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CFRW To Start A Garden: GROWING PATRIOTS

By Gail Schubot,
CFRW Literacy Chair

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what is was once like in the United States where men were free." --- Ronald Reagan

Dear Members of Cy-Fair Republican Women:

You are invited to participate in a new project for our organization: Beginning this July, you are invited to engage in at least one patriotic activity on a monthly basis with one or more children or young people. We invite you to share in some way those things of our history, culture and government that can lead to patriotism and love of country and state.

What children you ask? Think of your kids, grandkids and other young folks with whom you interact on a frequent basis. Children with whom you go to baseball or soccer games, band,

excursions to the movies, and all kinds of the other activities...but maybe not so much activities with a patriotic theme, at least on a regular basis.

You are encouraged to customize your activities to suit you and your children's personalities and interests. If you are a history buff, you may want to spend time about the different presidents of the United States. If you are musical, you may want to listen to some great patriotic music. If you are visiting San Antonio, discuss the history of the Alamo. If traveling to Austin, visit the capital together. If supporting a candidate, have them help you place the sign in your front yard. If you are going to vote, look over the ballot in advance, together.

The activities can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. They need not be lengthy. We encourage you to have some fun with your kids while making a conscious and consistent monthly effort to devoting some time with them in order to share your own interest in and commitment to being a good and knowledgeable citizen. It is also a wonderful time to find out what they know, what questions they have, and what inspires them!

With little ones, the time spent together may be as simple as drawing the Texas flag or finding the state of Texas on a map. With our older kids, it might be reading the story of how the words to "America the Beautiful" were inspired from a journey to the summit of Pike's Peak.

While it may seem easier to find time with kids at home, long distance need not be an obstacle: take advantage of what you can do through the mail (mailing a letter or a book) or by email (cut, paste & email a picture or an article) or even connect via Skype (let them know you saw the governor at the TFRW meeting)!

So what does this get us? *Hopefully, over time, a garden of patriots.* No, they won't turn into the next generation of legislators overnight. They won't become experts on the Constitution in the blink of an eye. But with devotion, cultivation and love, eventually, these children will grow up appreciating and understanding our state and country and our form of government. Maybe they *will* recognize a painting of George Washington, maybe they *will* know what protections the First Amendment gives us, maybe they *will* understand the difference between a bill and a law.

As among a proactive group such as CFRW, this initiative may seem a little bit like "preaching to the choir"! If you have children at home, they may very well already see and be involved in your political activities and good citizenry. But even so, we would like to acknowledge what you are doing, provide additional incentive and maybe help you take it to the next level.

We will talk about Growing Patriots at the June CFRW meeting. The program is still developing and we



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appreciate your ideas and suggestions. In the meanwhile, a few points to keep in mind:

- Growing Patriots is a voluntary endeavor.
- We will provide a means for recording what you do.
- We will build a database of ideas of what activities you can do with younger and older children, when together and also long distance, and include a number of topics of interest.
- CFRW has endorsed you reporting one campaign hour per month for each child with whom you do an activity.
- For those who participate monthly through this inaugural half-year (through December) of the program, we will have a special award at the year's end!

We all know what it means to have a “green thumb”. We now challenge the members of CFRW to develop “red, white and blue thumbs” and help our state and country grow a new garden of patriots!

~ KEEP TEXAS RED ~

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June 10th , 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

June 6th, 2014

No-shows will be billed

RSVP: www.cfrw.net

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CFRW Meeting Minutes ~ May 12th, 2014



President, Joy Gregory began the meeting at 11:05a.m. Alice Gullet gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags in Chaplain Dean Hastings' absence.

Joy Gregory introduced our speaker, Mark P. Jones for Barbara Buxton, 1st VP-Programs, who was absent. Dr. Jones is with Rice University's Baker Institute and gave a very candid talk on the elections in Texas and his thoughts on the future of the Republican Party in Texas and the makeup of the next Texas Legislature.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. Joy introduced the guests, candidates, elected officials, and their representatives.

Officers' Reports

The minutes from the April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the May Newsletter.

Treasurer, Mary Moss reported that as of April 30, 2014 we had a balance of \$26,754.20 and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$3,306.13.

2nd Vice-President, Millie Alford reminded us of the shirts and books available.

Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today we have 78 regular members, 7 associate women, and 11 associate men. Nancy asked for help with the upcoming New Member Tea, date TBA and with assembling the new directories once they are ready. She also reminded us that our next C.H.A.T will be July 15 at Three20Three.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis asked that everyone fill in the "Hours Cards" for any hours you spent on CFRW duties or events. She gave us the results of the ESD 9 election and reminded us that early voting starts next week and is only Monday through Friday, May 19-23 and Election Day is May 27.

Old Business

By-Law Committee Report – Betty Guthrie explained the changes that were made to our By-Laws. She thanked her committee, Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott, and Joy Gregory for doing this job. She then made the motion on behalf of the By-Laws Committee to accept the proposed By-Laws amendments. There was no need for a second and there was no discussion. A paper ballot had been given to all regular members attending. The tally of the ballots showed that the motion passed. These 2014 By-Law amendments will be sent to TFRW for final approval.

New Business

Gail Schubot was approved by the board to take over the Literacy Chair for Beth Weaver. Since Beth has taken on the newsletter, she needed some help.

Announcements

Carlos Guerra with HCRP Hispanic Outreach asked for help with a May 17 state wide block walk. He also said that there were opportunities to volunteer to man the phone banks at party headquarters, 3311 Richmond, Monday through Friday. Anyone interested see him.

Edith Gibson, District Director for Gary Elkins and President of Cherry Tree Republicans, said that their Facebook page had been tampered with saying that their May meeting had been canceled, but the meeting still on for the third Tuesday evening, May 20 at Strack Farms on Louetta. Steve Munisteri will be their speaker with the evening starting at 7 pm.

Michelene Hutson asked for anyone not signed up for the Grassroots Club to please do so, so we will once again be eligible for awards given at the Republican State Convention in June. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss



PROGRAMS ~ Barbara Buxton



Paul Simpson was elected Harris County Republican Party Chairman in the March 6, 2014 Republican Primary. His term will begin June 16, 2014. Paul will be the CFRW guest speaker for the June 10 meeting.

A lawyer and engineer by profession, Paul's lifelong passion has been conservative political activism. A pro-life conservative, Paul has been a Republican political leader since he was in high school. Growing up in and near New Orleans, Paul joined the Louisiana Teen-Age Republicans at age thirteen, and was elected state chair by the time he was sixteen.

After being named National Outstanding Teen-Age Republican, Paul came to Houston to attend Rice University, where he was active in student government and chaired the Young Republicans. Paul's summer jobs (besides construction and offshore oil field work) included working for a national conservative organization in recruiting and mobilizing young people for conservative Republican congressional campaigns in Michigan and Iowa.

After graduating from Rice with degrees in history and engineering, Paul went to work as an engineer in the oil industry. He designed and oversaw drilling and producing wells in different areas of the country and offshore, supervised engineering teams, and managed multi-million-dollar projects constructing and installing onshore and offshore platforms, facilities, and pipelines.

While working full-time in the oil and gas business, Paul put himself through law school at night, graduating with honors from the University of Houston law school. A licensed engineer and patent lawyer, Paul's law practice primarily involves oil and gas disputes and transactions. He has been a partner with the law firm of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore since 2001.

Paul has been an adult Scout leader since the 1990s and was Committee Chair of Boy Scout Troop 505 from 2006 to 2013. Paul was also a member, then 2006-07 President, of the Pastoral Council of the 4,000-family St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Houston, where he also serves as a Lector. Paul is also in his fourth year of serving on the Board of Incarnate Word Academy in Houston.

Paul and his wife Kathy have been married over 28 years. Their son, a recent college graduate, and daughter, a college senior, are both Houston natives and proud Republicans!

MEMBERSHIP - NANCY ROBERTS

Our Total Membership as of the May General Meeting was 96. Thank you for your Renewals in May: **Clarisa Chavez, Sharon Hamilton, Pat McCleney, Brenda Petru, Susan Fruit Draughon, Pamela Waldren, Darlene Hajduk, Susan Yawn Green, Gail Hoffman-Jackson, Maureen Colvard and Laurel Burrin.**

Invite/Join/VOTE on Tuesday, May 27th Runoff!

C.H.A.T. – Our second evening C.H.A.T. (Chicks Having an Awesome Time) will be Tuesday, **July 15th** from 5 – 7 PM at Three20Three Wine Bar at Telge Road. Save the Date and Invite your Friends! Feel free to hang around and have a bite 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 welcome!! Come and mingle with your "boots on the ground".

See you on the Second Tuesday, **June 10th** at Longwood Golf Club!

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by Friday, June 6th, 14.





