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## Joy's Journal

Nuts and bolts are two pieces of metal that can be used in unison to hold something together. Like the nut and bolt, our job as Republican Women is to hold our party together and securely fasten our conservative principles to the leadership of our club and country. Nuts and bolts come in a range of sizes and shapes and must be chosen carefully for the specific job they are to perform. Within our clubs the members also have a wide range of interests and talents that need to be utilized in order to be an effective club.

Toni Anne Dashielle and Rachel Woods, co-authors of *Leading for Freedom: Leadership Skills for Republican Women*, were the keynote speakers at the Nuts and Bolts Workshop sponsored by the Greater Houston Council. Toni Anne emphasized the importance of delegating responsibilities within clubs and committees. She outlined five main points to be considered when delegating. The first step is to select a capable and committed person. Secondly, the delegate should clearly understand the task and the objectives to be accomplished. Next the delegate should be provided with the necessary resources for accomplishing the task. Fourth we need to ensure that the delegate agrees to assume the responsibility and finally, we need to build in accountability for performing the task. According to Toni Anne, the results of delegating would be higher morale and higher productivity among the club

members. (Get ready, we will be calling on you!)

Communication was the word of the day from Rachel Woods. She gave a number of pointers on how to listen authentically and actively. Let people vent frustrations as they are more likely to hear you if you listen to them first. Making eye contact, listening for details, and asking questions are important in this step. Acknowledge what has been said. You do not have to agree to acknowledge but you should not sound as if you're judging them. Summarize what the person has said in a kind tone of voice. We want to work toward common goals through effective communication. Rachel's words will help us in communicating among ourselves as well as with others in our sphere of influence.

Also on the program were short sessions on Parliamentary Procedure, and Tips for Treasurers and Fundraisers. Rounding out the program was a short presentation by Carolyn Hodges, our TFRW President. Carolyn explained how our dues were distributed between NFRW, TFRW and the local club. NFRW receives \$10.00 of your membership fee, TFRW receives \$5.00 and the remaining \$15.00 stays with our local club. During the 2012 election cycle, TFRW members contributed over 800,000 hours of service and over \$500,000 to local and state candidates. Carolyn's theme for her term has been "Focus on the Outcome, Imagine our Impact". I think these accomplishments prove she is right.

I would like to thank the 8 members and officers who attended this workshop with me: Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Cindy Deister, Mary Moss, Jaime Pierce, Nancy Roberts, Melissa Ronquillo and Linda Truhlar. CFRW will definitely benefit from all we learned and like the nuts and bolts our increased knowledge and skills will strengthen our club.

Happy Easter!

## Mark Your Calendars!

April 9th	CFRW General Meeting
10:30-Noon	Carrabba's Hwy 6
April 11th	CFRW Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Hearthstone
April 19-20	Texas Legislative Day
	Austin
May 14th	CFRW General Meeting
10:30-Noon	Carrabba's Hwy 6
May 16-18	NFRW Region 4
	Conference Sugar Land

April is Membership Month!  
Please come visit us and bring a friend or three!

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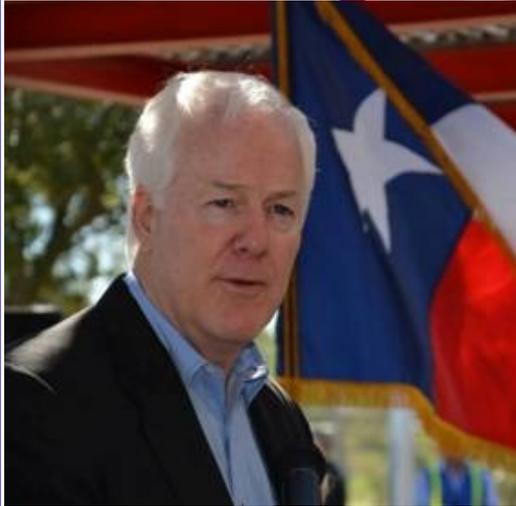
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## A Note from Carolyn Hodges, President Texas Federation of Republican Women

The Republican Party of Texas just announced a lunch with Senator Cornyn as a thank you to our GRC members. Please see email below.

