



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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TIME is drawing near

...and in the words of a great president,
"It is not the qualified voters, but the qualified voters who choose to vote, that constitute the political power of the State."-- Abraham Lincoln

To make sure you have access to all the direction you need, I'd like to offer the following information:

Early Voting: October 24-November 4, 2016

Voting Times and Locations:

<http://harrisvotes.org/EarlyVoting/EarlyVotingLocationsScheduleNonIE.pdf>

During early voting you can vote at any early polling location. You will need to provide ID (not necessarily a photo ID), and the ballot that appears on your eSlate machine will be for your precinct. Please pay close attention to the schedule.

There is an expectation of high voter turnout this year, so you may want to consider early voting at your convenience. The closest location to me is the Bear Creek Community Center, but you can vote in any early voting location. The new community center on Greenhouse Road is spacious. There are also a couple of other new locations this year.

Election Day is November 8, 2016

Election Day is always the first Tuesday of November that follows the first Monday of November.

Times and Locations: <http://harrisvoterinfo.com/>
7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. If you are in line by 7:00 P.M. but it takes time to get an eSlate machine available, you will still be allowed to vote. No one will be allowed to join the line after 7:00 P.M. A high voter turnout is expected at most of the precinct polling locations, so schedule your voting time wisely.

Sample Ballot

<http://www.harrisvotes.com/SampleBallot/VoterBallot/E/0622-116.pdf>

We have one of the longest ballots in the country, because we vote for our judges in Harris County. Please vote the whole ballot. Whether you personally backed our Presidential Nominee or not, the time has come to put your vote where you heart is...with **The Republican Party**. The best way to assure a cohesive fit of all the branches of government is to **vote a straight ticket**. The Democrats train their voters to always vote straight ticket, so the down ballot races will go to Democrats if we fail to vote for our Republican candidates. Pay special attention to our judges' races. These choices affect our lives directly.

Access the GOP judicial candidates at this link:
http://www.republicanjudges.com/our_judges_candidates .

Re: **Write-in vote**. You certainly have the right to cast a Write-in vote...However, after all the work we've done to elect our Republican Candidate, it would perplex me as to why anyone would risk HRC getting an advantage by choosing to select a write-in candidate. In Texas, for a write-in vote to count, the candidate must have filed with enough signatures and followed all procedures. On our ballot, the only race in which any write-in candidates have qualified is for President. When you click on "write-in," the machine should come up with a way to allow you to spell out the name. Anything close to the correct spelling will be counted. One candidate explains the process here: https://www.evanmcmullin.com/how_to_vote_for_evan.

Information Sources: County Clerk's Office: <http://harrisvotes.org/>

Texas Secretary of State Election Information:
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>

It is my utmost hope that each one of us will vote and support our Party. I believe in the work we have done, and am so proud to be a part of Cy-Fair Republican Women. We give our time and efforts to

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Historian: **Pam Waldren**

Literacy Program: **Gail Schubot**

Awards: **Micheline Hutson**

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**November General Meeting
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Hearthstone Country Club

7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston, TX 77095
(281) 463-2201

Tuesday, November 1st

10:30 am til 1:00 pm

(If you plan to have lunch, you must make your reservations
by Tuesday, October 25th)

****No-shows will be billed as we must pay for attendees in advance.****

A Moment with Millie - by Dr. Millie Alford

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make the Republican Party a Winner! We have many Precinct Chairs in our membership, and if you have the time to devote, please contact one of them and offer your time. Don't forget that **Prayer** is still the most powerful mode of communication! God should be a part of our decision.

See you at the Polls!

