



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections

Being a member of Cy Fair Republican Women has been a rewarding and fun experience. We have great members who join in and work very hard and always make our accomplishments seem so effortless. Our September meeting was no exception to the standard that was set from the beginning of this club's formation. State Representative Patricia Harless, of District 126 was our September speaker. We always enjoy having her speak at our meetings. She told us about the many accomplishments



of the 82nd Texas Legislature including the Voter Photo ID that will soon be required of all voters in Texas. Representative Harless was the author of this bill and spent many hours on the house floor presenting arguments for this bill which ended in success. She also commented on the upcoming redistricting which may take a while to finalize. If this doesn't get done before the elections in 2012 then the voting will be based on the same districts as before. It was nice to hear about these issues that are very important to us all from a state representative so close to the fight.

Our up-coming Biennial Luncheon, High Heels and High Tea on October 14, 2011, will no doubt be another fun event. We are featuring the US Senatorial Candidates who will speak for a bit and then they will also moderate our style show. This part of the program has always been a hit with the members and our guests at the luncheon. We will have fashions from Chico's and Joseph A Banks, with many well known personalities as our models. You won't want to miss this very entertaining program. There will also be vendors with a variety of

wares for sale and a blind auction with some great items to bid on.

This year our Luncheon is taking place at Raveneaux Country Club which is a wonderful venue and easy to get to. The doors open at 11:00 am and the luncheon will end at 2:00 pm. Please look inside this newsletter for details on how to get to Raveneaux Country Club.

Please contact our Ways and Means Chair, Suzanne Davis for details on how to order your tickets. You will find her contact information in this newsletter in the application for ticket purchase. If you would like to be a vendor at this event or donate an item for the blind auction then Suzanne will get you signed up for that as well. Hope to see a lot of familiar faces and many new ones. Looking for this to be the best High Heels and High Tea yet!

~Rita Parrish

"Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in."

Andrew Jackson



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



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

High Heels & High Tea
Raveneaux Country Club

Nov TBD

CFRW Board Meeting
Hearthstone Club

Dec 11th
6:00-9:00pm

Holiday Party
Barbara & Larry Buxton

Nov TBD
10:30-12:00pm

Carrabba's Restaurant

Nov 17th-20th TFRW Convention
Fort Worth, TX



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Ways & Means

Suzanne Davis

Thank You to all the ladies who signed up to VOLUNTEER on a committee for the "High Heels & High Tea" scheduled for Friday October 14, 2011.

2011 High Heels and High Tea



Fashion Show and Luncheon
With Blind Auction and
Vendor Showcase

We will have two Volunteer Committee Meetings.

Mtg. #1

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2011 Time: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Location: Mario's Taco and Burger House
11049 F.M. 1960 Houston, Texas 77379

Mtg. #2

Date: Sunday, October 9, 2011 Time: 1:30pm-2:30pm

Location: Mario's Taco and Burger House
11049 F.M. 1960 Houston, Texas 77379

All volunteers for HH&HT please join us for our After Party Cocktails! At the "French Quarter Cajun Seafood" in the Bar 7099 Hwy 6 Houston, Texas, 77095

For more information please call Suzanne Davis 713-562-4901

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW welcomes the following three new Active members: **Lynette Stewart; Debby Tyler; and June Zabbia!** We look forward to getting to know them and their participation in our club's activities!

We are anticipating another wonderful *High Heels & High Tea* fundraiser on Friday, October 14, at Raveneaux Country Club! Please invite your friends and family members to enjoy this fun event. More detailed information is available within this newsletter and on our Web site at www.cfrw.net.

CFRW membership dues for the remainder of 2011 are **ONLY \$17.00** for all classifications of

members joining in October. Beginning in November dues will be applied to the 2012 membership year. Dues for **2011** are reduced to \$17 for members joining in September or October. Dues for **2012** will be payable beginning in November 2011 at the regular levels (\$30 for Active member, \$20 for Associate member, \$35 for Associate man member)."

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!



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.

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

UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITY:

- 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 _____

Please make check payable to "Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC" (No corporation checks allowed)
Please return completed forms and your check to: 10430 Lazy Meadows Drive, Houston, Texas 77064
Direct any questions to: Suzanne Davis 713-562-4901 threedavishome@sbcglobal.net

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**Propositions for
the Constitutional
Amendment
Election that will
be held on November 8, 2011**

**Early voting begins
October 24**

Proposition 1

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100% or totally disabled veteran.

Summary: This proposition authorizes the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100% or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

Proposition 2

The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.

Summary: This proposition authorizes the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of

bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

Proposition 3

The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state to finance educational loans to students.

Summary: This proposition authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for students.

