



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



It is a joy to work with the Cy-Fair Republican Women. Our members are so inspiring and have such enthusiasm and commitment to making sure we have an informative, productive and fun club. This wonderful group of women makes my duties as President so much easier.

Everyone is taking all the hold-ups with the voting process in stride and our club is thriving. I have to say that all of our 2012 meetings have been filled almost to our meeting place's capacity. We have had wonderful speakers and many women have heard about our club and are stopping in to see what we have to offer. When they visit a few times, and in some cases only once, they want to join in and help in our efforts to make a difference.

We are so happy to welcome our new members. Check the Membership Article in this newsletter to see who joined at our last meeting.

We have had many candidates come by to meet our members. Some of these candidates have also joined our club as Associate Members. Many stay for lunch and visit with us while we eat. It's a good way to get to know the candidates in depth. Of course this has been an unusually long primary period but that just provides more opportunities to get to know the candidates even better. We encourage the candidates to keep stopping by and ask that they please submit an RSVP to our website at cfrw.net.

When the primary finally happens on May 29, 2012 we will get our chance to use all of our knowledge of the candidates to make our decision at the polls.

Let's hope that our party will choose a Presidential Candidate who will be the best opponent for the Democrat Incumbent. Whoever the final Republican candidate may be it will be our job to get him elected. We must all support this candidate and stay involved and work hard to **Get Out The Vote**. Encourage everyone you know to vote with you. Early voting is a good choice. Ask your friends and neighbors to get others that they know out to vote

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also. If we can multiply our numbers it will go a long way toward electing our Republican Nominee. We have from now until November 6, just eight months, to get everyone motivated, fired up, working the polls, knocking on doors, working phone banks, and attending the conventions. It's time to take the White House back and put it in capable hands.

Keep coming to our meetings and we will keep the knowledge and information coming through our speakers and ongoing campaign activities.

**LETS GET IT DONE
IN 2012!**

~Rita Parrish

CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

Apr 10th 10:30-12:00	CFRW General Mtg Carrabba's Hwy 6	Apr 21st	Senatorial Convention for Harris County	May 10th	Candidate Forum TBA
Apr 19th 10:00-12:00	CFRW Board Mtg Hearthstone Country Club	May 8th 10:30-12:00	CFRW General Mtg Carrabba's Hwy 6	May 29th	Voting Primary
				Jun 7-9th	Republican Convention FW, TX



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APRIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Guest Speaker Mike Zientek with TX DOT

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



RSVP Lunch \$15 - Meeting only \$3 (cash/check)

Walk-ins for Lunch will be charged \$20

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Vegetables, House salad, Sogno di chocolate
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, April 6, 2012

Online at www.cfrw.net

E-mail: pwroses@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE!

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Presents

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Senator Glen Hegar

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Starting at 10:30 a.m.

Carrabba's Italian Grill
7540 Hwy 6 N (Copperfield)
Houston, TX 77095



Join CFRW members at the **Annual Membership Drive Meeting!** Bring your friends and neighbors to hear the speaker, meet our members, learn about our Federated Republican club and enjoy a delicious lunch (optional). There will be a prize for the member who brings the most guests! Door prizes will be awarded too!

RSVP online now at www.cfrw.net or email pwroses@sbcglobal.net or phone 281-859-8162.



PROGRAMS Millie Alford

Spring is finally here, and although we lost an hour of sleep, we've gained more sunshine. We're getting ready for some great things to happen, and every member is encouraged to get on board and take part in as many activities as possible. We hope that everyone enjoyed Don Carlson last month. He has tremendous knowledge of our government, and we appreciate him being our guest speaker. Thanks also to Jan Ott for helping secure Don as our guest.

Next month, we will learn about our local transportation issues. Our speaker is **Mike Zientek** with TX

DOT. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, so if you've been wondering about the proposed rail line or the new construction in our part of the county, be sure to be in attendance.

Our guest speaker will be Senator Glen Hegar for the May Membership Drive meeting. Senator Glenn Hegar is a dynamic and strong conservative leader who has helped lead the fight in the Texas Legislature in defense of our personal freedoms, less government, and more personal responsibility.

Here are some pictures of our outings for the TFRW Leadership Conference held in Austin. We learned a lot and had a great time. See you all at the April meeting!



Left: Rita Parrish, Janet Ott, and Barbara Buxton



TFRW Patrons with Judge Ed Emmett at the Leadership Conference in Austin

CFRW Needs You! - Support the Grassroots Club Together we win!



