



# *Cy-Fair Republican Women*

**NEWSLETTER**

February 2008

## *Kay's Kolumn*



The Greater Houston Council event was a huge success. The speakers were just great, and I know that everyone especially enjoyed Dr. Roth. His humor and vigor are infectious. We should all be pumped up and ready to roll! And, I am so proud to say that Cy-Fair Republican Women had two tables of our members in attendance. CONGRATULATIONS!

Primary season is coming to a head. Our February meeting will give our members and guests a chance to hear from four candidates that have captured the attention of our members in 2 major races. Texas Representative Corbin Van Arsdale and Allen Fletcher are vying for Texas Representative District 130. Also on the panel will be County Judge Ed Emmett and Charles Bacarisse for Harris County Judge. We have questions. We need answers.

We hope to have candidates in other races in attendance who will introduce themselves and their campaign. Unfortunately, time will not permit us to include them in our forum. But I know our members look forward to meeting and speaking with them during the coffee social before the meeting.

### **CFRW UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Feb 12, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM  
Hearthstone Country Club
- Feb 19, 2008.....1st Day of Early Voting in Primary
- Feb 26, 2008.....Last Day to apply for Ballot by mail
- Feb 29, 2008.....Last day of early voting in Primary
- Mar 4, 2008.....Primary Elections/Precinct  
Conventions
- Mar 11, 2008.....CFRW-Meeting 10:30 AM  
Hearthstone Country Club

Many of our members are working hard on campaigns and I want to remind everyone to report your hours to Pam Waldren, Campaign Activities Chairman so that we get credit with TFRW for our hard work.

Don't forget... early voting begins on February 19<sup>th</sup> and election day is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

And finally, REMEMBER THE PRECINCT CONVENTION AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE ON MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>. WE NEED DELEGATES TO OUR COUNTY CONVENTION! I hope that every one of our members can report back to the club that they attended their convention and that they are DELEGATES.

Later, Kay



## FEBRUARY MEETING



### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

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

**Place:** HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB  
7615 Ameswood Road  
Houston, Texas

#### Luncheon Selections:

Choice #1: House Salad with grilled chicken, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, red onion, carrots, cheddar cheese with a choice of Ranch or Italian dressing.

Choice # 2: Chicken and spinach cakes with sauteed spinach and wild mushroom sauce.

#### RSVP:

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Online at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net)

No later than Monday, February 11th

### OUR PROGRAM THIS MONTH IS A CANDIDATE FORUM

Our participants will be:

Candidates for Harris County Judge -

Ed Emmett and Charles Bacarisse

and

Candidates for Representative District 130 -

Corbin Van Arsdale and Allen Fletcher



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## WAYS AND MEANS - Mary Moss



### Life of the Party Cookbooks

We still have plenty of our ***Life of the Party Cookbooks!*** Buy one for yourself and give them as gifts. They are a great addition to any cook's library. Books will be available for purchase at the February meeting at the **HH&HT** price of \$20.

**PLEASE NOTE** - as hard as we tried not to, there is an error on page 38 of the cookbook. Barbara Dorsey's "Marinated Asparagus" should read "1 bunch asparagus" **OR** "1-1/2 cans whole green asparagus." Sorry for the inconvenience.

*If any of you have any suggestions on how or where we can sell some of our cookbooks, I really would appreciate the advice.*

### Peter Barnes Books

We have re-ordered these wonderful children's books, so we have plenty of each title. These make great gifts for the kids in your lives - children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Or make a donation to a school or church library. What a fun way to educate our children about this great nation and how our system works.

Autographed books are \$18 each. Or get all five autographed titles for \$90.

I'll have them at the February meeting.

### CFRW Denim Shirts and T-shirts

CFRW has lots of events coming up that you will want to be sporting our CFRW apparel. Check with me at the February meeting to purchase or order your shirts.

