



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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## Greetings and Happy Spring!

Is it really here to stay? Who knows, but I'm loving the kinder weather.

SO, we're about to attend the Senate District Meetings tomorrow. What an opportunity to "Be counted" and express our opinions. I enjoyed our Precinct Convention because the people there were all concerned about our country and where it will be in the years to come. We had voters from very young 33 (that's young to me) all the way to very "seasoned" and though we were few in number, our resolve was very strong. I served as the Secretary again this year, and it was inspiring to me to write the resolutions our group presented. According to our Precinct Chair, who served on one of the committees that reads all the resolutions, all of them were considered with respect and deliberation. It is an honor to be part of this procedure and I am looking forward to the next steps we take.

The news is full of the debates and who will get the nod for the Republican nomination for President. If we vote wisely, the right man will be nominated. (Don't panic if your man doesn't get it...The President works in conjunction with the Congress and Senate, and isn't supposed to carry the entire burden on his shoulders.) I wouldn't begin to tell anyone how to vote, because all this rhetoric has my head spinning most of the time. I do urge everyone TO VOTE, however, and get behind whomever is our Nominee. The Republican Party cannot afford to bicker any more. We must try to become united toward our goals and common causes. We are Republicans BECAUSE...remember that phrase?...we believe in smaller federal government

control, fair wages, safety for our citizens, the rights that were given to us by the Constitution, and feeling good in our own skin...whatever color, creed, or ethnic background we may have.

One thing I am sure about: We must stand up for WHO we are and for our beliefs - or they're going to be history. There is no time for us to be complacent and let the other guy spout his mind OR timidly stand by with no sense of pride or direction. The basic foundation for this country was built on ideals that we hold sacred, and we need to pull up our bootstraps and be ready to share what undergirds our whole nation's destiny.

Our Faith in GOD, our ability to choose our own direction, and our decent dealings with our fellow man are just a few of the issues that I see a fog descending upon...we cannot control what takes place in the debates of the few left standing. They are trained politicians and have taken the gloves off.

However, we can be ready to give substantial reasons for WHO we are and WHY. I challenge ALL of us to be ready to give an account of our expectations, and ready to follow through with work and dedication to same. See you soon!

**Let's Keep Texas RED, and let's work Together  
Toward a STRONG Victory in November!**

## March Meeting has Surprise Guest Visitor Congressman John Culberson



Shown here with Jan Ott and Millie Alford





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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Speaker:**

**Devon Anderson**



**Harris County District Attorney**

**Hearthstone Country Club**

**7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston, TX 77095**

**(281) 463-2201**

**Tuesday, April 12th**

**10:30 am til 1:00 pm**

**(You must make your reservations by Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>)**

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



The mission of the Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is to promote political education in order to increase the effectiveness of Republican Women in the cause of good government. In addition, the Council strives to coordinate activities of the various clubs to achieve the maximum efforts of Republican Women throughout the region to elect Republican candidates.

- Beth Mayer, Editor





**CyFair Republican Women are pleased to  
present  
District Attorney **Devon Anderson**  
for our April Program Guest Speaker.**



**Don't miss it!**



Devon Anderson was appointed in 2013 and elected in 2014 to serve as the 35th District Attorney for Harris County. Her promise to seek justice in every case is achieved by serving every community in our diverse county with high standards, transparency and ethical conduct.

Before her appointment, Mrs. Anderson had distinguished herself for 12 years as a tenacious prosecutor gaining convictions on some of the worst of the worst criminals preying on our community. Then she served four years as a highly-regarded State District Court judge, where she earned the respect of prosecutors and defense lawyers for her relentless pursuit of justice. After leaving the bench, she spent four years handling criminal defense matters in private practice. This background gives her a truly unique perspective.

Just ten months after taking office, Mrs. Anderson successfully prosecuted cop-killer, Harlem Lewis, sending him to Death Row for the senseless murders of a police officer and a Good Samaritan. Since that trial, Mrs. Anderson has focused on increasing the office's ability to prosecute new classes of criminals like human traffickers, a growing gang population in Harris County, and money launderers who profit from dangerous industries like drug cartels, prostitution and gambling. She also has grown the office by over 50 new positions and exponentially increased training for staff in all areas of the office ensuring the implementation of new technologies and strategies to stay ahead of criminals.

While tirelessly executing the duties of District Attorney, Mrs. Anderson has received numerous awards and honors from organizations like the Association of Women Attorneys, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Crime Stoppers. Most recently Governor Abbott named Mrs. Anderson Presiding Officer of a new Task Force that helps Juvenile Offenders.

Mrs. Anderson grew up in Waco, Texas. She now lives in Bellaire with her 15-year-old son, Sam and 13-year-old daughter, Brynn.





## How Many Delegates Does it Take to Nominate a Presidential Candidate?

All across America concerned citizens have been going to the polls and voting for the candidate they would like to see become the next President of the United States. Each primary or caucus that the candidate wins gives them important delegates that will secure their place as the GOP nominee in the November General Elections. But is this really how it works? Even though the leading candidate Donald Trump has 678 delegates at this time he might not have the 1,237 delegates needed to secure the GOP nomination before the convention in May 2016.

How would it be possible for any of the other two candidates to reach the 1,237 delegates? Ted Cruz has 423 and John Kasich has 143. The primary system varies and can be significantly different from state to state. The Republican Party allows each state to decide whether to use the winner-take-all method, the proportional method or a combination of the two methods. If a candidate receives the majority of votes in a caucus or primary in a state that allows 'winner-take-all' that candidate would be allowed to receive all of the delegates. In these states a candidate can make some huge gains in delegates by winning the popular vote in a winner-take-all state.

