



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



**January 2012.
It's finally here.
The year we
have all been
waiting for; the
year we take
our country**

back!

We must all roll up our sleeves and get the job done. Let's make a vow now to work hard this year to attain our goal. It will take much effort and diligence to get it done. Get involved, ask how you can help and follow through with the work needed.

Our first project this year will be our club co-hosting the Candidate Forum on January 26, 2012. Along with Northwest Forest Republican Women, Tomball Republican Women and Greater Tomball Packyderm Club, we have invited all of the Judicial Candidates and Sheriff Candidates to the forum. This will be a great event to attend by all. Ways to help can be by signing up to help planning to attend, and inviting your family, friends and neighbors to come with you. It's a good way to get familiar with all the candidates and their

qualifications to help you make an informed decision when voting. This forum will be held at Raveneaux Country Club. It will start at 7:00pm and end at approximately 9:00pm. Each candidate will have a few minutes to tell you who they are and why you should vote for them.

Very soon it will be time to vote in the primaries. Contact your local Precinct Chairs and offer to help with the election. Do this early in case there might be training involved to know how to best help. Encourage all of your friends and family to vote. Attend your Precinct Convention after your polling location closes on Election Day and you may get elected to go to the Harris County Republican Convention.

When attending this convention you will hopefully be elected to attend the Republican State Convention.

Once we have the Republican Presidential candidate then we must all come together and get that candidate elected. As a club we will organize to "Get Out the Vote". Stay involved and do your part to get our Republican Candidate into the White House.

Hope to see you all at our meetings where we will continue to present interesting speakers and informative topics. You can be sure there will be

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plenty of local candidates visiting our meetings with the hopes of meeting each and every one of you. Put us on your calendar for the second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 AM, at Carrabba's Italian Grille on North Hwy 6.

I know we can pull this off and that our club members will put forth the effort needed to make it happen. Republican Women always make a difference when they become involved and work to put Republican Candidates into office.

**Our goal is to do get
Republicans elected - let's make
it happen.**

~Rita Parrish



CFRW Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars!



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| Jan 10th 10:30-12:00 | CFRW Regular Mtg Carrabba's Hwy. 6 | Jan 18th 9:30-11:30 | Greater Houston Council Meeting SOSA Ctr | Feb 14th 10:30-12:00 | CFRW Regular Mtg Carrabba's Hwy. 6 |
| Jan 12th 10:00-12:00 | CFRW Board Mtg Hearthstone Country Club | Jan 26th 7:00-9:00pm | Judges Forum Raveneaux Country Club | Feb 15th TBD | Greater Houston Nuts & Bolts SOSA Ctr |
| | | Feb 4th TBD | TFRW Leadership Day - Austin, TX | | |



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JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, JANUARY 10, 2012

Featuring Suzanne Davis
ESD 9 Commissioner

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: To be Announced at the meeting
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, January 6, 2012

Online at www.cfrw.net

E-mail: pwroses@sbcglobal.net

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PROGRAMS

Millie Alford

own member, 2nd VP of Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis.

Suzanne is a Native of Houston. She earned her [Associates Degree](#) in Art and has been a successful business owner of a sign business since 1983 and a Home Stager & Interior Decorating business since 2007. Suzanne has held several leadership positions in various political clubs in the area.

Suzanne was elected to the ESD No. 9 Board in 2010 and is currently serving a three-year term. As a Commissioner, Suzanne reaches out to her Community and the Firefighters by attending events held by the department and community routinely. She attends the Northwest [Emergency Services](#) Leadership Coalition meetings monthly. Suzanne was involved in



the decision process of the New Maintenance Building that was completed in July of 2010.

Suzanne is a member of the [Community Emergency Response Team](#) (CERT) and continues to attend other trainings available. It is a pleasure to have her speak this month about what it means to be an ESD Commissioner and how it affects our community.

Our speaker for February will be Rep. Dwayne Bohac. What an information-packed day that will be. We will start our Valentine's Day with a Representative who "Loves" Texas and America and is proud to represent us in Austin. Mark your calendars, and spend the first part of this special day with CFRW.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME MORE INFORMED ABOUT...

THE 2012 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CANDIDATES?

ATTEND THE

**GREATER NORTHWEST HOUSTON REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATE FORUM**

Sponsored By

Cy Fair Republican Women

Greater Tomball Pachyderm Club

Northwest Forest Republican Women

Tomball Republican Women

WHEN: JANUARY 26, 2012
TIME: 7 O'CLOCK P.M.
WHERE: RAVENEAUX COUNTRY CLUB
9415 CYPRESSWOOD DRIVE
SPRING, TEXAS 77379

Meet the candidates!



Hear their platforms



Learn about their qualifications

For further information, please contact:

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This is not a club endorsement, club president endorsement, or campaign chair endorsement; only candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice. Solicitations made by Federal candidates and officeholders at this event are limited by Federal law. The Federal candidates and officeholders speaking tonight are soliciting donations of up to \$2,400 from individuals and up to \$5,000 from multi-candidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors or foreign nationals.



MEMBERSHIP

CFRW welcomes the following Active Members for 2012: **Betty Collins, Susan Fruit Draughon, D. Paulette Harris, Darcy Mingoia, Jaime Conner Pierce, Nancy Roberts, and Kay Waghorne.** We welcome the following Associate Woman members: **H. Renee Magee, Sylvia Manley, and Lana Shadwick.** CFRW also welcomes support from our Associate Man members: **John Harris, Leif Olson, Bob Price and Paul Simpson.**

The coming elections are of paramount importance to the future direction of our country! If you want to see smaller government,

Betty Guthrie

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 Member-

ship 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!](#)



LEGISLATIVE

Joan Hudgens

In an article published through the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal's* Austin bureau and authorized by Enrique Rangel, a federal court in San Antonio has heard arguments from both sides of the Texas Legislature and congressional redistricting regarding the implementation of split elections. The three-judge federal panel comprised of both Republican and Democratic leaders discussed the feasibility of holding two primaries; one would be held in March exclusively for presidential races, and another one in May to decide congressional, state, and local contests. If the hearings legislative redistricting examining maps are completed, Democrats will favor a single April 3 primary date for all elections. Republicans are pushing for a March primary in order to maintain power in the GOP for president. However the only definitive action which came out of the day-long court hearing in San Antonio was a December 9 filing date extension for Democratic and Republican primaries.

Critics of split primaries cite several disadvantages. Split primaries could place a financial burden on Counties. "I don't know where we would get the

money," lamented David Saucedo, country judge of Maverick County in South Texas. "I guess we could downsize in other departments." He added that a primary costs Maverick County \$85,000. Jacquie Callenen, Bexar County election administrator weighed in on the controversy. "I think," She opined, "that there is going to be a lot of confusion if you have several elections." Callenen feels this confusion could result in lower voter turn out. Also, a May primary could affect Bexar County and other local governments statewide that hold municipal and school board elections in May.

Recently, the three-judge federal panel crafted temporary maps for the 2012 legislative and congressional primary elections. Minority groups have sued the federal court claiming the maps drawn by the Legislative didn't reflect the growth of hispanic and black populations in Texas. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block the maps drawn by the panel accusing the federal judges of overstepping their authority. The high court agreed to hear oral arguments on the issue January 1.

(The Associated Press contributed to this story)



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 |
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| 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 |
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MEMBER TYPE

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| 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:

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| <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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<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