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So much has happened this past month, that we are giving this space to other Board members. I'll see you here next month!

TFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY Report ~ Micheline Hutson

April 18, 2013: Coffee and pastries were available in the Austin Convention Center, as were the Capitol shuttle buses. Comptroller Susan Combs invited TFRW to rally in support of SB/HB 14 "Transparency in Taxation". As of May 17, 2013, SB14 is in the House Calendars Committee; HB14 is working back up the House Committee chain after corrections.

At the Capitol entrance, we learned CHL holders have an express lane through security; no search or metal detectors required. Non CHL holders are subject to a bag and metal detector search. Our first stop was the House of Representatives, to receive a proclamation and greetings from our Representatives.

Our second stop was the Senate, to receive the another proclamation and greetings, which were very subdued compared to the House. We stood under the rotunda for a group picture and made our way back to the Austin Convention Center for lunch and

speeches. Lt. Governor Dewhurst had placed a yellow rose at each place setting and we enjoyed great food. Governor Rick Perry was scheduled to speak, but was called away to the tragedy in West, TX. We heard from Lt. Governor Dewhurst, Attorney General Greg Abbot, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, Texas GOP Chairman Steve Munisteri, Comptroller Susan Combs and TFRW President Carolyn Hodges. All spoke on the theme of the importance of our contribution to Texas and the GOP and remembering 'Borah Van Dormolen, the recently deceased TFRW past President and Texas RNC Committeewoman. A tribute to 'Borah closed the lunch session, leaving tears in everyone's eyes. We then had the choice of three very useful workshops. Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC was very well represented. The next TFRW Legislative Day will be in April, 2015. Please plan to attend!

Memorial Day is Remembered in Houston ~Dr. Millie Alford

As Caring for America Chair, I am always looking for ways for CFRW to be active in honoring and remembering our Military. We collect items for Operation Interdependence to be packaged and sent to those who serve and/or are deployed. We sent Valentines to CFRW family members who are currently serving and will send *Gratitude Notes* for family members for the 4th of July and Memorial Day,



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When we hear of events in Houston or see what other organizations are doing, we are always interested. We're currently considering magazine and book donations to the Veterans Hospital in Houston.

Through an organization called *Flags for Fallen Vets* a Memorial Day tribute at **Houston National Cemetery** took place. American flags, more than 65,000, were placed at every grave. Our thanks to this small army of volunteers. Jaime and I tried to volunteer, but the quota was already filled. If you participated, please let me know. Your impression is valuable. An estimated 2,400 showed up and,, by 8:30 a.m. every single flag was in place. Volunteers included military families, veterans, Boy Scouts, school groups and corporate teams. We chose to donate to the purchase of flags. If you are interested in purchasing flags for next year's event, access <http://www.flagsforfallenvets.com> What an impact we can all have on showing our appreciation to those who have served and sacrificed for our Freedom! The Tuesday following the holiday, about 1,200 soldiers from the regiment enter the cemetery between 4 and 6 a.m., recovering every single flag before dawn.

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GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson

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The Grassroots Club is unique to the Republican Party of Texas (RPT). Members can easily contribute to the RPT every month without the burden of sending in a check. Your credit or debit card will be charged on the 15th of each month for \$8.25, or a larger amount if specified. The Grassroots Club's most popular benefit of membership is the fact that all current members are removed from the RPT's mailing and phone lists. That's right - as long as you are a current Grassroots Club member, the RPT will not send you any fundraising letters or call you for money. Additional benefits include a quarterly conference call with RPT Chairman Steve Munisteri and a special guest. Only members are invited to participate. Benefits of membership: *Current members will not receive RPT fundraising letters or RPT phone solicitation. *Quarterly conference call with Chairman Munisteri and a special guest. *Private event at RPT State Conventions. *Special recognition for your Cy-Fair Republican Women club. *Email updates. This money will stay in Texas. Chairman Munisteri has promised these funds will be used in Texas to combat the Democrat Battleground Texas. Those Democrats arrogantly brag Texas will turn blue or purple by 2016. The Democrat Party has already made significant inroads into local governments. This is an easy way to do your part to keep Texas red and strong. A Republican candidate cannot win the Presidency without all Texas' Electoral Votes. Please go to GrassrootsClub.com and sign up today!

