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RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY!

Summer is here with rain showers and flash flood warnings. However, bad weather and warnings will not keep the **Republican Women** from their work. Gaging from our membership attendance and five guests at our regular meeting, it proves that our dedication will not be deterred by threat of bad weather.

It was great to see everyone on Tuesday and welcome a few members back. We were glad to see Joan Hudgens and Suzanne Davis back after being gone a few months. We're thankful to hear that Bill Davis has returned to work. We're sure that Suzanne's support was one of the reasons.

We certainly appreciated Donna Bohorich from the Texas Education Board for giving us so many details on education in Texas. It was fun for me to hear about NAEP-National Assessment of Educational Progress. I worked on that report for the Dept. of Education several years ago, and I know how detailed and thorough it is. I was proud to hear that Texas ranks among the highest in the USA. We still have some work to do, but with representatives like Donna on our side, I'm sure that Texas will remain accountable and at the top of the list.

We also welcome new member, Kay Smith, who joined on Tuesday. It is amazing to me the accomplished and goal-oriented, and talented members who belong to CFRW. We have an above average number of professional, well-educated, determined women who see their roles with CFRW not only as members and officers, but as dedicated

women who seek opportunities to further the cause of the Republican Party. We have conscientious members who take their jobs very seriously and that's what makes my position so interesting.

In our efforts to achieve and bring our accomplishments into focus, let us not lose sight that we are all volunteers working toward the same goals. Let us work together in harmony to create benchmarks for all future members to observe and maintain. Let us do our jobs with attitudes of helpfulness and respect for everyone's opinions. We may not all agree on how a job is to be done. I would be a little disappointed if we did all agree on everything, because that would mean no-one is thinking for herself. Every position is important; every member is needed to make us whole.

As we approach Memorial Day, I urge each member to consider the costs for our Freedom to do what we do in Cy-Fair Republican Women. In these busy times, we need to stop and thank God for the men and women who serve and have served our country, now and ages past. I ask that we also pray for their families. A military life is seldom an easy one. I am always amazed at the selflessness of those who serve our country. Amazed and so proud and thankful.

Let us always remember **WHO** we are and **WHAT** we hope to accomplish. Let us make everything we do in CFRW represent integrity and genuine honest effort. When we're asked to be leaders, let us all rise to the occasion. Let us do the same when we're asked to follow. Let's celebrate our 10th year anniversary with a new resolve to do our best and be our best. **Thank you to each member who gives her very best to make CFRW the best!**





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Texas' First Seminary Graduates in Darrington Prison

Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, a former member of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, Senator John Whitmire, the present Chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and Grove Norwood CEO of the Fulshear-based Heart of Texas Foundation established Texas' first-ever prison seminary in Rosharon, Texas in 2011. The 125 credit-hour program is funded through grants and donations from organizations and is sponsored by the seminary, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Heart of Texas Foundation and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

On May 9, 2015, 34 inmates in Texas' maximum security Darrington Prison Unit became the first graduating class from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with 33 bachelor's degrees and one master's degree of divinity. The inmates wore caps and gowns over their white prison uniforms.

In an article by Keith Collier in the Southern Baptist TEXAN, Lieutenant Governor Patrick was quoted as having said during the ceremony, "I'm overwhelmed at what God has done. Only God could do this."

Lieutenant Governor Patrick's press release also said, "This year's seminary graduates will be the first to provide a variety of prison community services, which include worship services, bible studies, grief counseling and hospice ministry. It's a second chance for a better life, for many of the inmates. We hope to expand the program to further change the prison culture across the state. This is truly a great cause and I could not have done it without Senator Whitmire."

Aaron Flaherty, of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, stated in an article on May 4, 2015 that "The program has transformed Darrington prison. Placing the seminary in this specific penitentiary was strategic. Historically, Darrington Unit has been plagued with problems. Street drugs, cell phones and prostitution were the norm inside the prison. Violence was not unusual."

Two inmates at Darrington, Jimmy Grissett and James Bowman, described the prison as being a brutal place in Flaherty's article. Jimmy Grissett was quoted in the same article by Flaherty that when he arrived at the prison as an inmate for the first time in 1977, "It wasn't unusual to see somebody stabbed or hit in the head with something. Segregation was prevalent."

And in 1990, when James Bowman was sent to Darrington for disciplinary reasons, the place hadn't changed much. James said "I got beat up twice before I ever made it to my cell. The reason was simple: I sat on a bench that was claimed by another race."

Both of these inmates were transferred to other units but returned to Darrington in 2014 and have both been accepted into the seminary and will graduate in 2018. Bowman said, "This is not the prison I knew back then."

A report in the Houston Chronicle said "For the graduates' family members, who packed the un-air conditioned Darrington chapel, the afternoon ceremony was marked by intense emotion."

