



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections *Bits & Reflections*

As we ease into the second month of 2011 it is clear that Republicans will have to work hard to assure victory in 2012. We hope to stop the crazy spending and try to prevent any other costly plans the Democrats have in mind to get through Congress. Regardless, it will be a hard road for the Republicans in office to get our country pointed in the direction which will promote growth and security for all Americans.

Of course employment will be one of the main goals that will allow Americans to be independent of government assistance. As we have seen in California, supporting so many on welfare has strained the budget so that the state is literally broke.

Our state's Governor, Rick Perry, has made the point that big government policies of the Obama administration and Democratic leaders are resented. They are opposed because they don't correctly manage spending and intrude on the voters' abilities to make their own decisions about how they want the country run.

In fact, according to an article in the Washington Examiner written by Michael Barone, he states that Rick Perry has "in his 10 years as governor, the longest in the state's history. Texas

has been teaching some lessons to which the rest of the nation should pay heed."

In contrasting Texas to California, the two most populous states in the nation, there is one large similarity. Both states were Mexican territories and have populations that are now approximately one-third Hispanic. They became states within five years of each other, Texas in 1845 and California in 1850. This is where the similarities end in comparing these two large states. California's largely Democratic legislature has led the state into liberal positions on the cultural issues that have been proposed in the state. The state government meets year round so they have more time to propose and pass agendas of the liberals and special interest groups which have caused the state government to face huge deficits. For these reasons many Californians are moving elsewhere.

Texas, on the other hand, has lower taxes, no personal or corporate state taxes, no personal capital gains tax and a much smaller government. Our legislature meets for only 140 days every two years. Sometimes it doesn't seem long enough to get everything done but maybe it's a blessing when you look at what damage has been done when the California legislature meets year round.

Texas has been strong in attracting businesses to move here which further helps our state to have a growing economy. It also helps that Texas is a right-to-work state. This means that under the Texas Labor Code, a person cannot be denied employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor union or other labor organization. Our unemployment rates are below the national average proving that the lower taxes and right to work laws are keeping our economy healthier. We also have an ever growing population. Americans from other states have come to realize that Texas has the right idea on so many issues facing the national population. More jobs and more affordable housing, combined with our favorable climate, make Texas a great state to live in. As many native Texans would say, "lets keep this to ourselves so everyone in the nation doesn't move here".

I'm truly happy that I live in a state with largely conservative ideals and am committed to working to keep Texas growing and prospering. Our Republican Women's clubs have done and will continue to do a tremendous job promoting candidates who will keep our state strong fiscally and moving in the right direction.

~Rita Parrish



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



February 8th
10:30 am

CFRW Regular Meeting
Carrabba's Italian Grill

February 17th
10:00 am

Board Meeting
Hearthstone Country Club

February 15th
8:30 am Registration
9:30 Seminar

Greater Houston Council
"Nuts & Bolts" Seminar
SOSA Ctr. - Houston, TX

March 2nd
TBD

TFRW Fundraiser Dinner
Austin, TX

March 3rd
8:30am-3:30 pm

Legislative Day at the
Capitol - Austin, TX



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FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

*Featuring an Interactive Program
Celebrating the Life of Susan B. Anthony*

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

Carrabba's Italian Grill

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

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

Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Penne with tomato
sauce, Italian salad and Tiramisu
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, February 4, 2011

Online at www.cfrw.net

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LEGISLATION

By: Joan Hudgens

On June 10, the House of Representatives incumbent Joe Straus was reelected to another term as Speaker of the House. Although there were some debate, Straus history of achievements proved his mettle as an incumbent.

- a 1.6 billion-dollar reduction in general revenue spending
- tax cuts for small businesses subject to a business margin tax
- the setting aside of 9.1 billion-dollars for a Rainy Day fund
- all of the above without any additional tax increases

Some conservatives felt that Straus's leadership was responsible for the Democratic success in the 2009 session in spite of the fact that it was the minority party, yet the Republican caucus voted overwhelmingly for Straus's state budget.

