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Rita's Reflections



As my beautiful daughter married in April I couldn't help but wonder, and yes worry, what the future holds for these newlyweds and all the other young people starting their lives together. Life always has its uncertainties but these times seem overwhelmingly filled with more questions than answers.

I want to be hopeful. I know that the young newlyweds are, but unless our country gets back on a sane track I will continue to worry. Even with good jobs what are the hurdles they will have to climb over to meet their goals? If they meet their goals what price will they pay? Will any gain they make be taken away in new taxes? You can see I have many questions because I have lived in the era of Americans being encouraged to excel, start successful businesses, and contribute to our country's economy. Now we are seeing these accomplishments being attributed to luck not hard work. They have this idea that it's not fair that others haven't had this same success so we should hand it over to the less fortunate ones. This is class warfare and it will only lead to more resentment from both sides.

In fact, here's a Will Rogers quote on this same subject which he made 77 years ago almost to this date.

"We know everybody should 'share the wealth.' Now Huey's (Sen. Huey Long) plan to "share the wealth," it's a marvelous idea. Huey's a smart guy, don't overlook that. And our own downright conscience tells us that there's no reason why anybody should have more than you. There ain't nothing wrong with that plan, only this little defect: Nobody ain't going to share it with you, that's all. I know a lot of tremendously rich people that should share their wealth with me, but they just don't see it that way. And I know folks that ain't got as much as I have that think I ought to share it with them. Well I just can't hardly see it their way either. That is, even if I can see it that way, I'm not doing it."
Radio, April 21, 1935.

So the idea of sharing the wealth is not new and although Huey Long tried to put it into practice, it didn't happen. The Depression, World War II and FDR's new taxes on income and estate taxes came along and added to the problems the wealthy faced. Many had lost their concentration of wealth and then were required to assume these new taxes and their lives were never the same. This proves that the taking of wealth by taxation doesn't help the poor but instead ties the hands of the successful, decreasing their success and therefore their economic output. We have that same situation being implemented now.

This class warfare that President Obama is trying to encourage today is just one more step in the wrong direction. It will only hurt our nation's abilities to increase

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productivity and it will increase unemployment. We must stop the present government's attempts to take away the successes of people and to reward those who only take from the government. Vote in the Primary on May 29, 2012 and then wholeheartedly support our Republican Candidate on November 6, 2012. See you all at the polls.

~Rita Parrish

Mark Your Calendars!

- May 8th** CFRW General Mtg
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6
- May 10th** Candidate Forum
6:30 PM Buxton Bldg -Telge
- May 17th** CFRW Board Meeting
10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Country Club
- May 12th** ESD Election Day
- May 14th-25th** Early Voting for Primary
- May 29th** Voting Primary
- Jun 7-9th** Republican Convention FW, TX
- Jun 12th** CFRW General Mtg.
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6



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MAY MEETING

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Guest Speaker Senator Glenn Hegar

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: Pollo Rosa Maria, Penne Pomodoro, Italian Salad, Tiramisu
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, May 4, 2012

Online at www.cfrw.net

E-mail: pwroses@sbcglobal.net

Ph: 281-859-6162

VOTE EARLY!

8 Days of Early Voting!

**Monday April 30, 2012 through
Tuesday May 8, 2012**

Harris County ESD No. 9 Administration Building

**9630 Telge Road, Houston TX. 77095
(Drive 1 mile West on Telge Rd. off of Hwy 290)**

Days/Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Saturday May 5, 2012 - 10:00AM - 3:00PM

**Visit the ESD website for the Polling Locations
on Election Day, May 12th, 2012**

<http://www.hcesd9.org/election.php>



PROGRAMS Millie Alford

What an informative and interesting meeting CFRW had in April and we really appreciate Mr. Mike Zientek from TX DOT answering our questions, and fielding all the comments in such a professional manner. We are grateful that he is so willing to help citizens understand how the construction is progressing on 290 and we look forward to having more room and more efficient highways and byways in Houston. We will surely welcome Mr. Zientek back for an update on 290.



Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Senator Hegar in the Senate Chamber.

Our May Membership Meeting will welcome Senator Glenn Hegar.

We'll learn more about him at our meeting, but the following information will give you a little insight

into how privileged Texas is to have the quality of leadership we have.

Senator Glenn Hegar: District 18

Occupation: Farmer

Education: Texas A&M University, B.A., 1993; St. Mary's University, M.A., 1997; St. Mary's University, J.D., 1997; University of Arkansas, L.L.M., 1998

Legislative Experience: House Member, 2003 - 2007; Senate Member, 2007 - present

Hometown: Katy

Party: Republican

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, for less government, and more personal responsibility.

As the youngest member of the Texas Senate, Glenn Hegar has been a strong and compelling voice in the defense of Texas families and in protecting the traditional values that have made Texas strong. Nothing is more important to Glenn than his faith, family, and his Texas heritage. He is a sixth generation Texan who farms on land that has been in his family since the mid 1800's. Glenn, his wife Dara, and their children

Claire, Julia and Jonah, live in Katy, where they attend Crosspoint Community Church.

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist18/dist18.htm>

Although his list of awards and honors are many, here are just a few of the most recent ones:

81st Legislature

- Doc Brown Legislator of the Year Award for 2009 from Texas State Rifle Association
- Civil Justice Leadership Award from Texans for Lawsuit Reform
- Champion for Free Enterprise Award from the Texas Association of Business
- Legislator of the Year award by the Texas Mining and Reclamation Association
- Legislative Excellence Award, from the Texas Municipal Police Association

You won't want to miss what Senator Hegar has to share with us. So be sure and make your reservation for our May meeting on line by May 4th. Be sure to bring a friend, and share a great time.

CARING FOR AMERICA

Debby Frieden

This month we are asking everyone to bring an item from their pantry for the Boys and Girls Country of Houston. There will be a box set up at the registration table to drop off the item. Here is the Wish List for MAY -

Taco Mix - Brown Sugar and White Sugar - Catsup



Salsa - Salad Dressing - Spices - Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets - Pine Sol - SOS pads

Please bring any of the items to the MAY meeting and they will be delivered to The Boys & Girls Country.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!



The U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Becomes the Highest in the World *By: Don Carlson*

On April 1st, the Japanese Government reduced its corporate tax rate to 39.05% and will further reduce it to 35.64% in 2015. By this action Japan relinquished its status as having the highest corporate tax rate in the industrialized world. Unfortunately for the United States, this action by Japan now means that the United States has inherited the very dubious distinction of having the highest corporate tax rate at 39.2%. These rates are combined rates reflecting not only national taxes but also state, local and (in Japan's case) regional taxes.

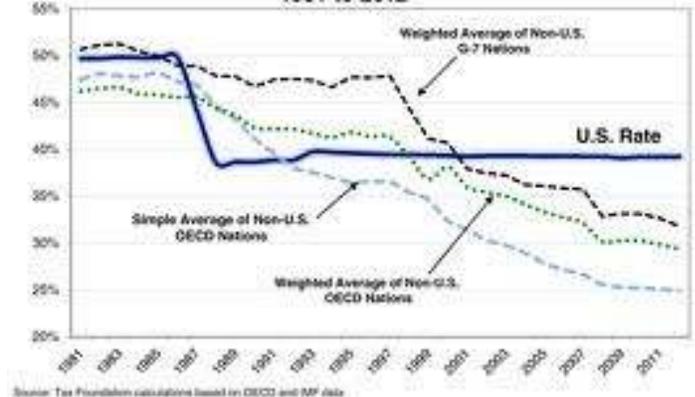
Why is this action by Japan important to us? The Government of Japan has been under considerable pressure for many years to invigorate their anemic economy and spur economic growth. They have looked around the world to see what other countries have done in recent years to address similar economic problems and what they have seen is that virtually every industrialized country around the world understands that corporate tax rates have a profound effect as to whether or not a business will succeed or fail.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the average 2012 corporate tax rate for the top 34 developed countries in the world is 25.4%. Since 2000, 30 of the world's leading economies have cut their corporate tax rates. Germany dropped its top rate by 22 points. Canada cut its by 13 points. Even Russia at 20% and China at 25% have lower rates than the U.S.

