



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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## Rain Rain Go Away!

Once again, Houston is water-logged, and in the midst of all the flooding and displacement, we find ourselves cleaning out and rebuilding, repairing the fences, and getting rid of things that are ruined by the dirty waters.

I thought about our Country...how like Houston...America is clearing out and rebuilding our Nation. We are working to get back our values and rights as citizens of our great country. With this election in the Fall, we are hoping to clear away the debris which has kept us from enjoying our God-Given rights as Christians and as Citizens of the United States. We understand how far our Country has slipped with political correctness taking precedence over our safety, our culture, our school's programs, and a clear bright pathway to our future. The parallel is there, and we are prayerful that our cleanup attempts will be successful and lasting.

Our Club Calendar is so full! It seems that each week, we have something planned. Ten members of CFRW will participate in our Austin Adventure on April 27-28. We will be visiting the Bullock Museum, The Governor's Mansion, and hope to visit The Texas Supreme Court. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship and lots of good Austin food. We will take lots of pics and give a full report at our May meeting.

Our Primary Runoff is May 24, and the Early voting for the Primary Runoff is May 16-May 20. Please remember these dates, and get out to support your chosen candidates. Our own member, Lori Bartley, seeks the office of US Representative, District 18.

For a complete list of the Run-Off Candidates, please access [www.harriscountygop.com/2016\\_primary\\_runoff](http://www.harriscountygop.com/2016_primary_runoff). If you missed our April meeting, you missed a great program. We thank Harris County District Attorney, Devon Anderson for being our Guest. We look forward to a great program in May.

We have a Voter's Registration scheduled at Lone Star College-Main Campus on Wednesday, April 20, but the weather may interfere. We will reschedule if needed, so please plan to participate whenever you get an opportunity to help out.

Many of us attended the Delegate/Alternate Training Session at the Northwest Office last Thursday evening, and were happy to hear from old friend, Toni Anne Dashiell, National Committee Woman from Texas. Toni Anne presented a slide show on proceedings of the State Convention in Dallas in May, and the opportunities the Delegates and Alternates will have.

In, July, we will have a Special Patriotic Program, and Judie Stokes will fill us in on the particulars. Please be sure to read our Legislative Articles. There is so much to learn about our voting processes and how our state and local elections are organized. Be ready to give a reason as to why you are a Republican Woman. Invite others to join our activities and become members of CFRW. Our membership is increasing at each meeting and we are so proud of our new members. Of course, we are also pleased to have visitors join us. Encourage others to become active in politics and make a difference. Thanks to each member and officer who gives her time and talents to make CFRW the awesome organization it is!

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





**MAY 2016**

**2015 - 2016  
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Caring for America: **Mary Kay Brady**

Historian: **Pam Waldren**

Literacy Program: **Gail Schubot**

Awards: **Micheline Hutson**

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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Hearthstone Country Club**

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

**(281) 463-2201**

**Tuesday, May 10th**

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

## **Program Speakers**

**By Jan Ott**

### **Candidates for Runoff Election for Harris County GOP Chair**

Both candidates that are in the runoff election to be held on May 24 for Harris County Republican Party Chair have been invited to speak at the May meeting. Current County Chair Paul Simpson has confirmed that he will be attending.

Although, this race is at the bottom of the ballot, it is an important one as we head into a very important election. The County Party provides the important framework for organizing precinct chairs and get out the vote efforts as well as raising funds to support Republican candidates. Join us to hear the candidates' plans to best provide this necessary leadership for the Harris County Republican Party.

### **Colleen Gilbert with Reach Unlimited**

Colleen Gilligan Gilbert is the Enterprise Development Manager at Reach Unlimited. It is her joy to develop work opportunities for ALL the clients at Reach, so that every client has a chance to earn a paycheck, regardless of his or her abilities. The main focus is fused glass, and the clients create beautiful, handcrafted pieces that are sold in the on-campus gift shop and at craft shows. Colleen also serves on the Sustainability committee at Reach, working continually to raise funds to bridge the gap between Medicaid funding and the actual costs of providing quality services to their clients.

