



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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SUMMER IS REALLY HERE!

Despite all the rain, flooding and a tropical storm, the majority of our merry band has come through it all unscathed or barely scathed. There have been a few fences take a beating, and a few of us have had minor water issues but for the most part, we are still intact. We are so grateful to have been spared the grief of flooding and loss of property and sometimes, even a greater toll of life and our hearts go out to those in our great state who have suffered at the mighty hand of Nature.

We've been meeting in the ladies locker room at Hearthstone, and thanks to their competent staff, it has worked out just fine. Of course, Alice adds her touch of magic and makes a regular room look festive. We're pretty sure the lady golfers will be glad to get their digs back. The meals have been ample and very tasty! We are hoping to have our July meeting in the newly decorated main room of the club.

Speaking of the July meeting.... EVERYONE, please do your best to attend. It is going to be a fun day of remembering with all the trimmings of a great celebration. Cy-Fair Republican Women will celebrate 10 years of working toward Republican goals and educating our members how doing the "Right" thing is always the best! All of our Charter Members have been contacted, and we hope to contact each former member who has not renewed. Lots of old friends, good food, and a walk down memory lane. Join us and see how far our journey has taken us. If you have pictures from the past, please call/text/email me (214-315-6203 mcaphd@yahoo.com). Please label any items you lend. I promise to take good care of them.

A great round of applause for the super job that each member is doing. CFRW logs a lot of hours in all that

we do and it should be noted that we just keep getting stronger. I keep singing our praises because more huge pats on the back are due. We've had a few challenges so far in the first half of our year, but our successes outweigh our shortcomings by far! We have had excellent speakers, welcomed many visitors and many new members during these first few months. We've revamped some of our systems, added new material to our agendas, and are preparing for a fabulous fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who takes her responsibility to heart.

I appreciate the effort of each officer and member, and look forward to the remainder of the year. It will be just as busy as the first half, for sure. The following months will find us holding voter registrations, attending our state and national conventions, holding a great social, having a record-breaking fundraiser/ luncheon/ auction, and celebrating Christmas in grand style.

Even though most of our activities can be described as *fun*, we will begin a concerted effort to focus on the elections coming very soon (not soon enough for most of us who long for a true change). We must all work with diligence to approach every viable voter with whom we come in contact and let them know why things are not working in Washington, D.C. and how much a CHANGE is really needed for America to continue to prosper. It is so important that we know about the candidates, what they represent, and have some PAT answers ready for the naysayers who think we cannot be victorious in 2016. Decency, integrity, trustworthiness, fiscally responsible, and a genuine Love for America must be our hearts' desire for the men and women who represent us. I pray for America and the elections and vow to put forth my best effort to be knowledgeable about the elections and those who are asking us to elect them to these vital positions. Make a promise to yourself to be prepared to stand up for your beliefs and work for the goals of our club, our state, and our nation.

Let's prepare for a victory!





Legislative - by Rita Parrish

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The Texas Legislature's 84th Session has officially closed with the passage of new bills and changes to some laws already in place while many of the bills introduced failed to get off the ground at all. There are hundreds of bills introduced each session and many do get passed but can be small gains that might not be noticed by everyone but just the people and areas affected by the bills.

Here are a few which might be of interest to us all since they apply to areas that we are familiar with or know someone who will benefit from the new laws.

Senate Bill 188 (Home Ins) – Introduced November 14, 2014 – Passed Senate April 7, 2015 – Passed House May 24, 2015, Signed into law June 16, 2015. **Senate Bill 189 (Auto Ins)** – Introduced November 24, 2014 – Passed Senate April 7, 2015 – Passed House May 27, 2015 – Signed into law June 19, 2015. **(Relating to certain insurers' insurance rating and underwriting practices based on certain consumer inquiries.)**

These two bills were introduced by Senator Kirk Watson, D-Austin. He had pursued this issue in previous years but without success. This year, however, he was able to get this law passed which will help us all with an issue with our insurance companies. Watson passed a bill which makes it illegal in Texas for auto and homeowners insurance companies to penalize customers for asking questions about their policies. These people, who were only asking questions to determine if a claim could be made but didn't actually make the claim, were in the past penalized by the insurance companies. The result was that without making a claim or receiving any compensation, the insurance company decided to raise their rates because asking the question made them a higher risk for the company. SB 188 will now tighten the law to prevent every insurance company from raising rates after a consumer inquires. SB 189 would do the same for insurance companies that write auto policies. The bill passed by Watson will now allow us all to ask questions without the penalty of having our rates go up because we were seeking information from our insurance company.

