



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections

Cy Fair Republican Women have had a very busy first two months of 2011. It has been fun and exhilarating to meet with so many dynamic and resourceful women who are members of our club. I'm still getting my feet on the ground and enjoying the learning experience of getting our club heading in a productive direction for the next 2 years.

Our road trip to Bryan/College Station, on January 20th, was loads of fun and everyone showed their good sportsmanship in dealing with very cold drizzling rain and biting wind. Our tour of Messina Hof Winery was a fun morning and really good for the camaraderie of our group. After a really nice lunch at the winery we did a tour through the George Bush Museum and Library. This was inspiring for all. What a really great tribute to our 41st President and his life before and after his Presidency. Everyone should tour this exhibit when they get the opportunity.

Our more recent outing was to the Greater Houston Councils "Nuts and Bolts" Seminar on February 15th at the Sosa Center. This was a focus on Leadership and wow did they have some great leaders there to inform and inspire all of us. We start with the President of the National Federation of Republican Women, Sue Lynch. Sue has experience in running the NFRW, and was formerly chief of staff and office manager to three members of congress. Sue had many insights into what it takes to have a successful and rewarding Republican Women's Club. And of course Borah Van Dormolen, the present Texas National Committee woman and a past president of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. She is one of the most interesting and focused speakers you will ever have a chance to hear. (Note: Borah just happens to be our May speaker and you won't want to miss that meeting for sure!) Borah is Leadership Personified. She's a retired Lieutenant Colonel serving the US Army for 23 years. She was also one of the first women to become a teacher at West Point and really a take charge woman.

The other topics were also expertly handled by the very knowledgeable women who presented them. Sylvia Manley is the current President of Greater Houston Council and the TFRW District Director for SD #7 which is Cy Fair Republican Women's District. Sylvia pointed out many details which a good president must maintain for their club to be successful. I hope to use these points for our club's well being. For all who attended we received good advice on why you need Parliamentary Procedure, from Theresa Kosmoski, how to be a good Treasurer, by Cynthia England, and how and why to use New Technology to present your club to the public via news releases, newsletters, email and websites, by Holly Hansen.

As you can see, there was so much information to help us, as a club, be more effective in presenting programs, attracting new members and maintaining the membership we already have. I was joined by Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Betty Phelan Collins, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, and Melissa Ronquillo.

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CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



March 2nd
7-10 pm

TFRW Fundraiser Dinner
Driscoll Hotel Austin, TX

March 10th
10:00-12:00pm

CFRW Board Meeting
Hearthstone Country Club

March 3rd
8:30-3:30 pm

Legislative Day at the
Capitol - Austin, TX

May 2nd-5th
Wash D.C.

TFRW Road Trip
"On The Road Again..."

March 8th
11:00-1:00pm

CFRW Regular Meeting
Carabba's Restaurant

May 10th
6:30-9:00

Membership Drive Meeting
Guest Borah Van Dormolen



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MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Featuring *Susan Green*
Owner of Bloomfield's Floral Market

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: Pollo Rosa Maria (Chicken stuffed with prosciutto and fontina cheese w/mushroom sauce, broccoli, caesar salad, & cannoli (Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, March 4, 2011

Online at www.cfrw.net

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I really appreciate the dedication of these Board Members who took the opportunity and time to learn firsthand from leaders who do all of these jobs of leadership so well.

Some of us are attending Legislative Day in Austin on March 3, 2011. It would be nice if our whole club could attend, as this will be a very fun day. We will have the opportunity to see our Representatives in action and have them acknowledge us all there in our red jackets, as they welcome our clubs officially on the floor. I know that for various reasons we can't all go to this but I do hope one year that

you do take the time to go. It's a great time to visit your local representative's office in Austin, say hello and perhaps attend a public meeting and see how many citizens come here to voice their opinions on issues they are concerned about. I'm sure we will have some interesting stories to tell when we all get back home.

All of these trips are part of the process of learning to work with each other. Learning how to handle the problems which always pop up, recognize each of our members abilities and willingness to jump in and get it all done and have a good time throughout the process. I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year in 2011 and a victorious Republican win in 2012. I know I can count on the members of Cy Fair Republican Women to work hard and diligently to "Make it Happen".

