



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and trying to keep cool. Of course you should plan to attend our regular meetings this summer in the nice air conditioned dining room of Carrabba's Italian Grill on Hwy 6 in Northwest Harris County. We will meet on July 12th at 10:30 AM for the meet and greet and at 11:00 AM our speaker will begin followed by a wonderful lunch.

Our speaker this month will be Jay Guerrero who is the Regional Director of Southeast Texas for Senator John Cornyn. Jay has held this position from 2003 to the present. He has an abundant of information on what Senator Cornyn is working on for all the citizens of Southeast Texas and you will find him to be a great speaker.

For the August meeting we will change things up a bit. It's our annual Evening Social and you are all invited to bring your spouse and friends to this meeting. Our featured speaker this year is Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. Judge Emmett will undoubtedly discuss Harris County's major accomplishments and mention its

future challenges at the evening social. This will be a meeting you won't want to miss. We always invite local elected officials to attend and mingle with our guests. Put this one on you calendar for 7:00 PM, August 9, 2011, at the Twin Lakes Clubhouse just off N. Eldridge Pkwy.

I'm sure you all have been following the field of Presidential Candidates and are starting to form your opinions on who would be the best for our party. It's still early and there will be plenty of opportunities to hear them speak and debate before the primaries next spring. Let's all keep in mind that we have the same goal, getting our country back to a semblance of what we have all known in the past. Therefore, we must back whoever the candidate is at the end of the primary election. So let's get involved in the campaigns of our choice and work to get our candidate out front. In the end it will be our Republican Candidate that we all must agree should be the one elected as President. We should all work together and make sure to do our best for the Republican Candidate even if we don't agree 100% with every issue he or she puts forth. We must

acknowledge that even if we only agree with a few points of our Republican Candidate's platform, we will definitely have more to agree on than with a candidate from the opposition.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's decision not to run again has Texans looking at the State Senatorial Candidates who will be running to fill the vacancy. These candidates are touring the state and starting to appear at club meetings and forum events being organized for them. Cy-Fair Republican Women has invited all the current candidates to speak at our High Heels and High Tea on October 14, 2011. We have this event every 2 years as a Fundraiser and this is our 4th event that we are hosting. It is a luncheon and style show with plenty of political types speaking and also moderating our style show. The speeches are informative and our local vendors have interesting items to interest everyone. Our Blind Auction will have great items for all to bid on. You won't want to miss this one either. This event has always been fun and a great success. Please refer to our flyer on High Heels and High Tea in this and upcoming newsletters.

~Rita Parrish



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



July 12th 10:30-1:00pm	CFRW General Mtg Carrabba's Rest	Aug 9th 6:30-9:00pm	Evening Social Mtg Twin Lakes Club	Sept 9-Oct 2	NFRW Convention Kansas City, MO
July 14th 10:00-12:00pm	CFRW Board Meeting Hearthstone Club	Oct. 14th 11:00-2:00pm	High Heels & HighTea Raveneaux Club	Nov 17th-20th TBD	TFRW Convention Fort Worth, TX



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JUNE MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Featuring Jay Guerrero Regional Director
of Southeast Texas for Senator John Cornyn

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: Chicken Parmesan, Cavatappi Amatriciana, House salad
and sogno di chocolate for dessert.

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, July 8, 2011

Online at www.cfrw.net

E-mail: pwroses@sbcglobal.net

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PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

When some organizations are shutting down for the summer, CFRW revs up its motor and shows its dedication and resolution to helping the Republican Party with zeal and determination. How's that for a Pat on the Back? We had a great June meeting and appreciate the time and expertise of our guest, Carolyn Hodges. We enjoyed her informational presentation and are encouraged to learn even more about TFRW and NFRW. I'm sure we will have a great report from our members who attend the conventions in September and November. They are both great venues for learning and experiencing the excitement of politics first-hand.

view of how our government operates. We will welcome Jay Guerrero, a native Houstonian, who has been involved in politics for over 20 years. He currently serves as Regional Director for Southeast Texas in the office of United States Senator, John Cornyn. Jay manages 24 counties along the Gulf Coast. Please make your reservations by Friday before the Tuesday meeting to help our registration committee's job run as smoothly as possible. Thanks for all the encouraging words, and keep sharing your great ideas. Hope to see you all in July. Try to stay cool.



