



Cy-Fair Republican Women

NEWSLETTER
March 2009

A Minute with Mary



I am by no means an economic expert. I did take economics in college and one of the few things I remember my professor saying is that if economists really understood how our economy works, everything would always be perfect – no inflation, no recession, always positive growth. Obviously he was right. Look at the mess we are facing today!

I know that there is no cut and dried answer to solve the problems that our economy faces today. This is not a black and white problem; and despite what the media tells us, the problem did not just happen last fall and George W. Bush was not directly responsible. I personally believe that our collective greed is the root cause. It was the greed of people who bought homes that they could not afford, the greed of bankers and investment gurus who bundled these loans into securities, and the greed of those of us who bought those securities looking for those double digit returns.

There is no doubt that mistakes have been made; mistakes on many levels. But I am a firm believer that everyone needs to be responsible for their own mistakes. I do not believe that government intervention is the answer to our woes. Again, I am no expert, but my feeling related to “The Stimulus Package” that has just been signed into law does not help the people that are most in need of help. From what I’ve read and heard on the TV news shows, a very small portion of the \$787 BILLION will be put in the pockets of the people to help stimulate anything. According to the Sunday February 15, 2009 Houston Chronicle, only \$73.8 billion is slated for tax credits and \$82.3 billion goes to extend unemployment benefits and health insurance help for the unemployed. That’s roughly 20% of the total package that will go to those citizens most in need. The other 80% is in the hands of the government bureaucracy. More big government is not the answer.



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



March 10 - CFRW Meeting
Hearthstone Country Club

March 17 - Greater Houston Council Meeting
9:00 am -

April 17 - Legislative Day in Austin
“Wear your Red Jackets”

I applaud those Republican congressmen who did not bow to the pressure and even though it was futile, voted against the package. I am appalled that this package was virtually crammed down our throats, when viable alternatives were ignored. That, for example, in January 2009 East Texas Congressman, Louie Gohmert, proposed a 2 month federal tax holiday. This bill would have put money directly into the hands of the people to let them catch up, buy things, invest. The bill never made it to the floor for debate.

Despite our problems, the U.S. is still the greatest nation in the world. We will weather this storm because if this government – this includes not only the president, but also the congress – doesn’t make things right, we’ll elect a new one in four years. As TV’s Glenn Beck says in his *Nine Principles*, “The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.” They can’t answer however if they don’t hear the call.

FYI - March is an important month in Texas history. For those of you who grew up in Texas and may have forgotten their Texas history classes and for those of you who are among those who grew up elsewhere but got here as fast as you could, March 2, 1836 is the date that Texians declared their independence from Mexico. And March 6, 1836 was the conclusion of the battle for the Alamo.

Mary Moss



MARCH MEETING



TUESDAY MARCH 10

Time: 10:30 AM - Coffee/Social
11:00 AM - Speaker/Meeting
12:00 PM - Lunch

Place: HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
7615 Ameswood Road
Houston, Texas

Lunch to be Served

Chicken Alfredo Pasta
Side Salad
Garlic Bread
Assorted Desserts

Please RSVP:

No later than Friday, March 6th

Online at www.cfrw.net

or

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PROGRAM

Our speaker this month is Hazel Roman
VP Membership, TFRW

(See following page for more info)



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HAZEL ROMAN - VP MEMBERSHIP TFRW



Hazel Roman has spent the last 20 years volunteering in the Republican arena; working on campaigns, serving on host committees for candidates and elected officials, hosting various events at her home, attending leadership workshops, block-walking, assisting at phone banks and polls. She has served on the Boards of several Republican Women's clubs and has been a delegate to TFRW and NFRW Conventions. She has also been a delegate to County and State RPT conventions.

The Comal County Republican Party elected Hazel as the Volunteer of the Year in 2005 and she has been honored at the TFRW Tribute to Women event. She has previously served on the TFRW Board of Directors and currently serves as the 2008/2009 Vice-President/Membership.

The Bulverde Area Republican Women (Bar-W) was founded by Hazel in 2003 and as it's first President, she led it to be the fastest-growing Republican Women's club in Texas, growing to 201 members in one year. She plans to apply these same membership recruitment principles to TFRW.

Hazel states, "The Republican Party's success comes down to the number of people who support and identify with the GOP and I will strive to impact that growth. Record membership would be the greatest legacy TFRW leadership could leave to insure the future of our nation."

She has been married since 1995 to Buzz Roman and together they own Roman Holiday Motor Homes in New Braunfels.