Prior to the November 2nd election, the Texas Legislature was almost evenly divided with Republicans holding a slim lead. With the Republican sweep and 99 newly-elected Republican lawmakers headed for Austin, many are optimistic that a more conservative leadership will govern in the upcoming session.

Straus said he has met with Tea Party leaders from across the state, and believes there will be no problem with the way he helps guide policy and lead the House.

“To bind us together as Republicans, and tomorrow as Republicans and Democrats, is my goal going forward through the 82nd session,” Straus said.

It remains to be seen in what direction Straus will guide the new House of Representatives and what impact it will have on Texas government.

Ref: Quotes from KVUE.com article



MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

The 2011 Membership Drive is well underway! CFRW's fiscal year is January 1 – December 31. If you have not joined or renewed your membership, NOW is the time to do so! The next two years will be an important and busy time working to elect our Republican candidates and to support the Republican principles!

A Membership Application is included in this newsletter. It is important that everyone fill out a new form annually, so that we can update our records. Please complete the

application and mail it with your check (made payable to CFRW) to Betty Guthrie, 12306 Francel Lane, Cypress, TX 77429. Another option is to join/renew online at www.cfrw.net. You may complete the Membership Application and remit dues using PayPal.

Welcome members:

Mary Ann Edwards, Kaye Goolsby, Kristen Govantes, Carolyn Hodges, Joan Hudgens, Sylvia Manley, Linda Marley, Stephanie Peters, Marie Remik, Wanda Threadgill and Pam Waldren.

We are glad you chose to be a member of our club!

Campaign Activities - Joy Gregory

As your new Campaign chairman, I would like each of you to know that one of our outreach projects is to participate in New Voter Registrations. I will be notifying you when and where these voter drives will take place. I will also be in contact with the Harris County Voter Registration Dept. to set up a date for Deputy training soon. For those of you who are already deputized you can now renew your appointments by mail.

To renew your appointment as a Volunteer Deputy, please download and complete the Appointment Application at <http://www.hctax.net/MiscTax/forms.aspx#goVoter>.

We must have a signed original application to renew your appointment, so be sure to sign the form and mail it in accordance with the printed instructions.

CFRW Dictionary Give-Away & Awards



On December 8, 2010, the Cy-Fair Republican Women presented dictionaries to all third grade students at Walker Elementary. In addition to the dictionary presentation, the club also sponsored a constitution project for the fifth grade class of the same school.

The constitution project was open to all fifth graders interested in participating. Each class teacher chose the best presentation to represent their class. Seven students competed for a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble. The class winners were Brianna Torres, Adriana Olivares, Katelyn Reyes, Francisco Sanchez, Johnny

Law III, Jarrid Heard-Smith and Rachel Furlong.

The fifth and third grade students gathered in the Walker elementary cafeteria for the presentations. Brianna and Adriana presented posters. Katelyn and Francisco presented essays while Johnny, Jarrid and Rachel created power point presentations. Each presentation described the students own feelings and thoughts of what the constitution means to them. They also included their favorite amendment and why. The grand prize winner was Rachel Furlong and the honorable mention winner was Adriana Olivares.

After the constitution presentations, the third grade students had a presentation of their own. To thank the club, the third graders performed a skit about dictionaries and how they help students. It was very creative and entertaining! Many of the fifth grade students raised their hand when asked

if they received dictionaries when they were in third grade.

As the assembly closed, members of the club handed dictionaries to every third grade student. "Last year, 5th graders used it on Constitution Day and later in the year when they studied government," said CFRW club president Mary Moss. "We take a lot of pride in helping this school out where we can and strive to make a difference in the lives of these kids." Cy-Fair Republican Women will continue this tradition in 2011 for the fourth year.



