



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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August is almost over...

...and with it, we hope, go the monsoons! However, I know that we have not reached the peak of our hurricane season (so says Tim Heller and Frank Billingsley), so I guess we need to be *vigilant* in regard to our personal safety. This leads me to more thoughts about being vigilant.

During this very critical time in our party's history, we need to be vigilant about sharing with others why we are voting for the Republican Party's nominee. I have received several calls from friends, family, and acquaintances over the past couple of weeks, and so many of them are in a quandary about where our Party is headed. Our job is to vote the Party, even if we have reservations about the nominee. That's the only way anything conservative is going to be accomplished over the next 4 years. I've mentioned this before and I will probably mention it a few more times before I step aside to welcome the new President of CFRW.

Please remind your friends and family that the next president will nominate the Supreme Court Justice to take Justice Antonin Scalia's place and we need a conservative to fill that position. There are countless other issues which, hopefully, will be taken care of for our inclusive benefit. The Social Security crisis certainly needs attention, as does Obama's Healthcare Plan - which Hillary says will continue "as is" (because it is so good)....Read and discuss the issues, and

have an idea what to say when someone asks. I continually go back to Benghazi and how the Secretary of State failed our military. This touches my heart deeply because I have two Military Boys that I want protected. Educate yourselves on the current issues... It may really change the fate of our nation...

What an awesome time we all had at our **Annual August Social**. Thanks so much to Alice Gullett, who spearheads our wonderful events. Thanks also to our many snack bringers. The food was awesome and the Program was fabulous. Dr. Frank is an outstanding orator, to say the least, and all the information he gave us was priceless. We had a great crowd. Several people commented that this was one of their favorite programs. I agree. Please mention your gratitude to the Hearthstone folks. I know they are doing their job, but I believe they go above and beyond the call of duty to make sure we have what we need. Our Bartender was so helpful, and Thomas, Giselle, and Chef (and all the other waiters/waitresses) just make an amazing team. Hats off to their attention to our details.

Our Scholarship Committee met this past week, and will have the information ready for this month's Board Meeting. Chair, Genie Hood, Gail Schubot, Pam Waldren and I met and these ladies really worked hard to get our scholarship program off the ground this year. Thanks so much for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Thanks to every member for your part in making CFRW the very best Republican Women's Organization it can be. Make the most of the rest of your summer. Our Fall will be loaded with opportunities to work toward our goals.





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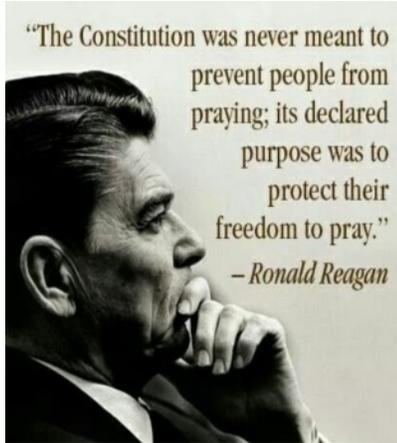
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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ~ Joy Gregory

Alice Gullett and I held a Voter Registration Drive at Lone Star College on August 17, 2016. We registered 7 new voters. I have requested a table at the September 21st "Community Partners Day" so that we may again sponsor a Voter Registration Table. I will also apply for a Booth at the Annual CY-Fest Celebration on October 1, 2016. Those of you who are Deputy Voter Registrars, please reserve a 2 hour slot that day to staff the CFRW Booth. I know you will all want to join in the fun and help.



Chaplain's Corner
by Fae Lord

~ Scripture ~

James 1:5

"If I lack wisdom, I should ask of God, Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to me."

~ Prayer ~

Lord, I marvel at Your mighty acts and Your forgiveness that has been given to me through faith in Christ. As I ask for your wisdom, help me to understand Your will for my life. Guide me, teach me, and lead me into all truth. Help me to be a strong, godly woman and "Stand Up" for righteousness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.





SEPTEMBER 2016
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

Tuesday, September 13th

10:30 am til 1:00 pm

**(If you plan to have lunch, you must make your reservations
by Tuesday, September 6th)**

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



Special Guest Speaker
Kevin Roberts

Candidate for State Representative, District 126

Kevin, a fourth generation Texan, was raised by his grandparents in Amarillo. From them he learned the importance of loyalty, commitment, and hard work. As a 14-year-old, he got his first job delivering prescriptions for a local retail drugstore. Paying his own way through Texas Tech University, he became the first college graduate in his family.

Kevin is a successful businessman. He understands from experience what happens when government over-regulates and micro-manages businesses, schools, and individuals' lives. He has demonstrated what is possible when communities are free to creatively solve problems without unnecessary government intervention. With a proven record of wise financial management, Kevin knows how to make hard decisions. He is able to compassionately lead and motivate people with diverse interests to achieve a common goal. As State Representative for District 126, Kevin Roberts will work tirelessly to protect life, liberty, and justice for all Texans.

Kevin and his wife, Hollie, have been married for 27 years and have two sons, Josh and Will.

Why Are There Less Republican Women Being Elected to Office?

In an August 7, 2016 article in Politico Magazine by David S. Bernstein, the headline reads “Where Are All the Republican Women?” The article states that “There are fewer Republican women in Congress now than in 2006 and the trend repeats at every level of government.”

In fact one congresswoman, Candace Miller, who is from Michigan’s 10th Congressional District, is about to end her career in Congress. GOP Congresswoman Miller is not seeking re-election this year and in the primary held to fill her position, all 5 candidates were men.

