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The Texas Legislature rose to the occasion and tackled this problem during the 2013 Session by passing HB 4. This bill creates a fund for use by the TWDB. This fund will be called the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT). Projects to improve water infrastructure, water conservation and other projects to prepare for future droughts and rapid population growth would be funded by SWIFT. Other measures included in the bill are encouraging conservation and the reuse of water, as well as, prioritizing local, regional and state projects to ensure efficient use of resources.

Although HB 4 passed and was signed by Governor Perry there is still much to do in funding these improvements in our water supply. HB 4 does not actually appropriate funds for SWIFT. HB 4 sets up SWIFT but the funding is to be established under the guidelines in HB 11 (a one time withdrawal from the Rainy Day Fund). Ultimately, the voters of Texas must approve SJR1 Constitutional Amendment in November. This \$2 billion investment will fund up to \$30 billion dollars in projects over the next 50 years.

During arguments concerning HB 4 several concerns were raised: the legislation has no regulatory reforms; Government loan and loan guarantees are not the most efficient way of financing infrastructure; and it is indirectly funded by the Rainy Day Fund. Arguments for the bill were: it addresses an important obligation of the state; it does not directly increase state debt or raise taxes; developers can secure funding for water projects easier; and the trust will earn interest

Water (H₂O), comes in many forms: fresh water, salt water, brackish water, spring water, mineral water, bottled water, tap water, ground water, surface water and many more. Whatever its source, water is necessary to sustain all life. In Texas we use approximately 17 billion gallons of water a day. With a rapidly growing population, how are we going to meet the future water needs for our state and what are the consequences of failing to plan for these needs?

Preparing the state's water plan is the responsibility of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The plan includes the needs of all water user groups in the state-municipal, irrigation, manufacturing, livestock, mining and steam-electric power. This Board relies on regional water plans and other sources to develop the state water plan which is then presented to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Texas Legislature. These plans are updated every five years. The latest plan (2012) reports that the state's population is expected to grow 82 percent by 2060 which will increase the demand for water 22 percent even though supply is expected to drop 10 percent. The plan recommends building 26 new reservoirs as well as dams, pipelines and wells, but it does not address how to pay for this infrastructure.

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in addition to the interest paid on SWIFT loans.

Thank you Texas House and Senate for realizing the importance of adequate water supplies to our economy and the future of jobs in our GREAT STATE of TEXAS.

For more information on the TWDB go to www.twdb.state.tx.us. Water Trivia: Did you know that Texas only has one natural lake? Lake Caddo!



Mark Your Calendars!

Aug. 6 CFRW New Member Tea
10:00 a.m. at Buxton home.

Aug. 8 CFRW Board Mtg. 10:00 a.m. at Hearthstone.

Aug. 13 Annual Social Meeting. 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Longwood Golf Club.

Oct. 11 High Heels & High Tea
11 a.m. at Raveneaux Country Club.

October 17-19 TFRW Biennial Convention in San Antonio.



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MEMBERSHIP~Nancy Roberts

Our freedoms are too important to leave it to others, therefore we get involved and stand for our community, state and country. We are so blessed to live Texas, and we *are* different ! The election season is upon us. Invite, Invite, Invite and Plug In!

We hope to see you at **Longwood Golf Club** on **August 13th**. Invite your spouse and friends to attend with you for a social evening.

Total Membership is 99: 83 Active with new members **Vivian Marlatt, Maureen Colvard, Carol Hart, Linda Llewellyn** and **Tina Bruno**, and renewal **Marie Remik**; 10 Associate Women, with new member **Judge Lorissa Korduba**; and 6 Associate Men.

To join as a new member or renew your membership, download the enclosed Membership Application, complete the form, include your check and send to me or go to the website to complete the form and use your PayPal account.

If you are a New Active Member of CFRW in 2013, you should have received an Evite for the New Member Brunch on Tuesday, August 6th. Please check your "junk" email and RSVP as soon as possible.



Share the vision...

Invite your friends

Join Republican Women!

to our August Social.

You are invited to our next meeting:

**Tuesday, August 13th
Longwood Golf Club
13300 Longwood Trace
Cypress 77429**

* Annual Evening Social 6:30 p.m. *Appetizer buffett \$10* Cash Bar*

Please reply by August 8th

Please print the form found on our website and mail it with your check to Lois Barclay. Email Lois with any questions at *loisbarclay@att.net*.

Reservations after the 8th will have a \$15 charge.