That's it for this time - Mary



## COMMUNITY SERVICE - Cheryl Mills



Community Service: Our group responded so generously to my request for donations to Operation Interdependence in support of our troops – Many heart-felt notes were written, and we collected \$210 to pay for the postage for 7 boxes of civilian rations to be sent! Thanks to the following people for contributing checks at our January meeting: Louise Rugaard, Dawn Shull, Mary Moss, Carol Brushwood, Phyllis Kyd. Please come prepared to donate and to write a card at our February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thanks - Cheryl Mills



## MEMBERSHIP - Kelli Ray



Hey CFRW team, let's welcome our new members from January!

**Fran Smith.....Kimberly Landrum.....Christine(Chris) Ellet.....Sheri Dean**

Also, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2008, please go to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) and download the membership form. You can bring your form and payment with you to the next club meeting, or follow mailing instructions on the form.

**Kelli Ray**





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# MINUTES

## CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

January 8, 2007

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President Kay Waghorne called the meeting of the Cy-Fair Republican Women (CFRW) to order at 11:00 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Chaplain, Alice McDill, led the group in prayer followed by the United States Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance. Kay welcomed members and guests, including Congressman John Culberson - U.S. Rep. District 7 and candidate for same; Representative Corbin Van Arsdale – State Rep. District 130 and candidate for same; Charles Bacarisse - candidate for Harris County Judge; District Judge David Farr, Donna Detamore and Sherri Dean - candidates for District Judge 312<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Bill Moore and Kevin Keating – candidates for District Judge 174<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Erin Lunceford - candidate for District Judge 55<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; Harris County Asst. District Attorney Kelly Siegler – candidate for Harris County District Attorney; Emily Klein (member) with Congressman John Culberson; Colleen Gilbert for Congressman Michael McCaul; Kelli Ray (member) for Representative Gary Elkins – State Rep. District 135 and candidate for same; Sandi Oliver for Representative Patricia Harless – State Rep. District 126 and candidate for same, Phil Owens with Charles Bacarisse, Jill Fury for Ed Emmett – Harris County Judge and candidate for same; and other guests.

Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, introduced the speaker, Roger Williams – Texas Victory '08 Chair. Victory '08 is a grassroots effort to raise funds to be used to “get the vote out”. Mr. Williams gave a most interesting and enthusiastic presentation about the need for Republicans to vote in the upcoming elections. He challenged our members to do all we can to get voters to the polls, as the 2008 elections will determine the future direction of the United States. A Republican win will be possible only if voters cast their ballots. Kay presented Mr. Williams with a Peter Barnes children’s book to sign. It will be donated to a local school library.

The minutes of the December 11, 2007 general meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

Treasurer Dawn Shull reported the balance of funds in the treasury is \$10,375.35. The balance in the Scholarship Fund is \$100.10.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chair, announced that CFRW Cookbooks, denim shirts, red t-shirts, and Peter Barnes’ books are available for sale today.

President Kay made the following announcements:

- Greater Houston Council kick-off fundraiser will be held on January 31, 2008 at InterContinental Hotel at 10:00 a.m. Speakers will include Dr. Tim Roth and Sec. Roger Williams. Cost is \$50 prior to January 15, and \$60 after that date. Please contact Kay if you plan to attend.
- TFRW Leadership Workshop is scheduled for February 2, 2008 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel. All are invited to attend this informative training session. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. A special event featuring speaker, Jo Ann Davidson, is planned for the evening of February 1, 2008. Cost is \$35. Please contact Kay if you are interested in attending.
- Greater Houston Council has scheduled the “Nuts and Bolts” Workshop for January 15, 2008. Please contact Kay for more details.

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Membership Chair, Kelli Ray, reported that CFRW has 19 dues paid members for the new 2008 year. The new membership form makes paying dues online very easy.

Cheryl Mills, Community Services Chair, reported that CFRW will support the Operation Interdependence initiative by encouraging monetary donations to help defray costs for shipping the toiletries packages to service personnel in the Mid-East. The organization sends 150 boxes containing 150 individual packages per month. Postage is \$30 per box. Check donations are tax deductible. Cheryl also distributed blank note cards for members to write notes of encouragement and thanks to the members of the armed services.

