



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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As we approach the November Election for the Governor of Texas, one of the key issues is early childhood education. Greg Abbott, Republican candidate, wants to provide up to \$118 million in state money for pre-K programs run by local school districts. He also wants to restore George Bush's **Texas Reading Initiative**, a program to have students reading on grade level no later than the third grade.

Abbott has proposed seven recommendations for achieving the first phase of his "Educating Texans" plan:

1. To improve teacher skills and student learning in critical early years, establish a pilot program to create Reading Excellence Teams which will be made available on an optional basis to schools with low third grade reading scores.
2. Create Literacy Achievement Academies with a curriculum focused on reading, writing, and incorporating technology, designed to improve the professional development of teachers in the critical area of literacy.
3. Create Math Achievement Academies modeled on the Tex-

as Reading Initiative's Reading Academies that will train K-3 teachers in numeracy instruction and technology.

4. Provide funding to districts that opt to implement a gold standard, high quality, accountable prekindergarten program with the goal of demonstrating long-term pre-kindergarten success.
5. Require prekindergarten providers that receive state funding to set benchmarks and evaluate improvement, and to report this data to TEA.
6. Develop research-based professional development for prekindergarten teachers that incorporate the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and standards to promote classroom best practices.
7. Given the established deficiencies in the Head Start program, develop a strategic plan to encourage parents of eligible four-year-old children to enroll their children in state-based prekindergarten programs rather than Head Start.

Abbott's plan is notable because it strives to move away from federal mandates that often require local districts to spend money they do not have and move toward a system with more State and Local control.

Abbott is focusing his plan on early childhood education in order to build a firm foundation for future learning. If students do not develop good reading and math skills at an

early age, studies show they continue to struggle throughout their education and often become dropouts.

In presenting his vision for Texas' education system, Abbott made the following comment on his website: "As Governor, I want to see the Texas education system rise to its rightful place to be number one in the nation. We will no longer patch the cracks in our education system every few years. Instead, we will achieve lasting results by giving our schools and families the tools they need to create a solid foundation for learning. We will cultivate a culture of aspiration and achievement. That means setting expectations of excellence for our children, our teachers, our principals and our parents, and then giving educators the flexibility to achieve them"

If you would like additional details and rationale for Abbott's education plan, you may go to the following websites: [www.gregabbott.com](http://www.gregabbott.com) or [TownHall254.GregAbbott.com](http://TownHall254.GregAbbott.com).

Remember to vote in the Cy-Fair Bond Election on May 10<sup>th</sup> and in the Primary run-off on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Early voting is May 19 -23!

~ KEEP TEXAS RED ~





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### Mark P. Jones

Mark P. Jones, Ph.D., will be the speaker at the Cy-Fair Republican Women meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. His topic will be "Reviewing the 2014 Primaries and Looking Ahead to November".



Dr. Jones is the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy's Fellow in Political Science and the Joseph D. Jamail Chair in Latin American Studies, and the Chair of the Department of Political Science at Rice University. \

He is a frequent commentator in the local, state, national and international media on federal, state and local politics and public policy. His articles appear regularly in Texas media outlets, including recent pieces on topics ranging from Wendy Davis' gubernatorial campaign to the 2014 Texas GOP primary. Jones' research on the Texas Legislature has been widely cited in the media as well as by numerous political campaigns.

### SPECIAL ESD #9 ELECTION NOTICE ~ MAY 10th

**Hours 7:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m.**

<b>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 1</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>
County Precincts: 111, 121, 124, 126, 300, 370, 481, 688, 734, 768	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 7 20444 Cypresswood Dr. Cypress, Texas 77433

<b>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 2</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>
County Precincts: 225, 244, 480, 495, 518, 548, 640, 641,671, 687, 713, 759	Winchester Swim Center 9607 Rio Grande Dr Houston, Texas 77064

<b>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 3</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>
County Precincts: 364, 496, 593, 609, 628, 661, 753	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 1 9201 Rodney Ray Houston, Texas 77040

<b>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 4</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>
County Precincts: 50, 155, 260, 314, 398, 512, 517, 523, 553, 616, 621, 622, 642, 643, 650, 667, 689, 701, 771, 800, 882	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 9 7922 Highway 6 North Houston, Texas 77095

<b>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 5</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>
County Precincts: 119, 143, 149, 305, 603, 617, 651, 875, 877, 881	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 11 18134 West Road 709, 712, 803, 804, Cypress, Texas 77433





# CFRW \* APRIL 8TH GENERAL MEETING



*CFRW President Ms. Joy Gregory with Mr. Dan Branch, Key speaker for our April Meeting*