We need each and every one of you to help the club be recognized as a Charter Grassroots Club. A new TFRW awards program is designed to encourage all members to help support the Republican Party of Texas. Depending upon the level of participation, clubs will earn points and be recognized at the RPT convention. TFRW and the RPT are working hand in hand to elect Republicans all across the state of Texas. The RPT has had an important part, along with Attorney General Greg Abbot in fighting for

our redistricting lines that would be more favorable and to insure that we have a primary before our scheduled Texas State Convention. This has also been a huge financial burden on our state party.

The RPT has set up an excellent fund raising program so that they can do more than keep the lights on and pay rent. That program is the Grassroots Program. This is a very easy and cost efficient way to raise funds. With the Grassroots Program, you are charged \$8.25 per month on your credit card. There are very few expenses in raising funds this way and all of the money stays here in Texas. A super part of this program is that when you join, you ***no longer get junk mail or phone calls from the RPT soliciting money.***

How do we count you? If you are already a member, email me, Jan Ott at J.ott@wcthou.com. You can sign up on line at www.grassrootsclub.com or you can fill out a form and give it to me via e-mail. If you sign up on line, be sure to also notify me so I can count you.

This is a great way to help our club reach its goals, help the RPT, and stop those annoying calls. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Thank you for supporting this program.

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LEGISLATIVE

Joan Hudgens

than twice as likely as non-Hispanic voters to lack a driver's license or a personal state-issued photo ID, which the Texas law requires.

Justice Department Opposes A 2nd ID Law in Texas

On March 12, 2012, Texas' Attorney General Greg Abbott announced that the U.S. Department of Justice was denying Texas's proposed law to require photo ID at all polling locations. Abbott will appeal the DOJ decision to the US Supreme Court.

The Department of Justice has been reviewing the Texas law and discussing it with state officials since last year. In January, Texas officially sued Holder seeking a court ruling that the state's ID law was not discriminating in purpose or effect. Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act requires Texas to obtain advance approval of voting changes from either the DOJ or the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C.

Proponents requirement of the voter ID laws claim such legislation is needed to combat voter fraud. Those who oppose the laws claim that this requirements will disenfranchise certain segments of the voting population—African Americans, Hispanics, the poor, and college students.

The Justice Department conveyed its objection in a letter to Texas officials that was also filed in the U.S. District Court case in Washington between Texas and the department. Justice said Hispanic voters in Texas are at least 50 percent more likely and possibly more

The range was so broad because Texas provided two sets of registered voter data to the Justice Department. It relied on the two Texas-supplied lists for the estimates of 175,000 and 304,000 registered Hispanics Texas voters who do not have driver's licenses or state-issued IDs.

Since 2011, legislative sessions in 8 states have passed photo ID laws; Alabama, Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Mississippi, and Rhode Island. Virginias ID law is pending but not yet passed. Pennsylvania's law passed in March 15, 2012. Last week a county judge imposed a temporary injunction on Wisconsin's new ID requirement. Rhode Island's new photo ID requirement will not take effect until 2014, South Carolina, Texas, Alabama and Mississippi, states covered by Section 5, must still obtain federal approval to move forward.

Complaints are that obtaining a photo ID will be too costly for poor voters to purchase. Attorney General Abbo H assured all Texas residents that photo ID's will be available, free of charge, to all citizens.

“Voter fraud undermines the electoral process and can sway the ultimate outcome of elections,” said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas. “This is an abuse of executive authority and an affront to the citizens of Texas. It’s time for the Obama administration to learn not to mess with Texas.”
- *Pete Yost, Associated Press, March 12, 2012* -

CARING FOR AMERICA

Debby Frieden



Operation Interdependence is a nationwide non-profit organization that provides a means for community members to support our troops.

Here are some suggested items to bring to the meeting to be donated:

- Granola bars - Packets of oatmeal
- Travel size shampoo - Gum - Lip balm
- Pocket size Kleenex



Boys and Girls Country was established in 1971 and is a not-for-profit charitable Home. The charity does not rely on the government and therefore looks to individuals, businesses, foundations, churches, and civic for funding and volunteer support.

Here are some suggested items to bring to the meeting to be donated:

- Batteries - Canned fruit - Jelly - Spices
- Salad dressing - Cleaning supplies

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!



Candidate Forum

Save the Date!

