



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



As 2012 is fast approaching it seems appropriate to look back on this busy, fun and productive year. I have to say that the year has flown by and I'm amazed at how smoothly all of our meetings have run and how much we have all learned. Our speakers have been interesting thanks to our 1st VP of Programs, Millie Alford. She was able to secure a variety of speakers who presented us with information on community, state and national topics. I'm looking forward to the New Year anticipating more fun programs and opportunities to learn.

We started out our year with about 30 of our members taking a field trip to the Bryan-College Station area and spent some time at the George Bush Library. It was such an interesting place to visit that we really need to make a return trip and spend more time there. We also had lunch at the Messina Hof Winery. It was a great day and we enjoyed getting to know each other better.

Then in March we were off to Austin for Legislative Day at the State Capitol which turned out to be another fun and informative trip. I hope more of our members plan to attend in 2013.

We held a successful Membership Drive in May and it didn't hurt that our speaker for that event was Borah Van Dormolen, the National Committeewoman for the Republican Party of Texas. There was a large crowd and we signed up plenty of new members. What a fun and successful day that was too. Thanks to our Membership Chair, Betty Guthrie, for organizing a special meeting for this Membership Drive.

In August we held a night meeting which was more of a social. We do this every year in August and it works out to be a wonderful end to the summer. Our special guest for the social, Harris County Judge Ed Emmet accompanied with his wife Gwen, was such a great speaker. All of our spouses and friends joined us for this festive and fun night. We also had other guests which included the new County Commissioner for Precinct 4, Jack

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Cagle, State Senator Glenn Hegar, District 18, Becky Berger, SREC Committeewoman, Senate District 18, Carolyn Hodges, 1st VP TFRW, Cynthia England, Treasurer TFRW, and Marilyn Davis, VP Finance, TFRW. We really enjoyed having all of these guests and Associate members at the social. Thanks go to our Hospitality Chair, Pam Waldren and her committee for the good food and drink provided for the social.

For the fall event we hosted our 4th fundraiser in October, High Heels and High Tea, which happens every two years. It has always been fun



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



Dec 11th
6:00-9:00pm

Holiday Party
Barbara & Larry
Buxton

Jan 26th
TBD

Judges Forum
Raveneaux Country
Club

Jan 10th
10:30-12:00

CFRW Regular Mtg
Carrabba's

Feb 4th
TBD

TFRW Leadership Day
Austin, TX



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JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Featuring Suzanne Davis
ESD 9 Commissioner

Carrabba's Italian Grill

7540 N. Highway 6
Houston, TX 77095
(Copperfield Area)

10:30 a.m. - Coffee/Social
11:00 a.m. - Speaker/Meeting
12:00 p.m. - Lunch



Lunch \$15 - Meeting only \$3 (cash/check)

Menu: To be Announced in January Newsletter
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, January 6, 2012

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MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW welcomes the following new Active Members and Associate Man Members for 2012: **Jeanene Connor, Melissa Hendrickson, Barbara Kelley, Lalla Lauderdale, Rep. Dwayne Bohac, Dr. Harold Heuszel and Lindsay Siriko.** Welcome back the following renewed Active Members: **Dr. Millie Alford, Lois Barclay, Barbara Biggi, Barbara Buxton, Shirley Chambers, Suzanne Davis, Joy Gregory, Betty Guthrie, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Melissa Ronquillo, Traci Sarradet, Krista Steele, Wanda Threadgill, Sandra Vinklarek, Pam Waldren, Jude Wiggins and Phyllis Wilson.** If you are not listed here, you may pay your 2012 dues now using the enclosed Membership Application or joining on our Web site www.cfrw.net. We look forward to a year of exciting and informative programs and numerous and varied club activities in 2012.

2012 will be a very important year of challenges and efforts to return our country to the Republic which our forefathers established. It is our responsibility to learn about, educate family and friends, support and assist the GOP candidates who will be seeking public office in this year's elections. We must become informed and knowledgeable electorates about the issues and policies facing our nation, so that **our vote will make a difference.**

JOIN CFRW TODAY to become a part of this important goal! The 2012 Membership Application is included in this newsletter. You may download it, attach a check and send it to me at the address on the application or bring it with you to the next meeting. You may also join online on the CFRW web site at www.cfrw.net.



but I think this was the best one yet. Our Ways and Means VP, Suzanne Davis and her committees, outdid themselves and put together a wonderful event. Raveneaux Country Club hosted our event where we had a fabulous style show which featured Women's and Men's fashions from Chico's and Jos A. Bank. The models were very good and our speaker, US Senate Candidate Ted Cruz, made the day complete. The County Commissioner Jack Cagle, helped emcee the style show with Ted Cruz. What an outstanding event it was and we will have to work hard to make our next one just as good.