Dear Grassroots Club Member,

Senator Cornyn would like to have lunch with you and your family in Austin on April 1st. The event is to say thank you to the RPT's Grassroots Club members because he knows how important this community of donors is to funding the Party. In fact, he himself is a Grassroots Club member.

We at the RPT work to create special members only events for our Grassroots Club donors as a way to say thank you to current members and to grow the Club with the ultimate goal of reaching 10,000 members. 10,000 members will fully fund the RPT's infrastructure, administrative costs and even some of our outreach efforts. This means that every additional dollar raised will go directly to electing more Republicans in Texas.

Being a member of the Grassroots Club is an easy way to support your state Republican Party every month with a small contribution of only \$8.25 per month. This may not seem like enough to make a difference, but it is!

In addition to member only events like lunch with Senator Cornyn, current members enjoy other benefits, such as being removed from all of the RPT's solicitation lists. This means that as long as you are a current member, you will not receive any letters or phone calls asking for money. You will also be invited to a special event at the state convention next year.

As a fellow Grassroots Club member, Senator Cornyn looks forward to having lunch with you on April 1st from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Cisco's Restaurant and Bakery, located at 1511 E 6th St. Austin, TX 78702.

To RSVP to the luncheon please reply to this e-mail or contact Lauren Pacek by calling 512.477.9821. If you are a current member in the Grassroots Club, Lauren will confirm your RSVP via e-mail.

If you are not a member and wish to attend the event please click here to sign up for the Grassroots Club. Once your membership is confirmed, your RSVP will be confirmed via e-mail.

If you have any questions about the status of your membership or this event, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Pacek by calling 512.477.9821.

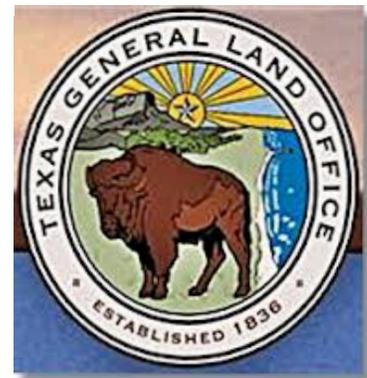




## PROGRAMS

This month's presentation will feature Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner. His presentation will include information on current issues that affect the Houston and Cy-Fair areas as well as Second Amendment issues facing Texans.

Please join us for an informative meeting! Visit the Cy-Fair Republican Women's website at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) to RSVP and reserve your seat today!



## MEMBERSHIP

**Nancy Roberts**

We now have 88 members, well on our way to our goal of 100! We have 64 Active, 8 Associate Women and 6 Associate Men. Let's keep bringing guests and getting former members to renew.

To renew your membership or join as a new member, download the enclosed Membership Application, complete the form, include your check and send to Nancy Roberts at the address indicated. The form is also available at our Web site [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net).

CFRW is a wonderful organization of hard working and friendly members who strive to support Republican Candidates, officials and the GOP platform and ideals. April's Meeting will feature Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner. I hope to see you there!



Thank you **Gary Elkins** for our recent trip to Austin!

## NFRW Conference In Our Own Backyard!



The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) will have its Region 4 Conference, **Focusing on the Future**, on May 16-18, 2013.

The conference will be held at the Marriott Sugar Land Town Square. There is a special block rate of \$129 per room. Use the code nfrnfra when booking. Yes, this is *your* Region. Don't confuse it with TFRW's Regions. All of Texas is in NFRW Region 4, along with Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas. Reservation form is attached. Remember the early discount is available until April 5 (\$140).

Thursday, May 16: Welcome Reception

Friday, May 17: Morning and afternoon general sessions, lunch, and dinner with George P. Bush as featured speaker. There will be a Live and Silent Auction at the Friday dinner.

Saturday, May 18: continental breakfast, a morning general session, and lunch. Please mark your calendar for these dates, book your room at the Marriott, and plan to attend!