May 10, 6:30 pm

Cy-Fair Republican Women are hosting a Candidate Forum that will focus on the Railroad Commission, Sheriff, and Constable races. You will get more

information and a flyer at a later time, but, circle this time on your calendar so that you will be able to attend this important and informative event. If you have questions that you would like to submit, we will be asking for your input, so jot down anything you may want to know about in these contested elected positions. **SEE YOU THERE!**



MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

A special CFRW welcome goes to **Cindy Deister** and **Micheline Hutson** who are new Active Members! Welcome back the following Active Members who have renewed their memberships: **Leanne Grove, Joan Hudgens, Lauree Johnson, Phyllis Kyd, Marie Remik, Dawn Shull** and **Evie Winn**. Our newest Associate Members are **Janet Townsley** and **Mike Sullivan**! CFRW looks forward to your participation in our activities!

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 by using PayPal.

Thank you for your support!

Mark your calendars now! May 8th will be CFRW's Annual Membership Drive Meeting, so be thinking of those friends you wish to invite. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Campaign Activities

Joy Gregory

Finally a Primary Date for Texas

It seems that we Texans were wondering if we would ever get to have a Primary in Texas. On March 7th Steve Munisteri, the Chairman of the Republican Party, announced that the primary will take place on May 29, 2012.

As the primary is so close to the Republican State Convention (June 7-9, 2012), we will follow a different procedure for electing delegates to the Convention. The Senatorial Convention for Harris County will be held on April 21, 2012, at Grace Community

Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX, 77034.

It was also announced by Steve Munisteri that any registered voter may attend the County Convention. You will need to bring your old voter registration card, a picture ID, and be willing to sign an oath that you vote Republican. Each precinct will meet in a designated area and elect their delegates. It is important that we be willing to go to the County Convention and elect CFRW members as delegates to the State Convention. At this time, we do not know the exact time for registration, but we will know by our April 10th meeting.

GET OUT AND VOTE!

We are hoping to hold another Voter Registration Drive at Lone Star College on April 18, 2012. We will give you more information about this and the County Convention at our April 10th meeting.

There will be plenty of help needed 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.





General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

March 13, 2012

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. Debby Tyler led us in the invocation and pledges. Jan Ott introduced our guest speaker Don Carlson, Former chief of Staff for Bill Archer. Don talked about a variety of issues regarding the upcoming election year.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet- No corrections

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton- Presented a treasurer's report for February.

Programs, Millie Alford- Millie was not in attendance so Rita informed us of upcoming speakers. Our April speaker will be Mike Zientek. Senior Public Involvement Representative for the US 290 project. Mike will be reporting on the TXDOT/290 projects. The speaker for our May membership drive will be Senator Dan Patrick.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis- Has Peter Barnes books sets for \$90.00, CFRW Cookbook for \$10.00, CFRW T-shirt for \$35.00 and CFRW jean shirts for \$30.00.

Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo- The newsletter deadline is April 19, 2012

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie- Reported 57 active members, 9 associate women members and 7

associate members for a total of 73 members. Anyone needing a name badge or membership applications please see Betty. The Membership applications are also available on the CFRW website.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory- Voter registration is April 18, 2012 at Lone Star College. The Senatorial Convention will be held April 21, 2012 at Grace Community Church. This would be a good way to pick up State Delegates as there are 3000 open seats. Please bring your voter registration card and a photo ID.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden- Passed an envelope around for cash or check donations to Operation Interdependence. To send a 12x12 box to the soldiers is \$30.00. Donations needed for the Boy's and Girl's country will be in the monthly newsletter.

Awards, Mary Moss- We are on track with merit awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Primary date has been set for May 29, 2012. There will be a Senatorial convention where delegates will be chosen through a process that hasn't been used before.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan Ott talked about the Grassroots Club which is a fundraiser for The Republican Party of Texas. The contribution is \$8.25 a month which will be processed on your credit card. Jan passed around a signup sheet to join or you can also go

online for applications. The club will get credit for each member who joins and will count toward our TFRW awards. Jan will keep track of the new members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW.

WE ARE ON YOUTUBE!

Join us on youtube to see the latest video post from our meetings. CFRW will be posting our speakers each month on-line. Here is our url:

[Youtube.com/CFRWtxas](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz6gqkh2Ick)

or go to the link below for our first video posting of Don Carlson.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz6gqkh2Ick>

Like us and make us your favorite. Post your comments, whether it be about the video or your experience at the meeting, and share with your friends. We look forward to hearing from you.





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:
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 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:

Please circle Cash or enter Check #:

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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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

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