SAVE THE DATE

On November 10th at 9 am, CFRW will present dictionaries to all Walker Elementary 3rd Graders and announce the 5th Grade Winners in the Annual U.S. Constitution Project competition that the CFRW sponsors. All CFRW members are welcome to join us at Walker Elementary for this special event! ~ Gail Schubot, Literacy Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ Alice Bennett

New Members

Barbara J. Freeman and Rachelle L. Pierce

Membership Totals:

Full Members - 68; Associate Women - 7;
Associate Men - 6; Total Members - 81





Special Guest Speaker



Mike Sullivan **Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector**

**“The Atmosphere and State of the
Upcoming Election in Harris County”**

Harris County has set new voter registration records and continues to focus outreach efforts on educating voters. Mike Sullivan is responsible for insuring these records are accurate. He will provide updates from the tax office regarding these records and also issues related to property tax bills, tax rates and automobile registration, with respect to new changes with TxDMV. He will take questions from the audience, so come prepared!

Mike Sullivan is a native Houstonian, with a long history of community involvement. He was sworn in as Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector on January 1, 2013 and is currently serving a four-year term. He is focused on improving customer service, embracing technology, and advocating for the taxpayer. Sullivan was appointed by the Texas Water Development Board to serve on the Executive Committee of the Region H Water Planning Group. He then ran for the Humble ISD Board of Trustees.

Sullivan ran for Houston City Council in 2007, and was sworn into office in January 2008. Serving District E, he represented the communities of Kingwood and Clear Lake, as well as the Houston Ship Channel, Ellington Airport, and NASA/Johnson Space Center. He was elected to a third and final term, and he was the only member of the council to run unopposed in 2011.

Sullivan believes strongly in community involvement, as evidenced by his continued service in many community and business organizations. Sullivan presently serves as a board member of Hospital Corporation of America-Gulf Coast Division and Camp Allen. As well, he serves as Honorary Advisory Director for the 100 Club and as a Commissioner on the Texas Military Preparedness Commission. He is also a member of several area chambers of commerce.

Additionally, Sullivan is an Ex-Officio Director of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and a member of the UH-Clear Lake Community Partners Council. Governor Rick Perry appointed Sullivan to serve on his nine-member Task Force on Unfunded Mandates. Mike and his wife Kim own and operate Mike Sullivan Realty, LLC. Their daughter Paige is a graduate of Baylor University. The Sullivan's attend Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Kingwood.

Sullivan received an Associate of Arts degree from Lone Star College-Kingwood in spring 2012. In 2014, at age 56, he graduated from UH-Downtown, with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science.

THE 85TH LEGISLATURE

The 85th Legislature will convene on January 10, 2017 but that doesn't mean members of our state government are sitting idle waiting until that time comes around. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has been busy working on issues that affect some of our citizens and setting up plans to put together emergency actions to help some of the vulnerable children of our state. These are children who are being neglected and or abused who need protection and also adoptive parents. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has issued statements addressing these issues and is promising to put together a plan of action to get this process moving forward.

On October 12, 2016 the following statement was issued by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick: "The heart-breaking news from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) that there is a substantial backlog in getting to children who are at risk of abuse or neglect is simply not acceptable. Today I joined with Governor Abbott and Speaker Straus in asking the Commissioner to act immediately to put together an emergency plan to eliminate the backlog."

"I have asked Chairman Nelson to convene the Finance Committee to receive the plan that will be submitted by DFPS and identify the best allocation and application of DFPS resources to protect one of our most vulnerable populations."

"I have also been working with DFPS for several months to activate a Faith-Based Collaboration that is engaging churches around the state to recruit potentially adoptive parents for the state's foster children. Over 560 partnerships with faith based leaders have signed on to participate so far. Lt. Governor Patrick will lead a Faith Based Community Summit about this effort on November 2."

And then on October 17, 2016 Lt. Governor Dan Patrick also issued this statement in conjunction with National Adoption Month in November: "Thousands of children in Texas' foster care system need your help. They need safe and loving homes, and many are looking for a forever home. Several elected state officials have opened their homes to children in need of loving families and are working with me to inspire a statewide movement to answer this calling. I hope you and your family will consider doing the same."

"I'm also appealing to Texas' faith-based community for help. I'm asking faith-based leaders across Texas to reach out to their congregations and communities to open their hearts and homes to the foster children of Texas."

