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A Minute With Millie

DOING OUR PART TO MAKE CFRW THE BEST IT CAN BE...

We are growing! We are so happy to have our membership numbers rising. Please make it a point to find at least one new member at our next meeting and introduce yourself. Let them know how happy we are to have them on our rolls and encourage them to become involved. There are so many areas where we can serve. Our new members this month are Fae Lord, Elaine Mills, Kevin Roberts, and Karen Townsend. If we are fortunate to pick up a couple of new members at all our monthly meetings this year, CFRW will be making great strides in membership.

In order for us to grow, each member needs to make it a priority to advertise our organization. Ask your friends and neighbors if they are members of local organizations, and if they would like to visit ours. Let them know that we all have a *VOICE* in politics and we all need to use our voices to accomplish our goals. I don't think I'd ever like to be in sales, but when you have a product or service that is working for the good of all Texans, it is easy to peddle. ☺ When we are using our voice to back up the conservative values of the Republican Party, we are indeed spokeswomen for our cause. It is easy for me to speak to people about CFRW because I believe in what we are doing and have been doing for the past 10 years. (July 14 -10th Anniversary!)

This week, I spoke to a newcomer to our area and invited her to come to our meeting in April. She assured me she would try, so if she does show up, I'll introduce her. If she doesn't, I call her again. Another member, Susan Green, contacted me and gave me her

number because as she got to know her, Susan realized that she cared for the same issues that we do, and mentioned that she'd like to get busy in a local political group. It seems there are so many reminders of what we need to be doing to **KEEP TEXAS RED**, to encourage others to get involved, and to caution us not to lose sight of why we're really in these positions.

Last week, we heard **Congressman Michael McCaul** thank us for our diligence. This past week, Joy, Jan, and I attended The Greater Houston Council of Republican Women meeting at the Sosa Center and listened to **Harris County Judge Ed Emmett** remind us that we need to "be involved and get the message out" so that everyone will go vote in the primaries and then follow up in the main elections. He was urging us to be involved at the ground level. Our **National Committeewoman from Texas, Toni Anne Dashiell**, wished the Republican Party a Happy 161st Birthday! Imagine that, we're 161 years old, yet some people have no idea what our values include. A couple of weeks ago, as **Former Chairman Steve Munisteri** gave his farewell speech, he urged us all to continue to do the necessary work to maintain fiscal responsibility and keep the integrity that our party enjoys. The new **Chairman, Tom Melcher** spoke out this week and said, "First and foremost, this party must be united." When I read his comments, it made me realize that **united** covers a very large spectrum. It means that we need to be united in our grassroots efforts, our organizational efforts, our goals, and our willingness to stand up for our beliefs, even if we are in the minority. When we represent **CFRW**, we are representing a segment of the Republican Party of Texas, and we must have a united mindset to reach our goals. Will everything always be the way we want it to be? Probably not...but we have to maintain a level of integrity and motivation to overcome the bumps in the

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**Texas Public Information Act
Potential Change by HB1118**

Newly-elected State Representative Mike Schofield, District 132, representing the Katy area, has introduced a bill (HB1118) which would limit citizens from other states requesting information concerning Texas government. Currently, Texas law - the Texas Public Information Act - says that information in Texas can be made available and requested by non-Texas residents.

Schofield stated that "The purpose of Texas government is to serve Texans, not folks from other places. It costs money and takes time every time we have a request."

"If it were up to me, we would comply with all legal requests from Texas residents and none from everybody else," Schofield said. "Texas government belongs to Texans. This is a bill to make sure Texans, whose government it is, are the focal point of our efforts."

Please go the following link to read more about this bill and follow its progress.

<https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/HB1118/201>



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road in order to continue to elevate our organizational achievements. This past week, members of TFRW made their trip to Washington, D.C. Did everyone welcome them with open arms? Probably not. There may have been a few scoffers from the left who wondered what these Texas women were doing in D.C. But that didn't hinder them from going and trying to make a difference. The resolve of the few will affect the masses. Let us serve with dignity and united intention!





Join Us for an Important Program Presented by Constable Ron Hickman



Constable Ron Hickman will be talking to us about a crime of great concern in our area... and that is sex trafficking. Houston is known as one of the largest hubs for human trafficking in the United States. Constable Hickman has made great progress with the problem within his Harris County jurisdiction and beyond. Hickman, who has twice been recognized as Constable of the Year by the National Constables and Marshals Association, has highlighted his department's technique of using regulatory inspections to attack the massage parlor industry as one method of attacking the problem. Hickman is also creative in the use of technology surveillance techniques.

Constable Hickman joined the Precinct 4 Constable's Office in 1983, where he was quickly promoted to Sergeant over the Communications Office. He was elected as Constable of Precinct 4 in November of 2000 and took office January 1st, 2001. He has been a leader in law enforcement technology and is deeply involved in providing these advancements for police officers across the county. The absence of computerization initiated a challenge that drove the search for serious improvements in automation for both the Constable's Office and the remainder of law enforcement in Harris County. Since that time, Constable Hickman has been an integral part of the leadership for technical advances in law enforcement and is constantly looking for new opportunities to enhance crime fighting technologies.

Constable Hickman serves as Chair of the Local Executive Board for the Greater Houston Regional Computer Forensics Lab. He also serves as a member of the FBI's National Advisory Committee for the regional computer forensics lab program out of its National Program Office in Quantico Virginia. He created the only county High Tech Crimes Unit, with the training and expertise to deal with crimes ranging from harassing communications to investigating and seeking out those that would prey on our future - our children. There is no other county agency with a unit trained to deal with the complexity and intricacy of these types of cases. To ensure the officers throughout the State of Texas would be better prepared to handle these types of crimes, Ron chairs the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer's Standards and Education Committee. This committee is responsible for designing the very first state-recognized and issued certification for Cybercrime Investigators in the United States.