Memorial Day cont'd In Arlington National Cemetery there is an inscription which reads: **"Not for fame or reward; not for place or for rank; not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity; but in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it. These men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all, and died."** Memorial Day is a federal holiday set aside to acknowledge exclusively the servicemen and women who have fallen in the line of duty - not to be confused with Veterans Day, which honors all members, both living and dead, who served with the United States military. To read more, go to <http://www.khou.com/news/national/Memorial-Day-An-evolved-observance-of-Americas-fallen-heroes209047501.htm>



Jan Ott, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz & Barbara Buxton at the NFRW Region 4 Convention.

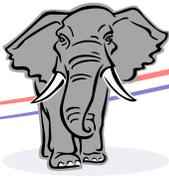
Mark Your Calendars!

June 11 CFRW General Mtg.
10:30 at Longwood Golf Club

June 13 CFRW Board Mtg.
10:00 at Hearthstone

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

October 17-19 TFRW Biennial Convention in San Antonio



PROGRAMS ~ Barbara Buxton

The speaker for the CFRW meeting on June 11 is Don Carlson. As a managing director in the Washington National Tax Services office of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Don Carlson provides strategic advice as well as legislative, executive branch and regulatory representation for domestic and international clients of PricewaterhouseCoopers on a broad spectrum of issues including tax, international trade, Social Security, budget and appropriations.

Mr. Carlson's wide range of legislative, international and political experience spans a 34-year Capitol Hill career. For 30 years, he worked for Congressman Bill Archer, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, representing Houston's 7th Congressional District. Mr. Carlson served as his Chief of Staff from 1988 to 2001. He was the Chairman's prime liaison with the members and staff of the Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Committee on Taxation. Prior to assuming that position, he was Representative Archer's Legislative Director, with responsibility for all of his legislative/Committee work. His primary areas of concentration included taxation, trade, Social Security and budget matters. In addition, he was Rep. Archer's chief political advisor and liaison to Republican Party groups at the local, state and national levels. In early 2001, he served as Chief of Staff to Congressman John Culberson, Republican of Texas' 7th District. Prior to his service with Congressman Archer, he worked for former Congressmen Don Riegle and James Harvey, both of Michigan.

Mr. Carlson has extensive international experience. He has represented Rep. Archer on international issues worldwide and is a Senior Advisor to the United States-Asia Foundation and has led member and staff delegations to Asia. In addition, he has been a member of the Congressional Staff Advisory Committee on International Trade Policy of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Steering Committee for the Congressional Staff Forum on International Trade of Georgetown University's School of Business, staff liaison for Congressman Archer to the U.S.-Asian Business Council, and staff liaison to the MERCOSUL Congressional Study Group for the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Mr. Carlson earned his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the School of International Service at the American University, Washington, D.C. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1970 to 1976.

MEMBERSHIP~Nancy Roberts

You are invited to our next meeting:

May was a blast! Our membership is growing and so is the excitement for the High Heels & High Tea event in October. We want each of you to participate on one of the many committees planning this event. Invite your friends, make new friends and invest your time in making a difference. We must never forget that our freedom isn't free!

Total membership is 90. 75 Active with new members **Alice Bennett, Sharon Hamilton, Karen Listi, Penny Tinsley, Sharon Edwards** and recategorized members **Leslie Martone** and **Paula Harvey**, 9 Associate Women and **Bob Janusitis'** renewal gives us 6 Associate Men.

To join us 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. We hope to see you at our next Meeting on June 11th!

**Longwood Golf Club
13300 Longwood Trace,
Cypress 77429**

10:30 Meet & Greet, 11:00 Speaker
12:00 Lunch

Luncheon Menu: Chicken with Mushrooms, Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Cheesecake, Tea or Coffee. All for only \$15.

Please reply by Friday, June 7

at www.cfrw.net or to loisbarclay@att.net. For meeting and tea or coffee only, the fee is \$3. Please have check or exact change ready when you arrive. Lunch for walk-ins is \$20.



LEGISLATIVE ~ Jan Ott

Nothing is over until it's over! The Legislative session ended on Memorial Day weekend, but the legislators are being called back into Special Session. The Governor has directed the legislators to address Redistricting, but he may add other issues as well. They can only consider those items that the Governor has placed on their agenda. Here is the status of some of the work done this session:

BUDGET: The budget that was passed stays within the available revenue and still allows for tax relief. Most of the cuts to education they were made two years ago when Texas had a substantial budget deficit have been restored and fully funds enrollment growth. It also strengthens the Teacher Retirement System.