Funding Our Transportation Needs

Our growing transportation needs merit continued scrutiny. In the last legislative session there was a focus on using money that was collected for designated purposes to be spent for those specified uses, such as state parks, hospital trauma care, and transportation rather than being used to balance the budget.

Speaker Joe Strauss is now proposing for the next legislative session that the budget use all of the money in the State Highway Fund for transportation and to increase the transparency of that fund. Speaker Strauss says, "This approach will make the state budget even more straightforward, just as taxpayers expect. It will also provide needed transportation revenue — without a tax increase — at a time when Texas continues to grow twice as fast as the rest of the country.

Right now, various taxes and fees — most notably the gas tax, but also fees from driver's license renewals and speeding tickets — go into the State Highway Fund to pay for transportation. But for several years, some of that money has helped fund agencies that are not directly related to transportation, such as the Department of Public Safety and the State Office of Administrative Hearings. ***By spending that money directly on transportation, we can put an additional \$1.3 billion toward improving mobility over two years.*** This proposal would not affect the 25 percent of gas-tax revenue that the Texas Constitution dedicates for public education."

In November, one of the issues that we will be voting on will be a constitutional amendment to allow the state to divert half of the oil and gas severance tax that funds the state's emergency fund, or Rainy Day Fund, to roads, giving the highway department a potential boost of \$1.2 billion annually. This is only a small portion of what is needed as it will provide possibly \$1.2 billion annually of the \$4 billion the highway department says is needed.

Highway planning in particular relies on a predictable revenue stream since federal law requires state DOTs to produce both short and long-range plans that are fiscally constrained. In other words, a road project cannot be placed into a plan and move forward unless the highway department can show how it will be funded in the year built. Without reliable revenues, the highway department cannot provide the needed roads.

The Speaker has appointed a Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures and Finance. to look at the reliability of the funding and to examine whether the money is being used efficiently and appropriately. While the House may not be currently in session, they are busy working to find solutions to our transportation challenges. With Texas' growing economy resulting in a large population growth and more and more vehicles on our roads, we must have major reforms. Speaker Strauss says, "That's why I will continue to encourage all Members to propose bold transportation solutions that will make Texas an even better place to raise a family and to conduct business. The House will continue working to increase transparency and accountability in state government as the next session approaches. So far, we've made good progress. Using gas-tax dollars for transportation makes sense for our economy and for taxpayers..." ☆



GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson

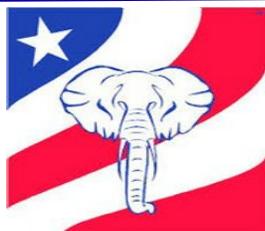
The Texas Republican Party has challenged us again! Cy-Fair Republican Women earned the “Top Texas Grassroots Club Supporter” last October. We are asked to register our support again for the Texas State Republican Convention. The qualifying deadline is almost here. Current members need do nothing to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

Please welcome GAIL SCHUBOT and EDITH GIBSON to the Grassroots Club!

To join Grassroots Club, enter your credit card at 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 Taxes 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!



WAYS AND MEANS ~ Dr. Millie Alford

Summer is now in full swing...We just “breezed” through Spring, but that is usual for Houston weather. Our membership is growing and that’s because we offer the most viable option for strong conservative values. The Run Off election will be over by print time, so I hope that everyone voted for the RIGHT candidates. The State Convention is right around the corner and it should be a great experience. There are several members attending and it’s a great opportunity to see how our representatives carry out their duties to inform and encourage all of us.

Hope all new members are enjoying their CFRW Cookbook. We still have a good supply, so please call me if you’d like an extra one for a friend or family member. If anyone needs to get a bling shirt or a denim shirt before the convention, please let me know. We have all sizes and I can get them to you in plenty of time. Also, we have a new supply of Peter Barnes books coming just in time to gift them to your Kids and G-Kids for some fun summer reading. Invite your friends to visit our meetings and let’s make CFRW grow to 100 this year. Stay cool and live RIGHT!





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2014 Membership Application

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PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____

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| Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i> _____ | Email Address: _____ |
| Position Title: _____ | Spouse Name: _____ |
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| CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US? | | | | | |
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| 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.)

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| <p>Please make check payable to Cy-Fair Republican Women</p> <p>Mail check and this form to: Nancy Roberts 16542 Village Drive Jersey Village, TX 77040</p> | <p>Total Amount Due:</p> <p>Please circle Cash or enter Check #:</p> <p>Date Received:</p> |
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<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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