



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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## Happy Valentine's Day!

Hope this newsletter finds all of you happy and healthy, and eager to begin working even harder for our Republican goals. 2016 is going to be an exciting year. Who knows who our nominee for President will be? Whomever your choice is in the primary, I hope that the nominee will receive your full attention and you will work just as hard to elect the Republican candidate. We all know our Nation does NOT need another 4 years of the same old Demagoguery. (yes, that's a real word)....

I urge all of you to read our Legislative article for this month (and every month) but especially this month because Rita has done an awesome job chronicling the steps it takes to attend the district, state, and national conventions. I have attended all three and I would love to have all of our members attend this year. We can carpool, have lunch together, and make a DAY of it. Please consider attending and consider becoming a delegate. Everyone's vote matters. Remember to vote and attend the precinct convention. Someone there will know what to do and will make you feel right at home.

For those of you who are interested in our Field Trip to Austin (March or April), please let me know with a text, call, (214-315-6203) or email (mcaphd@yahoo.com). So far, we have 16 members who have expressed an interest. I am waiting to hear from Justice Lehrmann on a date to tour the Texas Supreme Court. When I hear from her, I will announce the date. If you have any doubt on whether or not we'll have a FUN time, ask Jan, Rita, Joy, Mary, Micheline, Gail, Pat (Gail's friend), Alice G, Clarissa, or me. We can give you the scoop on our field trip last year to Dallas.

Special thanks to our Forum Committee for

creating an opportunity for us to meet and learn about our candidates. Kudos to Jan Ott, Joy Gregory, Barbara Buxton, Shirley Chambers, Jude Wiggins, Mary Moss, Alice Bennett, and Alice Gullett.

PLEASE turn in your hours. Everyone has at least 2 hours each month—coming and going to the general meetings. If you are doing anything related to our club, you can count the hours. If you're gathering items for Caring for America or discussing our club with others, these are minutes that relate to our membership so you can count them. Joy needs to have a complete count. Last year was excellent. This year, let's be SUPERB! My personal goal is to grow our membership to 100 by the end of the year, and double our campaign hours.

Welcome back to former member, Krista Steele. If you know someone who hasn't renewed, let that member know that we miss her and want her to be part of our great group. I know that Alice B. will be happy to give you membership forms to give to your friends and family. I know that each of you are loving and welcoming and anyone would be fortunate to be a part of CFRW, but let's not become too comfortable with our little circle. There are many women in our area who need a place to belong.

Let's e x p a n d our horizons this year and build our ranks so that we can get even more work done toward our goals. In the busy weeks that follow, please be ready to stand up for your ideals and tell others WHY you choose to be a Republican. Re-read our Mission and why we do what we do, and have an answer ready when someone asks why you are a member of the Republican Party and why you belong to a Republican Women's Club. I am continually mulling over why I do what I do, and hopefully, when someone asks, "Why are you a Republican Woman?" I'll back up and let 'em have it. :)

Last, but not least - PLEASE make your reservations on time. If you know you are eating lunch, please respond a week before the meeting date. Thanks for all you do and what you mean to CFRW. Remember this meeting is right before Valentine's Day. **Feel free to bring chocolates.**





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**FEBRUARY 2016**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Speakers:**  
**Candidates for State Representative, District 130**  
**Candidates for Constable, Precinct 4**  
**Candidates for Constable, Precinct 5**  
**(See page 3 for more details)**

**Hearthstone Country Club**  
**7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston, TX 77095**  
**(281) 463-2201**

**Tuesday, February 9th**  
**10:30 am til 1:00 pm**

**(You must make your reservations by Tuesday, February 2nd)**  
**\*\*No-shows will be billed\*\***



**Campaign Activities**

~ by Joy Gregory

***Congratulations Ladies, we turned in 2,085 campaign hours for the fourth quarter of 2015 and 10,111 hours for the year. Thank you for your participation!***

2016 is here and promises to be a busy year. Cy-Fair Republican Women are responsible for staffing the Northwest Harris County Republican Party Office on each Wednesday of January and February. The office is open from 9AM - 5PM, Monday through Friday.