*Mr. Dan Branch, candidate for Attorney General, speaks to CFRW*



*Our CFRW Members take notes as Mr. Branch speaks*



*Jan Ott and Mr. Dan Branch*

**May 13th , 2014  
GENERAL MEETING**

**TIME:**

**10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**LONGWOOD GOLF CLUB  
13300 LONGWOOD TRACE**

**Meeting & Lunch, \$15.00**

**Meeting only, \$3.00**

**Reservations required by May 8, 2014**

**No-shows will be billed**

**RSVP: [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net)**



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**MEMBERSHIP - NANCY ROBERTS**

Our total membership as of the April general meeting was 86. Active Members stand at 68, Associate Women at 7 and Associate Men at 11. Renewals in April: **Barbara Biggi** and **Lynda Truhlar**. We have SEVEN Active Members attending the State Convention in Fort Worth in June as delegates. That's some great representation! It is a real education to be a part of your local and state caucus/convention and learn what is behind the delegate and voting processes. I know that I am preaching to the choir when I tell you that when any of us chooses NOT to vote, it's the same as voting for the opposing party. Let your voice be heard in a positive way! Speak of issues that unite us with others! Get involved! VOTE!!!

**C.H.A.T.** – Our second evening CHAT (Chicks Having an Awesome Time) will be Tuesday, **July 15<sup>th</sup>** from 5 – 7 PM at Three20Three Wine Bar on Telge Road. Save the date and invite your friends! Feel free to hang around and have a bit to eat. We want to give ladies that can't make the daytime meeting an opportunity to be a part of CFRW and to help us **KEEP TEXAS RED**.

**Candidates--** We want to have every opportunity to get to know you. You may bring your campaign literature and signs. Send a representative if you can't make it. PLEASE RSVP.

See you on the second Tuesday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>** at Longwood Golf Club!  
RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by Friday, 5/9/14.



**GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson**



The Texas Republican Party has challenged us again! Cy-Fair Republican Women earned the "Top Texas Grassroots Club Supporter" award last October. We are asked to register our support again for the Texas State Republican Convention. The qualifying deadline is almost here. Current members need do nothing to qualify; please insure the credit card on file has not expired.

Please welcome new members SANDRA VINKLAREK, JOYCE BERUBE AND BETTY GUTHRIE to the Grassroots Club!

To join Grassroots Club, enter your credit card at [www.GrassrootsClub.com](http://www.GrassrootsClub.com). You will be charged \$8.25 each month. You may stop your contribution at any time by email or phone call. This money will be spent in Texas and will not be shared with any professional fundraiser. This is an easy, painless way to defeat Battleground Texas"!

*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".  
Some "special guests" have been Rand Paul and Ted Cruz.)
4. Email updates
5. Private event at State GOP Convention. Because we will not elect national delegates in June, I do not anticipate scheduling conflicts!
6. THE MONEY STAYS IN TEXAS!!!! YEAH!
7. CFRW gets nifty awards and recognitions!
8. My eternal gratitude!





## Cy-Fair ISD Bond Election

Cy-Fair ISD has a \$1.2 billion bond package on the ballot for a **May 10 election**. The proposed bond package is expected to meet Cy-Fair ISD's needs through the year 2020. In early January, a 50-member long-range planning committee convened with the goal of creating a proposal focused on addressing the district's security, transportation, facilities and technology needs through 2020. The committee believes this is a strictly needs-based proposal. This is the largest bond referendum in Cy-Fair ISD history-and the first in nearly seven years. Cy-Fair ISD continues to deal with a major population increase. Their projected growth, based upon a comprehensive demographic study, predicts that there will be 15,000 new students by 2020.

### What is included in the bond proposal?

- \$197 million accounts for student growth, including provisions for two elementary schools, a middle school, a Matzke Elementary replacement and six future school sites—three elementary campuses, one middle school and two high schools. The committee also recognized the district will hit another growth milestone in 2016 when its eleventh high school opens, requiring CFISD to enter into two UIL districts. This division creates the need for additional and upgraded facilities to accommodate those programs.
- Approximately \$666 million of the proposed bond package includes reinvesting in the district's older facilities with renovations at Bane Elementary, Adam Elementary and Watkins Middle School. Facility renovations would include structural repairs, roof replacements, site drainage improvements, paving replacements, exterior site lighting upgrades, air conditioning replacements and fire alarm system replacements.
- Transportation needs account for \$72 million of the proposed bond, including a new transportation center, new buses and the installation of video surveillance and GPS technology on existing buses. Also, bus service would be restored to pre-2009 levels, which would restore bus service for students inside the 2-mile limit instituted because of state-mandated budget cuts.
- \$55.3 million for security and safety enhancements, including the installation of security vestibules, video cameras, emergency call phones and bullet-resistant glass at front entrances.