Why is our new status another burden for the U.S. economy? Taxes are an integral part of every business decision as to not only pricing but also where to do business and where to locate manufacturing. Bruce Josten, Exec. VP at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, recently made the following statement: "As countries such as Canada and the United Kingdom have moved to reform their tax systems and lower rates to encourage economic growth, America's inaction puts American worldwide companies at a competitive disadvantage and threatens our economic recovery."

Tax rates are a key part. The U.S. is virtually alone among OECD countries in that it subjects its citizens and its companies to taxation on their worldwide income. Most countries only tax income earned within their borders. Thus, a foreign company operating

Statutory U.S. Corporate Tax Rate Compared to OECD Averages 1981 to 2012



outside its borders will pay taxes in the country where it earns the money but pays nothing when it brings that money home. A U.S. Corporation must pay all foreign government taxes and then the U.S. Corporate tax on monies earned overseas when they bring it home. As a result, many American companies do not bring their foreign income home where it could be used to support our domestic economy and create jobs. It is currently estimated that U.S. Companies have more than \$2 trillion in overseas profits that they are keeping overseas, rather than pay our corporate tax.

Why should we be concerned about both corporate tax rates and worldwide taxation? The reason is that they are integral to economic recovery and growth. Tax rates as incorporated into pricing that determine whether we win in the competitive international marketplace. Worldwide taxation determines where plants are located and where jobs are created. When a U.S. Corporation makes a decision as to where to build a new \$1 billion factory and that corporation has overseas profits that is not brought home, it can build that \$1 billion plant overseas, compared to building a \$650 million plant if it pays the top corporate tax to bring that money home and build it in the U.S. If you needed to build that \$1 billion facility, where would basic economics tell you to build it?

These are critical decisions that we must face as a nation in the coming months and years. Tax policy and tax rates determine which economy will grow and where jobs will be created. The rest of the industrialized world gets it. If we are to have a vibrant job-producing economy, **the United States needs to get it as well!**



Candidate Forum

Save the Date!

May 10, 6:30 pm

*Featuring the candidates for
State Railroad Commissioner,
Harris County Sheriff, and
Constables for Pct. 4 & 5.*



*At the Buxton Companies office
building, 9346 Telge Rd,
Houston, TX 77095*

SEE YOU THERE!

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW welcomes new Active Member **Louise Burke!** We look forward to getting to know her and appreciate her support of our club and the Republican Party.

REMINDER: TUESDAY, MAY 8th, is the date of our annual MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MEETING.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you at this event! Help CFRW grow to make a bigger impact on the upcoming elections and in support of our GOP candidates!

We are eager to meet your guests and inform them about CFRW and our activities. Our speaker, Texas

State Senator Glenn Hegar of District 18, will have an interesting presentation followed by a brief meeting. As usual, Carrabba's will serve a delicious lunch (optional). A prize will be given to the member who brings the most guests, and a prize drawing will be held for "guests only"! Several door prizes will also add to the fun! **Members, please wear your club shirts or something red if possible!**

So invite your friends and neighbors now and have all **RSVP** on our Web site www.cfrw.net by **noon on Friday, May 4th**. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Thank you for your support!

The Primary is coming!

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The Primary Election in Texas, May 29 is almost here (FINALLY). Our mail boxes are getting more and more crowded with candidate flyers and information daily. These flyers come in the form of endorsement lists, candidate generated campaign literature, and sometimes, smear from an opponent. A word of caution; before you take any information or endorsement as gospel, **do your OWN homework.**

Many of the endorsement lists are a "Pay to Play" deal. That is, in order for a candidate to get on the list, they need to pay the person or

organization publishing the list to get their name on the list. So the candidate with the deepest pockets (not necessarily the best choice) gets the endorsement.

