



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



Republicans are still waiting for a Primary date. This year is not playing out how we all wished it would.

Here it is March and we would normally be heading to work the polls and encouraging our members, friends and family to get out and vote - but not this year. We are all hopeful that the redistricting situation will be resolved so we can hold a primary and choose candidates for the general election in November. We are all anxious to elect delegates for Senate Conventions and there elect delegates for State Convention.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that this will be worked out soon. We will keep you informed as soon as we know when and how this will all be settled.

In the meantime our members are working hard to make our club the best that it can be. A group of us attended Leadership Camp with the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) in Austin and learned many helpful tools to make our clubs grow and run efficiently. The workshops covered all the main

board positions in a Republican Women's Club. Club President Camp, Club Activities Camp, Club Growth Camp and Club Finances Camp, where we all split up to attend the camps which we wanted to learn more about. Members in attendance were Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Nancy Roberts, Melissa Ronquillo and Rita Parrish. Most



Joy Gregory, Melissa Ronquillo, and Nancy Roberts at the TRFW Leadership luncheon.

of us attended the event the evening before to hear Karen Hughes speak about her years with the George W. Bush administration acting as his campaign manager and counselor. In the second Bush administration she was nominated by Bush and confirmed as Undersecretary of State for public diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador. There was also a Patron's event earlier in the evening at which Joanne King Herring spoke about her continuing work in Afghanistan. Both of these dedicated women were very inspiring and gave us fascinating

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insight into their life experiences.

Our Campaign Activities Chair, Joy Gregory, set up a Voter Registration Drive at Lone Star College Cy Fair on February 15th. We had a nice group work this event. Members there included Millie Alford, Lois Barclay, Joy Gregory, Nancy Roberts, Rita Parrish and Sandra Vinklarek. We had a fun day, in spite of the rain, and we signed up about 30 college students who were mostly first time voters.

We also participated in another training day with Greater Houston Council's Nuts "N" Bolts program here in Houston at the Sosa Center on Wirt Road. We had another good turnout with seven active members of Cy-Fair Republican Women attending. Our group consisted of Millie Alford, BarbaraCont'd



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



Mar 13th
10:30-12:00

CFRW General Mtg
Carrabba's Hwy 6

Apr 10th
10:30-12:00

CFRW General Mtg
Carrabba's Hwy 6

Jun 8-10th

Texas St. Convention
The Westin Hotel
Irving, TX

Mar 15th
10:00-12:00

CFRW Board Mtg
Hearthstone Country
Club

Apr 12th
10:30-12:00

CFRW Board Mtg
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MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Don Carlson Former Chief of Staff for Congressman Bill Archer

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: See our website for the menu

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, March 9, 2012

Online at www.cfrw.net

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Rita's Reflections Cont'd



Buxton, Betty Collins, Joy Gregory, Betty Guthrie, Rita Parrish and Melissa Ronquillo. Carolyn Hodges, President of Texas Federated Republican Women, of course presented the training on being a good president. Carolyn is also an Associate Member of our club and we always enjoy her presentations. Several other TFRW members presented the other training programs that were all very informative. Borah Van Dormolen ended the training session with information on how to become a delegate to the State Convention being held June 7-9, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas.

elected officials there to meet and greet with us all. They served a nice lunch and ended the program with Kay VanSant, Chairman of Leadership Development with the National Federation of Republican Women, giving an excellent presentation on how to build Leadership in our clubs. What a fun and informative day.

Looking forward we have some really good programs coming up in March and April. Then in May we will have our annual Membership Drive. Our speaker scheduled for this special meeting is **Senator Dan Patrick**. Mark this date, **May 8, 2012**, on your calendar and bring prospective new members along with you. We need to build our membership, influence more people to vote Republican and replace the present administration. There are no other options. We have no other choices. Join us in the fight for our country. **LET'S WIN!**

~Rita Parrish

There were many candidates and



PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

I think we could all agree that February was a Sweet month for CFRW. Rep. Dwayne Bohac was an awesome speaker and it was evident that he felt right at home with our members and guests. Everyone enjoyed a great social time before and after our guest speaker and regular business meeting. We welcomed new friends and new members. It is easy to catch our enthusiasm and that's why our club continues to grow. The efforts of our entire Team

really pay off and it is a pleasure to work with such dedicated members.

Our March meeting will be just as exciting as we welcome an old friend to many of us, Mr. Don Carlson from Washington. Don is currently managing director in the Washington National Tax Services office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and provides strategic advice as well as legislative, executive branch and regulatory representation for domestic and international clients. Prior to joining PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, he held the position of Chief of Staff for Congressman Bill Archer,

Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, representing Houston's 7th Congressional District and Congressman John Culberson, Republican of Texas' 7th District. It has been said that Mr. Carlson was Dean of the Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. so if you're interested in knowing the ins and outs of Washington, D.C., you won't want to miss our next meeting. Bring an old friend or a total stranger, but don't forget to mark March 13th for an informative morning with a National Treasure.

