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A
Minute
With
Millie

Taking Stock of CFRW

It's not unusual for companies and organizations to "take stock" of their previous months' accomplishments or lack thereof. This month, I decided it was a great *middle-of-the-year* project for me. The phrase "take stock" in the US dates back no telling how far, but in the early 1800's the McGraw-Hill Dictionary of American Idioms and Phrasal Verbs defines it as *Making an estimate or appraisal of a situation. to make an appraisal of resources and potentialities.*

In my appraisal of our first six months of 2015, I am amazed and so thankful. I note that we have had encouraging and informative speakers: Orlando Sanchez-Harris County Treasurer, Author Wayne Thorburn, Jay Guerrero, former Constable/now Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman, Judge Ed Emmett, Texas School Board Member, Donna Bohorich, and Rep. Dwayne Bohac. I estimate we've welcomed over 50 guests and gained about 10 new members. We celebrated our 10 Year Anniversary with a visit from the Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and received a commendation and well wishes from the Capitol of Texas to the U.S. Capitol Hill.

Our accommodations have varied due to renovations at Hearthstone CC, but our members have been troopers coming in rain or shine. The festive decorations and the attention to detail of our hospitality/membership/registration committees have been awesome. Hearthstone CC Staff have provided excellent service.

People are interested in CFRW. We have members and associate members whose vocations vary from homemakers to Texas and US Representatives. When I appraise our first six months, I'm reminded how busy we've been. We have 20+ Voter Registrars who've taken the training to register voters and encourage people to let their voices be heard. We've visited the George Bush Library in Dallas and took some time to have fun and get to know each other better. We attended Legislative Day in Austin and received warm welcomes from our Representatives. We attended Greater Houston Council's Nuts 'n' Bolts Leadership Workshop.

Our Campaign Hours exceeded 10,000 covering the past 2 years, and our Awards points met the Diamond category.

When I consider our *resources*, it is obvious to me that we have great talent and dedication from our membership and have been recognized by some of the most influential members of our Republican organization. Our members serve as GHCRW members, precinct chairs and precinct judges, Texas State Representatives, and TFRW officers, CF Volunteer Fire Dept. and other community servants. WE SHOW UP!

When I consider our *potentialities*, I see that we have a great August Social planned, participation in the NFRW Convention in Phoenix in September, a fabulous High Heels & High Tea Luncheon/Fashion Show/Auction in October, participation in our TFRW State Convention in November, and a Christmas Social in December. Another definition of "Take Stock" I found came from The Free Dictionary. It said: *To grasp or grip: take your partner's hand.* It wasn't exactly what I expected to find as a definition to take stock, but it surely does fit my idea of what CFRW is doing. We are taking our partners' hands and working together to reach our goals. We are using

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*Please Join Us at our Special
Summer Event with
Texas Supreme Court Justice
Debra Lehrmann*

Strong, Dedicated, Conservative, Republican Woman!

It is an honor to have one of our Republican Supreme Court Justices join us for this special event. You will find her stories about being a Justice on the Texas Supreme Court fascinating. Justice Debra H. Lehrmann was appointed to the Court by Governor Rick Perry in 2010 after winning a highly competitive primary and runoff election in the Republican primary. Before her appointment, she served as the District Judge of the 360th District Court in Fort Worth, Texas, and served as a family law judge in Tarrant County for 22 years. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Justice Lehrmann graduated from the University of Texas in 1979 and the University of Texas School of Law in 1982. Justice Lehrmann is currently a candidate for her L.L.M. at Duke University School of Law.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, she practiced law with the Fort Worth law firm of Law, Snakard & Gambill. She also worked as the lead attorney and director of the Enforcement Division of the Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office. In 1990, she was recognized as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Tarrant County.

In 2005, Justice Lehrmann was appointed by Governor Perry to serve as a commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and previously served as the chair of the drafting committee on the Uniform Relocation Act. She is a past president of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, is a past president of the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, is a master member of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, served on the Advisory Board of Tarrant County Dispute Resolution Services, is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation, and is a charter member of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

An active member of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, she served as chair of the section and as the Judicial Liaison to the Judicial Division of the ABA. She previously served on the Executive Committee of the Section Officers Conference of the ABA. She is a Fellow of both the American Bar Foundation and Texas Bar Foundation.