And when you receive a negative ad, check to see who paid for the ad and look into them and what their incentive is. You need to determine if what they are saying is indeed the whole truth or a distortion of the truth.

This primary is very important to all of us. We as Republicans need to choose the very best candidates in **ALL** races to face the Democrats come November. So, **do your home work** – don't rely on someone else to tell you who to vote for. Go to

forums, listen to the candidates speak. Do some research. A good place to start is - harriscountygop.com – they have a listing of the people on the ballot with links to their official web sites.

Bottom line, be informed and know where this information is coming from.

~Mary Moss





General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

April 9, 2012

President, Rita Parrish called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Chaplain, Kay Waghorne gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Membership Chairman, Betty Guthrie welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives.

Millie Alford, VP-Programs introduced our speaker, Mike Zientek, Senior Public Involvement Representative with TXDOT's US 290/Hempstead Corridor Program. Mr. Zientek brought us up to date on the ongoing work and plans for expansion on Hwy 290.

Officer's Reports

The minutes from the March 13, 2012 regular meeting were approved as published in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton reported that as of March 31, 2012 we had a balance of \$19,279.53; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$1,903.63

1st Vice-President, Millie Alford announced that the speaker for our May Membership Drive Meeting would be State Senator, Glenn Hager, Senate District 18.

2nd Vice-President, Suzanne Davis, reminded us of our CFRW merchandise – Peter Barnes' books, shirts and cookbooks.

3rd Vice President, Melissa Ronquillo stated that the deadline for articles for the May Newsletter is Monday, April 16, 2012. Please get your articles in on time. Also be sure to take several of the note cards with you with next month's meeting information to pass out to

family, friends or folks you may meet. CFRW is on YOU TUBE. We are taping the speakers and posting on our url www.youtube.com/CFRWTexas.

Committee Reports

Membership Chair, Betty Guthrie reported that as of today we have 63 active members, 10 associate members, and 8 associate men. If any of you need a nametag, please see her. May's regular meeting, May 8, will be our annual Membership Drive. Betty encouraged everyone to bring a guest(s) to this event. There will be a prize for the member that brings the most guests. Please see Betty if you would like to help with the preparations.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory, explained that the Senatorial District convention will be held, Saturday, April 21 at Grace Community Church. With the Primary being so late, you will need to attend in order to be elected as a delegate to the State Convention in June. Anyone interested in carpooling, please sign the sheet passed around. We will hold a Voter Registration at Lone Star College's Community Partners Day, Wednesday, April 18, 11 – 1 pm. Those interested in coming to help please let Joy know.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden passed around an envelope for donations for Operation Interdependence for their shipping costs.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Nominations were taken for TFRW's Tribute to Women

honorees. The Tribute to Women Luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Republican State Convention held in Ft. Worth, June 8-9, 2012. Every club can send 4 honorees, and our by-laws state that the current and immediate past president are automatically honorees, so nominated from the floor was Millie Alford, Joy Gregory, and Barbara Buxton. Barbara Buxton declined the nomination, and as there were no other nominees, Rita Parrish (current President), Mary Moss (Immediate past President), Millie Alford, and Joy Gregory will represent our club at the luncheon.

Rita reminded us that CFRW is sponsoring a candidate forum, May 10 at 6:30 pm, at Buxton Companies office building, 9346 Telge Rd, Houston, TX 77095 featuring the candidates for State Railroad Commissioner, Harris County Sheriff, and Constables for Pct. 4 & 5. Please let the committee – Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott, Cindy Diester, and Nancy Roberts – know if you would like to help out.

Announcements

Suzanne Davis reminded us that ESD elections will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012 with early voting from April 30-May 8, 2012. See Suzanne (or her flyer) for times and locations.

Our monthly board meeting will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mary Moss for Traci Sarradet

Happy Mother's Day!



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
12306 Francel Ln.
Cypress, TX 77429

Date Received:

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



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Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women



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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/](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

Solicitations made by Federal candidates and officeholders at this event are limited by Federal law. The Federal candidates and officeholders speaking tonight are soliciting only 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. "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."