In Campaign Activities Chair Pam Waldren's absence, Kay announced that CFRW will continue to participate in voter registration drives this year. Another "training" session may be held in the future to train additional members to become official registrars. In addition, CFRW will be participating in a Candidates Forum along with other Northwest Area Clubs on February 5, 2008 at the Wyndhaven Terrace. Please see the CFRW web site for more information.

### Old Business:

- Awards Chair and past President, Jan Ott, presented President, Kay Waghorne, with her own John Tower Award pin which replaced the one Kay had given to Jan. Because the award term spanned two presidencies and only one pin was awarded at the convention Kay had wanted Jan to share the accolade so she took the certificate and gave Jan her pin. Kay greatly appreciated Jan's gesture.

### New Business:

- None

Louise Rugard was the tower of edible treats door prize winner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. Many stayed for lunch following the meeting.

Betty Guthrie  
CFRW: Secretary



## CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES - Pam Waldren



Active and enthusiastic - that's how I would describe the extraordinary ladies of CFRW! January 2008 started off with a bang! Our group attended two forums between Texas State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale and challenger Allen Fletcher. In addition, our group attended the awesome and informative Greater Houston Council luncheon along with Congressman Michael McCaul and State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale and many of our other state dignitaries.

February will prove to be another exciting month for our club. We are holding our own forum at our monthly meeting on the 12th with questions from our members for rivals Corbin Van Arsdale and Allen Fletcher. Mr. Van Arsdale will be holding Block Walks each Saturday in the month of February for any volunteers interested in helping his campaign. I will pass on information via email regarding times and locations. Please continue to read this monthly column for upcoming volunteering opportunities for Republicans in the Houston area. It should be a fun year - Resolve to Get Involved!

Pam Waldren





February Legislative Report-2008~Millie Alford

Greetings, and hope you are all staying warm and dry, as our cold, rainy, foggy winter season is upon us but will probably last a couple of weeks, so don't despair. You know that our Houston weather is usually very flexible and we'll see the sunshine again very soon. Feel free to ask me about the newest potential voter in our family: Madison Noel Brodie, 5 lbs. 6 oz. She is a Jr. Republican and loves to speak her mind. She might be a politician.

First, I would like to apologize for leaving someone out of our Who Represents us? segment in the December report. I used the zip codes of the members, and inadvertently left out a very special lady. Here is her information:

House District 126—[Representative Patricia Harless](#)

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Capitol Phone: (512) 463-0496

Capitol Address: P.O. Box 2910

Austin, TX 78768

District Address: 6605 Cypresswood Drive, #225

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Phone: (281) 376-4114

If anyone else was not included, please let me know. I never intend to slight any of our great representatives. We appreciate all they do on our behalf.

Next, I'd like to reiterate the January message of getting busy in your neighborhood and helping Republican candidates get elected and stay elected.

Speaking of representatives, if you are not sure what your representatives are doing in Austin, I've included some FAQ's for you to read and get a closer look at what happens. For more information, you will have to access the website and click on the appropriate "more details" <http://www.house.state.tx.us/resources/faq.htm#debate>

Click on the questions you have and read all about how your representative does for you.

### **What does the Texas House of Representatives do?**

The Texas House of Representatives is composed of 150 members, each elected for a two-year term. A member of the house must be a citizen of the United States, must be a qualified elector of the state, and must be at least 21 years old. He or she must have been a resident of the state for two years immediately preceding election, and for one year immediately preceding election must have been a resident of the district from which he or she was chosen.

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The house of representatives, together with the state senate, constitute the Texas Legislature. The duties of the legislature include consideration of proposed laws and resolutions, consideration of proposed constitutional amendments for submission to the voters, and appropriation of all funds for the operation of state government. All bills for raising revenue considered by the legislature must originate in the house of representatives. The house alone can bring impeachment charges against a statewide officer, which charges must be tried by the senate.

