



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



What a busy spring. Now it's summer and slowing down is not an option. It was wonderful to finally have our primary and our state convention.

The members of our club who attended the convention, spent long hours selecting and voting for the delegates for the Republican National Convention. This convention will be held in Tampa, Florida at the Tampa Bay Times Forum August 27-30, 2012. The state convention was an eye-opening experience and our goal is to bring more Cy-Fair Republican Women with us next time. There



Pic rt to left: Mary Moss, Millie Alford, Stephanie Peters, Kay Waghorne, Jan Ott, Nancy Roberts

was also plenty time spent making some changes in the party platform and party rules. It's very important work that needs to be done each session and it is so rewarding to be a part of it all. If you would like to review the 2012 Republican Party Rules and 2012 Republican

Platform please go to Harris County GOP.

Now it's time to tend to the business at hand, which is of course getting our republican candidates chosen who will compete in the general election in November. We will have to send our strongest candidates to compete in this election. Please choose carefully so we can be confident that the Republican candidate you have chosen will be the winner when the ballots are all counted. Once you have made your choice then you will need to go to work for your candidate to ensure his or her success. There will be numerous Get Out the Vote activities in upcoming months before the Primary Run-offs and the General Election in November. As we become of aware of these events, the details will be sent to you by email. So please check your computers for the latest efforts on Getting out the Vote.

Also remember that early voting starts on July 23 and continues through July 27. The official election date for the Primary Run-off is Tuesday, July 31, 2012. There are 8 positions from the May 29th Primary with run-offs. The positions on the ballot will be US Senator, US Representative District 36, Railroad Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner (unexpired term), Justice Supreme Court Place 4, District Judge 129th and 152nd Districts and County Sheriff. You can also see a sample ballot at Harris County GOP. Please review

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these candidates and make your decision and vote in the early vote or on Election Day. Tell everyone you know, about who you are backing and encourage them to get to the polls. Our goal is to continue with strong Republican Candidates to guide this country back to its roots and recover our economic strength to continue growth and stability for our future generations. Lets get going! The price for failure will be much too high!

~Rita Parrish

Mark Your Calendars!

- Jul 10th** CFRW General Mtg.
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6
- Jul 12th** CFRW Board Mtg.
10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Country Club
- Jul 23rd-27th** Early Voting
- Jul 31st** Run-Off Election Day
- Aug 14th** CFRW August Social
TBD TBD



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JULY MEETING

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Guest Speaker Texas Senator Dan Patrick

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, Zucchini Stefano, Italian Salad and Tiramisu.
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, July 6, 2012

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CAMPAIGN

Joy Gregory

It is so refreshing to have such a wonderful group of women to work with at CFRW. Our ladies are so enthusiastic and willing to help when needed. I would like to thank the following ladies for working at the polls during the primary election on May 29th: Millie Alford, Lois Barclay, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Missy Hendrickson, Michelle Lancaster, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Stephanie Peters, Nancy Roberts, Traci Sarradet, Sandra Vinklerek, Kay

Waghorne, Jude Wiggins and myself. If I missed anyone, I apologize. CFRW members give generously of their time and energy serving as needed in our community. Thank you, Ladies.





PROGRAMS Millie Alford

Summer is here and in full force! What an awesome time we had at the Republican State Convention. I believe our members logged in well over 100 hours during the event. It was a learning experience for all of us, plus just a great time to be with friends with “like conservative minds.”

A Special thank-you goes out to Rep. Allen Fletcher, who stepped in at the last moment to switch places with Rep. Bill Callegari, who was originally slated to be our Guest Speaker for June. We really appreciate his insightful presentation and look forward to his next visit.

We will welcome **Texas Senator Dan Patrick**, District 7, SH 249, as our guest speaker for July.



He received a B.A. in English from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. After many years of Broadcasting, he entered politics as a member of the Texas Senate in 2007. As a conservative member of the Texas Senate, Dan proves that one person can make a difference in Austin if they keep their promises and stick to their principles. In his first session, Senator Patrick passed a bill placing “In God We Trust” permanently in the Senate Chamber and was the Senate author to place “Under God” in our state pledge.

This past session, Dan passed nearly 40 bills, including 18 of his

top 20 priority issues. One of his top accomplishments was authoring the biggest tax cut passed in any state this year, a \$172 million tax cut affecting 40,000 small businesses. Three of his other major accomplishments happened in the district when Dan helped lead a coalition to finalize a deal for the new University Center on 249 making college more affordable and accessible to thousands in his district. Dan also passed a bill requiring back up power for water districts so we do not repeat the loss of water experienced during Hurricane Ike. Dan also passed an important crime fighting bill to give counties more power to regulate and shut down sexually oriented businesses.

