



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections

Cy Fair Republican Women are such a great group of ladies of whom I am happy to be associated with. They work hard together and also have good times together. Our latest event was our May Membership Drive Meeting and it was a huge success. Betty Guthrie had brought together a team who made favors for the event and helped Betty decorate the tables the morning of our meeting. Betty's bag of peanuts to Help Feed the GOP were given to everyone in attendance and loved by all. Our CFRW chocolate candy bars were also popular.



There were prizes given out for members who brought the most guests and had the most new members join. Many thanks to Betty for pulling it all together and presenting a wonderful backdrop for our keynote speaker for the

event, Borah Van Dormolen, the Republican National Committeewoman for Texas.



Borah in her usual entertaining style let everyone know that Republican Women have influenced many an election in Texas and without Republican Women many candidates would not have been elected. Republican Women have also worked hard for many years to turn Texas Red and it has stuck ever since Ronald Reagan was elected in



1980. Borah let us all know that our continued work in Republican Women's clubs are a necessary ingredient to keep electing the Republican leaders that are needed to get this country back

on the right track. Thanks Borah for pointing out how important our efforts are in putting the best candidates in office.

With summer coming up our activities usually slow down a bit but we are all looking forward to our August Evening Social which is always a hit with our members. Then in the fall our Biennial Fundraiser, High Heels and High Tea will be held on Friday, October 14. It will be a Luncheon, Style Show and Blind Auction with many candidates in attendance. We hope everyone will put this on their calendar and plan to attend a fun and informative event.

But first, before all that comes along, we will be honored to have Carolyn Hodges speak at our June meeting. Carolyn has been active with Republican Women's clubs for many years and is presently First Vice President, Special Events, with the Texas Federation of Republican Women and an active member of Village Republican Women. Please plan to be at the June meeting as I know you will greatly enjoy hearing Carolyn's presentation.

~Rita Parrish



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



June 14th
10:30-1:00pm

General CFRW Meeting
Speaker Carolyn Hodges

Oct. 14th
11:00-2:00pm

High Heels & High Tea
Raveneaux Country Club

June 16th
10:00-12:00pm

CFRW Board Meeting
Hearthstone Country Club

Nov 17th-20th
TBD

TFRW Convention
Fort Worth, TX



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JUNE MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

*Featuring Carolyn Hodges
First VP - Special Events
for Texas Federation of Republican Women*

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: Penne Pasta with Chicken in a Picchi Pacchiu Sauce,
Salad, and Tiramisu
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, June 10, 2011

Online at www.cfrw.net

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PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

What a fantastic meeting we had in May thanks, in part, to our special guest, Borah Van Dormolen. Everyone who attended was thrilled to see Borah again and was delighted with her wit and humor. She is a brilliant speaker, and her knowledge of Texas and National politics is well- respected.

In June, we will welcome Carolyn Hodges as our Guest Speaker.



She is First VP – Special Events
for Texas Federation of Republi-

can Women—“The Most Powerful Political Organization in Texas Today.” Carolyn is a member of Village Republican Women and will have an informative message to share. She is an Associate Member of CFRW and it will be a privilege to welcome her as our guest.

As summer gets into full swing, we encourage everyone to remain active. We have an awesome opportunity as Republican Women to work toward victory in Texas and Washington, D.C. We are truly an integral part of the outcome of the elections. In July, we will have a great speaker representing one of our Senators, and in August, our evening program will welcome one of our favorite Judges. Stay tuned for the details. We will receive valuable information from our future guests. Thanks again to everyone who makes our programs superior.



LEGISLATIVE Joan Hudgens

The 2011 Texas redistricting cycle promises to be a high-stake, contentious exercise. According to the 2010 Census, Texas stands to gain four Congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, more than any other state. Texas's state Senate and House of Representatives lines will be redrawn as well.

Predictably, battles over state redistricting began the day after the November 2nd general election. Early tensions resulted when Texas House General Investigating and Ethics Committee responded to allegations of redistricting irregularities. The investigation is on going. Two lawsuits concerning redistricting have surfaced. Both deal with the 2010 Census Hispanic figures. Attorney Michael Hull's suit contends that counting undocumented immigrants in political districts has an unfair and illegal effect on voters in districts

with smaller numbers of non-citizens. In the second lawsuit, the Mexican Legislative Caucus filed against the state of Texas alleging that poor illegal immigrants were undercounted because the U.S. Census Bureau failed to mail forms to between 800 and 1200 individuals. Judge Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County, claims that flawed Census practices cost the county \$300 million to \$400 million in federal funding.

Redistricting procedures are spelled out in the Texas State Constitution. On January 28, 2011, Lt. General David Dewhurst announced the make-up of the Senate Redistricting Committee. It will be comprised of eight Republicans and six Democrats. The House Committee will be composed of twelve Republicans and five Democrats.

The Census data reports that the average number of citizens per representative should be 701,901 to ensure equal representation in accordance with the "one-person one-vote" principle, According to

the American Community Survey, data based on 2009 results shows only six of Texas's 32 districts have lost population, districts 11, 13, 19, 20, 29, and 30. Latinos were responsible for the largest percentage of Texas's population growth and received one new district. Sixteen incumbents could be competing in 2012 after their districts are paired under the new redistricting map. Rural areas such as East Texas and the Western Panhandle lost representation to urban areas such as San Antonio and Dallas.