Reach Unlimited, Inc. is a non-profit that provides comprehensive services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the north Houston area. Reach was started by several families who had children aging out of schools, who wanted them to continue to Live, Learn & Earn as independently as possible, living in a group home with support. Over 35 years later, Reach serves over 300 people, aged 12 – 75, in areas of supported living, supported employment, 22 group homes, and day habilitation in our Learning Activity Center.

**(If you plan to have lunch, you must make your reservations  
by Tuesday, May 3rd)**



**APRIL GENERAL MEETING**



**Harris County District Attorney  
Devon Anderson Speaks**



**CFRW's Jan Ott introduces Harris  
County DA Devon Anderson**



**Attentive CFRW attendees**



**DA Devon Anderson speaks to  
CFRW Members and Guests**



**Vivan Marlatt, Mary Moss and Bob  
Janusaitis**

**GOP STATE CONVENTION DELEGATE TRAINING**



**Above and Right: TFRW's Toni  
Anne Dashielle Leads Training**



**CFRW GOP State Convention Delegates  
@ NW HCRP training**





## Republican Party of Texas 2016 Convention

The Republican Party of Texas State Convention will convene in Dallas on May 12-14 and if you are new to the convention or just want some info here are some items of interest to help you navigate the meetings planned. Even though the convention officially starts on May 12th there are some interesting meetings that you might want to attend if you have time in your schedule to arrive a couple of days early.

On Monday, May 9th at 11:00 AM and Tuesday, the 10th and Wednesday, the 11th at 8:00 AM the Temporary Platform Committee and Temporary Rules Committee will both meet. In addition on Wednesday, May 11th at 11:00 AM, the Temporary Credentials Committee and the Temporary Organization Committee will meet. The names of delegates desiring to serve on these committees have been submitted to the party, advised of the time and financial commitment and their names are posted on the RPT website. State Chairman Tom Mechler will appoint the Temporary Chairs for these committees. The Temporary Committees will start well before the convention going over all the temporary rules, platform and resolutions, credentials and organization of the 2016 Convention

The Platform and Rules Committees meet for 3 days straight as it takes time to go through the entire Platform and Rules and make changes if necessary. The Rules and Platform are for adoption by the Texas State Republican Convention of 2016 only and not for the National Convention. The Credentials and Organization Committees convene on Wednesday and will complete their business in 1 day. The committee members spend extra time and expense to come early and do the work necessary before the convention begins on Thursday, the 12th of May. This allows the convention to run smoothly for the delegates and alternates and guests who arrive on the 12th. Once they have gone over all the material and have debated and approved it all then it will go to the Permanent Committees whose Chair will be elected by the Delegates to the Convention at the Thursday Senate District Caucus Meetings. Then at the Friday, May 13th convention meetings these items will be presented and voted on by the delegates of the convention.

All delegates and alternate delegates may attend these committee meetings and might find the process interesting. Please plan to attend if you are coming in early and want to see how the process works. If there is a resolution that you are interested in and you are a delegate or alternate delegate you may be able to testify for or against that resolution.

During the General Sessions of the Convention we will elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Texas and elect the National Committee Woman and Committee Man. We will hear from Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton, US Senator John Cornyn and US Senator/Presidential Candidate Ted Cruz and many other candidates for state and national positions. There will be a free **Freedom, Faith and Family Rally for American Families** on Thursday, May 12th at 7:30 PM, a **Grassroots Club Breakfast** free for all members of the Grassroots Club on Friday, May 13th at 7 AM sponsored by Texas Land Commissioner George P Bush. Join the Grassroots Club now and you will be able to attend this event. **(To join the Grassroots Club talk with CFRW Chair Sandra Vinklerek and she will get you signed up.)** There will also be a **Faith & Fellowship Gathering** on Saturday, May 14 at 7 AM which will be sponsored by Attorney General Ken Paxton.

**TFRW** has their **Tribute to Women Luncheon** on Friday, May 13th at 12:00 PM, you won't want to miss this so be sure to get your ticket for this event. **The Republican Party of Texas** is having their traditional **Gala** on Friday, May 12th at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, May 13th there will be a **Congressional Luncheon** at 12:00 PM. We will find out at the Convention if our club has qualified to win the **John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence (we should because CFRW is Excellent!)**. There will be **vendors selling lots of good stuff** in the Exhibit Hall throughout the entire convention (take home some fun souvenirs).

