



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## LOVING YOUR COUNTRY

**Greetings Republican Warriors!** Our weather is warming and we're beginning to thaw out a little. What a great first meeting we had in January! January is traditionally a lower-attendance month and there were a few folks who faced some issues trying to juggle their personal lives. I guess we're all trying to establish our priorities and get our beginning-of-the-year jobs sorted out. I do hope that each member will make Cy-Fair Republican Women a priority. We have the most dedicated and hard-working women I know and we always welcome new members and bright new ideas. So I challenge each of us to make contacts and put on our thinking caps to make CFRW an even better organization. It was a delight to see five guests at our first meeting.

Our February meeting should see a number of our out-of-towners back into the swing. February is the month of **Love**. There will be countless flowers, Valentines, boxes of candy, and sweet stuff just flying off the shelves throughout the country. I'd like to make February's Theme about Love ~ **Loving Your Country**. We experience all kinds of loves throughout our lives, and certainly one of the strongest kinds for CFRW members is **Love of Country**. I recently read the definition of Patriotism on a blog of a fellow Republican. He said that Patriotism is the strongest kind of love outside the bonds of God and family.

Each person has her own definition to apply to loving her country. When we speak of loving our country, we're not talking about *land love* like Tara and Scarlet, although I think that love was the IDEA of family and belonging, as much as a parcel of dirt. Despite the

famous lines for "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land," we really don't own any of the earth. We're squatting on it. Yes, we pay our fair share of taxes and mortgages on it, but when we leave this world, we surely do not take it with us. So what we really refer to as the love for this country is representative of the **People** who share it with us. Our circle may not include a huge number of people and we may not choose to belong to many clubs or organizations. Our travels may be limited to Harris County and the Great State of Texas. However, when we work day-in and day-out to elect the "Right" candidates to fill those important political positions, we do so to assure that our children, grandchildren, friends and friendly neighbors are afforded a place to live that is good and honest and full of integrity so that we can live and pray and carry our guns and speak out about our passions. Also, to live to the best of our ability to reach our goals without harming others.

To me, that's where Loving our Country begins, but it certainly doesn't end there. Within the realms of our Love include the Honor we bestow on those who serve our country and fight to keep it free--our Military Service members who literally may fight aggressors, and their families who fight to keep the horrors of wartime at bay as they try to maintain balance in their families' lives; it includes our Police forces who fight crime and injustice; our Doctors and Medical Personnel who fight to save our lives when we are in danger; our Educators (public, private, and homeschool) who fight to teach discipline and respect and integrity to our young; it includes our Officers of the Courts who fight for justice to prevail; it includes the people who provide goods and services to fight to keep America purchasing home grown and home made; it includes all small and large business owners who fight for the right

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## Loving Your Country - by Dr. Millie Alford (cont'd)

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to pursue their dreams and pass those to their family members; it includes each person in America who fights in his/her own way to keep the ideals and the blessings in place so that we can continue to live as a free and democratic society.

So, at the risk of sounding like an Alan Jackson song (not that it's a bad thing) or doing a little flag-waving, I submit these ideas to you to think about throughout the month of February (and really throughout the whole year.) **What does loving your country mean to you?** Jot down your ideas and bring them with you to our February meeting, and we'll share them with our congregation....I mean membership. I get just a little carried away when we talk about love. My prayers always include our wonderful country and I encourage each member to help make this country a better place in your own way. I will surely try to heed my own advice. ☺

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara Buxton and her husband, Larry, after his surgery in January. We were sorry to hear of Mary Ellen Harrington's accident which kept her busy with the police report, etc. Glad that she's making a full recovery! Our sympathy goes out to Pam Waldren's family in the loss of her sister-in-law. If someone has a need, please let me know. We want to know what is happening in our members' lives. The members and members' family and friends are included in our concerns.

If someone asked me, "Who are the Cy-Fair Republican Women," I would reply, "We aren't just a group of robots who mechanically carry out our duties to help get Republican votes. We are a group of caring and loving, determined women who believe in working diligently for our Party, lending a hand where one is needed in creating an atmosphere of accomplishment of Republican goals, while being mindful of the needs of each member. We use our Republican beliefs as a ballast for our organization's goals. We are deliberate in our efforts to remain a nation of small government, individual beliefs, upholding constitutional rights, freedom of religion, and emphasizing the pursuit of happiness and the American Dream as we interpret it.