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SIGN-UP SHEET FOR:

Cy-Fair Republican Women's Social

Sunday, August 9, 2015

**Blackhorse Golf Club
12205 Fry Road, Cypress, TX 77433**

**SPEAKER
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
DEBRA LEHRMANN**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
(Please note this is an Evening Meeting)**

**\$15.00 per Person
Cash Bar and Hors d'oeuvres**

PLEASE RSVP BY: AUGUST 1, 2015

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____

GUESTS _____

Please mail your form to: Alice Gullett, 6223 Fox Wind Court, Houston 77041

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our time and talents to step out and say, “It makes a difference if you vote and HOW you vote, and here’s why.” In the coming months, we will have lots of fun and we will have lots of work to educate ourselves about the candidates, to register voters, keep Texas **RED**, get the message out, encourage people to vote for the **right** candidates, and continue an atmosphere of harmony and integrity for CFRW.

Thank you to each person who is involved and dedicated to our cause. We are the Grassroots of the Republican Party. What an exciting time we have ahead!

Programs ~ by Jan Ott ~ Continued from Page 2

Justice Debra Lehrmann

In 2005, Justice Lehrmann received the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Scott Moore Award and in 2009 received the Eva Barnes Award for leadership and uncommon contributions to the field of family law. She speaks frequently at continuing legal education events throughout the state and country, and lectures at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. The author of numerous published articles, in 2003 she received the Texas Bar Foundation’s award for the best bar journal article of the year, for *The Child’s Voice—An Analysis of the Methodology Used to Involve Children in Custody Litigation* (Texas Bar Journal, November 2002). She is the author of two legal treatises which are updated yearly, Texas Annotated Family Code (Lexis Nexis-Matthew Bender) and Court-Appointed Representation of Children.

Justice Lehrmann is a lifelong Republican. She has been married to her husband, Greg, a real estate attorney, for 32 years. They have two sons, Gregory Alan and Jonathan William.

*****Please see Page 3 Sign Up Sheet and submit your RSVP today!*****

**AUGUST 2015
GENERAL MEETING
Sunday Evening, August 9th**

**TIME:
6:30 PM til 8:30 PM**

**LOCATION:
BLACKHORSE GOLF CLUB**

Please see Page 3 for the Sign Up sheet

Visit www.cfrw.net for details

**RSVPs required no later than
Saturday, August 1st, 2015**

Membership ~ by Alice Bennett

Let us welcome the following new Active Members:

Ashlie Atchison, Mary Atchison, Susan Fruit Draughon, Judy Zoch and Barbara Dorsey

Thank you to all 63 Members who have completed 2015 Memberships! The count for Associate

Women is 7, and Associate Men is 6 as of 07/15/2015.

Applications for 2015 Renewals are now continuing to be taken. Please visit www.cfrw.net for more information and the application.

All new members will receive binders and a CFRW cookbook as a “Thank you” for joining our club.!





GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - July 14th, 2015

Cy-Fair Republican Women held its General Meeting and 10th Year Anniversary Celebration on July 14, 2015 at Hearthstone CC. President Millie Alford began the meeting at 11:25 A.M. We welcomed Rep. Dwayne Bohac as our speaker. He spoke about the Legislature's accomplishments for the past session.

We welcomed our Charter Members in attendance: Mary Atchison, Kitty Berger, Barbara Biggi, Shirley Chambers, Betty Guthrie, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Maxine Prezbindowski. We recognized CFRW Presidents, all of whom were in attendance: Millie Alford, Joy Gregory, Rita Parrish, Mary Moss, Kay Waghorne, and Jan Ott.

Carolyn Hodges, Past President of TFRW, shared some fun stories of her relationship with Jan and gave a tribute to her service in the Republican Party, TFRW, and CFRW.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick congratulated CFRW for its 10 years of service and thanked everyone for the support given to him and fellow Conservative Republicans. He applauded our efforts and accomplishments and stated how good it was to be back in His area. He encouraged everyone to continue working for our goals.

Millie welcomed Guests: Mikayla Bartley, Ashlie Atchison, Shari Truggle, Eric Waligura, Ethan Crisp, Melissa Ronquillo. Candidates: Kay Smith, State Rep. for Dist. 130; Lori Bartley, US House Rep. Dist. 18; Kevin Roberts, HD 126; Eric Waligura for Ron Hale for TX RR Comm. Elected Officials: Kay Smith, County School Trustee; Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Rep. Dwayne Bohac, Catie Spivey-Dept. Dist. Dir. Cong. Kevin Brady; Holli Davies, Congressman Michael McCaul's Office. Member Officials were announced.

A presentation in memory of passed member Phyllis Kyd was given to her daughter, Mary Attichison, and a presentation in memory of passed member, Alice McDill, was given by Barbara Dorsey.