Stephanie Peters



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2011 Membership Application

DATE: _____ OFFICE USE: IN PERSON MAIL

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CONTACT INFORMATION	PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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City, ST Zip Code: _____	Work Number: _____
Precinct #: _____	Home Number: _____
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i> _____	Email Address: _____
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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
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MEMBER TYPE

Name Badge	<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	(Members of another club) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Man	(Men) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

GETTING INVOLVED! - - CHECK OFF A MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

<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 Mail check and this form to: Betty Guthrie 12306 Francel Ln. Cypress, TX 77429	Total Amount Due: Please circle Cash or enter Check #: Date Received:
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For more information regarding membership, please contact Betty Guthrie: 281-370-3956 (Home)



Ways & Means **Suzanne Davis**

A BIG Thank You for all those who either purchased a Denim Club Shirt or a Red Club T-Shirt, cook books, a set of Barnes books, Republican pins or even glasses! You ladies ROCK! Please note we will have these items

available in February for our upcoming Legislation Day trip in March!

Last meeting we passed around the sign up sheet for volunteers to be on the committee of the "**High Heels & High Tea**" scheduled for Friday October 14, 2011. There is still room for more volunteers for this fun filled event! The sub-committees are as follows: **Registration - Fashion Show - Cashier - Decorations - Silent**

Auction. A clip board will be passed around once again during our clubs February meeting. Ladies please note, the **FIRST Committee Meeting** will be held directly after our clubs meeting on Tuesday April 12, 2011. Please plan to attend if you have signed up or are just thinking about it. We really need your help.



Message from TFRW President **REBECCA BRADFORD**

The Texas Federation of Republican Women congratulates Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and the Texas Senate for the passage of a bill to require Texans to present a photo ID before being allowed to vote.

TFRW believes every legal vote should be respected.

The passage of this Photo Voter ID Bill is a strong first step to discourage voter fraud in Texas.

Thank you, Governor Perry, for making the passage of this bill a priority. Thank you, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst for your leadership. Thank you to the members of the Texas Senate for making this wise decision.

Rebecca Bradford
President, Texas Federation of Republican Women

ESD #9

Commissioner -
Suzanne Davis

This past year on New Years Eve 2010 the Cy-Fair - 911 calls really picked up due to fireworks related incidents. Between the first call at 5PM and then slowing down at 2AM New Years morning there were a total of 71 emergency calls. For several hours there were 6 to 14 incidents per hour. This demonstrates your E.S.D. tax dollars at work along with the dedication of your Volunteer Cy-Fair Fire & EMS Department.

CFRW Christmas Party

The evening was met with cool weather, as it should be for a Christmas Party. Everyone showed up at Barbara and Larry Buxton's home in their festive party ensemble and Christmas cheer. Another great party to meet everyone's spouses, strike up conversations of interest, and meet up with friends from the past. There was plenty of food and merry conversation throughout the night. Mary Moss as our out-going President, gave her last hoorah before handing over the gavel to Rita Parrish our new CFRW President. Mary gave each board member a beautiful stemless wine glass with the CFRW logo etched on the side as a thank you for their dedication and hard work these past 2 years. For the ceremony, Jan Ott as our founding President and newly TFRW Vice-

President, was most gracious in doing the honors for the induction of our new 2011-2012 officers. Great fun was had by all.

As this year's Christmas committee chairperson, I would like to thank all of the volunteers for making this party a great success and enjoyment for all who attended. A sincere thank to Barbara and Larry Buxton, who opened their beautiful home again this year. To Joy Gregory, Doris Jones, Debby Frieden, Pam Waldren, Suzanne Davis, Millie Alford, Maryann Edwards, and Joan Hudgens all who contributed by either bringing a dish/dessert, or helping to set up and clean up. A special Thank You to these ladies for an outstanding job. Last, but not least of all, I would like to say

thank you to Mary Moss, without her help I could not of pulled this off so smoothly. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless!

Melissa Ronquillo



New Board Members from left: Jan Ott (TFRW VP), Rita Parrish, Millie Alford, Suzanne Davis, Melissa Ronquillo, Traci Sarradet, Barbara Buxton



Programs Millie Alford

We're off to a great start! Our first meeting of the year was informative and we accomplished a heavy agenda at our first executive board meeting this month. Our field trip to the Messina Hof Winery and the George Bush Library was lots of fun and the cold weather didn't chill our spirits.



We're planning more events like this one. If you missed this trip, do yourself a great favor and sign up for our next outing. Special thanks to Rita and Betty Collins for providing the groundwork and all the drivers who graciously chauffeured. Our meeting this month will be an educational program honoring Susan B. Anthony. Join us for some fun facts and an in-depth look at our rich heritage.