Proposition 4

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

Summary: This proposition authorizes the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

Proposition 5

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities

or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

Summary: This proposition authorizes the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

Proposition 6

The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund.

Summary: This proposition increases the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund is based upon granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. The Proposition also provides authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

Proposition 7

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit



conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

Summary: This proposition adds El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

Proposition 8

The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water-stewardship

purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

Summary: This proposition requires the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land dedicated to the purposes of water stewardship on the basis of its productive capacity.

Proposition 9

The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

Summary: This proposition authorizes the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a

person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

Proposition 10

The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office.

Summary: This proposition extends the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

*Patricia Harless
Capitol Update Sept 2011*



Campaign Management Schools

2011 Campaign Management Schools Announced -- Go to www.TFRW.org and click locations for details and registration.

- San Antonio - Saturday, October 29, 2011
- Fort Worth - Thursday, November 17, 2011

Contact Us

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website: www.tfrw.org

ESD #9



These are our Cy-Fair Fire Department Firemen who were very active in giving the Montgomery County - Waller County Fire Dept. mutual aid. We initially sent 3 boosters, a tanker, engine, the dozer, rehab and the command truck to that area, in early September. A burn ban remains in effect for Harris County – outdoor burning is not allowed until the ban has been lifted. Several reports of violations have resulted in citations being issued by the Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office and other law enforcement agencies.

Suzanne Davis
ESD #9 Commissioner

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

Sign up to Volunteer Today!

Joy Gregory

Cy-Fest at Lone Star College will be October 8, 2011. Every year CFRW has a voters registration table. This is a great opportunity to get more people registered for the upcoming Presidential election in November 2012. This is a community affair and many parents bring their children to participate in the activities, as well as a great place to register new voters and recruit new members. It will last from 10-2 and we will need *plenty of help*. Sign up today by sending an e-mail to joygregory@sbcglobal.net.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

President Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. Kay Waghorne led in the invocation and pledges. She also asked for prayer for Millie Alford who was admitted to the hospital last night. Betty Guthrie introduced our guests which totaled 13. Rita introduced our speaker State Representative, Patricia Harless, District 126. Patricia spoke about legislative issues and the Texas budget.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet- No meeting or minutes last month due to August social.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton- Gave the treasurer monthly report.

Programs, Millie Alford- Was not present so Rita reported that we have 4 candidates for the High Heels and High Tea.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis- Gave a report of the progress of the High Heels High Tea event. We still need items for the silent auction. Get with Melissa Ronquillo if you have any items to donate. Suzanne stated we still have room for more vendors please get with her if you know of an interested party. Please purchase your ticket by October 1st. Suzanne also passed out a flyer regarding High Heels and High Tea for the committee meetings prior to the event.

Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo -

The Newsletter deadline is September 19, 2011

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie- We have 70 active members, 7 associate women members and 2 associate men members for a total of 79 members. Any new member who joins in November or December will pay dues of \$30 which includes 2012.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory- Joy asked that we fill out our hours for August and September. Joy is also asking for volunteers to work the voter registration booth on October 8th during Cy-Fest at Lonestar College on Barker Cypress. There are several different time shifts available please get with Joy on times, volunteers do need to bring their own chairs.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden- Is still asking for travel size items and passed around a clipboard for \$30 donations payable by check for postage to ship these items to the soldiers. Debby thanked Betty Collins for donating 3 boxes of supplies from her dentist. Volunteers put these boxes together to send to soldiers on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:00-2:00. Please see the CFRW website for the address.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rita asked for nominations for 6 delegates and 1 alternate delegate to attend the Texas Federation Republican Women convention in Ft. Worth, Texas November 18-20, 2011.

The following members were nominated for delegates:

- **Mary Moss**, by Betty Collins
- **Millie Alford**, by Jan Ott
- **Barbara Buxton**, by Mary Moss
- **Joy Gregory**, by Pam Waldren
- **Suzanne Davis**, by Betty Guthrie
- **Melissa Ronquillo**, by Barbara Buxton
- **Michelle Lancaster**, by Barbara Buxton
- **Rita Parrish**, is an automatic delegate as club President

A ballot was passed out to each member to write down the top 6 nominees they wanted to be delegates and the one with the least votes would become the alternate. The names and numbers were counted and all the nominations were passed with Michelle Lancaster being the alternate delegate.

Rita mentioned she had the forms to fill out for early registration with a fee of \$165, after Thursday September 15th the fee will be \$190. She asked all delegates to fill out their forms and turn in a check to be mailed together to meet the early deadline. Suzanne is traveling by camper if anyone would like to share gas expenses and save on hotel expenses please let her know. Anyone else wishing to attend the convention should get with Rita.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW.



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	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate	(Members of another club) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Man	(Men) <input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$17.00	<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
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Date Received:

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

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<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