For the second time in two sessions, Dan passed a bill requiring a doctor, before performing an abortion, to perform an ultrasound and offer the woman the option to view it. Although it died in the House again, he will keep fighting for this bill. Senator Patrick is currently Vice Chair of the Education and Higher Education committees. He also serves on the Health and Human Services, Criminal Justice, and two other committees. He is known for his hard work ethic, being prepared on the issues, and being one of the best debaters on the Senate floor. After the recent session, Senator Patrick worked to save the optional 20% homestead exemption in Cy Fair ISD, saving the average homeowner nearly \$700 a year. He has been recognized as “Legislator of the Year” by a wide variety of groups, such as the Independent Electrical Contractors and District Attorneys Association of Texas. Dan was awarded for his work on healthcare by the Harris County Medical Society and given the top award by Texans for Lawsuit

Reform for his continued staunch support for tort reform in Texas.

Dan recently produced an award winning Christian film *The Heart of Texas*, voted best film made in Texas for 2009, and is author of the book The Second Most Important Book You Will Ever Read, a challenge to read the Bible. He owns and operates talk radio stations in Dallas and Houston and does a daily talk show each afternoon when time permits. He has been married for 34 years to Jan. Their son Ryan is an assistant D.A. in Harris County and their daughter Shane is attending nursing school.

CARING FOR AMERICA Debby Frieden



BOYS & GIRLS
COUNTRY
A Home for Children



Don't forget to bring your donated items to the July meeting.

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- Winston Churchill



LEGISLATIVE

Joan Hudgens

Texas Legislature: Primary gives first look at conservative '13

The San Angelo Standard Times published an article (May 29, 2012 ed.) by Jim Vertuno (AP) which suggested that the first hints of just how conservative the 2013 Texas Legislature will be began to emerge in Tuesday's primary election. Early returns showed conservatives, still fueled by a strong tea party movement, pushing to keep a strong grip on Texas public policy.

Republicans hold large majorities in both the House and Senate and are all but guaranteed to stay in power in 2013, but redistricting, retirement and ambition for new office led to some blistering campaigns, particularly among some GOP colleagues.

Even in a Legislature that rolled over Democrats to cut \$4 billion in education, pass a voter ID law and place more restrictions on women seeking an abortion in 2011, this year's primary campaigns were dominated by Republicans trying to prove who among them is the most conservative.

The Tea Party movement that pushed House Republicans to a 101-49 supermajority in that chamber was again engaged in several key races across the state.

In the House, Gov. Rick Perry waded into several campaigns to support Tea Party candidates and early returns showed the failed presidential candidate still holds strong influence within. Perry endorsed Rep. James White who's been in office since 2003.

Perry also backed state Rep. Kelly Hancock over state Rep. Todd Smith and for Senate District 9 in Dallas and Tarrant Counties and Hancock rolled to an easy victory.

"I'm proud to have supported strong fiscal and social conservatives across Texas who will join me in working to support stricter limits on government spending, opposing tax increases and preserving a strong rainy day fund," Perry said.

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus defeated challenger Matt Beebe, but he also learned that his leadership will be challenged again when the Legislature convenes in January 2013. Rep. Bryan Hughes of Marshall announced Tuesday he'll run for House speaker, an office elected by the House members. Some GOP House members claim that Straus isn't conservative enough. "Tonight we have shown you can campaign on the power of positive ideas and not be drawn into the politics of personal destruction," Straus said. "As Speaker of the House, I will continue to provide respectful leadership that allows all voices to be heard."

<http://www.goangelo.com/news/2012/may/29/primary-gives-first-look> at conservative '13

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

Welcome to our new Active Members: **Melinda Guthrie, Gail Hoffman-Jackson, Barbara Hogan, Carole Horton, Judith Nelms, Corrin Ronquillo and Margaret Seaton!** Joining us as an Associate Member is **Edith Gibson!** We look forward to your support and participation in our activities.

Members are encouraged to bring family, friends and neighbors to our events. State Senator Dan Patrick will be our speaker at the July 10th meeting. He is sure to present an interesting and timely program you won't want to miss!

Join our grassroots organization to support our GOP candidates and Republican platform! A Membership Application is included in this newsletter. It may also be accessed on our Web site www.cfrw.net. Join now and get involved! Any questions? You may contact me at BLPGuthrie@aol.com or 281-370-3956.

Thank you for your support!