Reagan 100th Birthday

This month, we'd like to pay tribute to one of our most beloved Presidents, **Ronald Reagan**. As you read about his life... perhaps recall how you appreciated his leadership, I hope you'll join me in a prayer that all of our country's leaders will desire to be more like him, and strive to uphold the ideals which he boldly expressed. If our leaders follow his example of decency and genuine concern for our country and its citizens, we'll find a renewed confidence in our elected official and be inspired to work even harder to maintain the goals of those who have gone before us.

Of course, we do not have enough space to give a full account of his life, but I hope you will enjoy some of the highlights.

Ronald Wilson Reagan was born February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois, and was raised in Dixon, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics-sociology from Eureka

College. Reagan first moved to Iowa as a radio broadcaster and then to Los Angeles, California in 1937. He was married to Jane Wyman from 1940 to 1948, but the love of his life was Nancy Davis (1952-2004). He was father to five children. He served in the United States Army Air Forces from 1937-1945 and earned the rank of Captain. He participated in more than 400 training films.

He began a career as a film actor, and later television, and appeared in over 50 movie productions. He was a successful, famous, and publicly recognized figure. Some of his most notable roles are in *Knute Rockne, All American* and *Kings Row*. Reagan served as president of the Screen Actors Guild, and later spokesman for General Electric (GE). His start in politics occurred during his work for GE. Although there are numerous entertainment and personal facts I could share, the majority of



Ronald Reagan, 40th President of US (1911-2004)

The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world, will not be bombs and rockets, but a test of wills and ideas—a trial of spiritual resolve: the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish and the ideals to which we are dedicated.

information will focus on his political achievements.

Originally a member of the Democratic Party, he switched to the Republican Party in 1962. After his rousing speech in support of Barry Goldwater's presidential candidacy in 1964, he was persuaded to seek the California governorship, winning two years later and again in 1970. He was defeated in his run for the Republican presidential nomination in 1968 as well as 1976, but won both the nomination and election in 1980.

As president, Reagan implemented sweeping new political and economic initiatives. His supply-side economic policies, dubbed "Reaganomics," advocated reducing tax rates to spur economic growth, controlling the money supply to reduce inflation, de-regulation of the economy, and reducing government spending. In his first term he survived an assassination attempt, took a hard line against labor unions, and ordered military actions in Grenada. He was re-elected in a landslide in 1984, proclaiming it was "Morning in America." His second term was primarily marked by foreign matters, such as the ending of the Cold War, the bombing of Libya, and the revelation of the Iran-Contra affair. Who could ever forget those





Reagan cont'd

words to the West Berliners, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall?" Publicly describing the Soviet Union as an "evil empire," he supported anti-Communist movements worldwide and spent his first term forgoing the strategy of détente by ordering a massive military buildup in an arms race with the USSR. Reagan negotiated with Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, culminating in the INF Treaty and the decrease of both countries' nuclear arsenals.

One thing that really interests me, personally, is Reagan's signature. It is easy to read and you can clearly see all of the letters in his name. He took his time and made sure the impression he left was clear. It reminds me of his personality and the old adage about

what you see is what you get. We should all hope to be so forthright and transparent that we would elicit trust and a measure of confidence in our actions and even our name conveys honesty.

In his "Farewell to the Nation" address, he described the "shining city upon a hill" (based on John Winthrop's image of America) as *in my mind it was a tall proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, wind-swept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace, a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity, and if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here.* (Farewell Address to the Nation, January 11, 1989.

http://www.ronaldreagan.com/sp_21.html

In 1994, the former president disclosed that he had been diagnosed

with Alzheimer's disease earlier in the year; he died ten years later on June 5, 2004 at the age of 93. He ranks highly in public opinion polls of U.S. Presidents, and is a conservative icon.

These are just some of the highlights and contributions made by a public servant who loved his country, stood for justice, and believed in himself and his fellow man. I'll close with one of my favorite quotes:

I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life ~

Ronald Reagan
Ronald Reagan

This article was written using information (verbatim at times) from

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Reagan which uses 335+ references. For more information, please refer to this website.