- \$217.2 million for technology- upgrading classrooms, labs and mobile technology systems. The proposed bond would allow the installation of high-speed wireless access infrastructure and a new network.

### Tax Implications

If you are 65 or older and have filed your homestead exemption, your CFISD tax rate will not increase if this bond is passed. It will also not have any effect on the 20 percent reduction on property taxes for those with a homestead exemption. If the bond passes, there will be tax increases to service the district's debt. It is projected to increase incrementally each year for three years beginning in 2015-16. The cumulative tax rate increase for the three years is projected to be 4.5 cents. The total tax increase during the three-year period would be \$62.25 annually on a home valued at \$200,000.

The bond is structured so that the number of years of principal and interest payments match the estimated useful lifespan of the assets being constructed, renovated or purchased. The life of the bonds used to pay for facilities is 25 years, instructional technology is five years, infrastructure technology is 10 years and buses are 15 years.

### Information Meeting

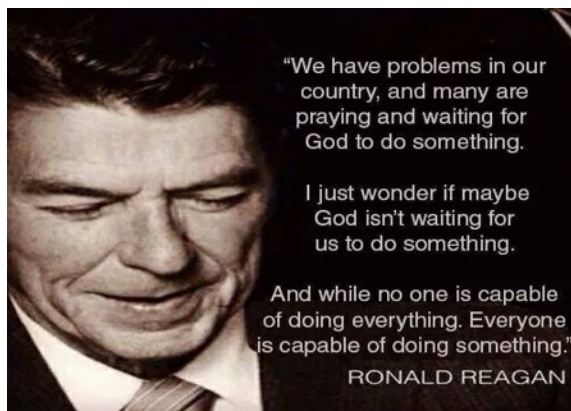
Thursday, April 24 - 7:00 PM at Cypress United Methodist Church (Ministry Activity Center)  
13403 Cypress N. Houston Rd., Cypress TX  
Dr. Mark Henry, Superintendent, Teresa Hull, Associate Superintendent, Dr. Linda Macias, Associate Superintendent, and Bob Covey, Board of Trustees, from Cy-Fair ISD will be guests.

### Voting Information

For voting locations and information go to:  
[www.cfisd.net/bond2014/VotingINFOCardEnglish.pdf](http://www.cfisd.net/bond2014/VotingINFOCardEnglish.pdf)

Early voting is April 28 - May 2, May 5 - 6.

Election Day is May 10



"We have problems in our country, and many are praying and waiting for God to do something.  
  
I just wonder if maybe God isn't waiting for us to do something.  
  
And while no one is capable of doing everything. Everyone is capable of doing something."  
  
RONALD REAGAN



## CFRW Meeting Minutes ~ April 8, 2014 ~ Vivian Marlatt, Secretary

President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. **Dean Hastings** gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. President, Joy Gregory, welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives.

Program Chair, Jan Ott for **Barbara Buxton**, introduced Mr. Dan Branch, Candidate for Attorney General

### Officers' Reports

Treasurer, Mary Moss asked that all receipts should be turned in for reimbursement by April 30, 2014.

1st Vice-President, Joy Gregory for **Barbara Buxton** announced the speaker for the May General meeting would be on the website.

Ways and Means, Millie Alford promoted the Cy-Fair Republican Women's shirts for sale. Also, Barnes Books are available.

### Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today we have 68 renewals. She also announced 11 associate men members, 7 associate women with a total of 86 members.

Caring for America, Mary Kay Brady mentioned donations for the cause. Items needed are nuts/granola bars, socks, plastic bags and/or monetary donations.

### Old Business

C.H.A.T., Nancy Roberts announced the first gathering had 17 attendees. The club plans to hold these events quarterly and encourages everyone to attend.

### New Business

By-Laws, Betty Guthrie announced By-Laws are being updated and plans to have everything completed for the club to vote on them in May.

**Micheline Hutson** promoted the Grassroots Competition. Anyone who would like to join, contact Micheline.

**Joy Gregory** recognized Micheline Hutson, Rita Parish, Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott,, Mille Alford, Suzanne Davis and herself as attending the state convention as delegates on June 6<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed at the state convention. To volunteer at the convention, visit [www.Texasgop.org](http://www.Texasgop.org).

### Dates to remember

April 10, 2014 - Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Hearthstone  
April 28 – May 6, 2014, Early Voting ESD #9, 9630 Telge Rd.  
May 10, 2014, ESD #9 Election, CFISD Bond Election  
May 13, 2014, May General Meeting, Longwood

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned..

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt





# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2014 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"/>	<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.)  
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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:  
 16542 Village Drive  
 Jersey Village, TX 77040

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

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"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.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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