Mr. Don Carlson

Bio



As a managing director in the Washington National Tax Services office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Don Carlson provides strategic advice as well as legislative, executive branch and regulatory representation for domestic and international clients of PricewaterhouseCoopers on a broad spectrum of issues including tax, international trade, Social Security, budget and appropriations.

Mr. Carlson's wide range of legislative, international and political experience spans a 34-year Capitol Hill career. For 30 years, he worked for Congressman Bill Archer, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, representing Houston's 7th Congressional District. Mr. Carlson served as his Chief of Staff from 1988 to 2001. He was the Chairman's prime liaison with the Members and staff of the Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Committee on Taxation. Prior to assuming that position, he was Representative Archer's Legislative Director, with responsibility for all of his legislative/Committee work. His primary areas of concentration included taxation, trade, Social Security and budget matters. In addition, he was Rep. Archer's chief political advisor and liaison to Republican Party groups at the local, state and national levels.

In early 2001, he served as Chief of Staff to Congressman John Culberson, Republican of Texas' 7th District. Prior to his service with Congressman Archer, he worked for former Congressmen Don Riegle and James Harvey, both of Michigan.

He has represented Rep. Archer on international issues worldwide and is a Senior Advisor to the United States-Asia Foundation and has led Member and staff delegations to Asia. In addition, he has been a member of the Congressional Staff Advisory Committee on International Trade Policy of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Steering Committee for the Congressional Staff Forum on International Trade of Georgetown University's School of Business, staff liaison for Congressman Archer to the U.S.-Asean Business Council, and staff liaison to the MERCOSUL Congressional Study Group for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Mr. Carlson earned his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the School of International Service at the American University, Washington, D.C. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1970 to 1976.



LEGISLATIVE

Joan Hudgens

The Supreme Court stepped into a partisan political battle on Monday that stems from three new Texas redistricting plans drawn up last summer. With the 2012 primary season heating up, the Court's decision has the potential to affect local and national election outcomes.

Currently, voting districts for the Texas Legislature and those for the Texas delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives are in limbo. Two sets of maps have been drawn; one by the Texas Legislature and one by a federal court in San Antonio, but no decision has been made about the legality of either redistricting plan.

The controversy arises in part due to the interaction between sections 2 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Section 2 prohibits electoral practices that discriminate against minority groups and applies to all states. Sections affect only a few states that have historically discriminated against minorities. Texas falls within this group. Section 5 requires any changes in voting practices, including redistricting, be approved before being legally implemented. This is referred to as pre-clearance.

Between 2000 and 2010, census data shows Texas population increased 20% thus Texas received 4

additional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. In July 2011, the Texas Legislature redrew the districts and, in accordance with pre-clearance mandates, requested a summary judgment or a ruling so that 2012 elections could be held on schedule. However, 6 suits were filed in federal court challenging the maps legality. A three-judge panel in San Antonio heard arguments and drew new voter districts for interim use. Critics of this map claimed the court have overstepped its power.

In November of 2011, the D.C. federal court ruled against both maps citing "...the maps did not adequately protect minority voting rights." Minority populations accounted for 90% of Texas growth, and Hispanics led by adding 2.8 million to that 90% *but the maps* drawn by the Texas Legislature *decreased* the number of state House districts that favored minority populations from 50 to forty-five.

With the conflicting maps in dispute, the Texas case found its way to the U.S. Supreme Court as a stay application. Many states affected by Section 5 are questioning the law citing a violation of state sovereignty. Voters in two states, North Carolina and Alabama, filed law suites. Given the uptick in recent Section 5 litigation, it's possible the court is using Texas problem to set itself up for future rulings.

Campaign Activities

Joy Gregory



Bottom left: Sandra Vinklerek, Joy Gregory, Nancy Roberts

CFRW held a Voter Registration Drive on February 15, 2012, at Lone Star College Community Partners day. We registered 33 new voters. A great big "Thank You" goes out to Millie Alford, Lois Barclay, Rita Parrish, Nancy Roberts and Sandra Vinklerek for assisting me. We had a great time talking to students and answering their questions about the voting process.

There will be plenty of need for volunteers in the coming months during this election year. To find out the latest on when and where volunteers are needed go to our website www.cfrw.net.





MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

become a member of CFRW now! Through informative programs, campaign activities, voter registration, grassroots level.