CFRW Member Spotlight ... Debby Frieden

Debby Frieden grew up in St. Louis, Missouri where she attended junior college and the University of Missouri. Shortly thereafter, Debby ventured into the real estate business. Her quick success in this field resulted in Debby becoming a first time home owner at the age of 24. She then met Mark Frieden who she married in 1987. Debbie and Mark decided to start a family and were blessed with two children, Melissa and Patrick. Due to a demanding schedule that required late nights and weekend work, Debby decided to put her career aside and focus on her family.

As a stay at home mom, Debby kept a very busy schedule. Besides her full time job of raising children, Debby decided to get involved in her community. The Frieden's moved to Trappe, Pennsylvania where Debby served on a PTO fund raising committee. Because of her dedication and go getting attitude her friends encouraged her to run for town council.



There had never been a woman to run for a seat before and Debby was up for the challenge. She ran and won. You might say Debby was a pioneer for women in Trappe, because the following election year another woman ran and won a seat on the council.

Four years later, Mark, Debby and their family moved again to South Dakota. There, Debby picked up the reins again for the PTO's fundraising committee. While in South Dakota she joined the Siouxland Friends & Neighbors organization and worked as their membership chair. During that time she managed to increase their membership from 50+ to 150. Then in 2001 Mark was transferred to Houston, TX.

Debby kept busy again in Houston with the PTO's for her children's schools by helping out with their fundraising committee. In 2009 Debby was asked by her neighbor, Doris Jones, to come to one of the CFRW meetings. She was impressed by our club and joined that day. With her youngest, Patrick graduating, it was a good time in her life to get involved again with a political organization. Since then Debby has volunteered for our Care of America and the Hospitality committee. When asked what her goals were, she responded that she wanted to help our membership grow. We look forward to seeing this goal come to fruition. Thanks Debby for being an active member.

How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment: we can start now, start slowly changing the world!

How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make a contribution toward introducing justice straight away.

~Anne Franke





MINUTES

General Meeting

February 11, 2011

President Rita Parrish, called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Kay Waghorne asked for a call to prayer for the Arizona victims. Rita Parrish, announced that Carolyn Hodges scheduled speaker could not attend, unfortunately her mother passed away over the weekend. Millie Alford then introduced speaker Thomas Larry Korkmas. Mr. Korkmas, spoke to us concerning Proposition 1 which passed in Houston and is in the process of repeal.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet, had nothing to report as the Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, January 18, 2011- **Greater Houston Council Meeting**, all are invited, President, Rita Parrish, will be honored.
Thursday, January 20, 2011- **Field trip to Bryan College Station**
Tuesday, February 2, 2011- Regular meeting at Carrabba's
Tuesday, February 15, 2011- **"Nuts N Bolts"** training
Thursday, February 17, 2011- Board meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2011- Fundraiser in Austin, **"Belles and Boots Gala"**
Thursday, March 3, 2011- **TFRW Legislative Day**

Submitted by Traci Sarradet
Secretary

party was in place of the regular December meeting.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, was not present.

Ways and Means Chair, Suzanne Davis stated she has 2 sets of the children's book series for \$90. Suzanne also has cookbooks and passed out a recipe from the book. Suzanne has some T-shirts but is working on getting L, XL. Please see her with any questions. Suzanne also passed around a clipboard for the "high heels, high tea" fundraiser which will take place in October.

Newsletter Editor, Melissa Ronquillo, stated the deadline for the articles is Monday, January 24, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie, stated there were 25 active members, 3 associate members, 8 members activated today for a total of 33 active members and 3 guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rita Parrish, thanked the Buxton's for having the Christmas party in their lovely home. Rita also stated that the new software for the newsletter was in & had been given to Melissa Ronquillo.

Webmaster, Kristen Govantes, has finished updating the new website

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie Frieden, collected money for "operation Independence".

Suzanne Davis asked about submitting political hours for December & she will speak to Joy Gregory who was not in attendance

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

<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