PROGRAMS ~ Barbara Buxton



Congressman Kevin Brady, Featured Speaker for our Evening Social Meeting

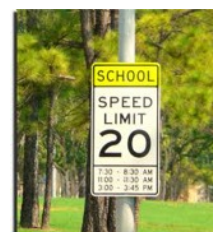
- Kevin Brady represents the 8th District of Texas in the U. S. House of Representatives.
- Brady holds the leadership post of Deputy Republican Whip and serves on the Ways & Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over two-thirds of the federal budget including taxes, Social Security, Medicare, international trade, and welfare. Kevin is also Chairman of the House Ways & Means Energy Tax Working Group and Health Care Subcommittees.
- A pro-family, pro-small business conservative, Kevin's strong belief in free enterprise guides him as Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee.
- In Congress he has been named Hero-of-the-Taxpayers, Small Business Champion and Super-Friend of the seniors. He has received the Golden Bulldog Award by Watchdogs of the Treasury, special recognition by Citizens Against Government Waste, and is a perennial winner of the Guardian of Small Business and Spirit of Enterprise awards sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce.
- Kevin never moved to Washington, DC. He lives in The Woodlands, Texas with his wife, Cathy, and their two young sons, Will and Sean.



School begins on Monday, August 26th.

Please pay attention to school zone signs and times

And remember; don't use your phone in a school zone!





LEGISLATIVE ~ Jan Ott

Still Looking for Transportation Funding



In my previous reports and articles, I have talked about the need for legislative action for transportation funding since this 83rd Legislative session started. It was not resolved in the regular session and was included as an agenda item in both the first and this current, second special session. Each special session is a maximum of 30 days. If a bill is not passed, Governor Perry says he will call yet another special session.

In this second session the legislators have dealt with redistricting, juvenile justice reform and abortion regulation. The only agenda item left is the transportation funding. It looks like there are compromises in the works, so possibly by the time you read this there will be a bill passed that will add some additional funding.

To find some money for roads, Senate Transportation Chairman [Robert Nichols](#), R-Jacksonville, and Senate Finance Chairman [Tommy Williams](#), R-The Woodlands, authored Senate Joint Resolution 2. Under current law, our Constitution dedicates three-fourths of oil and gas severance taxes above what was collected in 1987 to the economic stabilization fund, known as the Rainy Day Fund. This bill proposes to amend the Constitution to divert half of this revenue stream to the highway fund. Some estimates project that this would provide less than one billion dollars a year for transportation. Any transfer from the Rainy Day Fund to highways would be contingent upon the fund having a minimum balance.

One major aspect of the debate on this bill is whether there would be a "floor" or minimum balance in the Rainy Day Fund in order for any money to be used for transportation. Some legislators are for the bill and others against it because some want a floor, others do not, and the lack of agreement on how the floor would be determined if there is one.

One of the reasons that the debate on this bill is so difficult is because it requires a two-thirds vote from both the Senate and the House in order to pass as it would be a proposed constitutional amendment. Republicans have a majority in

both chambers, but not the 2/3 needed to pass, so this bill requires at least some bi-partisan support. One interesting point to note is that the Legislative Budget Board may be the entity that would set the trigger before each legislative session to set the amount of the floor. This provision would not be in the proposed constitutional amendment that you would see on the ballot, but, instead it would be in the state law that implements the amendment.

This overall deal should add about \$900 million dollars to the transportation fund if voters agree to divert these oil and gas revenues from the Rainy Day Fund. Keep in mind, the Texas Department of Transportation agency has said that they need an additional \$1 billion annually for maintenance and another \$3 billion to grow the state's road system. So, even if this is the solution that passes, we may still need to rely on debt and toll roads as alternative funding mechanisms.



WAYS and MEANS ~ Millie Alford

CFRW merchandise offerings:

Red T-Shirts \$35.00
New member price \$31.50

Denim Shirts \$30.00
New member price \$27.00

Little Miss Patriot children's books \$5.00

CFRW Cookbooks \$10.00
New member price \$5.00

High Heels and High Tea tickets \$75.

Contact Millie or see her at the August social for merchandise purchases. Mcaphd@yahoo.com

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2013



President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. Dean Hastings gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Millie Alford introduced our speaker; the **Honorable Patricia Harless**, Texas State Representative District 126. Representative Harless explained about our Texas Legislative Sessions and Special Sessions. She gave us highlights of some of the bills and issues that have been debated, passed and will be coming up this session and special session.

Officers' Reports

The Minutes from the June 11, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the July Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report, Mary Moss reported for the absent **Melissa Ronquillo** that as of June 30, 2013 we had a balance of \$13,758.96; and a balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,604.96.

Joy Gregory announced for the absent 1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton that we are still waiting for confirmation on our August speaker. Please look for an email with all the details for our August Social.

2nd Vice President, Millie Alford gave us an update of High Heels and High Tea plans. She asked that committee chairman please meet with her after this meeting to go over some things.

3rd Vice President, Jaime Pierce reminded us that anyone submitting an article for the Newsletter use Times New Roman size 12 font. Also, please name your file with your article's title and month; i.e. President's article July, etc. This will help Jaime keep her

records in order.

Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives. She reported that as of today we have 76 regular members, 9 associate women, and 6 associate men.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis was absent, but Joy reminded everyone to fill in the "Hours Cards" for any hours you spent on CFRW duties or events.

Awards Chairman, Rita Parrish was pleased to announce that CFRW will be getting the highest NFRW award at the national convention, the Diamond Award and we will be getting the highest TFRW award at the state convention, the John Goodman Tower Award. This is the second time for us to receive the Diamond Award and the fourth time to receive the John Goodman Tower Award.

Old Business

The election was held for the 7 delegate and alternate positions available for the state convention. According to our membership numbers, we can have 8 delegates and 8 alternates. According to our Bylaws, the president, Joy Gregory is automatically a delegate, leaving 7 open delegate spots. On the ballot were: Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Alice Gullet, Michelene Hutson, Mary Moss, Nancy Roberts, Melissa Ronquillo, and Judie Stokes. The ballots will be tabulated and an email sent with the results.

Joy Gregory cannot attend the NFRW

convention in September, so we will need to elect a delegate from our club. Rita Parrish made the motion to nominate Barbara Buxton as our NFRW delegate. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business.

The August Social will be held on Tuesday August 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Longwood Golf Club. Members, their husbands and guests are encouraged to attend. Information about the speaker and the cost will be sent out soon.

On behalf of our Hospitality Chairman, Lois Barclay, Joy reminded everyone to please try and make your RSVP's by the deadline of noon on Friday before the meeting. This will help us make an accurate reservation at Longwood and ensure that we have enough copies of handouts and seating for everyone.

Web Master, Gail Hoffman-Jackson had a copy of the new logo for High Heels and High Tea. It looks great.

Sara Matthews volunteered to keep our Facebook page up to date. Thank you Sara for seeing a need and stepping up.

Grassroots Club Chairman, Micheline Hutson, made a plea for at least three more of us to join the Grassroots Club to give us enough members to earn the associated award.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss



Make plans to attend our fantastic biennial event!

Friday, October 11, 2013~11:00-2:00

Raveneaux Country Club

Lunch, Vendors, Fashion Show, Speakers and Fun!

For individual tickets or to sponsor a table, contact Millie Alford at mcaphd@yahoo.com or check out CFRW.net.

CARING FOR AMERICA ~ Mary Kay Brady

We hope to recognize the family members and dear friends of our membership who serve in our military. If you have a loved one who is currently serving in any branch of the military, please contact me at Mary_Kay_Brady@yahoo.com for the form to fill out, so we can serve them.

We will continue to remember those who serve through our donations to Operation Interdependence. Please bring your small soaps, shampoos, tooth paste and other toiletries in a quart size bag and I will take them to the headquarters for OI.

For our new members, the following is some information about Operation Interdependence to inform you how we are involved: <http://www.oidelivers.org/how-you-can-help/>

Operation Interdependence (OI) is located at: 12312 Jones Rd., 77040 Volunteer hours are Tues and Thurs 10-1.

GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson

We did it! Cy-Fair Republican Women qualified for the TFRW Award Plan! These nine wonderful women took a big step to keep Texas RED at the July meeting: **Susan Green, Sharon Edwards, Christy Murray, Joan Hudgens, Maureen Colvard, Carol Hart, Linda Llewellyn** and Wanda Threadgill.

Obama's Organizing For American is pouring money into Texas in an effort to turn Texas blue. They have been very successful in Colorado and Ohio. Grassroots Club money raised in Texas will stay in Texas to fight these efforts. Remember the benefits of membership:

1. No annoying TXGOP solicitation phone calls at dinnertime.
2. No annoying TXGOP junk mail solicitations.
3. Quarterly conference call with Chairman Steve Munisteri and a special guest.
4. Email updates
5. Private event at State GOP Conventions. I love those!
6. THE MONEY STAYS IN TEXAS! YEAH!
7. CFRW gets nifty awards and recognitions!

When I reported to our fearless leader, Joy Gregory, that we qualified for the TFRW Award, she said "We can't stop now!" We need 15 more donors to rise to the next level award. So, sign up on "GrassrootsClub.com" or flag me down at the August meeting. If you sign up on the web or are already a member, let me know and I will add your name to the CFRW Honor Roll. Help us keep Texas RED and defend the US Constitution against the Blue Wave of Anarchy. I will also heap profuse thanks upon your shoulders. See you then!





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2013 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:	
Position 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: Nancy Roberts 16542 Village Drive Jersey Village, TX 77040	Please circle Cash or enter Check #: Date Received:

For more information regarding membership, please contact Nancy Roberts at 713-466-4199

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Affiliations:
National Federation of Republican Women
Texas Federation of Republican Women
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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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

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