Confirmed speakers include:

Texas Governor Rick Perry, Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri, George P. Bush, Astronaut Gene Cernan (last man on the Moon), Mark P. Jones, Ph.D. of the Baker Institute at Rice University (Chair of the Political Science Department), Brad Bailey of The Texas Solution (comprehensive immigration reform), Bob Pheiffer of the Federal Safety Net, Don Carlson, Director of the National Tax Policy Office, PWC, LLC, Professor Jeffrey Addicott of St. Mary's University, San Antonio (terrorism specialist), former UN Ambassador Sichan Siv (who escaped from Cambodia), Debbie Georgatos, author of Ladies Can We Talk? American Needs Your Vote!, and KCarl Smith, Frederick Douglas Republicans, and Rae Chornenky, NFRW President.

Confirmed workshops include:

- \*Kim Chambers, TFRW Outreach Chair
  - \*Tonya Steil, Louisiana VP Membership on Membership & Fundraising
  - \*Theresa Kosmoski, TFRW Parliamentarian Membership Panel including all 5 states, \*Toni Anne Dashiell and Rachel Woods, Leading for America
  - \*Karen Watson, Being Black and Republican in the Age of Obama
- NFRW Region 4 State Presidents

State Representative **Gary Elkins**, from District 135, recently organized a bus trip to Austin and a tour of the Capitol. Many of our members were able to enjoy this wonderful trip. Pictured is our CFRW President, **Joy Gregory** with **Representative Elkins**. Thank you, Gary!



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

**CARRABBA'S**  
**ITALIAN GRILL®**

**7540 N. Highway 6 in Copperfield**  
10:30 Meet & Greet, 11:00 Speaker  
12:00 Lunch

**Please reply by Friday, April 5** at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) or to [loisbarclay@att.net](mailto:loisbarclay@att.net). Lunch is \$15 and includes a delicious salad, entree, bread, tea/coffee and dessert. For meeting and tea/coffee only, the fee is \$3. Please have check or exact change ready when you arrive. Walk-ins may have lunch for \$20.

## General Meeting Minutes March 11, 2013

President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Alice Gullet gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags for absent Chaplain, Dean Hastings. Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives. One of the guests was Nicholas Carona, the field representative for Attorney General Greg Abbott. Mr. Carona passed around a signup sheet for those wishing to get information from General Abbott's campaign. 1st VP-Programs Barbara Buxton, introduced Kim Chambers, TFRW Outreach Chair. Ms. Chambers gave a very informative talk on growing the Republican Party and the importance of "inclusion" of all groups, but specifically the younger voters. She gave many tips and suggestions on how to go about winning over these younger voters.

### Officer's Reports

The Minutes from the February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the March Newsletter.

Treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo reported that as of February 28, 2013 we had a balance of \$13,274.46; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,604.53.

1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton announced that the speaker for our April meeting will be Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson.

2nd Vice-President, Melissa Ronquillo reported for Cindy Deister, that our biennial fundraiser High Heels and High Tea will be held Friday, October 11, 2013 at Raveneaux Country Club. Committees are forming and there will be a kickoff brunch at Cindy's house Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 9:30 am. An email has already gone out with this information, so please RSVP to Cindy that you will be able

to attend. Cindy will need lots of help, so please plan on volunteering for something.

### Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today we have 62 regular members, 8 associate women, and 5 associate men. Nancy announced that our Membership Drive will be held at our April Regular Meeting. There were invitation cards for all to take. Nancy asked that you try and invite 5 of your friends.

Nancy Roberts asked, on Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis' behalf, that everyone fill in the "Hours Cards" for any hours you spent on CFRW duties or events. Hospitality Chairman, Lois Barclay will gladly accept any donations for door prizes.

Caring for America Chairman, Mille Alford was not in attendance, but Joy Gregory said she would take any Operation Interdependence items to her.

### Old Business

Micheline Hutson read the compilation of the responses given at the last meeting's SWOT exercise.

Joy Gregory read the report by Judie Stokes and the Financial Review Committee. Melissa Ronquillo, Mary Moss for Suzanne Davis, and Judie met and went over the records from last year as directed by our By-laws and found everything to be in order.

