



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



As we roll on into February it's becoming apparent that this year is already busy and with the primary coming up soon it will just keep building. Our members are getting ready to do their part in making sure that this election goes to the Right candidate of the Right party. We must work hard to insure that a Republican gets elected in every race on state and local levels as well as the national level.

I hope all of our members attended our **Republican Candidate Forum** last month. If so then I hope you took really good notes on the candidates who spoke and have made your decision on who to vote for. Even though the primary is a couple of months away you can use these notes to follow the candidates in the remainder of their campaigns and further confirm your selection.

We also have members attending the **TFRW Leadership Day** on February 4, 2012. Our group consists of Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Joy Gregory, Rita Parrish and Melissa Ronquillo. And of course Jan Ott in her role as

Secretary with TFRW will be in attendance. There will be some great workshops for us to attend that are designed to give clubs the chance to develop better skills in managing the offices and committees of their clubs.

As I have said so many times, these out of town trips make our relationships so much stronger and this in itself improves our interaction with each other. I know that as our friendships grow so does our enjoyment of working together as a team. I hope more members join us in the future by taking a role in our club which is of course your club.

Our next effort to get Republicans elected will be the **Voter Registration Drive** on February 15 at Lone Star College located on Barker Cypress.

Put on your red shirt and your denim over-shirt and come on out with us to sign up new voters on the college campus. It's really fun talking with the students and helping them to get ready to vote in the primaries in the spring and then in the general election in the fall. It's really nice to have a good number of members so that we really stand out. So come join us, we have ladies who are certified to sign up voters but we need workers to greet the students and get them excited about the chance to sign up to vote for the first time.

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Hopefully the primary date will be set soon and we can all plan to encourage our friends and family to get to the polls and vote. If you have met a candidate or two that has impressed you then spread the word. This is a great opportunity for you to promote your candidate with your circle of friends and family who may also pass your recommendations along to their friends and family. Just remember this - an informed voter is a much better voter.

Plan to help your Precinct Chair by volunteering to work at the poll on Election Day. Most of the things that you would be doing are not hard and would really help out. can find out on the Harris County GOP website.

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CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



Jan 26th 7:00-9:00pm	Republican Candidate Forum Raveneaux Country Club	Feb 14th 10:30-12:00pm	CFRW Regular Mtg Carrabba's Hwy. 6	Feb 16th 10:00-12:00pm	CFRW Board Mtg Hearthstone Country Club
Feb 4th 7:30-3:00pm	TFRW Leadership Day - Austin, TX	Feb 15th 11:00-1:00pm	Voter's Registration Lone Star College Barker Cypress	Feb 21st TBA	Greater Houston Nuts & Bolts SOSA Ctr





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FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Featuring Representative Dwayne Bohac

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: Penne Carrabba (penne pasta with chicken, peas and mushrooms), salad and cannoli for dessert
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, February 11, 2012

Online at www.cfrw.net

E-mail: pwroses@sbcglobal.net

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If you don't know who your Precinct Chair is you can find out on the Harris County GOP website. There you will find a list of precinct chairs by precinct number (your number is on your voter card). Look up your voting precinct number and you should find the name of your precinct chair unless the position is vacant. Well then, if you are interested in becoming a precinct chair, here's your chance. On this same website is information explaining the duties of the precinct chair and how to register. If you are still interested then download the form and send it in.

Please renew your membership with Cy-Fair Republican Women if you haven't done so already. If you have visited our meetings as a guest then you will receive the newsletter for 3 months and then be taken off the list. Please consider joining the CFRW so you can stay informed and be a part of our team.

It's going to be an exciting year with lots of interesting speakers, many

twists and turns in the candidates running for all the various offices and fun times working together for our Republican Candidate after the Primary has been concluded. If we all do our part then our candidate has a much better chance of winning this Election for President. Let's get behind whoever the candidate will be in the General Election in November and get our Republicans back into office.

~Rita Parrish

Happy Valentines Day!





Ways & Means

Suzanne Davis

Ladies we still have Club T-Shirts and Long Sleeve Shirts available for sale at every monthly meeting!



Happy Valentines!



Campaign Activities

Joy Gregory

CFRW will hold a Voter Registration Drive on February 15, 2012, at Lone Star College Community Partners day. The event takes place from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on that day. I will need several volunteers to help. Thank you in advance for helping the club perform this very important task.

Reporting campaign /volunteer hours is very important for our club. Attending club functions, club duties, political rallies, precinct duties, campaigning for a candidate, helping at the polls and attending conventions are only a few of the activities that we can count. Travel time to and from these events can also be counted. At the monthly meeting, I send around a list to report your hours, please take a minute to enter your hours on this list. If you do not attend the meetings, you may also email me with your hours and I will record them. I have to report these hours quarterly. Please make it a priority to get your hours to me.

PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

What a delightful Valentine's Day we will share with our members and guests. We will have the honor of welcoming Representative Dwayne Bohac as our speaker/presenter.

Please make sure you make your reservation for this fun and informative day with one of our favorite reps. He will bring insight into our State Government and share his humor regarding his involvement in Texas politics.

A lifelong resident of Texas House District 138, Dwayne Bohac was born in Oak Forest and now lives in the Spring Branch area with his wife Dawn and their four children.

As State Representative, Dwayne has focused on protecting local neighborhoods and improving local quality of life. In the Texas House, he has worked to improve local flood control efforts through the use of retention ponds, given municipalities greater authority to enforce apartment standards, increased local police patrols, passed tougher laws against graffiti, and



secured funds for local traffic mobility and esplanade beautification projects.