Throughout the year our members have worked to sign up new voters by having Voter Registration Drives. It has always been a rewarding experience to meet first time voters and help them to sign up to vote. Thanks go to Joy Gregory, our Chair of Campaign Activities, for setting up these events for the club and all of our members who worked with her signing up voters. We will let everyone know when the 2012 voter registration drives are planned so you can join us too.

Attending the TRFW State Convention in Ft Worth has

rounded out our year. With 7 delegates and 1 alternate attending this also turned out to be a good time. Those in attendance in Ft Worth were Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Rita Parrish, Melissa Ronquillo and Judie Stokes. Our club received the John Goodwin Tower Award presented to me on behalf of the club by Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst. We heard from many candidates running for various positions who will be in the 2012 primary. US Senator John Cornyn spoke encouraging everyone to make sure that the position of retiring US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison be filled by a Republican. Senator Hutchison also spoke and was so appreciative of all that the TFRW clubs had done for her in her career in Texas and US politics. We also auctioned off a beautiful quilt, The Yellow Rose of Texas, designed and made by Judie Stokes' sister Jeannie Broussard. We thank her so much for donating this beautiful quilt and helping us add more funds for our campaign donations.

And now the year is coming to an end and it's time to look forward and start planning some fun, informative and inspirational meetings and events for the New

Year of 2012. Keep your calendars marked for the second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 am at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Hwy 6 North. We will let you know if there are any changes and you can always check our website, www.cfrw.net, for up to date details of our meetings. Hope to see all of our current members, and new members, at the meetings and helping out during the year with our Get-out-the-Vote events. We will all have to work hard in 2012 to make sure we elect the best candidate from our Republican Party. Work for the candidate you like best up to the primaries and then plan to get behind whoever the nominee will be and get that person elected.

Thanks to all our members and please don't forget that you will need to renew your memberships now for 2012. Continue to support Cy Fair Republican Women and we will keep getting great speakers at our meetings and make sure that you stay informed on all the latest goings on within the Republican Party.

Wishing you all a Wonderful Thanksgiving, a Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year

~Rita Parrish

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Joy Gregory

For 2012 we are starting off our campaign activities with a Judges Forum on January 26th, hosted by Cy-Fair Republican Women, Northwest Forest Republican Women, Tomball Republican Women, and Yellow Rose Republican Women at Raveneaux Country Club.

Hope to see you all there.

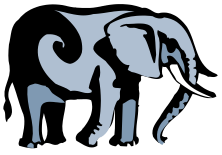


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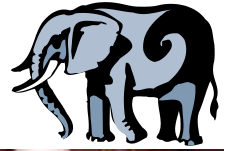
Mary Moss

At the NFRW Convention in Kansas City, CFRW was awarded the 2010-11 **Diamond Award** - the highest level of Club Achievement. This award is earned by meeting high standards in club functions, membership development, programs, campaign activities, and community relations. We would not be the wonderful club we are without each and every one of you. Thanks goes to every member for their dedication and hard work over the last two years.





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PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

What an awesome time we had at the TFRW Convention. I can't wait for our next one in 2013. It is my sincere wish that more of our members will be able to experience this exciting and meaningful trip. Our next convention will be in San Antonio and the planners have already begun the process of arranging a fantastic convention, so please plan to attend. In Ft. Worth, we heard some great speeches by our candidates for U.S. Senate, Lt. Governor of Texas and the Railroad Commissioner. We saw old friends and made new ones. We welcomed the new members and remembered the ones who have left us. Thanks to our members who attended and

shared this special time of learning and camaraderie. The more members who participate in our activities, the stronger our membership bonds become.

January will be a busy month for us. In addition to an exciting New Year's Resolution Meeting on January 10, we will have another great meeting at the end of the month. On January 26, CFRW will hold a joint Judges Forum with Northwest Forest Republican Women, Tomball Republican Women, and Yellow Rose Republican Women. The time and venue will be determined and all members will be notified. We will need a few volunteers to help with the logistics, so if you are interested, please let me know. This will be a great opportunity to meet

the candidates and hear their views on current issues which affect us all.

In the months that follow, we look forward to some great programs and hope you will join us for each meeting. When you become involved with CFRW, you will learn so much about local, state, and national politics. You will meet the leaders of our political party and understand why it is such a crucial part of their lives. You will witness dedication to our ideals and goals and be energized by the activities. You will have the opportunity to add your talents to those of thousands of women in Texas and the United States of America and further the cause of our party. In the process, your life will be richer and you will make some lifelong friends.