CARING FOR AMERICA - Louise Rugaard



Thank you for the tremendous response to the request for baggies for Operation Interdependence! For March, we will continue to collect quart size and snack size boxes of zip lock bags for Operation Interdependence (<http://www.oidelivers.org/about.shtm>.) Another way to help out is through a donation of thirty dollars to pay for shipping of a C-Rats box from Operation Interdependence. As usual, we will collect personal notes of thanks at our meetings, also.

Throughout the year, we are collecting knitted or crocheted beanies to be worn beneath helmets in the battle zones as insulation from heat or cold. To get directions and specifications for the beanies please e-mail me at the address below, and we are asking for a note to be submitted with each beanie for the recipient. If you cannot knit or crochet, it is likely that you might know someone who does and would enjoy this project, so please pass on the information. Awards will be given at Convention for the units donating the most beanies.

If you have any old cell phones and accessories, please bring them to our meetings to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers. They ask that the battery be attached.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding ways that we can help in our community, please contact me at plantlady095@gmail.com.





MINUTES

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING
February 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Moss at 11:04 a.m. The meeting was held at the Hearthstone Country Club. Chaplain, Suzanne Davis, led the group in an opening prayer, pledge of allegiance and pledge to the Texas flag.

Membership Chairman, Joy Gregory welcomed new member, Melissa Ronquillo and three other guests.

Program Chairman, Rita Parrish introduced the speaker, Steve Hrnccir, Associate Vice President of HNTB Corporation. He presented a very informative overview of the Highway 290 project that started in 1999 with public meetings, Phase I of the project that should begin in 2011 with completion of Phase III to be completed in 2024. Mike Zientec and Anikka Rogers representing the Community 290 Driven Program Office were also present to answer any questions,

The minutes were printed in the newsletter and were approved as printed.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton distributed copies of the treasurer's report. The report was approved as printed and will be filed with the minutes. The 2009 Budget was also presented and approved. Mary asked for two volunteers to serve on the Internal Revue Committee with Barbara Buxton. Suzanne Davis and Kristen Govantes volunteered and were appointed. The committee will meet and present a report at the March meeting.

Ways and Means Chair, Millie Alford, reported on items the club has for sale. CFRW will have a booth at TFRW State Convention to be held in November in Galveston. She will be needing help to man the booth. She reported that the High Heels and High Tea 2009 Fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 2nd at the Houston National Golf Club. A sign up sheet was distributed asking for volunteers to help with this event.

Joy Gregory, Membership Chairman reported 36 total paid memberships for 2009.

Betty Guthrie, Newsletter, thanked everyone for turning in reports on or before the deadline. She also thanked Rita Parrish for helping out while she was ill. She reminded everyone that the deadline for the March newsletter will be Monday, February 16th.

Mary reported for Louise Rugaard, Caring for America Chairman. She thanked everyone for bringing zip lock bags for the troops. She reminded everyone to bring the bags again to next months meeting, consider making a \$30 donation, donating used cell phones that can be refurbished, and sending note cards.

Under old business, Mary reported the results of the survey regarding the meeting schedule. Coffee and Social will begin at 10:30, meeting at 11:00 and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Mary





MINUTES, continued



appointed Alice McDill as our club liaison with the Chamber of Commerce. Alice will be attending the monthly luncheons to promote CFRW. Mary encouraged everyone to attend Legislative Day in Austin on April 16. A sign-up sheet was distributed. Plans for transportation and hotels will be announced at the next meeting. The deadline for registration is March 15. Mary also mentioned we need someone to take care of the Tote Bag project that will be used for the silent auction.

New Business – Justice Bill Boyce has asked for a donation from CFRW. Suzanne Davis made a motion that we make a donation. Barbara Buxton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jan Ott made a motion that we donate \$25.00. The motion was seconded by Betty Guthrie. Motion carried. Kelli Ray reported on District 135 Day to be held on March 3. She encouraged all to attend. Deadline for signing up will be February 17. Suzanne Davis distributed district maps and discussed the ESD Board and announced that she will be a candidate for the ESD #9 board.

Announcements – Rita announced the March 10th speaker will be the TFRW Membership Chairman. A Peter Barnes book was presented to the speaker. The drawing was held for two door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Dorsey
Recording Secretary



MEMBERSHIP - Joy Gregory



We would like to welcome Melissa Ronquillo to our group and thank all of you who have responded so quickly to the membership notices. We now have 37 members for 2009. We are on track to meeting our goal of 65 members. If you have not renewed your membership at this time, please take the time to fill out the application and mail it in.

I would like to urge each of you that have not renewed for 2009 to do so ASAP. There are two ways to do this. You may use the CFRW website (www.cfrw.net) and Pay Pal or fill out an application and send with your check to:

Joy Gregory, 18219 Waverly Bend Lane, Cypress, TX, 77433.

Membership dues are \$30.00 or Associate Membership is \$20.00.

I have attached a membership form at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.





On the national scene we just witnessed the abolishment of Welfare Reform as we knew it. Passed by Congress and signed into law today, the “stimulus bill” will end TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) which has been HUGELY successful. In its place we get back AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) on steroids. For a very insightful article please go to www.heritage.org/Research/Welfare/wm2287.cfm.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 effective 2/9/2009 is forcing many charities to refuse donations of books, toys or clothing for children. See Northwest Assistance Ministries web site: <http://www.namonline.org/site/apps/nlnet/content2.aspx?c=ktJYJ7MNIuE&b=2117859&ct=6706069>. We see the law of “unintended consequences” once again in full bloom and are reminded of the wise saying that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. You can read Public Law 110–314 in total at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsia.Pd>.

CFRW members are represented in Austin by:

State Senator Dan Patrick (Dist 7, <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist7/dist7.htm>)

House Representatives

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All have web sites that can be accessed from <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> .Rep Bohac is working towards a Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform Package through House Bills 2, 209, 668, 1106 and House Joint Resolution 38. Rep Callegari has a very informative Winter 2009 Newsletter which you can read at: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist132/newltr/CallegariNewsletter2009.pdf> . In it he discusses major issues of the 81st Legislative Session which include the state budget, property taxes, margins tax reform, illegal immigration, higher education (including the Top Ten Percent Law), private property rights and financial institution reform.

You don't want to miss TFRW Legislative Day on April 16. More information is available on their web site at http://tfrw.org/Lege%20Day/legislative_day.html . The very timely workshop choices are: *Citizen Lobbyist*, *Building Relationships with the Younger Generation* and *The Future of our Party-Reaching Out, Reaching In or Both?*





WAYS AND MEANS - Millie Alford



Surely Spring is on its way. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Hope your Sweetheart was thoughtful, as ALL of you deserve extra kudos for being such super ladies.

A Special Thanks to those who volunteered to help out with the High Heels and High Tea. As noted in last month's newsarticle, October 2, 2009 is our date and we have reserved The Houston National Golf Club. I have received one suggestion for the Fashions, so if you'd like to add your ideas, please email me at mcaphd@yahoo.com or call me at 713-466-0731. If you would like to volunteer to BE a model, we'd be happy to have you. If you have any suggestions on vendors, please let me know as soon as possible. We hope to have at least 25 vendors this year, but we have space for more. We plan to have tickets ready by the June meeting, so start thinking of who you'd like to invite. Thanks to everyone who gives so much to make CFRW the great organization it is. Welcome to all our new members. Please get involved. It is so rewarding!

Plans for the TFRW State Convention in Galveston are moving right along. We'll have all the information and hope all of our Club will be able to attend. The facilities are beautiful and the water was great at our meeting last Wednesday. Once again, if you have ideas for vendors for the State Convention, please share them with me. If anyone would like to get involved, please let me know. We can use all the help we can get. ☺

We still have Life of the Party cookbooks! They would make great Easter gifts for special family and friends. We plan to display them at the CFRW Booth at the Republican State Convention in November. We still have the Peter Barnes Collection of autographed children's books which would make a great Easter basket treasure for the Little Ones in your life. Each autographed book is \$18, or buy any 5 titles and receive a \$10 discount (5 @ \$18 = \$90 less \$10 - TOTAL PRICE \$80).

If anyone is interested in getting a cookbook or ordering a denim shirt (\$30.) or red sequin t-shirt, (\$35.) please let me know. Be sure to order early enough to have them by Legislation Day. What an effect CFRW will have to be dressed alike.



"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

Margaret Thatcher



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Texas Federation of Republican Women
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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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.

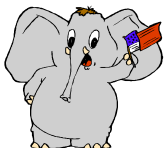
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<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.





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2009 Membership Application

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CONTACT INFORMATION		PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
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Associate	(Members of another club) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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GETTING INVOLVED! - - CHECK OFF A MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN				
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Please list talents/skills you possess: (Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)				
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