Rita Parrish

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MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW welcomes back the following members who renewed their membership for 2011:

Joyce Berube, Velvye Carrington, Shirley Chambers, Linda Dempsey, Cynthia Maddox, G. G. Marshall, Darcy Mingoia, Brenda Petru, Jaime Pierce, Krista Steele, Jude Wiggins, Carole Wilkinson, Colleen Gilbert, and Paul Simpson. Thank you for your interest and support!

CFRW invites citizens who believe in the Republican Party goals and principles to join our grassroots organization. We will be working to increase the number of state and national legislators from the GOP and to champion GOP ideals. In addition, our monthly meetings/programs are designed to inform and educate

us on relevant issues that impact us, our families, our communities, our state and our nation.

May 10, 2011 has been designated as our annual Membership Drive Meeting. ‘Borah Van Dormolen, a past President of TFRW and current National Committeewoman of the Republican Party of Texas, will be our speaker. She is a dynamic speaker you will want to hear! Please invite friends and neighbors to join us at any of our monthly events.

A CFRW Membership Application is included in this newsletter. If you have not renewed your membership or joined our organization, please complete the form and send it with your dues to the Membership Chairman listed on the form. You may also renew/join on the Web site: www.cfrw.net.

“Share the Vision... Join Republican Women”

LEGISLATION

By: Joan Hudgens

Texas, like the other 49 states, is tightening its fiscal belt, and the Texas legislature is examining every possibility in order to rein in state expenditures. The House of Representative’s preliminary estimates of reductions in All Funds and General Revenue for the 2012 -13 biennium will impact all government agencies and funds across the board. Hardest hit are Health and Human Services and Public Safety and Criminal Justice, The “Rainy Day” will be spared.

Fortunately, education was not among the hardest hit, but public education will sustain deep cuts. The total funding level for the Foundation School Program (FSP) will face a reduction of \$953 million in General Revenue funds. The total deficit is estimated to be \$9.8 billion below the amount needed to finance the school finance formula under the Texas Education Code. There are four significant explanations for the loss of revenue:

- A projected statewide student enrollment which will be lower than expected
- A decrease in projected district property values and subsequent local revenue (more than \$2.billion)

- The use of \$3 billion in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the 2010-2011 biennium to help cover the state’s share of FSP.
- An estimated \$1.4 billion related to the reliance on state overpayments to districts during fiscal year 2009 to fund fiscal year 2010 entitlements and projected underpayments in fiscal year 2011 that will be paid in fiscal year 2012. FSP funding levels assume passage of legislation that enacts reductions in school entitlements to school district and charter school entitlements such that amounts appropriated would represent full funding of the state’s full funding formulas. This would require an estimated 13.7 percent reduction in state and local entitlements.

General Revenue Fund for public education outside the FSP is reduced by \$1.8 billion, or 67.7 percent compared to the 2010-11 biennium. Therefore, many incentive and enrichment programs will be eliminated in the wake of these severe reductions.

Dr. David Anthony, superintendent of Cypress Fairbanks ISD commented, “... We are only in the very beginning of this legislative process, and there are very rational legislators who understand the importance of education in our state.”

http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/LBE/2012-2013/LBE_SENATE_SUMMARY_2012-2013.pdf





Programs Millie Alford

Thanks to everyone who stepped in and took care of our program for February. All of my family is on the mend. That week in the hospital was daunting! I especially appreciate Kay Waghorne graciously filling in for me. I believe that Susan B. Anthony is someone we should all want to emulate. I'm sure she would have approved of our CFRW Members who "protested" on the steps of Austin. We are empowered by her courage.

Our program for March focuses on the aspects of Small Businesses in Houston. *Our Guest Speaker is*

Susan Green, Owner of Bloomfields Floral Market on



Tanner and Eldridge Parkway. Susan was also a guest at our February meeting and hopefully, a new member.

As everyone knows, this administration is planning to tax the small businesses but recent news reports tell us that Obama is "listening to the complaints of the small business owners." (2011) Time will tell how that works out.

This is an excerpt from the article: The Small Business Administration has announced major changes to the rules for its primary set-aside contracting program. The changes to the 8(a) program were made in an effort to reduce fraud and make sure contracts go to deserving small businesses.

We look forward to hearing about these changes, as Republican Women are independent thinkers who appreciate opportunities in business and take advantage of same.