LEGISLATIVE

Joan Hudgens

The Texas Tribune published an article revealing that Texas lawmakers want defense technology on the border. Lawmakers gathered in Washington to discuss how to use military technology for border security as the United States draws down its participation in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Texas legislators demonstrated particular interest in acquiring defense equipment to protect our border with Mexico. Advocates for military technology on the border feel it is an attractive option because it could save tax money and complement U.S. Border Patrol human resources.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuella D- Laredo questioned what will happen to the equipment in Iraq and Afghanistan after the U.S. withdraws an a (for which) we paid billions of dollars. Cuellar went on to query what overseas equipment will become available and how to actually transport it to the Texas – Mexico border

Officials from the U.S. Department of Defense and Homeland Security testified that defense equipment



Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year!

worth almost \$500 million had already gone to federal, state, and local agencies in fiscal in fiscal year 2011 for counter- terrorism and counter- drug activities.

More defense technology on the border could help Border Patrol agents “though more boots on the ground are still needed,” commented Rep. Michael Mc Caul, an Austin Republican.

Texas representative’s interest in putting more military equipment on the border is not new. Cries to “ramp up” the acquisition process have frequently been heard as the crisis in Mexico continues to escalate and threaten America’s safety and security.

Some law makers concur that returning service members from Iraq and Afghanistan will have valuable expertise in some of the defense technology that could find its way to Texas, and that this well spring of knowledge and experience could be utilized to enhance security efforts on our borders.



MINUTES

Nov. 1, 2011

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Kay Waghorne led us in the prayer and invocation.

Millie introduced our speaker, Steve Munisteri, chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. Steve talked about the debt today under the present Administration.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

- **Secretary, Traci Sarradet-** Nothing to report as there was no October meeting.

- **Treasurer, Barbara Buxton-** Gave budget reports for September and November. She also stated the club made \$11,098 on the High Heels and High Tea fundraiser event.

- **Programs, Millie Alford-** Updated us on speakers for 2012.

- **Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis-** Stated she had cookbooks for sale, Peter Barnes Books, CFRW T-shirts and Denim shirts. She also has some old CFRW shirts that ran small so she is selling them as Youth shirts for a special

price of \$10.00. Please see her to purchase these items.

- **Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo-** Newsletter deadline November 14, 2011. Melissa also stated you could find information on the Texas Amendments on the ballot at CFRW website and also in the October newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership, Betty Guthrie-** Reported 71 active members, 7 associate women members and 2 associate men members for a total of 80 members. The fee's for a CRFW active member is \$30.00, associate women \$20.00 and associate men \$35.00. November 1, 2011 kicks off the membership for 2012; she encouraged all members to pay now for their 2012 membership. The club has 9 new members for 2012 from the High Heels and High Tea event and today's meeting. If you need a name tag please see Betty the cost is \$15.00.

- **Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory-** Passed around a clip board to log hours and stated that the time spent at the High Heels and High Tea event does count as well.

- **Hospitality, Pam Waldren-** Is working on the Christmas party.

- **Awards, Mary Moss-** Our club received the highest reward the Diamond award. The club received a Certificate and pin which Mary presented to Rita. The award has a two year cycle so congratulations to Mary, the former President and Rita our current President.

NEW BUSINESS:

Please make your plans to attend the Christmas Party on December 11, 2011 from 6-9 pm at the home of Larry and Barbara Buxton. We will not be having a December meeting and would like everyone to join us for this festive party. The price is \$15.00 per person and check should be made out to CFRW and given to Barbara Buxton or mailed to the address on the CFRW website.

This year's Dictionary Project at Walker Elementary is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 8:30 am. Rita passed around a signup sheet for anyone interested in attending and helping distribute the dictionaries and to attend the program the students will put on.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- Winston Churchill





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2012 Membership Application

DATE: _____ OFFICE USE: IN PERSON MAIL/ EMAIL

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION		PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Home Address:		Cell Number:	
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Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i>		Email Address:	
Title:		Spouse Name:	
BEST WAY TO REACH YOU		NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>		HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?	

CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?

Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:		Relationship to New Member
			Y	N	
			Y	N	

MEMBER TYPE

Name Badge Order	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Active	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Woman (Active member of which Rep. Women's club?)	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Man	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

GETTING INVOLVED! - - CHECK ANY MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Historian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact me with more information on activities at CFRW

Please list talents/skills you possess: (Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)

Please make check payable to **Cy-Fair Republican Women**

Total Amount Due:

Mail check and this form to:

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<http://www.ghcfrwpac.org> - Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> - Texas Federation of Republican Women

[http:// www.thomas.loc.gov/](http://www.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.sos.state.tx.us> - Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments