



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Joy's Journal

In January and February, much of the news has been focused on covering President Obama's Inaugural Address and his State of the Union Address. There have been many discussions concerning his intentions and plans for the next four years. The main areas of concern seem to be the Economy, the National Debt, the Immigration Policy, and the Energy Policy. We have also heard Marco Rubio give the Republican answer to President Obama's Speech.

In speaking of the economy, President Obama stated that corporate profits are too high and wage increases too low. He proposed his usual balanced approach to deficit reduction, which included small spending cuts and increasing revenues so that everyone pays their "fair share". On the other hand, Senator Rubio advocated the need for real economic growth as it would result in job creation and thus lower our deficit. According to President Obama, the rising cost of health care for the elderly is the main cause of our large deficit thus making modest reforms to medicare are necessary. He did not address entitlements. Senator Rubio stated that the government

Senator Rubio stated that the government spends 1 trillion dollars; more than it takes in every year and the more sensible remedy is to have a Balanced Budget Amendment that forces the government to live within its means.

Both Obama and Rubio agree that we need comprehensive immigration reform. Obama wants reform to include background checks, paying taxes, learning English, cutting waiting periods, requiring less bureaucracy, and attracting the highly skilled. Rubio agrees with all of the suggestions, but only after our borders are secured.

President Obama envisions a future that uses more wind and solar energy and less oil and gas. He indicated he would cut red tape in issuing new oil and gas permits while protecting our water and environment. There was no mention made of coal and he indicated tax dollars would be used to pay for the development of technology in this area. Senator Rubio advocated relying on private enterprise to develop our energy sources, by opening up federal lands for oil and gas production and reforming energy regulations. This would create jobs and help restore manufacturing in the US. Senator Rubio's answer strongly reinforced the Republican Message of fiscal responsibility, individual rights, small National government, energy independence, and a National defense with secure borders. Many who watched the State of the Union Address did not listen to the Republican answer or pay attention to the differences in the two philosophies so it is up to us to work in our community and our neighborhoods to educate the under informed voters. How can CyFair Republican Women help to keep our Country on a Conservative path? We can continue to offer informative programs at our meetings, articulate the Republican message in simple and easily understood terms to our community, and make every voter feel that their vote is important.

Mark Your Calendars!

Mar 10th	Daylight Savings
Mar 12th	CFRW General Meeting 10:30-Noon Carrabba's Hwy 6
Mar 14th	CFRW Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Hearthstone
Apr 9th	CFRW General Meeting 10:30-Noon Carrabba's Hwy 6
Apr 19th	Texas Legislative Day

Happy Birthday, Texas!



On March 2, 1836, the Texas Declaration of Independence was adopted, creating the Republic of Texas. God bless Texas!

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Legislative Note from Patricia Harless, State Representative, District 126-February 15, 2013

Dear Friends,

The Speaker has appointed committees and hearings have begun. I am pleased to have been selected to serve again on the State Affairs Committee, and honored to have been named Chair of the Environmental Regulation Committee.

Speaker Straus appointed 26 Republican Chairs and 14 Democratic Chairs. The Speaker had the extraordinary responsibility of assessing the talent and ability of nearly 40 new members coupled with the seniority and overall diversity of the House membership.

Environmental Regulation is a whole new subject area for me and one that I am eager to undertake. The committee's jurisdiction includes all matters pertaining to air, land and water pollution (including the environmental regulation of industrial development), and regulation of waste disposal. The committee also has oversight over agencies that regulate environmental matters, including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, The Department of State Health Services and the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission. Serving as Chair of this committee will allow for an inside look at the challenges we face and the solutions available, so that we can continue to protect and preserve the quality of life for the residents of our state. I look forward to working with the members of the committee to address these issues.

State Affairs is one of the largest committees in the House and has jurisdiction over utility regulation, regulation of the residential construction industry, regulation of pipelines and pipeline companies, and the regulation and operation of state agencies, state buildings, public lands and matters of state policy. State Affairs will also have jurisdiction over immigration issues.

In our last newsletter we posed our first "response requested" question. The question dealt with whether or not to allow liquor stores to be open on Sunday. With 96 responses, we found that 69% were for the proposal and 31% against it. **2ND RESPONSE REQUESTED QUESTION:** How do you feel about a Constitutional Amendment that would allow voters to decide on whether or not to legalize gambling in Texas?

I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Texas House. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or email me at Patricia.Harless@house.state.tx.us.

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PROGRAMS

Barbara Buxton

Our guest speaker for March is **Kim Chambers**, Texas Federation of Republican Women Outreach Chair. She will speak to us on reaching out to and including younger voters. Kim is the immediate past president of Austin Republican Women and previously served on several committees for that group. She is also a member of the PR and Membership Committees for the National Federation of Republican Women.

Kim is a graduate of the Leadership Institute Campaign Management School and has been involved in many campaigns working in various capacities including Campaign Director. She was a presenter at the 2011 TFRW Campaign Management School series and at the 2012 Texas State Republican Party Convention. At the county level, she is the PR Director of the Travis County Republican Party and a Travis County Precinct Chair. In 2010, Kim was given the "Above and Beyond" award from the Travis County Republican Party. She has been the "on air talent" for political based TV, radio and Internet media since 2010, interviewing presidential candidates, statewide

politicians and policy experts. Ms. Chambers is a native Texan and attended The University of Texas. She graduated from UT in 2002 and lives in Austin.



FEBRUARY MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2013

CARRABBA'S
ITALIAN GRILL

7540 N. Highway 6 in Copperfield
10:30 Social, 11:00 Speaker, 12:00 Lunch

Please reply by Friday, March 8 at www.cfrw.net or to 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.



MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Roberts

My goodness! It's March already! If you haven't renewed your Cy-Fair Republican Women Membership, what are you waiting for? We have so much planned for you this year and you won't want to miss the fun!

Welcome to February **New Active Members**: Caren Manzo; **New Associate Men**: Dr. Kyle Scott and Fred Blanton. And to **Renewing Active Members**: Barbara Biggi, Clarisa Chavez, Betty Collins, Susan Fruit Draughton, Frances Grottie, Dawn Shull, Stephanie Thompson, Laura Tijerina, Kay Wagborne and Beth Weaver; **Renewing Associate Women** – Gwen Emmett, Edith Gibson, Kaye Goolsby, Renee Magee and Carolyn Hodges; **Renewing Associate Men**: Dwayne Bohac and Paul Simpson.

Please note: This will be your last CFRW Newsletter if you have not renewed for 2013. Please renew today to stay on our

This gives us 60 Active Women, 8 Associate Women, and 5 Associate Men, for a total of 73! Our goal for 2013 is 100+. It's not too late to renew or join! Tell your friends, family and neighbors!

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. CFRW is a wonderful organization of hard working and friendly members who strive to support Republican Candidates, officials and the GOP platform and ideals.

I hope to see you soon at a CFRW event!





LEGISLATIVE Jan Ott

Funding Texas' Roads – Is increasing the gas tax the answer?

There are lots of challenges facing our legislators in Austin this session. One of the items that will be discussed and which may have possible legislative action affecting the budget, as does almost everything, is whether to increase the gas tax.

I think everyone knows that we have financial challenges with our transportation system. At this time, analysts doubt that there will be any change in the gas tax as it is politically unpopular, but, some lawmakers feel it is too important to ignore. The 20 cent gas tax has not changed since 1991 and since it is not tied to inflation or when you consider the increased fuel efficiency of vehicles it has been a declining source of revenue. Another thing to consider when looking at the gas tax is that not all of the money from this source goes to transportation.

Some Republican lawmakers argue that increasing the gas tax is a more conservative approach than to go billions of dollars into debt. Transportation debt accounts for 57.6 percent of the debt that will be issued in 2013. The \$10 billion dollar per year 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. Without more funding, reliance on debt and toll roads is the only alternative. Both of these methods are the most expensive way to maintain our road system.

The needed funds could also come from other sources of existing revenue. Currently, part of the gas tax goes to the TX Dept. of Public Safety. If that were changed and the state troopers were funded from the general revenue fund that would free up more dollars for roads. Another 25 percent of the revenue goes to public education and cannot be changed without voter approval. Other ideas would allocate sales tax from the sale of new and used vehicles to transportation or sales tax on auto repairs could be dedicated to roads. Vehicle sales taxes represent \$3 billion/year in funds that goes to the general revenue fund.

Other ways to increase the revenue stream from new sources besides the possible increase in gas taxes would be to increase vehicle registration fees by \$50 which would also impact consumers and alone would not be

Whatever way we go, we want to encourage our lawmakers to make smart choices on how our dollars are spent. Funding sources must be predictable, transportation related, and automatically adjustable for inflation. We know our roads are a necessary part of our infrastructure and part of government's core responsibility and they must be funded to meet the mobility needs of our rapidly growing state.



18 members Women of Cy Fair Republican attended Voter Deputy Registration Training in Downtown Houston at the office of Mike Sullivan, Deputy Registrar for Harris County.



General Meeting Minutes February 12, 2013

President, **Joy Gregory** called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Chaplain, Dean Hastings gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Membership Chairman, **Nancy Roberts** welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives.

Barbara Buxton, 1st VP Programs explained the SWOT Workshop that we were conducting today. In our groups, we were to discuss and answer the questions provided. These answers and suggestions will be sent on to TFRW who will compile our data along with data from clubs across the state and send on to various levels of the Republican Party. **Micheline Hutson** volunteered to compile our responses to be sent on to TFRW.

Officer's Reports:

The minutes from the January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the February Newsletter.

Treasurer, **Melissa Ronquillo** reported that as of January 31, 2012 we had a balance of \$12,554.68.17; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,604.42.

1st Vice-President, **Barbara Buxton** announced that the program for March will be Kim Chambers, the Outreach Chairman for TFRW.

2nd Vice-President, **Cindy Deister**, had our CFRW merchandise—t-shirts, denim shirts, and books available. Don't forget, these will provide a conversation starter to make it easier to spread our message.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chair, **Nancy Roberts** reported that as of today we have 53 regular members, 7 associate women, and 5 associate men. Nancy

announced that our Membership Drive will be held at our April Regular Meeting. She will pass around a signup sheet for those interested in helping out on the committee.

At this point, **Fred Blanton**, Precinct 263 Chairman spoke on behalf of **Dr. Kyle Scott** who is running for a position on the Lone Star College System's Board of Trustees. If you are interested, Mr. Blanton had a petition to sign to get Dr. Scott's name on the ballot.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported for absent **Suzanne Davis** that the first Lone Star College "Community Partner Day" is February 20, 2013 from 11-1 pm. Please sign up on the sheet if you can help. There are "Hours Cards" on the tables; please fill out your hours and leave the card in the basket by the exit. Thanks to those who attended the Voter Registration Deputy training last month.

Caring for America Chairman, **Millie Alford** thanked the ones who brought items for *Operation Interdependence* for their care packages. Another good item to start collecting are extra condiment packages from fast food places – catsup, sauces, etc. As part of her "Remembering Our Own," Millie would like to send Valentine cards to our family members, friends or neighbors who are, or were, in the armed forces. Please give Millie anyone's name and address so she can send them a card.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Treasurer **Melissa Ronquillo** went over the Budget for 2013. With no questions, Barbara Buxton made a motion to accept the budget; it was seconded and passed.

Legislative Chair **Jan Ott** explained TFRW's Legislative Day, April 18 in Austin. The cost is \$69 per person

and includes lunch, bus service from the convention center to the capitol and workshops. She also let us know that there will be a TFRW fund raiser at the Bob Bullock Museum Wednesday evening, April 17. The cost for that is \$100. There were a few forms available, but you can get the registration forms off the TFRW web site. Joy would like to send all the registrations in together by Friday, February 15 so we will be able to all sit together. Please have your registrations in her hands by February 15th.

Past President/Awards Chairman **Rita Parrish** gave information about the Republican Party of Texas (RPT)'s "Grassroots Club." This is an easy way to support the RPT; and for a monthly fee of \$8.25, the RPT will no longer call constantly. See Rita for more information.

2nd VP/Ways & Means Chairman **Cindy Deister** reported on the plans for our biennial luncheon, style show, and auction - High Heels and High Tea. The event will be held either the first or second weekend of October. The venue will be announced soon. Cindy needs suggestions on possible contacts for printing, vendors (specialty, non incorporated companies) and desserts. Contact her at cindy.deister@gmail.com. Cindy will have sign-up sheets for committees at the March meeting.

Reminders: GHC's Nuts-N-Bolts is next Tuesday, February 19. GHC has extended the deadline, so if you would still like to attend see Barbara Buxton today. We will try and set up carpools.

The deadline of articles for the March Newsletter is Monday, February 18.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss



Caring for America Millie Alford

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Operation Interdependence (OI) is located at: 12312 Jones Rd., Houston, 77040. Volunteer hours are Tues and Thurs 10-1 p.m. Phone: 281-773-4871. Director: Cindy Lamb.

Some favorite items of soldiers which will fit into a quart size C-Rat® bag are: Beef Jerky* · Cameras (disposable) · Camper style foods* · Candy* · CDs (Blank or Music) · Chapstick* · Crackers* (PB, Cheese) · Dental floss* · Dried Fruit* · Facial Tissues · Fast food Condiment packets* · Flashlights · Foot Powder (travel size) · Girl Scout cookies* · Gum* · Hand Sanitizer (travel size) · Holiday Specific Greeting Cards · Moist Wipes · Nerf toys (very small footballs, etc.) · Nuts/Seeds* · Odor Eaters (for boots) · Pencils/Pens · Personal messages · Phone cards · Playing cards · Powdered drink mix* (non-alcoholic) · Razors · Sardines* · Sheets of stationery · Snacks* (cookies, granola bars, etc.) · Tea Bags and Coffee Packets* · Toiletries (travel sizes of toothbrushes and toothpaste) · Trail Mix* · Travel games · Travel mugs · Tuna snack kits* · Vienna Sausages* All food items denoted with an * must be manufactured-sealed items.

We represent the Houston Chapter of Operation Interdependence. "Like" our Facebook page to receive continued updates concerning volunteering with our Houston OI® Chapter to serve our troops. I hope that this information sheds a little light on one of the men and women who give so much to ensure our freedom and safety.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Nancy Roberts, Membership Chair

I was a Navy "brat" and a middle child. I learned patriotism, respect and 'freedom isn't free' early on. Dad was deployed 8 months a year. Mom made sure we were strong and independent as we moved every four years like clockwork. I was born in Indiana and lived in Virginia, Hawaii, California and Illinois before coming "home" to Texas in 1977.

Always interested in politics since being in Young Americans for Freedom in California where CA Representative Dana Rohrbacher, then a college student, was our YAF leader. I lived in Katy for 22 years. I had one child, a son. Mark graduated from Taylor High School and went into the Air Force. Mark died of leukemia/lymphoma in December of 2009 at age of 31.

Stirred to activism by the Tea Party, I subbed at CFRW for Darlene Hajduk in early 2011. Since joining CFRW in July 2011, served as Candidate Forum Planning Committee – 2012, Nominating Committee – 2012, and SD7 Delegate to Texas GOP Convention – 2012. Also, I trained and served as Deputy Voter Registrar for 2012 and Poll Worker for 2012 Primary and General Elections. I Trained with Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) for Harris County and Jersey Village Citizen Police Academy, both in 2010.

My husband Jerry and I married eight years ago, after meeting at Second Baptist Church where we have both been members for many years. He retired in December of 2012 from City of Houston Public Works, Purchasing Division Manager. We live in Jersey Village and enjoy walking, bicycling, gardening and traveling. Currently, we are Directors of Sojourners Bible Study at Second Baptist. I stay busy with my home-based AVON business, Jersey Village Women's Group, Red Hat Society, and the blessing of many terrific friends.

As CFRW Membership Chair, I will help build the membership through networking and activities. Goals include membership of 100+ and a tri-fold brochure handout. Please mark your calendars for the April 9th Membership Drive and invite your friends and neighbors to our meeting. In August, we will host a New Member Tea.



President **Joy Gregory**, Mr. Bob Price, and Legislative Chair **Jan Ott** at our February meeting at Carrabba's.



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
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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 #:

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

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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