We have 3 shifts for making calls, 10AM - 12PM, 12PM - 2 PM and 2PM - 4PM. I need at least 2 ladies per shift. Please email me the date and time you would like to work. We will be urging voters to get out and vote in the Primary on March 1, 2016. Please email me at [joygregory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joygregory@sbcglobal.net) and tell me the date and shift you would like to work. If everyone takes a shift, no one will have to work long hours.  
~ Thank You ~



## **Make an Informed Decision Meet Candidates on the Republican Primary Ballot**

The program for the February meeting will continue to give you the opportunity to learn about more of the candidates that will be on the ballot for the March 1 Republican primary. One of the principal goals of the Cy-Fair Republican Women is to provide the opportunity for the members to meet and hear from candidates so that they can make informed decisions when they go to the polls.

This forum will be for the candidates for State Representative for District 130, and those for Constable for both Precinct 4 and 5. All of the Republican candidates in these races have been invited and all have accepted. These candidates are:

### **State Representative, District 130**

Dr. Tom Oliverson



Kay Smith



### **Harris County Constable, Precinct 4:**

Rolf Nelson



Mark Herman



### **Harris County Constable, Precinct 5:**

Al Hoang



Ted Heap





## **LEGISLATIVE ~ Rita Parrish**

In the early months of every even numbered year there is much activity surrounding the General Candidate Elections which of course are always in November. In this particular year the **General Election Day will be on November 8, 2016 and will include our presidential candidates.** There have already been many debates between the candidates of both political parties and we are all starting to have definite opinions on who we think is best qualified to represent the citizens of the United States! The kickoff for the Election Process are the Primaries and Caucuses held in all the states to narrow down the candidates who will be on the final ballot in November. In some states these start as early as February 1 and **Texas' Primaries will be on March 1, 2016 also known as Super Tuesday!**

Would you like to participate more in the election process by becoming a delegate to the GOP conventions? If so you will want to start planning to attend all the conventions that lead up to your inclusion in the GOP State and possibly the National Conventions. These conventions are (1) the **Precinct Convention**, (2) the **Senate District Convention**, (3) the **State Convention** and (4) the **National Convention**. Here are the steps you will be taking to make this happen in 2016.

**The first and very important step**, even if you don't want to attend the conventions, **is to go to the polls on March 1, 2016 and cast your vote for the candidates of your choice.** YOU MUST VOTE IN THE PRIMARY TO JOIN IN THE CONVENTION PROCESS!! Once you have placed your vote either on Election Day or even in early voting the next step is to go back to your home polling location after the polls close on March 1st. This is usually held at the voting location but might be held somewhere else for various reasons. Be sure to check at your polling location while there to vote as the time and place will be posted there or you can contact your County Chair to find out when and where your precinct convention will be held. Don't miss out on this very important step in the convention process!

Immediately after all the necessary closing duties have been finished up at your polling location there will be held the **Precinct Convention**. The Precinct Chair will serve as the Temporary Convention Chair per the convention rules. During this convention a Permanent Convention Chair and a Secretary will be elected, the adoption of resolutions to be forwarded to the Senate District Convention, and **the election of delegates and alternates to the Senate District Convention**. The number of delegates varies with each election. Per the state party rules this is decided by the number of votes cast in the precinct in the preceding gubernatorial election. It will be a ratio of one delegate and one alternate delegate to a designated number of votes cast. Also the resolutions to be voted on will be presented by your fellow voters who wish to make changes in the GOP platform and this is where these changes start and if successful will move on to the other conventions. This is where Grassroots begin. The delegates and alternates elected will be sent to the **Senate District Convention** as well as the resolutions we would like to see in the State and National Platform. So if you are willing to take the time to attend these conventions and investigate the resolutions that would make a difference in our party this is your first step to have your voice heard.

The next step is the **Senate District Convention** the Delegates and Alternate Delegates will attend. Most of our members are in Senate District 7 which begins at 10:00 am. If you are in another Senate District in Harris County please check on the Republican Party website to confirm your time to start at the same location. Senate District 7 has one of the larger delegate numbers of 421 to be elected per the RPT website. Keep this date open so you will be able to attend should you be a Precinct Convention Delegate or Alternate. At this convention you will take part in the election of permanent officers, adopt Convention rules, pass resolutions and forward them to the State Convention, and elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention. Each precinct will be assigned a seating area and will be responsible for electing a designated number of delegates and alternates to represent them at the **State Convention which is scheduled to be held in Dallas from May 12-14, 2016**. There are also at-

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large delegates who will be able to attend the State Convention and possibly become an alternate or delegate should there be some no-shows.