In other states the primaries for Congress have also been filled with only male candidates. According to Politico, “These are not anomalies. So far this year, Republicans have nominated women in just 26 of the 308 congressional districts that have held primaries. That’s a mere 8 percent—and it’s in line with the current makeup of the House Republican Conference, which is 91 percent male and 9 percent female.”

Just the opposite has happened with Democratic women, when over the same period they grew from 21 percent to 33 percent as cited in the same Politico article. What is the advantage the Democrat women have over the Republican women? Many reasons have been suggested - and one that might be a big factor - is that these women had an advocacy group called EMILY’S List. Also, in an article by Political Parity, it is noted that “The absence of a well-known, conservative committee, or other well-financed early funding streams dedicated to electing women, puts female Republican candidates at a severe disadvantage.”

The Republican women in congress will also grow smaller with other women in office either not running for re-election, or losing in primaries, or facing very difficult general election campaigns. This same scenario is being repeated, according to Politico, “at every level of government: U.S. Senate, statewide offices, upper and lower state legislatures, and municipalities.” So what is the solution to make Republican women more electable in the future?

“For the GOP to compete, the party must diversify its candidate pool, engage minorities and moderates, and put women on the ticket”, Political Parity advised after their research presented in January 2015. One Republican congresswoman was quoted as saying, “When you look at the qualities women bring, many are qualities that people all across this country are seeking. Quite often they are better listeners, work across the aisle, and are problem solvers.”

“While the GOP is focusing more today on electing women, recruitment and candidate development aren’t prioritized enough to move the needle on female representation, even though doing so could attract voters, engage minorities, and change public perceptions of the party from an ‘old boys club’ to a more inclusive institution. Our qualitative interviews with elected Republican women and party leaders confirm that the GOP struggles to recruit, coach, and retain women. There’s no significant structure to shepherd female candidates through a primary election. And with little candidate development at the local level or explicit party engagement in primaries, Republicans aren’t establishing a pipeline of future federal officeholders” as emphasized by Political Parity.

This has been recognized by the Texas Federation of Republican Women and they announced on August 19, 2016 that they will be presenting the first TFRW Candidate Development Program Fall 2016 which will begin on September 19, 2016. In the announcement, TFRW referenced this same Politico article and said, “We cannot let this trend continue.”

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/08/gop-republican-women-politics-disparity-feminism-214140#ixzz4HtWUMKzd>

<https://www.politicalparity.org/research/primary-hurdles/> Political Parity is a program of Hunt Alternatives, which is a platform for a wide field of leaders, researchers, and funders dedicated to increasing the number of women serving in the highest levels of government.





August 9th, 2016 - Evening Social - Hearthstone CC



Dr. Neil Frank, who holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University in Meteorology, was director of the National Hurricane Center from 1974-87 and Chief Meteorologist at KHOU until his retirement in 2008.

“Dr. Neil” spoke to us, with charts and narrative, on the myth of Global Warming. He referred to the political overemphasis on man-made global warming as "Climategate." Climategate reveals how predetermined political agendas shaped science rather than the other way around. Excellent evening!





Letter from our Lt. Governor Dan Patrick - "Two Victories"

Dear Beth,

In February I asked Attorney General Ken Paxton for an opinion on the constitutionality of Montgomery County Judge Wayne Mack's volunteer-led chaplaincy program and ceremonial courtroom prayer. My request stemmed from my continuing efforts to protect religious liberties in Texas.

Tuesday, in response to my request, General Paxton issued an opinion affirming the constitutionality of volunteer chaplaincy programs -- a clear victory for religious liberty.

This opinion goes a long way in providing the clarity Judge Mack and other judges throughout Texas need regarding constitutionally appropriate courtroom prayer and volunteer-led chaplaincy programs.

As your Lt. Governor, I will continue to fight for religious liberty. I will also fight for common sense and we got a victory on that front this past week as well.

On Wednesday, Target announced that it is preparing to spend \$20 million to add single-stall bathrooms in addition to men's and women's restrooms in stores. This can only be read as a complete backtrack of their announcement last spring that would have allowed men to use women's fitting rooms and bathrooms.

Clearly, Target has responded to the nationwide outcry against this ridiculous policy. I would like to thank the many many Texans who spoke out against Target.

I am proud to lead the fight for religious liberty and common sense across the state of Texas and I appreciate your help and support.

Sincerely,

Dan Patrick

Lieutenant Governor of Texas

"Whomever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant." Matthew 20:26 (NLT)

General Meeting Minutes ~ Evening Social ~ Tuesday, August 9th

The Meeting portion of our Social was called to order by President **Dr. Millie Alford** at 6:30 pm. President **Millie Alford** welcomed Guests and Elected officials. We had 55 in attendance and enjoyed Hors d'oeuvres and the cash bar that was made available.

1st V.P. **Jan Ott** introduced our guest speaker, **Chief Meteorologist (Retired) Dr. Neil Frank**, who gave an excellent, informative presentation regarding the international Global Warming Hoax and "ClimateGate". Following the presentation by Dr. Frank, two door prizes were awarded.

***Next General Meeting 09-13-16 RSVPs due by 09-06-16
Greater Houston Council Meeting 09-20-16 at 9:30 A.M. at Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.***

~ Respectfully submitted, **Linda Llewellyn**





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2016 Membership Application



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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: _____
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BEST WAY TO REACH YOU	NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
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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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