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Rita's Reflections

*"We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much."
-Ronald Reagan March 28, 1982*

It's time for our present government to wise up and resolve the problems that our country is facing right now. Spending our way out of debt is not the answer. We need jobs.

Why is it so hard for the U.S. government to see that our country will keep failing to produce jobs as long as there is so much uncertainty about what will happen in the future? This seems to be the major reason why small businesses are not hiring.

Small businesses have much to lose if they were to start hiring and the recovery then stopped. This is what is paralyzing businesses and keeping the job numbers so low. Don't expect small business to create new jobs when they are just trying to hang on to whatever they have.

The reality is that until the

government cuts back on its spending and the consumer is no longer afraid to spend money, there is no reason for small business to expand and hire employees. With no assurance that consumer spending will come back they will just wait to see what happens until they can't any longer with the result that many of these small businesses will go under.

How would this happen? One big problem is that most small businesses are barely hanging on. They cannot afford to hire when the issue of healthcare and other government required expenses per employee are added up. This is what is taking such a toll on the day-to-day expenses of the small business. "Healthcare for a family can cost the employer more than \$1,000.00 per month." They also have to "add in workman's comp insurance, disability and unemployment insurance, and the employer's share of Social Security and Medicare." All these costs add up and make it too expensive to hire new employees, added with the lack of increase in sales and revenue can make it impossible. Smith, Charles Hugh. "Here's Why Small Business Isn't Hiring, And Won't Be Hiring" *Business Insider* 12 July 2011.

It really hurts the small businesses to not be able to give raises to the employees they have. How does the government keep giving themselves raises especially when the natural question is "How well have you done your job? Why do you think you have earned a raise when your job is to run the country and stay within your means like the average family has to? You can't do this and then you have the nerve to ask us to pay your debts for you. Do you think my boss would do this for me if I haven't done my job well and fell into debt?" No way would I get a bailout like our government expects, I would probably get fired.

So the voice of reason needs to prevail and help these unyielding officials realize the path to recovery lies in the government's ability to get this debt under control without adding extra burdens on small businesses, the very group of citizens who could help the economy recover. We will need to be sure to choose the very best candidates for the elections coming up who will work to make this right again.

~Rita Parrish



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



Aug 9th
6:45-9:00pm

Evening Social Mtg
Twin Lakes Club

Sept 29-Oct 2

NFRW Convention
Kansas City, MO

Nov 17th-20th
TBD

TFRW Convention
Fort Worth, TX

Aug 11th
10:00-12:00

CFRW Board Meeting
Hearthstone Country
Club

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

High Heels & HighTea
Raveneaux Country
Club



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MEMBERSHIP Betty Guthrie

CFRW welcomes new members Kristin Guiney, Renee Magee and Nancy Roberts! We are so glad you chose to join our club and participate in our activities.

Our August Social is one of CFRW's highlights of the year. County Judge Ed Emmett is sure to share lots of information regarding current topics affecting Harris County residents. As the interest in the 2012 elections increases, this event is a great opportunity to introduce others to the activities of CFRW. Bring your spouse, friends

and neighbors to spend the evening meeting CFRW members, hearing an informative speaker and enjoying delicious refreshments. Details about the August Social can be found in this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you on August 9th!

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!

PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

Now, summer is in full swing, and aside from trying to keep cool, Republican Women are working on projects which will enhance our party's chances of making a REAL CHANGE in 2012 a reality. July's general meeting was another great success. We really appreciated how much Jay Guerrero had to share about the current state of affairs in Washington, D.C. and the contributions which are made by Senator Cornyn and his staff.

Our August meeting will be held at Twin Lakes Club, located off Eldridge Parkway, just south of Little York in the Twin Lakes Subdivision. It will be Tuesday, August 9, and it is our annual Summer Social when our spouses attend, along with guests and elected officials and potential new members.

Our guest speaker for this month is Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. As Harris County's chief executive officer, Judge Emmett is responsible for working with four county commissioners to oversee a county government serving nearly four million remarkably diverse residents. Judge Emmett believes strongly that vision, planning and teamwork are the keys to maintaining Harris County's economic strength and its commitment to opportunity and a unique quality of life for every resident.