**The State convention** is where the delegates meet by state senatorial districts every 2 years and also in Congressional districts in presidential election years. As a whole the delegates ratify the Party rules, adopt a Party platform and elect the State Chairman and State Vice Chairman. In presidential election years they also ratify all delegates and alternates to the National Convention. They would then also ratify the Presidential electors and elect a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. There is actually so much to be done that much of this is done in temporary committees in the days leading up to the actual convention. All of these meetings are open to state convention delegates and alternates. If you have the extra time go to the convention a few days early and plan to attend some committee meetings and possibly testify on topics of particular interest to you.

The last step in the convention process is the **National Republican Convention** which is usually held in July or August. It's more difficult to get elected to this convention but not impossible. At this last convention the National Republican Party rules are ratified as well as adoption of the National Republican Party Platform and the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. Hope to see many of our members attending any or all of these conventions, it's a great experience to see our party in action and participate and of course share memorable times with your friends and fellow Republicans.

**General Meeting Minutes ~ Vivian Marlatt**

President, **Dr. Millie Alford** began the meeting at 11:00 a.m. **Mary Ellen Harrington** gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. She then introduced our guests.

Jan Ott, 1st Vice-President, introduced our speaker, TFRW's Michele Samuelson. Ms. Samuelson gave our club an overview of how effective social media is in our society and tips to stay secure.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

**Officers' Reports**

1st Vice-President, **Jan Ott** announced that January 28<sup>th</sup>, CFRW is hosting a Candidate forum at Hearthstone Country Club, 6:30 p.m. for Harris County Judge seats. We are expecting 25 candidates to attend. This is an event at no charge, cash bar and snacks will be available. Also, the February General meeting will be a Candidate Forum for State Representative District 130 and Harris County Constable Pct 4 and 5 Positions.

Secretary, **Vivian Marlatt** reported the November General Minutes were published in the December newsletter and have been approved.

Treasurer, **Mary Moss** reported that as of October 31, 2015 we had a starting balance of \$28,997.43 and ending balance of \$29,661.29 as of December 31, 2015. CFRW Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$5,034.55 as of December 31, 2015. Mary also asked for any receipts spent for CFRW for TEC reporting.

2nd Vice-President, **Edith Gibson** does not have anything new to report.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, **Millie Alford** for **Beth Mayer** reminds that the newsletter deadline for articles and photos is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

Membership Chair, **Alice Bennett** reported that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, we have 42 members, 3 associate women and 4 associate men, totaling 49.

Caring for America, **Mary Kay Brady** announced that disposable razors and junk food snacks are in demand. She also mentioned that the organization is looking for a new lease space around the Jones Road area.

Campaign Activities Chair, **Joy Gregory** reported that for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015, CFRW reported 2,085 volunteer hours. For the year, 10,111 volunteer hours have been turned into TFRW. She also reminds everyone to turn in their volunteer hours. Joy asked for volunteers to work the phone bank at the HCRP located at Louetta and SH 249. Wednesday is CFRW's day to volunteer. A volunteer sheet was passed for sign ups.

Awards, **Micheline Hutson** reports the club is on task for awards.

Hospitality, **Alice Gullett** presented Suzanne Davis the Bible she won at the Christmas Party. Alice reminded the club to please go to the club's website ([www.CFRW.net](http://www.CFRW.net)) to make the reservations for all meetings. Reservation deadline is February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the next General Meeting.

Grassroots, **Sandra Vinklarek** encourages everyone to join the organization.

Literacy, **Gail Schubot** announced the Dictionary presentation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Walker Elementary will be at the end of the month. The logistics of the presentation is being worked on and information is coming soon.

Barbara Buxton, announced she is hosting a coffee/meet and greet for Senator Ted Poe, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All were invited.

### **New Business**

Candidate Forum, January 28, 2016 6:30-9:00 p.m. Hearthstone Country Club

Field trip to Austin – Planning stages. If anyone is interested in attending, please sign form. All details to follow. Coordinating visit with Teas Supreme Court and Governor's Mansion

TFRW Leadership Day, February 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Jan Ott encourages everyone to attend, especially the Board Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a great opportunity for our club since this is held in Houston this year.

### **Dates to Remember**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reservations for General Meeting due; see website [www.CFRW.net](http://www.CFRW.net)

February 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – TFRW Leadership Day [www.TFRW.org](http://www.TFRW.org) to register

February 9<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting – Candidate Forum

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. - Respectfully submitted, Vivian





# 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
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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

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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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