RAINY DAY FUND: Texas voters will have the opportunity to vote in November on whether the Rainy Day Fund will be used to provide \$2 billion for our state water projects.

EDUCATION: Education reform bills passed with wide bi-partisan support. What was widely regarded as over-testing was reduced and graduation plans were restructured to provide more flexibility to satisfy core academic credits. Parents have been demanding more charter schools and, while maintaining accountability, SB2 increases the number of charters that would be available while strengthening the state's ability to close poorly performing charter schools.

TRANSPARENCY: One bill has had more misinformation distributed than any other that I know of and that is SB 346. This is the bill that would have required 501 (c)(4) non-profit groups to identify their donors. The bill was passed, but vetoed by the Governor. Our Republican women's clubs and all campaigns must report their donors. However, these non-profits do not, even though they weigh heavily on influencing legislation and campaigns. The bill was not about small donors, but about those who are contributing thousands of dollars.

MARGINS TAX: This tax on businesses was cut by \$714 million. The rate was cut and the \$1 million exemption for those businesses that have less than \$1 million in gross receipts was made permanent and allows for up to \$1 million in deductions for expenses.



Our speaker from May, founder of Federal Safety Net, **Bob Pfeiffer**, with our President, **Joy Gregory**.



Enjoying the NFRW Region 4 Conference in Sugar Land are back row: **Nancy Roberts**, **Barbara Buxton**, and **Joy Gregory** and front row: **Mary Moss** and **Micheline Hutson**.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



May 14, 2013

President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Alice Gullet gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags in Chaplain Dean Hastings' absence. Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives.

Barbara Buxton, 1st VP-Programs, introduced Mr. Bob Pfeiffer, founder of Federal Safety Net, an organization supporting change in our Welfare System. Mr. Pfeiffer had a very informative presentation on entitlements and changes that need to be addressed.

Officers' Reports

The minutes from the April 9, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the May Newsletter.

Treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo reported that as of April 30, 2013 we had a balance of \$13,041.17; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,604.74.

1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton announced that we are welcoming back as speaker for our June meeting, Don Carlson. Mr. Carlson, the former Chief of Staff for Congressman Bill Archer and longtime Washington insider, always has interesting and insightful things to discuss.

2nd Vice-President, Cindy Deister was ill, but Joy Gregory reminded us that committees for our High Heels and High Tea are already hard at work. If you are not already on a committee, please call Cindy and see where you can help.

Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today we have 71 regular members, 11 associate

women, and 6 associate men.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis asked that everyone fill in the "Hours Cards" for any hours you spent on CFRW duties or events. She also displayed her beautiful photograph that she donated to the club as an auction item for the NFRW Region 4 Conference this month.

Legislative Chairman, Jan Ott gave us an update on the status of the bills being discussed in the Texas Legislature this session and the likelihood of a Special Session being called if there is not progress on water and transportation issues.

Old Business

Micheline Hutson gave a report on our Legislative Day activities.

Micheline Hutson has agreed to be the Grassroots Club Chairman. She explained that the Grassroots Club is an organization within the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) and for an \$8.25 monthly donation, which is charged to your credit card, you can help prevent Texas from becoming a blue state. Additionally, our club can win awards if we meet certain percentages of involvement. You can sign up at grassrootsclub.com or see Micheline if you need more information. Be sure to let her know if you are already a member so she can have accurate numbers.

The NFRW Region 4 Conference is this weekend, May 17-18. See Joy if you would like to attend.

New Business

Due to Carrabba's now opening for lunch, we will no longer be able to meet there. Our June meeting will be held at Longwood Golf Club's meeting room. They will be serving

similar lunches – salad, entrée and dessert. We will still gather on the second Tuesday at 10:30 am for social, with the meeting starting at 11 am. The price will still be \$15 for lunch and \$3 if you are just staying for the meeting.

Reminders

The deadline of articles for the June Newsletter is Monday, May 20, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss

WAYS and MEANS

Wonderful CFRW merchandise offerings, available at our meetings:

*Red T-Shirts \$35. Special price for new members: \$31.50.

*Denim Shirts \$30. Special price for new members: \$27.00.

**Little Miss Patriot* children's books \$5.00.

*CFRW Cookbooks \$10. Special price for new members: \$5.00.

*High Heels and High Tea tickets are \$75.00.

High Heels and High Tea
Friday, October 11, 2013
Raveneaux Country Club

Plan ahead:

The annual convention of the NFRW will be held in Louisville, KY September 19-22, 2013 in the beautiful Gault House Hotel.

Mark your calendars!





NFRW REGION 4 CONFERENCE REPORT

~ Michele Hutson

The National Federation of Republican Women Region 4 Conference was held May 16-18, 2013. The theme was “Focusing on the Future”. Minority, Hispanic and Youth Inclusion were specifically stressed. We learned much from NFRW members from Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas; sharing fundraising ideas and strategies to increase club membership.

We were honored to hear former Ambassador to the United Nations, **Sichan Siv**, who escaped the Cambodian killing fields of the Khmer Rouge, as he told of escape to the United States. Mr. Siv testified to the American Opportunity, as he rose from poverty to the position of UN Ambassador. His mother's words, "never give up hope" permeated his heartwarming speech and left us with the spirit of accomplishment in the face of adversity and danger. His book *Golden Bones* details his life story.

Gene Cernan, former Apollo astronaut, told of his NASA experience. He is known as *The Last Man on the Moon*, which is the title of his book. Captain Cernan anguished over the reduction of the space program at NASA, in particular, paying Russia \$70 million for each American flown to the International Space Station.

Director of the National Tax Services, Price Waterhouse in Washington, D.C. **Don Carlson**'s topic was “On the Front Burner in Congress – Tax Reform?” Fortunately, he is our guest speaker for our June meeting.

Governor **Rick Perry** stopped by on his way to the tornado disaster in Granbury, bringing his energetic message of the positive economic atmosphere in Texas, stating that Texas has generated 33% of all new jobs in the entire country in the past 5 years. Rick Perry is high on Texas. His love for this great State is undeniable and contagious.

Republican Party of Texas Chairman **Steve Munisteri**, outlined the history of the Democrats' determination to turn Texas blue. It is very critical to keep Texas RED in 2016. Without Texas' block of electoral votes, it will be impossible for a Republican to be elected President. Battleground Texas has been on the agenda of the left for years. This is not something new and has continued to eat into our majority little by little. Chairman Munisteri has

finally convinced the Republican National Committee to quit using Texas as an ATM machine and dedicate resources to Texas.

U.S. Congressman **Pete Olson**, assured the conference how wonderful Republican Women are. No Republican can be elected without TFRW support. He encouraged us to find good conservative candidates for school boards, MUD boards and other local offices.

George P. Bush, candidate for Texas Land Commissioner and resident of Fort Worth, introduced himself as he is new on the Texas political scene. I'm sure we will be hearing more from him as the Primary approaches.

Kim Chambers from TFRW's Coalitions for Recruitment & Outreach, gave a very enjoyable speech on young American inclusion as she did at a recent CFRW meeting.

Professor **Jeffrey Addicott** of St. Mary's Law School and Director of the Center of Terrorism Law riveted us to our chairs with his straight, direct, un-politically correct speech regarding terrorism and how Obama has downplayed and denied the very real problems of radical Islamic extremism. Professor Addicott served as expert adviser to George W Bush administration. He is the singular voice of common sense among many in the legal profession. He was one of the very first to identify the Ft. Hood shooting, Benghazi and Boston Marathon attacks as hostile radical Islamic extremism. His Center of Terrorism Law has defended soldiers charged with murder for violating the “Terms of Engagement” on the battlefield. See “Center for Terrorism” on Youtube for his presentations.

Ted Cruz stressed opportunity and growth for job creation, keeping our military strong, solving our deficit, unemployment and poverty. He spoke of the immigration reform issue, about which he believes that Obama will not resolve, because immigration reform is a political weapon. He spoke of Benghazi: that this was between the Justice Dept. and the Dept. of State, both of which are directly controlled by President Obama; Republicans will continue to press for full disclosure of the facts surrounding and the deaths of four Americans abandoned in Libya. As we now know, there were boots on the ground ready to deploy who were ordered to stand down. Senator Ted Cruz is a driving and influential voice of reason in the Senate.

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Cy-Fair Republican Women

2013 Membership Application

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PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION	PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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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?

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Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:		Relationship to New Member
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			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:		
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<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 Mail check and this form to: Nancy Roberts 16542 Village Drive Jersey Village, TX 77040	Total Amount Due: Please circle Cash or enter Check #: Date Received:
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Texas Federation of 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> - 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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