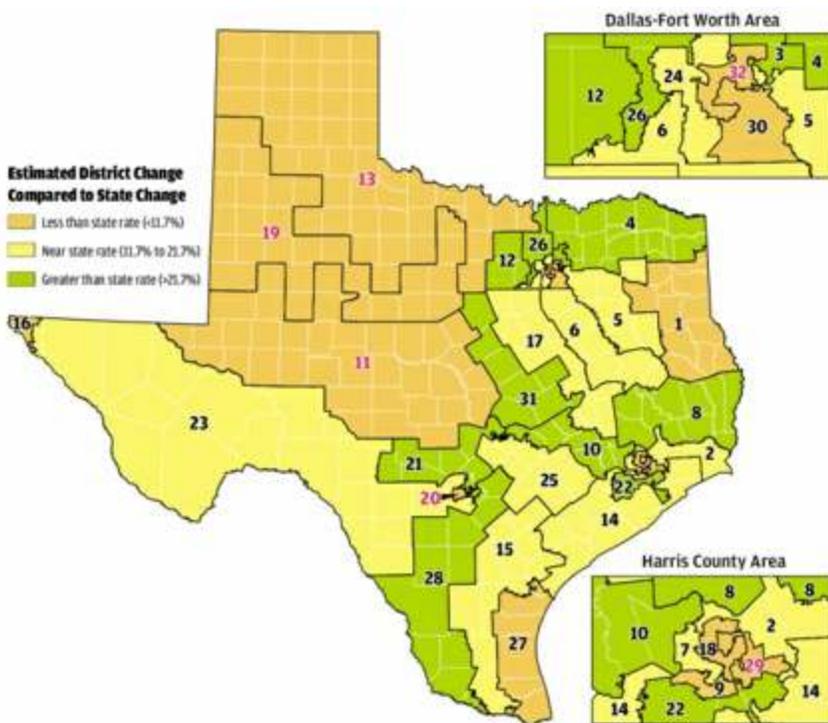
Many areas of contention still persist. To date, eleven bills concerning redistricting have been referred to legislative committees. As of March 18, 2011, the Senate Redistricting Committee had held two hearings. More are scheduled. When the smoke clears, how the state legislative boundaries are drawn will significantly influence Texas politics for the coming decade.

http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Redistricting_in_Texas

You can also go to <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> to follow the latest on these bills regarding redistricting.

"Let it be said of us that we, too, did not fail. That we, too, worked together to bring America through difficult times. Let us so conduct ourselves that two centuries from now, another Congress and another President, meeting in this Chamber as we are meeting, will speak of us with pride, saying that we met the test and preserved for them in their day the sacred flame of liberty-this last, best hope of man on Earth."

~Ronald Reagan





MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

Beverly Danton, Leanne Grove, Darlene Hajduk, Ruth Houston, Lauree Johnson, Patsy Koetting, Evie Winn and Eva Wolf.

“Share the Vision. . . Join the Republican Women!”

THANK YOU to the following members who helped to make the May Membership Drive Meeting a success: **Millie Alford; Lois Barclay; Mary Moss; Rita Parrish; Sandra Vinklerek; and Carole Wilkinson.** Your help filling peanut bags, putting labels on candies, preparing the guest packets, and setting up and taking down the table decorations was so much appreciated...hugs to all! **Congratulations to Carole Wilkinson** for bringing the most guests and to **Barbara Buxton** for enrolling the most members at the May meeting! The lucky guest who won a CFRW “Life of the Party” cookbook was **Carol Aimone!**

The CFRW Membership Drive continues! Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to our upcoming events. 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!

CFRW welcomes new member **Lynise Kauffman!** We look forward to getting to know her and her participation in our club. Welcome back members who renewed their 2011 memberships: **Debbie Berry,**

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.



CFRW Members please visit your HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY DISTRICT NO. 9’s NEW WEBSITE at

<http://www.hcesd9.org/index.php>

After your visit, please help us by sharing what you would like to see on your District’s new website.

Send all responses to Commissioner Suzanne B. Davis at

SDavis@hcesd9.org

Caring for America

Debbly Frieden



Thanks to everyone who donates to Caring for America. We still need items to ship to our troops. Items we need are: lunch size packages of crackers, cookies or chips; gum, candy (nothing twist wrapped), powdered drink mixes, granola

bars, packs of instant oatmeal, small individual cereals, condiments packets from fast food restaurants, lunch size packages of tuna, or beef jerky (pork is not permitted). Other items: safety sealed lip balm, dental floss, toothbrushes, and toothpaste; travel size tubes of sunblock, lotion, foot powder, and petroleum jelly; travel or motel size shampoo and conditioner; small safety sealed Advil/Tylenol or any other OTC medications; small safety sealed contact lens solution, eye drops; AA and AAA batteries, disposable cameras, sunglasses; DVD’s, music CD’s, blank CD’s, tape cassettes; articles torn out of magazines, crossword puzzles, word searches;

small bungee cords, small, thin rolls of electrical tape; pocket size Kleenex, toilet paper, crew socks; moist wipes.