(2011From) [Small Business TrendsSBA Overhauls Rules for 8\(a\) Set-Aside Program](http://www.businessinsider.com/sba-overhauls-rules-for-8a-set-aside-program-2011-2#ixzz1EtqBVtaq)

Read more:

<http://www.businessinsider.com/sba-overhauls-rules-for-8a-set-aside-program-2011-2#ixzz1EtqBVtaq>

Ways & Means

By: *Suzanne Davis*



A BIG Thank You for all those who signed up to VOLUNTEER on the committee for "High Heels & High Tea". We have this event scheduled for Friday October 14, 2011. There is still room for

more volunteers for this fun filled event! The Committees are as follows:

Registration - Fashion Show - Cashier - Decorations - Silent Auction.

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 need your help.*



ESD Report for January

Emergency District No. 9 services nearly 400,000 citizens. There are 12 Fire Stations located throughout the District. *In the month of January 2011 we had 1,710 dispatched 911 calls.*

Station 9, at 7922 Highway 6 North in Copperfield responded to the most ambulance calls in January totaling at 225 calls. This is an average of 7 to 8 calls a day. With this total continually growing over the last

few years the ESD Board and CFVFD recently added another ambulance to Station Number 9 to help meet this areas needs.

*Suzanne Davis
ESD No.9
Commissioner*



"There are no easy answers' but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right." Ronald Reagan



MINUTES

General Meeting

February 8, 2011

President, Rita Parrish, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Programs, Millie Alford was not present due to a family emergency. Kay Waghorne, filled in as the speaker. The topic was influential women in history, the main focus being on Susan B. Anthony.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet, gave all members a copy of the January regular meeting minutes, as the board meeting minutes for January were published in the Newsletter in error. The minutes were approved by all members.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton, gave the treasurer report and the 2011 updated budget. Jan Ott made a motion to approve and Betty Collins seconded, and the treasurer report stands approved.

Ways and Means chair, Suzanne Davis, passed out a veal recipe from

the CFRW cookbook. She had T-shirts and pins for sale as this would be the last meeting she would attend prior to Legislative Day. She also passed out a sign up sheet for the "High heels, high tea" fundraiser and stated she would not be able to attend another meeting until April.

Newsletter Editor, Melissa Ronquillo, stated the Newsletter deadline is Monday, February 21, 2011 and requested pictures be E-mailed to her. Melissa also stated the speaker for March, would be Suzanne Green. Melissa stated, cards to hand out to new members can also be found on the Internet member's website.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory, passed out a flyer on opportunities to earn campaign hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie, stated we had 39 active members, 3 joined today for a total of 42 active members. We have 5 female associate members and 2 male associates for a total of 7 associate members and 5 guests. Betty also stated there were membership

applications at the sign-in desk and to see her if you need a name badge, they are \$15.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rita Parrish, thanked everyone who attended the Bryan College Station fieldtrip. Rita, also spoke to Carolyn Hodges, who thanked our group for the card concerning her mother. Rita stated that the count for Legislative day trip includes 14 members, 12 members will be arriving a day ahead. Please E-mail Rita if you are planning on driving to Austin so that carpools may be formed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan Ott, is coordinating the Washington DC. Trip in May, flyers were passed out for sign ups. Rita Parrish, stated we need to bring a gift basket for Auction for Legislative Day. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative basket. Idea's were discussed and Suzanne Davis agreed to prepare a food basket.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW.



TFRW again invites you and your spouse to be part of a very memorable and truly unique trip to Washington D.C.

After the successful trips of 2006 (Springtime in DC) and 2008 (Inside Washington), you will want to reserve your place soon -- as it

will fill quickly. This is a chance to observe our government in an intimate way at one of the most beautiful times of the year.

May 5, 2011 to May 7, 2011

Extension Trip to additional sites in Washington and a day in George Washington's hometown Alexandria, VA.

REGISTER BY MARCH 1, 2011

Contact Us-
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website: www.tfrw.org

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal... We here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

[Abraham Lincoln](#)



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	
Home Address:		Cell Number:	
City, ST Zip Code:		Work Number:	
Precinct #:		Home Number:	
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	<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**

Total Amount Due:

Mail check and this form to:

Please circle Cash or enter Check #:

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<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