[\(http://www.judgeemmett.org/\)](http://www.judgeemmett.org/).

We are honored to have Judge Emmett and his lovely wife join us for our social meeting. We urge everyone to make their reservations early (\$10.00 prior to the meeting and \$15.00 at the door.) It will be an informational and fun evening you won't want to miss.



*Cy-Fair Republican Women
Invites Members and Guests to a Social
with guest speaker Harris County Judge Ed Emmett*

Wine, tea, and hors d'oeuvres will be served
Cost: \$10.00 per person if received by August 5
 (after August 5, cost is \$15.00 per person)
For information contact Millie at 713-466-0731

Tuesday, August 9

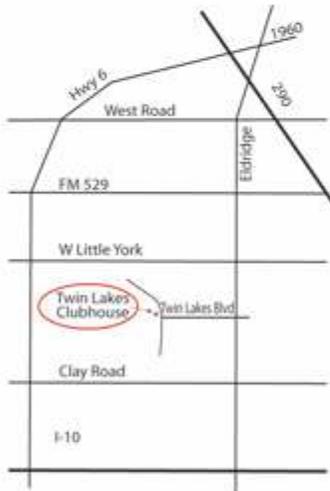
6:45 PM (Speaker will begin at 7:30)

Twin Lakes Club House, 13200 Twin Lakes Blvd, Houston

**Harris County Judge
Ed Emmett**



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Name _____

Guest _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Mail to: Barbara Buxton, 15614 Azalea Shores Drive, Houston, TX 77070

Note: This social event will replace our August Business Meeting

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Cy-Fair Republican Women 2011 Fundraiser
"Lunch with the US Senatorial Candidates"

**2011 High Heels
 and High Tea**



**Fashion Show and Luncheon
 With Blind Auction and
 Vender Showcase**

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.

Name(s) _____

Ticket(s) _____ Amount \$ _____ Ck # _____

OCCUPATION (a must) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

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Please return completed forms and your check to: 10430 Lazy Meadows Drive, Houston, Texas 77064
 Direct any questions to: **Suzanne Davis 713-562-4901** threedavis@sbcbglobal.net

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LEGISLATIVE Joan Hudgens

Talmadge Heflin, Director, Center for Fiscal Policy and Bill Peacock, Vice President of Research and Planning, Director, Center for Economic Freedom have shone a light on Senate Bill 1811, a fiscal matters bill that is expected to generate billions in “non tax” revenue to help fund the state’s 2012 - 13 budget. While the bill itself was somewhat controversial, much of the debate surrounding SB 1811 centered on the 95 amendments offered on the bill during floor debate, many of which were adopted.

To help the conferees, the public, and other interested parties get a better sense of what is in the bill, the Foundation offers the following brief overview of SB 1811, some of its adopted amendments, and some potential conference report provisions with the most significance.

Tax Increase Alert

Recently, conferees for SB1811 adopted a provision to reduce the cigarette stamp discount from 3 percent to 2 percent. The discount is provided to distributors to cover the cost of administering a costly

and time-consuming tax on behalf of the state. By reducing the cigarette tax distributors’ discount, lawmakers are raising taxes on these businesses.

The following amendments highlight major changes in SB 1811:

Article 3: Section 3.01 & 3.02 Verification of Identity and Prevention of Duplicate Participation

This section of the bill promises to provide cost savings to the state by requiring the Health and Human Services Commission and certain other entities to use appropriate technologies to verify the identities of a person receiving financial assistance to prevent duplication of benefits.

Article 7: Secs. 7.01 (c) (8) & (d) (3) Certain Foundation School Program payments

This section of the bill delays certain foundation school fund payments from one biennium to the next. This shift of the state’s obligations to fund public education reduces spending in the 2012 -13 biennium by about \$2.2 billion. However, this “one- time funding source” does not address the underlying problems of overspending, and puts taxpayers

on the hook for \$4.4 billion in future spending.

Amendment 45 Format of General Appropriations Bill

This amendment as amended is a significant step in making the appropriations process more transparent and thus bringing more accountability to government spending. This amendment changes the appropriations bill pattern from strategic funding to program based funding.