If you would like to help with shipping our care packages to the troops you can make a donation to Operation Interdependence with a check or go to their website <http://www.oidelivers.org/> and click on Our Adopt-a-Box™ Program.

Thank you for thinking of our men and women overseas.

2011 High Heels and High Tea



Fashion Show and Luncheon With Blind Auction and Vender Showcase

SAVE THE DATE!

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, a
Delicious Luncheon, Followed
by a Fashion Show**

Direct any questions to:

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AWARDS

Mary Moss

As part of both the TFRW and NFRW Awards programs, we need to lobby, study, and/or act upon legislation. At our last board meeting it was brought up and agreed upon to ask the CFRW membership to write or email their state representatives in support of

HB 1966. This bill is related to the sale, recovery and recycling of certain television equipment, providing administrative penalties. To qualify for the points towards our awards we are asking you all to look into this legislation and if you agree, send a letter or email to your state rep asking them to give their support. To check out the bill, the sponsors, and its status you can go to:

<http://www.mygov365.com/legislation/view/id/4d6f578b49e51bd406e23501/tab/overview/>.

Be sure to check your membership books under the "Elected Officials" section for the proper way to address your correspondence, and for contact information for your state representatives. Thanks for your help. We are again well on our way to being an award winning club.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRINTING THE UPDATED MEMBERSHIP BOOK PAGES

The updates for the CFRW membership book are now on the web site. If you are a new member and just received your membership book, the updates are in your book. For everyone else, you can get the updates off the CFRW web site. Here's how:

Go to "Members Only" (You will need the password – call me if you don't know it); Go to "Membership Book" – there is a section for each section in the Membership Book. Select the section you want to print.

Go to File/Print.

To print on both sides of the paper (front and back):

On the print box – **PRINT RANGE**

Choose "Pages from – All pages"

Subset – choose odd pages

On the box – **PAGE HANDLING**

Paper Scaling: choose "Multiple pages per sheet"

Pages per sheet: choose "2"

Page Order: Choose "Horizontal"

PRINT

Turn paper over, load back into printer

Change Subset to even pages

PRINT again.

Cut the pages down the middle, punch holes and insert in your book.

To print on one side only:

Leave the Subset on "All Pages in Range"

Everything else is the same.

Be sure to reset printer settings back to your default. If you have any questions, give me a call. Mary Moss – 281-550-9415



MINUTES

General Meeting
May 10, 2011

President, Rita Parrish called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Chaplain, Kay Waghorne led us in prayer & pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Membership, Betty Guthrie announced all of our guests, including club members. Commissioner ESD #9 & member, Suzanne Davis, stated her district has a new website which was published on the May newsletter. She asked members to review the site and share any comments or suggestions with her. Jersey Village City council, Joyce Berube spoke about the Jones road extension at 290 & 529; it should be done in August.

Rita Parrish, announced our speaker, Borah Van Dormolen. Borah is the Republican National Committeewoman for Texas. Borah spoke to us about the history of Texas voting & the importance of the Republican Women's Groups.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet-minutes stand for the April meeting, prepared by Mary Moss.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton-gave the report for April.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis-stated at the next meeting vendors for HH&HT would be discussed. She is focusing on elected officials for the fashion

show, but any member who is interested in modeling is welcome to contact her.

Melissa Ronquillo-Newsletter deadline Monday, May, 16, 2011

President, Rita Parrish asked us to share why we joined CFRW. Rita & Joy Gregory shared that the group was friendly, fun and active in helping to inform voters. They encouraged new members to join and learn to be a part of the election process through meetings and instruction materials. CFRW also supports political candidates, and elected officials often say Republican Women's Groups are the heart of the Republican Party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie-Betty thanked the ladies who helped prepare for today's meeting. She also stated that we had 4 members that renewed today. Carol Wilkinson brought 3 guest members and Betty had informational packets for them. Betty reminded us that there are membership books for new members and existing members can get updated information from the website. If you need a name tag please let her know, they are \$15.00. Membership for 2011 is as follows: 64 active members, 5 associate members, 2 associate male members.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory-stressed the importance of logging volunteer hours for credit. Joy stated that we could not count time spent at the meetings but could report

travel time to & from the meetings & any planning time.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden- thanked everyone for items and money donated for our soldiers. She suggested asking our dental office for extra care packages when we go for our next cleaning.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rita thanked everyone who helped and participated in CYFEN. Some of the vendors showed interest in joining our club.

NEW BUSINESS:

The speaker for next month will be Carolyn Hodges, First Vice President, Special Events, with the Texas Federation of Republican Women.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW.

**Check out our
NEW
Facebook page**

at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/CFRW-Cy-Fair-Republican-Women/186174824752622>

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



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2011 Membership Application

DATE: _____ OFFICE USE: IN PERSON MAIL

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION		PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
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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	<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"/>
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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**

Total Amount Due:

Mail check and this form to:

Please circle Cash or enter Check #:

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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/> - 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