We are concerned for the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare of everyone who enters our covey. Am I waxing poetic, or just a very personal viewpoint on what CFRW's goals are? I don't know... You be the judge. ☺ In the words of the infamous Forrest Gump: "But I know what Love is." I love CFRW and what it stands for. I love this wonderful state of Texas and I love The United States of America. The efforts that I put forth these next two years with all of you will be a symbol of that Love. After all, February is about **LOVE**.

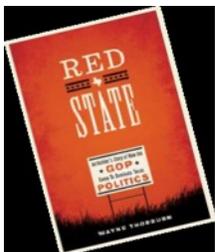
~ **LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER TO CONTINUE TO KEEP HARRIS COUNTY AND TEXAS RED!** ~





## Programs ~Jan Ott

*Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your knowledge of the political history of the Lone Star State and its implications for the future!*



Join us for Acclaimed Author  
**WAYNE THORBURN**

**Red State: An Insider's Story of How the GOP Came to Dominate Texas Politics** will also be available for sale.

Wayne Thorburn holds a PHD in political science and brings a lifetime of political involvement to the task of tracing the transformation of Texas politics since 1960. When Texas elected its first Republican governor in 104 years, he was executive director of the state party. Thorburn was involved in the election of President George H. W. Bush and then directed the coordinated campaign that in 1996 elected all statewide Republican candidates for the first time.

Thorburn presents a definitive book on the recent history of Texas politics. Using data to identify historical trends and tendencies, Wayne Thorburn's presents insights into Texas's political changes from the past fifty years! Red State explores why this transformation of Texas politics took place and what these changes imply for the future. As both a political scientist and a Republican Party insider,

Wayne Thorburn is especially qualified to explain how a solidly one-party Democratic state has become a Republican stronghold. He analyzes a wealth of data to show how changes in the state's demographics--including an influx of new residents, the shift from rural to urban, and the growth of the Mexican American population--have moved Texas through three stages of party competition, from two-tiered politics, to two-party competition between Democrats and Republicans, and then to the return to one-party dominance, this time by Republicans.

## Membership ~ Alice Bennett

**Welcome to new Active Member Rose Hammer and Associate Woman Karen Townsend.**

Thank you to all 35 Members who have completed 2015 Membership Renewals. If you have not yet done so, please renew today!

We have exciting activities in the near future. Nuts N Bolts is 2/17 and Legislative Day is 4/16. You'll want to be part of the fun learning experiences. Visit [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) for more info and the application or you may fill out the application on Page 7 and mail or bring it in! Becoming a CFRW Member is easy!!





## Ways and Means

~ by Edith Gibson

In April, Cy-Fair Republican Women will be participating in *Legislative Day* in Austin and everyone is encouraged to **wear red**. If you're a new member or just new a replacement, you might want to place your order for a CFRW bling t-shirt for the occasion. We have a few in stock, but will be placing an order soon. Contact me if you would like to place an order and let me know what size you need, so we can get them back by April.

Also, remember that our *High Heels and High Tea* event will be held in October. Look for details as to confirmation of date and venue. Please let me know if you would like to work on a committee and you have not yet signed up.

## Campaign Activities

– by Joy Gregory

As the 2015-16 Campaign Chair, I will be trying a new method of collecting Campaign Hours. I plan on emailing out the Campaign Hours Form prior to each meeting. I will ask each of you to either (1) print the form, fill it out and bring it to the meeting OR (2) fill it in and email it back to me. Hopefully, we will get more hours turned in this way.

Also, be watching your email for a notice announcing the date for Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training. I have requested a training class for our club to be held at Hearthstone Country Club. I am waiting for approval from the Harris County Tax Office.

The last time we did the training we had 17 members participate, let's see if we can't increase this number and help **Keep Texas Red**.

### FEBRUARY 2015 GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 11th

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](http://www.cfrw.net) for details

RSVP no later than

**Friday, February 6th, 2015**

***No-shows will be billed***

### A Note from your Treasurer

~ by Mary Moss

For the past several months we have posted on our web site that “no-shows” will be billed for lunches reserved for our regular monthly meetings. Until now, we have not had to enforce this; however, with the change back to Hearthstone Country Club we will have to implement this requirement, as Hearthstone requires that we confirm our number well in advance of the meeting and they charge us accordingly.