Amendment 52 Prohibition of Implementation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulatory Programs

This amendment prohibits state agencies implementing any laws or rules that would regulate the emission of “greenhouse gases” unless the federal government pays for the costs of the program and economic losses to the state caused by any such program. This is an important step in controlling the harmful effects of federal overreach on this issue.

Hopefully, amendments such as these will provide improved transparency and accountability and curtail federal intervention in Texas’s fiscal policies and procedures.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Joy Gregory

VOTER REGISTRATION

*Sign up to
Volunteer Today!*

Cy-Fest at Lone Star College will be October 8, 2011. Please put this on your calendar as we always have a voter registration table at this event. This is a community affair and many parents bring their children to participate in the activities. This is a great place to register new voters and recruit new members. It will last from 10-2 and we will need plenty of help. Thanks to Joan Hudgens for being the first to volunteer!





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 #:

Betty Guthrie
12306 Francel Ln.
Cypress, TX 77429

Date Received:

For more information regarding membership, please contact Betty Guthrie: 281-370-3956 (Home)



MINUTES

General Meeting
July 12, 2011

President, Rita Parrish called the meeting to order at 11:10AM. Kay Waghorne was not present for the meeting so Millie Alford presented the Invocation and Pledges. Betty Guthrie introduced four guests. Two other guests arrived later. Millie Alford introduced our guest speaker Jay Guerrero the Regional Director of Southeast Texas for Senator John Cornyn. Mr. Guerrero spoke about the present political challenges and gave us an updated status of what Mr. Cornyn is doing for Texas and in Washington DC.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

- **Secretary, Traci Sarradet-** No corrections the minutes stand for June.
- **Treasurer, Barbara Buxton-** Presented an updated budget.
- **Programs, Millie Alford-** Reminded us of the August Social which will be held at the Twin Lakes Clubhouse. If you wish to purchase your tickets ahead of time please send a check to Barbara Buxton at the address on the CFRW website. The price is \$10 per person or \$15 per person if purchased the night of the event.
- **Ways and Means, Suzanne Davis-** has cookbooks, CFRW T-shirt's and Jean Jackets. She also

has received new sets of the Peter Barnes books. Suzanne is asking for items for the silent auction at High Heels and High Tea. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the August social or the September general meeting.

- **Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo-** was not present so Rita stated the Newsletter deadline is July 18, 2011 and is flexible by a day or so.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership, Betty Guthrie-** Our present membership count is 66 Active Members, 5 Associate Women Members and 2 Associate Men Members for a total of 73 members. Betty also updated us on the new TFRW language for types of membership: A=Active, AW=Associate Women who are primary Active members of another club, AM=Associate Men
- **Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory-** Thanked everyone for submitting their campaign hours, our club has a total of 886 hours for the first quarter, 785 hours for the second quarter for a total of 1671 campaign hours. Joy also mentioned that our club will have a voter's registration table at Lone Star College October 8, 2011. Please contact her if you would like to volunteer at this event. There will also be a Campaign School sign up.

- **Caring for America, Debby Frieden-** Was not present and Doris Jones filled in. A box for Operation Interdependence requires \$30 to mail. A donation by check is appreciated to help cover these expenses. We are still collecting toiletries, canned goods, and non-perishable items including drink mixes.

- **Awards, Mary Moss-** our awards forms have been received and recorded by the TFRW and NFRW.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan Ott encouraged everyone to sign up for the NFRW website to get regular updates. Jan stated it will make our club even better as well as give us more points. To get the password please E-mail Betty Guthrie.

The NFRW Convention is in Kansas City, Missouri, September 29 – October 2, 2011. Rita stated we needed to elect a delegate and an alternate to represent our club. Jan Ott moved that Mary Moss be the delegate and Suzanne Davis seconded the motion. It was put to a vote and the motion carried. Barbara Buxton moved that Joy Gregory be the alternate delegate, Betty Collins seconded the motion. It was put to a vote and all agreed. If anyone else would like to attend the Convention please get with Rita. Jan Ott and Barbara Buxton will also be attending.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Sarradet,
Secretary, CFRW

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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