Additionally, Bohac has led the effort in the Texas House to cap property tax appraisals at 5% or less, increased funding for border security to curb illegal immigration, and worked with local teachers and school board members to improve local schools and

provide fair teacher pay.

To learn more about this champion for the people, be at *Carrabba's* on February 14 at 10:30 A.M. and join us for a morning of stimulating conversation, great food, fellowship of like minds, (right minds) and a sample of Texas politics at its best! Wear your favorite Valentine's RED outfit, and if you'd like, bring a valentine to share. You'll be glad you did.





LEGISLATIVE

John Culberson
Statement on 112th Congress

This week, Congress returns to work with a renewed vision and agenda. House conservatives have heard their constituents' calls for fiscal responsibility, smaller government, protecting our nation's borders, and strictly adhering to the Constitution and the founders' intentions. We recognize that the time to act is now, and we know that voters will be watching us closely.

America's future is in peril, and the first step to putting us back on track is to cut spending. The national debt has surpassed the \$14 trillion mark. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, has referred to our nation's financial crisis as "our greatest national security threat." China holds 10 percent of our national debt, and the amount of interest we will owe on this borrowed money will only lessen our economic strength and boost theirs.

Dealing with this serious threat requires a multi-pronged approach: Reduce wasteful spending to pre-TARP, pre-bailout levels; reform the budget process to focus on long-term challenges; repeal and replace the president's healthcare plan with a patient-focused approach that doesn't expand the entitlement state; and do what the federal government has failed to do so far – secure the border.

To that end, House Republicans introduced a resolution this week that will reduce the operating budgets of House committees, leadership offices, and individual member offices – paring the total House budget by a full five percent. These cuts will save taxpayers an estimated \$35 million in the first year alone. Taking responsibility for the House budget is the only way we can lead the country back onto the path of fiscal sanity with real integrity.

In December, U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson of Virginia ruled that the healthcare bill signed by the president "exceeds the constitutional boundaries of congressional power." Not only is this law another example of government overstepping its prescribed bounds, it is also a bureaucratic mess that will burden small businesses and inhibit our ability to speed the anemic pace of economic and job growth. Next week the House will hold a vote to repeal this unconstitutional bill. This will be the first step in restoring our financial footing and returning power back to the American people.

The voters have signaled exactly what they want changed in Washington, and we are prepared to roll up our sleeves and get their agenda—America's agenda—done. It is what's best for the economy, our national security, and our children's future.

Sincerely,

John Culberson
Member of Congress

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

The coming elections are of paramount importance to the future direction of our country! If you want to see smaller government, reduced spending, less wasted tax dollars, improved national security, etc., the Republican Party needs your support **NOW!** Become an active member of CFRW to learn more about the issues and candidates, to participate in the various campaign activities and to support the GOP in numerous other ways.

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!](#)





General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet



JANUARY 10, 2012

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:10. Kay Waghorne led us in the prayer and invocation. Mary Moss filling in for Betty Guthrie introduced our guests, elected officials, candidates and new members. Millie Alford introduced our speaker, Suzanne Davis, The commissioner for Emergency Service District (ESD 9). Suzanne did a presentation on the different areas she covers and the importance of the services that are offered.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet- No meeting last month

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton- Gave a report on the November and December budget.

Programs, Millie Alford- Spoke about upcoming speakers, Dwayne Bohac will speak at the February meeting.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis- Has T-shirts available for \$30.00, CFRW cookbooks for \$10.00, children's T-shirts for \$ 10:00 and The Barnes Book collection for \$90.00 a set or a single book for \$17.00.

Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo- The newsletter deadline is Monday January 16, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie- Was not present so Mary Moss filled in for her. Mary stated that we had 10 membership renewals and 1 new

member for a total of 41 members 5 associate women members and 7 associate male members.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory-Needs volunteer hours from club members for November and December. Please do not forget to report driving time and do not forget to count your hours for the Christmas Party.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden-Is asking for money to send boxes for Operation Independence. The fee per box is \$33.00 and covers postage. If you want to volunteer in packing and sending boxes to the soldiers the office is on Jones road at Cypress North Houston.

Awards, Mary Moss- Stated we received the Goodwin Award which is the highest award that TFRW gives and it was a two year achievement.

Hospitality, Pam Waldren-Has started handing out "Meeting only" cards for guests to place in front of them if they are not staying for lunch. Pam also reminded members to register no later than the Friday before the meeting so that she can turn in her number to Carabba's for food preparation.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Candidate forum is scheduled for January 26, 2012 at the Raveneaux Country Club was discussed and Rita handed out a flyer with information on the event.

The Greater Houston Council is having a special meeting on January 17, 2011 and will be honoring TFRW Club Presidents.

TFRW is holding Legislative Day on February 4th in Austin. Some of us will plan to go to Austin on Friday, February 3rd to attend an event with Karen Hughes speaking and attend the workshops on Saturday, February 4 to learn how to improve our club. Rita passed around registration forms for anyone interested in attending to fill out and let Rita know that they want to go with us.

Mary Moss made a motion to pay for our President, Rita Parrish's \$45.00 fee for Legislative Day in Austin; Betty Collins seconded the motion, it was put to a vote and the motion was carried.

There needs to be a Financial Review on the treasurer books and Rita appointed Joy Gregory and Melissa Ronquillo to complete this.

Rita also mentioned that the Quilt our club auctioned off at the TFRW convention sold for \$400.00.

Rita congratulated Jan Ott for her new position as Secretary for TFRW.

At the end of the meeting Rita announced guests David Wiggins and Bob Janusaitus running for two open seats for Commissioner for Emergency Services, they both spoke briefly.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW

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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



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 #:

Betty Guthrie
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