Our July meeting will be another great opportunity to get a birds-eye

Cy-Fair Republican Women 2011 Fundraiser



2011 High Heels and High Tea



Fashion Show and Luncheon With Blind Auction and Vender Showcase

“Lunch with the US Senatorial Candidates”

Glenn Addison
Ted Cruz
Tom Leppert

Andrew Castanuela
Elizabeth Ames Jones
Lela Pittenger

Roger Williams

Friday, October 14, 2011 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Raveneaux Country Club ~ 9415 Cypresswood Drive
Spring, Texas 77379

VENDER SHOWCASE WITH OVER 20 BOOTHS, BLIND AUCTION, COMMENTS FROM EACH OF OUR US SENATORIAL CANDIDATES, A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON, FOLLOWED BY A FASHION SHOW MODERATED BY THE CANDIDATES.

- o Superior ~ \$1,500.00 for a table of 10 (Name in Program and on Placard in Reception and Preferred Seating)
- o Premium ~ \$1,000.00 for a table of 10 (Name in Program and Preferred Seating)
- o Select ~ \$650.00 for a table of 10 (Preferred Seating)
- o Regular ~ \$65.00 (Individual Seating)

UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITY:

- o Program ~ \$500.00 ~ 1 Available: An advertisement on the Program Back Cover.

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LEGISLATIVE Joan Hudgens

The regular session of the 82nd Texas Legislature ended on May 30, 2011, but legislators immediately went into a Special Session the following day. Items on Governor Perry's agenda included the school finance plan, Medicare reform and cost savings, Congressional redistricting plus any other items the Governor deemed necessary to address.

The Texas Legislature passed a budget bill for fiscal year 2012-2013 on May 29, 2011. The \$172 billion 2 year budget is slated to spend \$15 billion or eight percent less in state and federal money than the current budget. State expenditures were reduced about 2 percent. This includes a \$4 billion reduction in the amount public education would receive under current law and setting aside \$4.8 billion in expected Medicaid spending in hopes it will not be needed in 2013.

The idea behind the Medicaid \$4.8 billion set-aside is that costs might drop because of changes in the law including federal laws and managed health care passed by the Texas Legislature, or that a recovering economy will increase state income while lowering the need for services. The next regular session is in 2013, and lawmakers say money in the Rainy Day Fund can be allocated at that time to cover costs if needed.

The biggest budget cuts are in education and health and human services which together comprise 75 percent of the total budget. The budget cut about 17.2 percent or



\$11.3 billion from health and human services programs and \$844 million from public and higher education.

The embattled school finance plan is facing major revisions. In its present state, the budget passed during the regular session was not workable. A new plan was needed to determine how to distribute \$4 billion in reductions in state aid to public school districts across the state over the next two years. The fall out is expected to cost thousands of school employees their jobs and force cutbacks to school programs. The fiercely debated proposal quickly moved into the special session where it was approved by the Senate on a 19-12 vote along straight party lines. Senator Wendy Davis D Ft.-Worth contends that the reduction will result in the firings of thousands of educators, larger classroom sizes, and cause districts to raise local taxes. Governor Perry has rejected the proposal to use more of the Rainy- Day fund to augment district short falls.



Steve Ogden R-Bryan claims that funding for schools will actually be increased citing the increase in dollars for education in the new budget over the current two year spending plan. Democrats claim the plan does not factor in enrollment increases and state obligations to step in with more revenue when property taxes for schools decline. Another provision of the bill calls for the appointment of a bi-partisan committee to find ways to revamp the school funding system over the next two years and report to the 2013 Legislature.