### **What is the legislative process?**

In Texas, as in the Congress and most other states, the lawmaking process involves four major stages: introduction, committee action, floor action, and enrollment. In a bicameral legislature like Texas', with both a house and a senate, the first three stages must occur in each of the houses consecutively. After the house in which the bill is introduced completes action on the measure, the bill is sent to the second house, where the process is repeated through the three stages. The fourth stage, enrollment, occurs in the originating house after both houses have agreed on the final form of the proposal.

See [How a Bill Becomes a Law](#).

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### **What does the speaker of the house do?**

The speaker is the presiding officer of the house of representatives. The Texas Constitution requires the house of representatives, each time a new legislature convenes, to choose one of its own members to serve as speaker.

As presiding officer, the speaker maintains order during floor debate, recognizing legislators who wish to speak and ruling on procedural matters. The constitution also requires the speaker to sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the legislature. As a member of the house of representatives, the speaker may vote on all questions before the house.

The other duties and responsibilities of the speaker are determined by the members of the house in the House Rules of Procedure, which are adopted by a majority vote of the members at the beginning of each regular session of the legislature. The members give the speaker the authority to appoint the membership of each standing committee, subject to rules on seniority, and to designate the chair and vice chair for each committee. Under the rules, the speaker is responsible for referring all proposed legislation to committee, subject to the committee jurisdictions set forth in the rules. The rules also allow the speaker to appoint conference committees, to create select committees, and to direct committees to conduct interim studies when the legislature is not in session.

### **How often does the legislature meet?**

The Legislature of the State of Texas, operating under the biennial system, convenes its regular sessions at noon on the second Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years. The maximum duration of a regular session is 140 days. The governor is given authority under the state constitution to convene the legislature at other times during the biennium. Such sessions are known as called or special sessions and are reserved for legislation that the governor deems critically important in the conduct of state affairs. Called sessions are limited to a period of 30 days, during which the legislature is permitted to pass laws only on subjects submitted by the governor in calling for the session.

### **How does the house differ from the senate?**

There are 150 members of the house of representatives as opposed to 31 members of the senate. According to the most recent census figures, the ideal house district population is 113,243 as opposed to an ideal population of 547,952 for each senate district. Senators serve four-year terms and represent a relatively large number of constituents, whereas house members serve two-year terms and represent a smaller number of constituents. House members are therefore able to remain more closely in tune to the needs and concerns of their constituents. For this reason, the state constitution requires that all bills increasing taxes or raising revenue for use by the state originate in the house of representatives.

### **How do I send an e-mail to my representative?**

Go to your representative's page and click on Send Email to bring up a response form. Here's an [alphabetical list of members](#). *Note: Not all members use e-mail.*

### **How do I find a list of all members' phone numbers and addresses?**

Here is a list of [House directories](#).

### **How do I find bills on a subject I'm interested in?**

Go [Bill Search](#) and choose a recent legislative session to get a list of subjects. You can also search for bills by a representative's name, by committee or by a word or phrase in the text of the bill.

### **How do I find the status of a specific bill?**

If you know the bill number, you can go to [Bill Information](#) and select "Actions" to get a detailed history of all action taken on the bill.

### **How do I find out how my representative voted on a bill?**

The results of recorded votes are listed in the [House Journal](#). You need to know the date the vote was taken and the Record Vote number, which you can find in [Bill Information](#). The list of actions will give you the date of any record votes on the bill as well as the record vote number (RV#\_\_\_) and the page number in the House Journal where the vote results are listed.

### **How do I find when committees are meeting and see their meeting agendas?**

From the menu on the left, click on [Schedules](#) and then select committee schedules. This will give you a list of all House committee meetings for the week ahead. To see the agenda for a specific meeting, click on the word "Notice" to see the public notice that was issued for the meeting. From that page, you can search for meetings by committee and date.

### **How do I find what bills are scheduled for debate in the House?**

The schedule of bills to be considered by the full House is called the House Calendar. To see a calendar for a day when the House is in session, click on [Schedules](#) on the menu on the left and select House Calendars. This will give you a list of all calendars that have been set for House action. [Click here](#) for an explanation of House Calendars.



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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.