There are some further rules that all primaries and caucuses held between March 1 and March 14 use the proportional method, meaning that all the states holding votes on Super Tuesday will have to award delegates proportionally.

Now there are 184 delegates that were previously committed to candidates who have dropped out of the race. States have different rules on what happens to these delegates. The breakdown is this: **Rubio has 169, Carson has 8, Bush has 4, Fiorina has 1, Paul has 1, and Huckabee has 1**

Here's what happens to these 184 delegates presently committed to candidates:

- 39 delegates are bound to the candidates in Iowa, North Carolina and Virginia
- 42 delegates can be released or kept by the candidates in Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, Tennessee and Texas
- 98 delegates become free agents in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Washington DC and Wyoming
- 5 delegates get reallocated proportionately in Alaska

There are also 112 Republican delegates who are not required to cast their support for any one candidate because their states and territories don't hold primaries or caucuses. In a contested convention these unbound delegates could make a difference on the first ballot to choose a nominee.

There is also another wrinkle in the process. On the first ballot, most delegates are bound by their state's primary or caucus results. If Donald Trump is within 100 votes of 1,237, it might be possible for him to convince the uncommitted voters to vote for him on the first ballot and thereby win the nomination. This happened in 1976 when Reagan lost the nomination to Ford who then lost to Jimmy Carter in the 1976 general! If this isn't possible and a second ballot is needed, virtually all of the delegates can vote any way they want, making the convention much more dramatic and entertaining. In this way, there could be new candidates introduced or former candidates brought back in! Imagine the wheeling and dealing that will go on if this were to happen! Who knows, we might be back at square ONE! The record for the number of ballots needed in an election was set in 1924 when the Democrats took 103 ballots to settle on John W. Davis as their candidate who ironically ended up losing in the end to Republican Calvin Coolidge.





It might be that the GOP Convention will decide the candidate. There might be some re-writing of convention rules. Gary Emineth, an unbound delegate from North Dakota, who is also a former chairman of the North Dakota Republican Party, said. "You have groups of people who are going to try to take over the rules committee," he warned. "[That] could totally change everything, and mess things up with the delegates. And people across the country will be very frustrated."

Depending on how this drama plays out, there could be some lasting effects on the voting population. If the Republican National Committee isn't up-front about what they are doing to choose the Presidential nominee, it may turn voters away from participating in a process which denies them a choice in the nomination of a GOP Presidential candidate. Gary Emineth also said "It's important that the Republican National Committee has transparency on what they're doing [on the rules] going into the convention and what happens in the convention because of "all the votes that have been cast in caucuses and primaries. Don't disenfranchise those voters. Because at the end of the day, our goal is to beat Hillary Clinton or whoever their [Democratic] nominee is in November."



*Scenes from the S D 7 Convention - March 19<sup>th</sup> - Klein Multipurpose Center*





## General Meeting Minutes ~ Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Vivian Marlatt

President, Dr. Millie Alford began the meeting at 11:08 a.m. **Nancy Roberts** gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

**Dr. Millie Alford, President** welcomed our guests and elected officials.

**Jan Ott, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** introduced our guest speaker **Scott Braddock**, Journalist & Political Analyst. Mr. Braddock gave an overview of the Presidential campaign. **Congressman John Culberson**, surprise guest, spoke on his tasks and goals of the Appropriations Committee.

### Officers' Reports

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Jan Ott announced Devon Anderson is on schedule to speak at our April General Meeting  
Secretary, Vivian Marlatt February General Minutes were published in the February newsletter and have been approved.

Treasurer, Mary Moss reported that as of January 31, 2016 CFRW had a starting balance of \$27,450.64 and ending balance of \$27,904.43 as of February 29, 2016. CFRW Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$5,034.96 as of February 29, 2016. **Nancy Roberts** headed the Financial Review Committee. Volunteers of the committee were **Millie Alford, Jan Ott, Alice Gullett** and **Mary Moss**. The review board approved the budget as presented.

Membership, Alice Bennett reported 3 new members joined. Which brings the club's total to 56 members, 5 Associate Women, 5 Associate Men totaling 67 in membership. If a member is in need of a name tag, contact Alice. Cost is \$15.00.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory announced CFRW volunteers and HCRP phone bank made over 500 calls. She is scheduling a voter registration event at Lone Star College. Details to follow. **Mark Irely** with HCRP announced that March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am the Senate District Conventions begin.

Caring for America, Mary Kay Brady said Operation Interdependence will be able to remain at their location on Jones Road due to donations received for rent. She expressed donations are needed as always and monies to ship the packages. It costs \$15 per box to ship the goods to the military.

Awards, Micheline Hutson is on target.

### New Business:

Remember Sandra Vinlarek recovering from surgery by sending cards 18303 Crossland Court, Cypress, TX 77433 or phone calls.

Nominations of Member for *Women of Tribute*: Edith Gibson, Micheline Hutson and Barbara Buxton were nominated. A written vote was collected and Edith Gibson was elected.

### Dates to Remember:

March 10<sup>th</sup> –Executive Board Meeting, Hearthstone Country Club @ 11:00 a.m.

March 18<sup>th</sup> –Newsletter deadline

March 19<sup>th</sup> –Senate Convention, Klein Multipurpose Center, 7500 FM 2920, Spring, TX

March 22<sup>nd</sup> –Greater Houston Council Leadership Meeting, Kim Son Banquet Hall, 2001 Jefferson St, Houston

April 12<sup>th</sup> –General Meeting, Hearthstone Country Club, make reservations [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by April 5<sup>th</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Tentative date for Field Trip to Austin

~ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m. ~





# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2016 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**

**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.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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