"National Adoption Month was established to raise awareness of the need for many more foster and adoptive families and to recognize those who have already opened their hearts and homes to children in need."

For more information about this effort and other items that Lt. Governor Patrick has released statements on this fall please go to <https://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/news/>



CFRW 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION



CFRW CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 9, 2016

HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
7615 AMESTWOOD ROAD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77095

TIME: 6:30 P.M. - COST \$25.00 PER PERSON

NAME (1): _____
NAME (2): _____
ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 1, 2016
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CFRW

MAIL CHECK AND FORM TO
ALICE GULLETT
6223 FOX WIND COURT
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77041

Geographics





General Meeting Minutes ~ Tuesday, October 11th - Linda Llewellyn/Millie Alford

President, Millie Alford called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

The Invocation and Pledges were led by Chaplain, Fae Lord. The 1st V.P. Jan Ott introduced our Guest Speaker, Rick Figueroa-Texas Judicial Council Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

Guests and Elected Officials were welcomed by President, Millie Alford. Guests were Bill and Merrilee Beazley, Belinda Culberson, Ellen DelFranco, Theresa Johns, Celia Pendergraft, Hollie Roberts, and Martha Urwiler. Candidates and Elected Officials were: Sharon Hemphill and Kevin Roberts, and Barbara Buxton.

President Alford also recognized Mike Sullivan, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector.

The Secretary's Report was published in October Newsletter.

Treasurer, Micheline Hutson, reported: Balance: \$ 12, 734.25 Scholarship Fund: \$6,535.71 Report Due: 10-31-16

Membership Chair, Alice Bennett reported New Members: 2 Active Members: 68 Assoc. Women: 7 Assoc. Men: 6 Total: 81

Campaign Activities Chair, Joy Gregory-Reported 1001 hours for the quarter and thanked all of the members who came to Lone Star College-UP and Cypress locations to help register voters. Almost 100 voters were registered in those 2 events.

Hospitality Chair, Alice Gullet shared that our Christmas Social and Installation of Officers for 2017-2018 will be held on December 9 at 6:30 P.M. at Hearthstone CC. Flyers will be available online through emails and posted to the website and November's Newsletter. Cost: \$25.00/person.

Literacy Chair, Gail Schubot reported that the Literacy Project would be held on November 10, at 9:00 A.M. at Walker Elem School located 6424 Settlers Village Dr, Katy, TX 77449. She encouraged all who are available to attend.

The Nominating Committee Chair, Rita Parrish, reported the slate of Officers for CFRW for the next term (2017-2018) according to A7/S1 They include: President- Barbara Buxton; 1st VP-Jan Ott; 2nd VP-Kristen Govantes; 3rd VP-Sharon Edwards; Secretary- Linda Llewellyn; Treasurer- Micheline Hutson. Election will take place at the November General meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be taken.

Dr. Millie Alford thanked the Nominating Committee: Rita Parrish, Barbara Buxton, Clarisa Fether, Edith Gibson, and Kristen Govantes for their time and efforts in compiling our slate for the next term.

Pam Waldren reported the work of the Scholarship Committee and informed the membership that applications would be available soon on the website and in the Newsletter. Dr. Millie Alford thanked the Scholarship Committee, Pam Waldren, Genie Hood, and Gail Schubot for their time and efforts in creating the application and requirements for the scholarships to be presented by CFRW.

CFRW Scholarships Information: Cy-Fair Republican Women Scholarships are now available. For further information, please contact Genie Hood, Scholarship

Committee Chair, geniehood@att.net

Door Prizes were announced and the meeting adjourned.





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2017 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
			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.)

Please make check payable to **Cy-Fair Republican Women** **Total Amount Due:**
Mail check and this form to: Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
 Edith Gibson Date Received:
 10202 Rippling Fields Drive
 Houston, TX 77064

For more information regarding membership, please contact Alice Bennett at 713-412-0141

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**National Federation of Republican Women
Texas Federation of Republican Women
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women**

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

<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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