CFRW appreciates the continued support from the following renewed Active Members for 2012: **Mary Atchison, Joyce Berube, Clarisa Chavez, Linda Dempsey, Angie Domingues, Margaret Ellis, Debby Frieden, Kristen Govantes, Susan Yawn Green, Frances Grottie, Mary Ann Kilgore, Michelle Lancaster, Linda Marley, Pat McCleney, Stephanie Peters, Brenda Petru, Judith Stokes, Debby Tyler, Carole Wilkinson and Evie Wolf.** A special welcome to **Kelly Doyle, Gloria Marubio and Susan Slocum** who are new Active Members! Welcome back the following Associate Woman Members: **Kaye Goolsby, Patricia Harless and Carolyn Hodges.** Welcome aboard, **Donna Detamore, Gwen Emmett and Allyson Wilkinson,** as new Associate Woman Members! CFRW looks forward to your participation in our activities!

As we all know, this year's elections are of extreme importance to our nation, state and communities. CFRW members will be very busy working to support and elect our Republican candidates. If you want to help change the direction our country has been going,

Mark your calendar now! May 8th will be our **Membership Drive meeting.** You won't want to miss hearing our speaker, **Dan Patrick, Texas State Senator for District 7.** Bring your friends and enjoy a very informative program! The April issue of the *CFRW Newsletter* will include more details.

IMPORTANT! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012 FISCAL YEAR (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) OR JOIN CFRW TODAY! Do not let your membership lapse, as your CFRW Newsletter mailing will be discontinued. The 2012 Membership Application is included in this newsletter. **All renewing members and new members must complete the application.** 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 using [PayPal](#).

Thank you for your support!

Caring for America

Debby Frieden



CFRW supports Operation Interdependence. This nationwide non-profit organization was founded in 2001 to support troops serving on the frontline. So far this year CFRW has collected enough money to send items to 350 members of the military.

Here are some suggested items to bring to our next meeting:

- Packets of instant oatmeal
- Crystal light packets
- Tea singles
- Coffee singles

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We have just recently started support for the Boys and Girls Country which was established in 1971 and is a non-for-profit charitable Home located in Hockley, Texas. This residential program, Boys and Girls Country has the capacity to serve 88 children at any one time on the main campus. For the College and Career program, an additional 78 students are currently followed through their college, military or trade school careers each year.

Suggested items to bring to our next meeting:

- Canned fruit Cereal
- Jelly Spices
- Salad dressing

You can also go to the Website www.boyandgirlcountry.org as each month the items requested changes.



BOYS & GIRLS COUNTRY
A Home for Children





General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

Awards, *Mary Moss*: No report at this time.

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Jan Ott filled in for Kay Waghorne and led us in the invocation and the pledges. Betty Guthrie introduced the numerous guests that attended our meeting. Millie Alford introduced our guest speaker, Dwayne Bohac. Dwayne is The Texas State Representative for District 138 and spoke about the last Legislative session in Austin.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet- The minutes stand for January.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton- Presented the 2012 budget to be voted on by the members. Jan Ott made a motion to approve the budget, Betty Collins seconded, a vote was taken and the 2012 budget was passed.

Programs, Millie Alford- Stated that the guest speaker for next month would be Don Carlson.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis- Thanked the members for her fundraiser held at Melissa Ronquillo's home. Suzanne reminded our members and guests that she has Peter Barnes books for sale for \$90.00 a set or \$17.00 each. She also has Cookbooks for \$10, CFRW T-shirts for \$30.00 or jean shirts for \$35.00.

Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo- The newsletter deadline is February 20, 2012. Please get your articles in as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie- Reported we have 49 active members, 8 associate women members and 7 associate men members. She also asked that each guest please fill out the guest form which is a requirement for TEC (Texas Ethics Commission). Betty also stated she is ready to place an order for name tags which are \$15.00 each. Please get with her if you would like to order one.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory- Voter Registration is tomorrow at the Lone Star College campus. She passed around a clipboard for anyone who still wanted to sign-up. There was also a clipboard for January and February volunteer hours. Joy reminded us to count any hours spent making phone calls or E-mails sent to representatives. She also reminded us to count travel time for all club activities.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden- Passed around an envelope to collect cash or checks for the Operation Independence for Soldiers. To mail a 12x12 box is \$33. She added some additional items they are in need of, condiment packages and drink mix packets.

Hospitality-Pam Waldren- Melissa filled in for Pam and stated we were now set up to take credit card payments for lunch meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Moss gave a report of how informative Leadership Day in Austin was. It was attended by 6 of our members and was filled with information and tips for how to run an efficient club along with details and responsibilities for each club position.

Rita talked about how great the Candidate Forum was and how well attended it was. There were 58 candidates who were able to speak about the positions they were seeking.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rita asked that we plan on attending the next meeting March 13, 2012. The speaker will be Don Carlson who has a 34-year career span in a wide range of legislative, international and political experience. He will be sure to bring us some interesting details from his varied career.

Sandra Vinklarek, one of our members, handed out little elephants to all members with the saying "Red State Bourbon". Sandra's son has a Face book page supporting our Veterans. She asked us to go to Red State Bourbon and "Like" the page which will donate \$1 to this cause.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW



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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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/> - 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