General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

JUNE 12, 2012

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Kay Waghorne led us in the invocation and pledges. Betty Guthrie announced our guests. Millie explained that the original speaker Texas State Representative, Bill Callegari had to cancel and that Texas House Representative Allen Fletcher; District 130 would take his place. Representative Fletcher spoke about his duties to his district and bills that were passed in the last Legislative session.

Rita stated they all had a great time at the Convention & asked Stephanie Peters to give some details about her experience. This was Stephanie's first convention and she thoroughly enjoyed it. She passed around some materials from the Convention for members to view. She was impressed to see a lot of state-wide elected officials, high school and college students. She stated they campaigned and voted for National Delegates.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet- There were no corrections, minutes stand for May.

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

Programs, Millie Alford- Informed us of upcoming speakers; Senator, Dan Patrick for July & Congressman Ted Poe for our evening August social. It was discussed that the Venue we have

used in the past is now too small. Anyone that has an idea for a new Venue please get with Rita.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis- Has CFRW T-shirts for \$35.00, denim shirts for \$30.00 and cookbooks for \$10.00. She also has sets of Peter Barnes books, a set of 5 for \$90.00. Suzanne passed out flyers for her victory party this Saturday the 17th to celebrate being reelected for the ESD #9 seat, please RSVP.

Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo- Was not present, The newsletter deadline is Monday, June 18, 2012

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie- Is ordering name tags which are \$15.00 each. Please get with her if you need one. Betty also gave our current Membership report. We have 73 active members, 14 associate women members and 9 associate men members for a total of 96 members.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory- Handed out a sheet for members to record their May or June volunteer hours.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden- Thanked members for bringing items for the various charities we are supporting. She also passed around an envelope for money to mail boxes for Operation Interdependence. Rita stated donations should be made

with a check since the donor's info is there on the check to report to the TEC. The club must report all money taken in for whatever reason so checks make this process much easier. Otherwise the donor must fill out an info sheet with the amount of their donation so this can be reported.

Awards, Mary Moss- Mary had no report this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our club was well represented at the Republican Party State Convention in Fort Worth, Texas June 7-9, 2012 with 11 of our members attending. Jan Ott reported that Carolyn Hodges, the President of TFRW and a member of our club was nominated as a National Delegate to attend the Republican National Convention in Tampa Florida.

Jan also thanked all members who attended the Convention and helped her with her campaign to be elected a delegate. She was not chosen but thanked everyone for helping her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our monthly board meeting is back to the regular schedule for this Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Hearthstone CC at 10:00am.

Information will be at the July meeting for anyone wanting to work the polls for the run-off election on July 31, 2012.

If there are other opportunities to work for a candidate prior to the run-off Rita will send out an E-mail with the information.

Ella Edmiston, representing Patricia Harless, passed out a flyer which Patricia Harless



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furnished the funds to have printed to put in all the convention attendees bag which was given out at the convention, The handout

has great talking points to get people involved and unite the Republican Party. She encouraged Precinct Chairs to hand these flyers out as well.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW.

2012 GOP State Convention Stephanie Peters

What an amazing experience! This year was my first state convention, but I guarantee it will NOT be my last! Over 10,000 republicans from across the state enjoyed an incredible line up of speakers! The convention focused on major aspects of the state party platform, nominating, voting and electing important positions within the party, and we had a little fun along the way, too.

The convention general sessions were in the large arena attached to the convention center. Thanks to AT&T it was a wonderful production with lights and music and videos! It was in these general sessions we heard speakers like Governor Rick Perry and convention chairman Steve Munesteri. It is also where I learned a fast and furious lesson in Robert's Rules of Order! We were responsible for voting on changes in the different committees presented to the party platform. Immigration was a hot topic on Friday night causing the session to end at 11pm!

Did you know there are a ton of thankless jobs within party leadership? Well there are, and they all get elected at the state convention. We elected our state's national committeeman and committeewoman in general sessions and the elector for our U.S. congressional district in our congressional district caucus. Other positions from caucus meetings included convention chairpersons, national nominating committee chair, and our national delegates.

For fun, we attended the TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon with Rep. Jim Murphy at our table, and then a dinner at Joe T. Garcia's where we got to sit with Rep. Patricia Harless. We also attended a couple of receptions hosted by legislators and candidates.

By the end of convention, we were exhausted, yet somehow even more energized and excited about the future of the party and the upcoming run-off and general elections. I came away with a greater appreciation, understanding, and respect for republicans from all over the state. Everyone should experience a state convention some time in their life.



Pics at the State Convention



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:
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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

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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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