He believes strongly in increasing professionalism through training and advancing educational opportunities for police officers. Ron graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and encourages his command staff and supervisors to constantly seek more leadership training.





Ways and Means

~ by Edith Gibson

Cy-Fair Republican Women will be participating in *Legislative Day* in Austin next month, and everyone is encouraged to wear red. We will have a new red bling shirt order at our April meeting for those who have ordered one or want to make a new purchase. We also have a few chambray shirts left and they will be offered at \$20 instead of \$30.

Also, remember that our High Heels and High Tea fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 23rd, 2015 at Shirley Acres. If you are not yet on a committee for this event, please contact me and we will find the right place for you.



Campaign Activities

– by Joy Gregory

Are you reporting your campaign hours? You may count the trip to Dallas to visit the George Bush Museum, including travel time. If you are planning on attending Legislative Day, you may also count these hours and travel time. Any Republican event you go to, or any volunteer hours spent working for a candidate, can be counted as well. However, remember that you cannot count hours for which you are paid.

If you have unreported hours for the first quarter, please email them to me at joygregory@sbcglobal.net. I want to thank each of you who have already turned in your hours.

APRIL 2015 GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 14th

TIME:
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION:
HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
7615 Ameswood Rd
Houston, TX 77095
(281) 463-2201

Please visit www.cfrw.net for details
RSVP no later than
TUESDAY, April 7th, 2015

No-shows will be billed

High Heels and High Tea (H3T)
Auction and S.W.A.G. Bags
- by Micheline Hutson

October 23rd might sound a far piece down the road, but CFRW elves are busy planning another successful fundraiser. We need items for our Silent/Blind and Live Auctions and S.W.A.G. (Stuff We All Get) Bags. You may bring your items to the Program or Board Meetings. Items may also be dropped at my home - 11007 Wortham Blvd - plainly labeled with the donor's name, address, phone number and dollar value of the item. We are soliciting donations of small items (political campaign giveaways, make-up samples, etc.). Our goal is 200 S.W.A.G. bags for distribution at H3T.

If a small voice is telling you to help with this project, we have empty committee slots. All help will be thankfully accepted. *Remember that we cannot accept any corporate donations.*

Micheline Hutson (713) 825-7720 cell or
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 10th, 2015 ~ by Vivian Marlatt

President, **Dr. Millie Alford**, began the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Chaplain, Mary Ellen Harrington gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. **Dr. Millie Alford** introduced our guests.

Jan Ott, 1st Vice-President, introduced our speaker, Jay Guerrero, Regional Director for Senator John Cornyn.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Officers' Reports

The minutes from the February 10th Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the February Newsletter.

1st Vice-President, Jan Ott announced Constable Ron Hickman is scheduled for the April general meeting. Donna Bahorich with the Texas State Board of Education will be our speaker for the May general meeting.

Treasurer, Mary Moss reported that as of January 31, 2015 we had a starting balance of \$15,550.69 and ending balance of \$16,158.69 as of February 28th. CFRW Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$4,032.54 as of February 28th. **Judie Stokes** shared that the Budget Committee reviewed the 2015 budget report and passed the conclusions.

Committee Reports

Membership Chair, Alice Bennett reported that, as of March 9th, we have 51 renewals plus 4 new members joined March 10th bringing our total to 55 members, 4 associate women and 5 associate men. The membership list will be available online soon.

2nd Vice-President, Edith Gibson announced that Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Rd. will be the venue for this year's High Heels and High Tea event. She is taking orders for bling shirts and chambray shirts via email.

Caring for America Chair, Mary Kay Brady provided a list of needs and wants for Operation Interdependence. Special wants are disposable razors, snacks and \$15 donations to mail items to our military.

Campaign Activities Chair, Millie Alford for **Joy Gregory** reminded the members to turn in their campaign hours.

New Business

CFRW will celebrate its 10th year anniversary on July 14, 2015. All are encouraged to participate in this celebration.

Old Business

Field trip to the George Bush Library at SMU, March 25-26. Eleven have scheduled to make this trip. See Millie Alford after the meeting for more information

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Legislative Day travel arrangements. Patricia Harless will sponsor bus. Pick up point at La Madeleine, on Hwy 290 near FM 1960, at 6:15 a.m. April 16, 2015

Gary Elkins is sponsoring a bus trip March 25th to Austin. Contact Edith Gibson for more details.

Dates to Remember

March 12th – Board Meeting

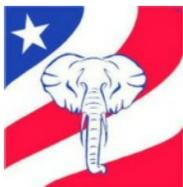
March 16th - Deadline for April Newsletter articles

April 14th - General Meeting – make reservations by April 7th

April 20th - Board Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt



Membership ~ by Alice Bennett

We would like to ask you to bring a Friend to the next meeting and lunch.....

..... Because we have ANOTHER great Speaker lined up!!!

Please help me Welcome our New Members: Pam Joyce and Sarah Singleton.

Thank you to all 56 Members who have completed 2015 Membership Renewals. If you have not yet done so, please renew today! Applications for 2015 Renewals are now being taken. Please visit www.cfrw.net for more info and the application. —OR print out the Application included in this newsletter and SEND IT IN TODAY!

If you have not received your CFRW directory, please let me know. Updated directories will be available at the April meeting for all members who already have binders. All new members will receive a binder and a CFRW COOKBOOK as a Thank You for joining our club!

Contact me at Aliceben77095@yahoo.com





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2015 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: Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
 Alice Bennett Date Received:
 7311 Muirfield Valley Lane
 Houston, TX 77095

For more information regarding membership, please contact Alice Bennett at 713-412-0141

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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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