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Harris County Judge Ed Emmett

Join us for updates on timely issues in Harris County

Judge Ed Emmett will update us on a variety of timely issues effecting Harris County such as how the legislative session will be impacting the county, the ongoing need to address indigent and mental health issues in Harris County, hurricane preparation and, of course, upcoming plans for the Astrodome.

Judge Emmett served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, Judge Emmett was chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Emmett as a Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission. After being confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate, Judge Emmett served on the commission for three years.

Prior to becoming county judge, he received international recognition for his work in transportation and logistics policy.

Among his many other activities, Judge Emmett is director of Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, past chairman of the HGAC Transportation Policy Council and chairman of the Harris County Juvenile Board.

Judge Emmett attended Bellaire High School. He graduated from Rice University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 with a Master of Public Affairs degree.

Judge Emmett and his wife, Gwen, have been married for 40 years and have four children and 12 grandchildren.

Legislative - by Rita Parrish

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"This is a very life-changing program," said Jackie Authement Jr., whose son, Brandon, was among those wearing caps and gowns. "It brings purpose, hope and meaning to men who are tucked away in prison. This is a day to see God's grace at work."

"Graduates' relatives robustly joined in congregational singing, frequently standing with hands stretched Heavenward. "

Lieutenant Governor Patrick further concluded in his press release, "I am very proud of this unique graduating class. This inaugural ceremony is not only about faith; it's about the opportunity for a second chance to turn mistakes into lessons. It demonstrates that there is still hope, in *all* Texans, to turn their life around for a greater good."





JUNE 2015 GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 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, June 2nd, 2015

No-shows will be billed

Campaign Activities
– by Joy Gregory

CFRW CAMPAIGN HOURS
JULY, 2013- JUNE, 2015

2013	2386 HOURS
2014	3769 HOURS
2015	4325 HOURS

Total 10,480 Hours*

Member reporting the Greatest Number of Hours for this time period is Jan Ott with 1026 reported hours.

This report will be presented to TFRW & NFRW.

Note -2015 hours include 800 hours that occurred in 2014 but were unreported until May 2015.

Special Event - May 19, 2015



Jan Ott, Kim Chambers, Millie Alford

Greater Houston Council Meeting 5-19-15. Program on Recruiting Young Republicans.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - May 12th, 2015 - by Vivian Marlatt

President, Dr. Millie Alford began the meeting at 11:10 a.m. **Linda Llewellyn** gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Dr. Millie Alford introduced our guests: Wendi Lojo, (Dist. Dir. Sen. Paul Bettencourt; Amy Ramon (Chief, CyFair VFD); Elizabeth Hilbun (Guest Fae Lord);and Laurel Burrin.

Jan Ott, 1st Vice-President, introduced our speaker, Donna Bohorich, State Board of Education Member, District 6. The business meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Officers' Reports

The minutes from the April 14th Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the May Newsletter.

1st Vice-President, Jan Ott announced Judge Ed Emmett is scheduled for the June general meeting.

Treasurer, Mary Moss reported that as of January 31, 2015 we had a starting balance of \$15,159.84 and ending balance of \$14,950.29 as of April 30th. CFRW Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$4,283.04 as of April 30th.

Committee Reports

Membership, Chair **Alice Bennett** reported that as of May 11th we have 57 members, 6 associate women and 6 associate men, totaling 68.

2nd Vice-President Edith Gibson announced High Heels and High Tea is October 23rd. The committee planning meetings for this event are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at Hearthstone Country Club. Auction chair, **Micheline Hutson** is asking for any auction items for this fundraiser event.

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

Campaign Activities, Chair **Joy Gregory** reminded the members to turn in their campaign hours by May 28th.

New Business

CFRW will celebrate its 10-year anniversary July 14, 2015. A list of Charter members was given. **Dr. Millie Alford** asked everyone if they were in contact with these Charter members, to provide the club with their information so they would be on the guest list for the celebration.

NFRW Convention – Phoenix, AZ September 10-13. Attendees must make their own room reservations.

TFRW Convention – Lubbock, TX November 4-7. Tentative schedule is available.

Dates to Remember

May 14th – Board Meeting

May 22nd - Deadline for April Newsletter articles

May 28th – Campaign Hours Deadline

June 9th - General Meeting – make reservations by June 2nd

June 11th – Board Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt, Secretary





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.

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 we have 57 Active Members, 6 Associate Women, and 6 Associate Men as of 05-12-2015.

I would like to say hello and welcome to our new Associate Woman member **Kay Smith**. And to our guests who attended the May Meeting, **Heather Ramsey Cook** (Director of Public Affairs for US Congressman Ted Poe) and **Fire Chief Amy Ramon** (of the Cy-Fair Fire Dept), we hope you enjoyed our meeting and will attend our next meeting on June 9, 2015.

Applications for 2015 Renewals are now 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** **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.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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