Governor Perry has until June 19th to sign bills passed during the regular session, veto them, or allow the bills to become law without his signature. Bills that cannot be effective immediately and do not include specific activation dates will become effective August 29, 2011.

"A government big enough to supply you with everything you need is a government big enough to take away everything that you have.... The course of history shows that as the government grows, liberty decreases." - Thomas Jefferson



Take Action Now On CSSB 100

Here are comments from 'Borah Van Dormolen explaining **WHY it is important that our state senators take action NOW** to make a correction on CSSB 100 prior to the end of the special session. *Please read carefully and distribute to club members.*

The idea is based on the fact that we have it through a good source that if enough Senators recognize their mistake they will go to the Governor and ask him to put it on the CALL to be fixed. What research from some did not uncover is that the Senators passed a bill that:

1. Changed the filing deadline into Dec 2011 which requires a Constitutional amendment **removing the requirement of "resign to run rule"**.

2. All County Chairs who take filings for office, State Party for offices in more than one county and corresponding election administrators will be working very hard during the Christmas Holidays to ensure a ballot is completed, verified and printed in order to meet the MOVE ACT timing.

3. The bill also clearly states that the runoff elections will be in May. Numerous county clerks are now realizing they will not be able to handle City elections and runoff elections with only one set of voting machines. **They are also joining us in calling for the Governor to put this on the CALL and get it fixed before becoming law.**



4. If the **Primary is prior to 1 April we will be in violation of the RNC rule 15b**. This rule came in an attempt to stop the desire of states to keep moving their Presidential Primaries up to be influential in the selection of the President. Remember Florida moved their Primary up into January of 2008 which caused Iowa and New Hampshire to go in December of 2007. Look what that got us. John McCain.

5. **If we do not move our Primary date we will be penalized** - our authorized delegation of 171 will be cut in half, our delegates will be on a proportional basis. **For example:** Perry receives 20 %, Ron Paul receives 20%, Pawlenty receives 20%, Cain receives 20%, and the other 20% is divided in single digits for the remaining candidates.

When we are sitting in our caucuses to select National delegates our members will be campaigning on "If selected, I pledge to vote for candidate X". If after selection of delegates we do not have 20% of our delegates pledging for any of the 20%ers we will once again be in violation and our delegates may not be seated.

What a mess, and all over the fact the Senators refused to listen to the Party officers in our testimony and personal visits to move the primary

to April, which eliminates the requirement for a constitutional amendment, eliminates working thru the holidays and puts Texas in compliance with the MOVE ACT. What do they not understand about this? The only argument they (the Senators) have made is they do not want to campaign an additional 25 days. If they don't plan to start their campaign till the filing deadline then the math doesn't hold up. December to March or January to April equal the same amount of days.

6. When I testified, Senator Jackson made a statement regarding the MOVE ACT "Just let the Obama DOJ come into Texas and tell us how to run our elections". When Chairman Munisteri testified, Senator Williams made the statement "the RNC will not deny Texas delegates from attending".



The MOVE ACT is to ensure our Military receives a ballot in sufficient time to have it counted. It is a bill authored by Senator John Cornyn. We should be fighting just as hard for their rights to vote as they are fighting for our rights.





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The RNC **WILL** hold Texas accountable to the National Party rules.

We are a Party of Rules:

1. Does anyone really think they would make an exception for Texas ?

2. Do you like the fact that our 171 delegates (second to California with 172 delegates) may arrive in Tampa, Florida, prepared to participate in the Party nomination of our Presidential choice **only to discover half will not be seated**

and the remaining delegates may only vote in a proportional manner for the multiple candidates receiving some percentage of Texas primary votes rather than the "winner take all" as it is today.

3. How much more ineffective can we get?

I believe that the Senators refused to listen to logic, cared more about their own campaigns than the 254 county chairs, all election officials, and the grassroots who are volunteers and wish to participate in the Party nomination process, platform process, all while willing assume the expense of traveling, housing and participation in special events. Shame on them.