Joy Gregory reminded everyone of Legislative Day, April 18, 2013 in Austin. It is not too late to attend. See Joy for a registration form if you would like to go. Those of us going will get together after the April meeting to form carpools.

Joy Gregory reported on the trip to Austin last week sponsored by Rep. Gary Elkins. It was a very fun and interesting day and she encouraged everyone to go next time if possible.

### New Business

Joy Gregory asked for a volunteer to

serve as the Grass Roots Club Chairman. The job entails encouraging members to join the RPT's Grass Roots Club and maintain the list of members who are members to pass on to our Awards Chairman, Rita Parrish. Please see Joy if you are interested in handling this important position.

Jordan Ronquillo told us of his plans and the steps he has already taken to form a High School Republican Club at Cy-Falls High School. We will discuss ways we can help him at this month's Board Meeting.

Joy Gregory told of the NFRW's Region IV Conference to be held in Sugar Land May 16-18, 2013. An informational flyer was emailed to the membership. The deadline for registration is April 5 and the cost is \$140.

ESD #9 Commissioner Bob Janusaitus spoke on an upcoming proposition on the May 11 ballot dealing with the ESD's share of tax dollars that they feel will be needed for the building and equipping of new fire stations to cover the rapid growth in our area. Look for more information at our next meeting.

### Reminders

The deadline of articles for the March Newsletter is Monday, March 18. The Greater Houston Council meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Sosa Center. There is no cost and everyone is invited to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moss



## Caring for America Millie Alford



On March 11, CFRW lost a true friend. She was a very special friend of mine, and her name was Borah Van Dormolen. She suffered a massive heart attack on March 7. To say that she was extraordinary is an understatement. My heart is so sad, but I know where she is and that she is fine. Those of us who loved and respected her, will cherish the many memories she gave us. Borah always accepted our invitations to come speak at our meetings and stayed well after the meetings to amuse us with her stories, encourage us with her motivating words, and praise us for the work we did. She had a way of making us feel important and useful. What a treat it was to slip into in her circle, especially when she had a story to tell.

I had the privilege to work with her on many occasions and each time I did, I learned more about our political system and more about how to treat people. I remember one occasion when many of us were working for her election in a position she really hoped to win. Even though she did not win, she never had rude or condescending comments. She displayed true sportsmanship. Publicly, she never lowered her standards, even in the face of disappointment. She was a true mentor who treated everyone with respect and consideration. When I think of the benchmark for the values of our Republican Party, I see Borah. Many have followed in her footsteps, so our Party and our organizations still have many excellent mentors...if we all strive to represent our organizations like she did, we will have success.



She was a decorated Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and Military Sons and Daughters. She took Women a beautiful Flag-draped cross and proudly display them. Another love in her life was the Republican Party. She stood for conservative values and gave so much to all of us. God bless her family. What a tragic loss for Women, and The Military. She supported Caring for America.

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One way we care for America is by supporting Operation Interdependence®, which is a civilian-to-military delivery system®. This program allows Americans to demonstrate their support for our deployed military. Operation Interdependence ® is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and donations are tax deductible charitable contributions to the extent permitted under law. All cash donations will be used in a general fund unless specifically declared otherwise. Please visit <http://www.oidelivers.org/how-you-can-help/> Operation Interdependence (OI) is located at: 12312 Jones Rd., Houston, 77040. Volunteer hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-1 p.m. The phone number is 281-773-4871 and the Director is Cindy Lamb.



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2013 Membership Application

DATE:

OFFICE USE:  IN PERSON  MAIL/ EMAIL

**PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:**

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		<b>PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY?</b> <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:	
Position Title:		Spouse Name:	
<b>BEST WAY TO REACH YOU</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?</b>	

### 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 #:

Nancy Roberts  
16542 Village Drive  
Jersey Village, TX 77040

Date Received:

For more information regarding membership, please contact Nancy Roberts at 713-466-4199  
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Contributions are not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes.

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."

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<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

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