House Bill 1888 – Introduced February 25, 2015 – Passed House April 16, 2015 – Passed Senate May 25, 2015, Signed into law June 17, 2015. **(Relating to commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits and the operation of commercial motor vehicles; authorizing a fee; increasing a penalty.)**

In 2014, the DPS had a plan to capture a full set of fingerprints from every Texan who has a driver's license or state ID card in the next decade. Potentially this would be included in a state and national database. In February of 2015, State Senator Van Taylor, R-Plano and Representative Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker met with the DPS Director Steven McCraw, a top lawyer for the DPS, with House Speaker Joe Straus, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Gov. Greg Abbott's chief of staff and managed to get the program stopped. It was determined to make sure it wouldn't be started up again, a new law would have to be passed.

Taylor finally was able to add a Senate amendment to a bill about commercial driver's licenses which enacted a rule that only a thumbprint would be collected. Additionally, all of the fingerprints previously collected from innocent drivers would be destroyed by the end of 2015. The author of this bill, Representative Giovanni Capriglione, accepted the amendment to his bill. The bill then passed.

Senate Bill 339 – Introduced January 23, 2015 – Passed Senate May 7, 2015 – Passed House May 19, 2015 – Signed into law June 1, 2015. **(Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis and the regulation of related organizations and individuals; requiring a dispensing organization to obtain a license to dispense low-THC cannabis and any employee of a dispensing organization to obtain a registration; authorizing fees.)**

Governor Greg Abbott signed this bill into law on June 1, 2015 and qualified the use of cannabis oils as treatment for medical conditions like epilepsy, including relentless seizures. This form of cannabis is a non-euphoric component of marijuana and has been known to treat epilepsy and other medical conditions that recur on a chronic basis. These oils will be regulated by the state and dispensed to patients who have not had any success using the

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Join us for a State Legislative Report

Representative Dwayne Bohac

A lot of activity takes place in Austin every other year during the 140 days of the legislative session. This past Legislative session, there were approximately 6,276 bills filed and 1,323 of them were passed. Dwayne Bohac, our representative from House District 138 will join us at our July meeting to share his insight about the activities that took place in this session, bills that passed and those that did not. He serves on the Public Education Committee and the Ways & Means Committee. He was previously the Vice Chairman of the Business & Industry Committee and a member of the Local & Consent Calendars Committee.

Dwayne's legislative focus centers on protecting local neighborhoods and improving local quality of life. In the Texas House, Bohac has worked to improve local flood control efforts through the use of retention ponds, given municipalities greater authority to enforce apartment standards, increased local police patrols, passed tougher laws against graffiti, and secured funds for local traffic mobility and esplanade beautification projects. Additionally, Bohac has led the effort in the Texas House to cap property tax appraisals at 5 percent or less, increased funding for border security to curb illegal immigration and worked with local teachers and school board members to improve local schools and provide fair teacher pay.

Dwayne has received numerous awards including the "Taxpayers Best Friend" from his colleagues in the Texas House, the statewide "Honor Roll" from the Parent Teacher Association and "Best of the House" by the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas. Bohac has also been honored by the Spring Branch ISD, Houston ISD, and the West Houston Chamber of Commerce for his leadership on public education issues. Additionally, he is co-founder of the Texas House of Representative's "Air Quality Caucus," a bi-partisan group committed to finding clean air solutions for Houston and the rest of the state.

Dwayne was born in Northwest Houston, is a graduate of Scarborough High School and earned his Bachelor's Degrees in Political Science and Marketing from Texas A&M University.

Legislative - by Rita Parrish

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medications which are federally approved. The Texas Department of Public Safety will approve at least three organizations to dispense the CBD oil only after a neurologist or epileptologist has prescribed the oil for the patient.

Here's the link to follow a bill: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> which will open up the 84th Legislature Regular Session Texas Legislature Online. Here you can follow the bills to see if the one you are interested in has passed or left in committee or even vetoed by the Governor. Go to the heading "How do I" and choose what you would like to research. It's easy to navigate and fun to follow the bills that interest you.