Hopefully you are now informed and ready for the RPT Convention! If you would like more information please go to <http://texasgop.org/2016convention/>. See you in Dallas!





## **SAVE THE DATE ~ by Judie Stokes**

*Hey Awesome CFRW Members and Guests!*

*We are planning a special meeting for the July 12<sup>th</sup> General meeting. That date is the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club and is a New Member meeting. We would like to involve as many of our members as possible and include an invitation to as many new members as we can gather. We want to give a special picture tribute to our veterans, past and present. Be sure to attend the June meeting to join a team for decorating for this special July meeting.*

*Team leaders will be chosen for each table to decorate for a competition that will include bringing as many new people and potential members as possible. If you would like to volunteer to be a table leader, e-mail Judie Stokes at [rlsdaystar@hotmail.com](mailto:rlsdaystar@hotmail.com). More details will be given at the June 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. **Be there!***



## **CFRW LADIES - FIELD TRIP TO THE BOB BULLOCK MUSEUM IN AUSTIN**

### ***Treasurer's Report ~ Mary***

**Hey ladies!**

**Just a friendly reminder that the our TEC Reports have a cut off around the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month, with reporting due usually by the end of the month . The one this month runs for the period from March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup> .**

**I need the information (date, place and amount) for any purchases during that timeframe ASAP. It's important that I receive your expense reports by the deadline each month in order to have timely reporting for our club.**

***Thanks for your help! - Mary***





## **General Meeting Minutes ~ Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Vivian Marlatt**

President, Dr. Millie Alford began the meeting at 11:08 a.m. **Fae Lord** 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 **Devon Anderson**, Harris County District Attorney. Ms. Anderson gave an overview of top cases pending in Harris County.

### **Officers' Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Jan Ott announced Paul Simpson, Harris County Republican Party Chair is on schedule to speak at our May General Meeting. Colleen Gilbert of Reach Unlimited has been invited for May as well.

Secretary, Vivian Marlatt March General Minutes were published in the March newsletter and have been approved. Vivian will step down from the Secretary position. The position is open to any volunteer interested. Contact **Millie Alford** if interested.

Treasurer, Mary Moss reported that as of February 29, 2016 CFRW had a starting balance of \$27,864.43 and ending balance of \$27,689.92 as of March 31, 2016. CFRW Scholarship Fund has an ending balance of \$5,035.16 as of March 31, 2016. April 27<sup>th</sup> is the next TEC cutoff date.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory reported the club turned in 2,141 volunteer hours for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016. CFRW is looking to host a voter registrar training June 8<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

Hospitality, Alice Gullet & Judie Stokes. Alice reminded everyone how important it is to RSVP for the General Meetings. Hearthstone must turn in their food orders one week prior to the event. Judie Stokes is asking for volunteers to decorate for the July meeting.

Caring for America, Mary Kay Brady reminded everyone to continue to contribute to Operation Interdependence.

Registration, Sharon Edwards reported 41 members in attendance for today's meeting.

### **New Business:**

Nominations for Campaign Fund Disbursement Committee – today after General Meeting. Nominees are Jan Ott, Joy Gregory, Betty Guthrie, Rita Parrish, Mary Moss and Millie Alford. Millie Alford called for a vote and all were approved by the club.

Nominations for By Laws and Standing Rules Review. Meeting Thursday after Executive Board Meeting

RPT Convention, May 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Members attending Millie Alford, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Nancy Roberts, Edith Gibson, Clarisa, Rita Parrish, Jan Ott, Micheline Hutson, Barbara Buxton, Jude Wiggins, Beth Mayer

Yellow Rose Republican Club is hosting a concealed handgun license course. Contact [gracehandley@hotmail.com](mailto:gracehandley@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Dates to Remember:**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting, Hearthstone; please RSVP by May 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Greater Houston Council Meeting, Sosa Center 9:30 a.m.

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

~ Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt





# 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: _____
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Precinct #: _____	Home Number: _____
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i> _____	Email Address: _____
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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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**Mail check and this form to:** Please circle Cash or enter Check #:  
 Alice Bennett Date Received:  
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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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