With our pressure to make amends by asking our Senators to go to the Governor and ask for it to be put on the CALL and fixing the Primary date and runoff date eliminates all of the risks mentioned above. Texas deserves full voting rights from all of its 171 delegates - winner take all.



MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW welcomes new member **Janet Vavricka!** We enjoyed meeting her at the June program and look forward to her participation in our club. We were pleased to welcome so many guests as well.

The CFRW Membership Drive continues! Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to our July 12th program. Jay Guerrero, Regional Director for Senator John Cornyn, will provide information about issues on the Federal level and the upcoming political races.

The Republican Party is gearing up for the 2012 elections. It is well known that the success of the GOP at the polls is due in part to the effective activities of grass roots women's organizations such as CFRW. Let's increase our numbers, so that we can make an impact on the election of our Republican candidates! Help make a change for the better by becoming a member of CFRW!

A Membership Application is included in this newsletter for your convenience. A form is also available online at www.cfrw.net. Please download a copy, complete the form and mail it with your check payable to CFRW to the Membership Chairman or bring it with you to the next meeting. Share the form with family and friends!

THANK YOU!

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Joy Gregory

VOLUNTEER

A great big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of our club members for being diligent in entering your campaign hours at each monthly meeting. The total of our campaign hours for the first quarter of 2011 was 886 hours and the second quarter hours totaled 785 to bring our total for the first half of the year to 1671 hours. It is important that each of you enter your hours as the club receives award points for our campaign efforts. If you miss a month you can email your hours to me or record them on the next months report. I will let you know when we have our next voter registration drive.



MINUTES

General Meeting
June 14, 2011

President Rita Parrish called the meeting to order at 11:02 am. Kay Waghorne led us in the invocation and pledges. Betty Guthrie introduced our guests & new member Janet Vavricka. Millie Alford introduced our speaker Carolyn Hodges. Carolyn is the TFRW 1st. VP of special events & an associate member of our club. Carolyn gave a very informative talk about TFRW & NFRW; she congratulated our club on different aspects of operation.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Traci Sarradet, secretary- minutes for May stand.

Barbara Buxton, Treasurer- Barbara asked that all expense receipts be turned in this week by E-mail or at the board mtg. on Thurs. Barbara also handed out a budget report for May.

Suzanne Davis, Ways & Means- passed out a form for HH& HT & stated there would be room for 26 vendor booths. Please get with Suzanne with anyone interested in a booth to avoid duplication. Suzanne also stated she has Peter Barnes books for sale, shirts & cookbooks.

Melissa Ronquillo, Newsletter- deadline Monday, June 20, 2011

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Betty Guthrie, Membership- we have 2 new members for a total of 67 active members, 5 associate & 2 associate male members for a total of 74 members. Betty also presented a gift to Barbara Buxton for getting 3 past members to renew their membership.

Caring for America- Rita spoke for Debbie as she was not in attendance. The items still needed for soldiers are money (checks) for postage to pay for mailing of the boxes, toiletries and other items & anything travel size.

Joy Gregory, Campaign Activities- Joy asked that we estimate & log volunteer hours for the month of June, a sheet was passed around. Joy also informed us to keep track of any communication by E-mail or phone to elected officials as this will count as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Moss-Awards- sent in our point logs to NFRW & we appear to be in good shape. She also mailed logs to the TFRW but due to their move they do not show they have received it, Mary will follow up with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary suggested that we pay for Suzanne Davis campaign school

tuition as we will get points for this. The fee for the class is \$37.00 Mary made the motion & Barbara Buxton 2nd it & the motion carried. The money will come out of the Political Organization fund.

For accounting purposes registration has requested when possible to please pay by check for your meal at our general meetings each month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Sarradet,
Secretary, CFRW.

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Please visit the page and like it. As a fan of the page you will receive reminders about upcoming meetings, the latest in legislative, and pictures of our club events.

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions about the page.

Thank you,
Kristen Govantes

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<http://www.thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day

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