Campaign Activities – by Joy Gregory

Harris County GOP has reopened the Northwest Houston GOP Office. It is located at 21503-CT Tomball Parkway, Houston, TX 77070. It is in the Target Shopping Center between Jones and Louetta. Bryan Hood was hired as the on-site Field Director and his phone number is 434-989-7589. They are open for business each day from 9 AM to 5 PM. You may pick-up political literature there, volunteer to make telephone calls or participate in block walks that originate here.

Our club has been assigned Wednesdays. If you have an hour or two to spare, please go by the office and make a few calls (Brian will be there to give you lists and show you how to operate the phones). Take a buddy with you and earn campaign hours for CFRW. Hopefully, we will have some representatives from our club most Wednesdays in July and August. In September, we will organize some specific times for us to serve. Be sure to turn your hours in and count your driving time to and from the office.

JULY 2015 GENERAL MEETING **Tuesday, July 9th**

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, July 7th, 2015

No-shows will be billed



**(L-R) Lois Barclay, Micheline Hutson,
Sandra Vinklerek, Edith Gibson**

**Our CFRW Ladies stuffing “Save
the Date” mailers for our High Heels
and High Tea Event**





GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - June 9th, 2015 - by Vivian Marlatt

President, **Dr. Millie Alford** began the meeting at 11:00 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, Judge Ed Emmett of Harris County

The business meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m.

Officers' Reports

The minutes from the May 12th Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the May Newsletter.

1st Vice-President, **Jan Ott** does not have a confirmed speaker for the July meeting at this time.

Treasurer, **Mary Moss** reported that as of April 30, 2015 we had a starting balance of \$14,910.29 and ending balance of \$14,688.85 as of May 31, 2015. CFRW Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$4,283.22 as of May 31, 2015. The TEC cutoff is June 30th.

Committee Reports

Membership Chair, **Alice Bennett** reported that as of May 11th we have 59 members, 6 associate women and 6 associate men, totaling 70. New members that joined are **Dawn Fobbs** and **Amy Ramon**.

2nd Vice-President, **Edith Gibson** asked for help stuffing envelopes for the Save the Date mailers for the High Heels and High Tea held in October. **Judie Stokes** also asked for the loan of any type of tea pots to be used for decorations at H3T.

Caring for America Chair, **Mary Kay Brady** reminded the club items are still being collected for our military overseas.

Campaign Activities Chair, **Joy Gregory** announced that the club has turned in 10,480 campaign hours.

Old Business

Joy Gregory announced that **Millie Alford** will be the CFRW delegate for the NFRW Convention and **Rita Parrish** will be the alternate delegate.

Dates to Remember

June 11th - Board Meeting

June 19th - Deadline for April Newsletter articles

July 14th - General Meeting (10th Anniversary Celebration) – Make reservations by July 7th

September 11-13 – NFRW Convention in Phoenix. See www.nfrw.org/convention-phoenix for more information.

November 5-7 – TFRW Convention in Lubbock. See www.larw.org/TFRW-2015-convention.com for upcoming details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt





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

The 2015 Application for Awards has been mailed to TFRW, and CFRW should be receiving the Diamond Award at the Convention. We have met or surpassed almost every opportunity available to us. Congratulation to all our members who have worked so hard to make this award a reality.

High Heels and High Tea is CyFair Republican Women's biennial fundraiser. We only do this once every two years. Proceeds fund the Scholarship Fund in addition to supporting Republican Candidates in the General Election, November 8, 2016.

In 2015, CFRW plans to give four Scholarships to young Republican Women. These young women will have completed 12 college hours and demonstrated Republican Activism by essay and action. These Scholarships build the future Republican Party. One way to replenish the Scholarship Fund is through items for H3T Auctions and S.W.A.G. (Stuff We All Get) Bags.

Please consider the benefit of contributing to Republican Candidates as a Republican PAC. Keeping Texas and Harris County Bright Red will be the main focus of CFRW efforts in the 2016 Election Cycle.

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You may bring 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. Please remember that we cannot accept any corporate donations. Micheline Hutson (713) 825-7720 cell -and 'mhutson@sbcglobal.net'.

Membership ~ by Alice Bennett

Dear Members, it is my pleasure to announce that our Membership as of 06/09/2015 is Active Women 59, Associate Women 6, Associate Men 6

I would like to say "hello" and "welcome" to our members and guests who attended the June Meeting! We hope you enjoyed our meeting and will plan to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015.

Applications for 2015 Renewals are always being taken. Please visit www.cfrw.net for more info and the application.





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
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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
 7311 Muirfield Valley Lane
 Houston, TX 77095

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



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