Please make sure that you make reservations prior to the cutoff date. Should something come up that prevents your attendance after you have made a reservation, please notify Alice Gullett @ as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help and understanding!





## Legislative ~ Rita Parrish

### Passing the Budget - HB 1 in the House and Senate

2015 is fully underway and all of the newly elected officials have finished their swearing-in ceremonies and the legislative session has begun. Committees in both the House and Senate will be named and bills will start to make their way through the legislative process.

In our newsletter last month, House Bill 1 was briefly discussed. With space limited we only had room to introduce the fact that HB 1 was passed and would be put into effect in the upcoming year. Here is a little more info on what will happen with this bill.

The state budget is otherwise known as the Appropriations Bill and it is a very important one. This bill alternates between the House and Senate each year. The budget will start in the House this year as HB 1. This is a very complex process because there are so many parts to the Appropriations Act. It is composed of 12 Articles, or sections, which include every state agency having a specific article. There are committees and subcommittees made up of members of the Appropriations Committee and they are assigned to hear testimony and review the budget requests from the various state agencies. These articles include General Government, Health and Human Services, Education, Business and Economic Development, Judiciary, Natural Resources and Public Safety and Criminal Justice among others. As we can see this is a long process which requires much debate and review to determine that each agency is utilizing their funds in the most efficient and effective manner. The subcommittees hold hearings with the various agencies and report information back to the Appropriations committee and the individual budgets are incorporated into the full bill, HB 1.

The next step is getting the bill passed by the Appropriations Committee. After going through many amendments (typically 250+ are submitted) which are debated on the House floor, the final product is then voted on by the House and sent to the Senate. Now the Senate begins their process which begins in the Senate Finance Committee.

Once the Senate reviews, debates and changes HB 1 in their committees and votes on the final bill it has changed drastically from the bill which the House approved. So they will now appoint a conference committee to work out the differences. The House and the Senate will each appoint 5 members to this conference committee who will have to reach a compromise and present a final version to their respective chambers. Our constitution requires a budget to be passed each session. If the House and Senate chambers cannot make an agreement before the session ends on June 1 this will then create the need for a Special Session which will last until the bill is passed. It will go then to the Governor's office who will be able to veto any provisions of the bill he finds objectionable, before signing the bill into law. At this point Texas will have an official budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

If you would like to follow this process on any legislation and or watch legislative hearings or floor debate go to: <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>.





## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~ by Vivian Marlatt

Cy-Fair Republican Women General Meeting

January 13th, 2015

President, **Dr. Millie Alford** began the meeting at 11:00 a.m. **Suzanne Davis for Mary Ellen Harrington** gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

**Dr. Mille Alford** introduced our guests.

**Jan Ott**, 1st Vice-President, introduced our speaker, Harris County Treasurer Orlando Sanchez.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

### Officers' Reports

The minutes from the November 11th, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the December Newsletter.

Treasurer, **Mary Moss** reported that as of November 30, 2014 we had a starting balance of \$14,958.64 and ending balance of \$15,159.93. CFRW Scholarship Fund \$4,032.37.

### Committee Reports

Membership Chair, **Nancy Roberts for Alice Bennett** reported that as of today we have 85 members, 2 new members 11 associate women, and 11 associate men totaling 107.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, **Edith Gibson** is asking for any volunteers, especially with experience in fund-raising, to assist in the High Heels and High Tea event. Auction items are needed as well.

Caring for America Chair, **Mary Kay Brady** shared what items are needed for Operation Interdependence: quart-sized ziplock bags, small condiments that will fit into those bags such as catsup, hot sauce, etc., disposable razors, hotel size shampoo (no conditioner), small soap bars or bottles of soap, gum, small hard candies

Campaign Activities Chair, **Joy Gregory**, advised us that Voter Deputy Registrars are needed. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers.

Literacy Project Chair, **Gail Shubot**, shared the winners of this year's contest from Walker Elementary.

### New Business

Deputy Voter Registrar – Note from Tax Assessor-Collector reminding position renewals.

High Heels & High Tea – Event will be held in October; volunteers and auctions are needed.

Nuts & Bolts Workshop – Greater Houston Council at the Sosa Center February 17

Field trip to George Bush Library/SMU Dallas – March or April; sign-up sheet circulated

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt





# 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"/>	<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 #:  
 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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<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<http://www.ghcfwrwpac.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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