Special thanks to Gail Schubot for generously purchasing the lunches for the Presidents. Alice Gullett & Jan Ott discussed the August Social: Speaker, Texas Supreme Court Justice Debra Lehrmann, on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at Blackhorse Golf Club, 12205 Fry Rd. Cypress, 77433. \$15.00 per person, 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. with RSVP by August 1, 2015. Members are to mail checks to Alice Gullett, 6233 Fox Wind Court, Houston, TX 77041.

Due to the length of the anniversary celebration meeting, the Treasurer's Report will be a combined report for July and August and given at the Sept. meeting. The June business meeting minutes were published in the Newsletter. The Membership Report will be given at the Executive Board Meeting and in the July Newsletter. It was noted that Caring for America items and auction items for HH & HT be placed on the table and would be collected by Micheline Hutson. A reminder was given to pick up the HH & HT tickets for members. The dates to remember are : EX. Board Meeting 7-16-15, HH & HT Committee Meeting: 7-22-15 Newsletter Articles due -7-24-15.

Jan Ott expressed her appreciation for the tribute from Carolyn Hodges and to the members of CFRW.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

TFRW Convention, Lubbock, TX: 11/5 - 11/7/2015

For more Information - www.larw.org/TFRW-2015-Convention

NFRW Convention, Phoenix, AZ: 9/11-9-13, 2015

For more Information - www.nfrw.org/convention-phoenix

The next general meeting will be 9-08-15. Please RSVP by 9-01-15.

Respectfully submitted for Secretary, Vivian Marlatt by Millie Alford





High Heels and High Tea (H3T) Luncheon and Fashion Show

By Edith Gibson

The High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show committee is diligently working on plans for this exciting event to be held on Friday, October 23rd, 2015, at Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Road, 77090.

The purpose of this biennial fundraiser is to generate funds to donate to the campaigns of Republican primary candidates for the very important 2016 election cycle. Ticket sales have begun for both individuals and sponsor tables.

Several great items have already been received for the auction and S.W.A.G. (Stuff We All Get) bags, **but we need more**. You may bring items to the monthly General Meetings or to our Board meetings - or call Micheline Hutson to arrange for pick-up or delivery to her home.

We also have a good start on sponsors for ads in the event program. Anyone who is interested in this opportunity - and to get information on dimensions of art work and pricing - please contact either Mary Moss (281-550-9415 or Moss311@sbcglobal.net) or Edith Gibson (832-724-6133 or egib@sbcglobal.net.)

There will be several opportunities to purchase Christmas gifts or a little something for yourself from vendors who will be offering a variety of interesting and fascinating items. Among them will be various art pieces by Eco-Artist, Grant Manier. Grant has autism and I'm sure you will appreciate seeing the complexity and uniqueness of his art. His award-winning art has gained great recognition throughout the state and has among his collectors and supporters, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. Grant is also donating an original piece for our Live Auction with a gallery value of over \$2,200! You may want to visit his website at www.GrantsEcoArt.com. Other exciting vendors will include Hollidaze Gifts presenting patriotic jewelry, scarves, t-shirts and neckties and representatives from Tupperware, Pampered Chef and Stella & Dot.

Last, but certainly, not least is our Fashion Show itself. Clothing will be provided by Scruples Boutique and Joseph A. Banks. And – wait till you see our line-up of models!

The next High Heels and High Tea committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th and Wednesday, September 2nd, both to be held at 11:30 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. If you are not yet engaged in working on this project, please consider joining us at our committee meetings or contact Edith Gibson at 832-724-6133 or egib@sbcglobal.net.

A reminder to everyone that we cannot accept donations from corporations. Please direct any questions regarding these donations to Micheline Hutson at 713-825-7720.





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2015 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?

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**

Mail check and this form to:
 Alice Bennett
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Total Amount Due:
 Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
 Date Received:

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

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<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



Share the Vision...Join Republican Women





Introducing.....

~ Grant Manier

High Heels and High Tea Update

Joining CFRW on October 23rd, 2015 will be a unique artist. Grant Manier is a remarkable, talented young man who creates beautiful "Coolages" from colored paper, despite his daily challenges living with Autism.

"I reduce, reuse, and recycle materials to create beautiful Eco-art masterpieces. Each work of art contains 1000's of pieces of cut or torn recycled materials. I use cool colors, cool shapes and cool textures, I call my artwork "COOLAGES", said the artist.

"Up-cycle" would better describe this artist's technique. He has generously donated one large piece for the Live Auction and a smaller piece for the Silent Auction.

In addition, Grant Manier works tirelessly to raise thousands of dollars for those living with disabilities. Grant's story of his daily struggles living with Autism motivates and inspires individuals, families and supporters to look beyond the disability and see the "ABILITY" within.



We are delighted Grant Manier will join us at High Heels and High Tea.

For more information, please access his website @www.GrantsEcoArt.com

