Heels & High Tea II

Everyone should have their tickets for our second **High Heels & High Tea** that is on the calendar for **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. Please return the ticket stubs and/or any unsold tickets to me in the return envelope provided no later than September 15th. If you need more tickets - just let me know.

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WAYS AND MEANS - Continued



Texas State Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Tom Craddock** 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.

We could still use some Blind Auction items. If anyone has access to 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 collectables 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.

Calling All Wine Drinkers

Some of the ladies of CFRW are joining forces and putting together a wine basket for the Blind Auction at our High Heels and High Tea event. If you would like to donate a bottle of wine (or more), glasses, glass charms, or other wine accessories, please let me know.

BTW - We could do this for other hobbies as well. Some suggestions could be gardening, sewing, or cooking. If anyone and a few friends want to band together and put together a basket for the Auction it would be greatly appreciated!

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



“There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism. The one absolutely certain way of bringing this nation to ruin, of preventing all possibility of its continuing to be a nation at all, would be to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities.” - **Teddy Roosevelt, Speech before the Knights of Columbus**



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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.

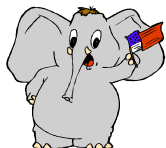
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.



SAVE THE DATE



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)

For tickets or information, please contact Mary Moss, 281-550-9415

TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL For Victory 2008

Presentations include all essential elements necessary for success!
This is for all Candidates, their Staff and Volunteers.

Registration Fee includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Manual
\$50.00 per Person

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

**Saturday, September 15, 2007
Houston, TX**

Norris Conference Center
9990 Richmond Ave., South Bldg., Ste. 102
Houston, TX 77042

Map and Driving Directions: <http://www.norriscenters.com/houston-maps.tmpl.htm>

Special Thanks to the Greater Houston Council of FRW for their generous donation to make this event possible!

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