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President

Gail Schubot

Bulletin from the President—June 1, 2019

Dear CFRW members and friends:

Having just commemorated Memorial Day, an interview with a veteran particularly struck me. The veteran was saying that if the public truly wants to honor those in the military who have made the ultimate sacrifice, they will live each day patriotically and in honor of their country which has been so well defended. Our continued liberty stems in part from a well-educated and informed citizenry. It is my hope that you find that our activities and work through Cy-Fair Republican Women further these indispensable attributes in our community and among our families.

Do you realize that we are 17 months from the November 2020 election? Even as we congratulate our state legislators as they come home from a productive legislative session, it is time to turn our attention to campaigning so as to vote in great, problem-solving Republican leadership at all levels. And what could be better than to invite Harris County GOP Chairman Paul Simpson to visit with us on June 11, share with us some frank talk as to where we stand, and to review what strategies will be used to get out the vote, keep Texas RED, and recover positions that have been lost here locally. ...In the same way that our kids and grandkids are being sent home this week with recommended reading and exercises to do over the summer so that they won't slide but rather have their skills enhanced for fall term, consider our visit with Paul Simpson as a way to sharpen our focus and keep us on task for the months to come.

Please mark the following dates and events on your calendar. Each activity and event help advance our purpose. (And be sure to record your campaign hours associated with your efforts!)

June 4: RSVP deadline for our June 11 meeting. Go to www.cfrw.net and either complete the online reservation or register through the Eventbrite button on the home page.

June 11: CFRW monthly meeting at Hearthstone Country Club beginning at 10:30 a.m.:

1. Welcome **Paul Simpson**, Harris County GOP Chairman as our speaker.
2. Bring **SUNSCREEN** as this month's Caring for America contribution and as a continuation of Cy-Hope's emergency request from last month. This stuff isn't cheap, but the children need it! Both HEB and Kroger have store brands which are a bit less expensive; watch for sales too! Let's help the kiddos have a safe summer.

June 13: The first of our meetings to plan and execute our October 25 High Heels and High Tea Fundraiser: 10 am, at the Chair Darcy Mingoia's Home at 6610 Barrington Garden, Houston, TX 77069. Meetings are expected to last 90-105 minutes and will be followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP to Darcy at dmingoia@att.net or 713.859.0030. *We are asking all members to participate – we need your help!*

June 20: CFRW Board Meeting at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome as we plan our club activities.

June 20-21: TFRW Quarterly Meeting in Austin. See TFRW website for information.

June 27: Meeting #2 for High Heels and High Tea. 10 a.m. at Darcy Mingoia's. (See above.)

July 1: Deadline for CFRW College Scholarship Applications. – Encourage qualifying students you know to apply!

September 12: Here we go again! CFRW Fall Trip to Bush Library & Gravesite in College Station. Details to follow.

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Upcoming Important Dates

June 11	CFRW General Meeting
June 13	HHHT Plan Meeting
June 20	CFRW Board Meeting
June 27	HHHT Plan Meeting
July 9	CFRW General Meeting
July 18	CFRW Board Meeting
Sept. 12	CFRW Fall Day Trip
Oct. 3-5	TFRW Convention
Oct. 25	High Heels & High Tea



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Secretary

Alice Gullett

General Meeting Minutes - May 2019

Cy-Fair Republican Women
Hearthstone Country Club

May 14, 2019

The President, Gail Schubot, called the meeting to order. She gave a warm welcome to everyone and announced that Bonnie Foster was CFRW’s new Parliamentarian. The Chaplin, Clarissa Fether, led us in a prayer and pledges to the flags.

The President asked that Program Chair Coleen Gilbert introduce the speaker, Stuart Snow who is Chief Financial Officer for Cy-Fair ISD. He spoke on the state’s 86th Legislative Session and how pending bills may affect school finance. Mr. Snow also stated that he will be retiring in June. The new Chief Financial Officer will be Karen Smith.

The minutes from last month’s meeting was presented with several corrections and will be posted to the club’s records.

Pat Baughman, Treasurer, then gave her report. The total expenditures for the month were \$846.38 and the total receipts were \$803.00, giving a balance of \$11,326.46. There is a balance of \$8,557.06 in the savings account.

The President then stated the club is on an upward swing with membership. Membership is now in the 60s and moving toward the 70s.

Scholarship Chair Shirley Chambers then thanked her committee for their work on the new scholarship application. Three scholarships will be offered: one to Cy-Ridge High School because they have Republican Club and are the closest high school to where CFRW meets; one will be available for high school students in the Cy-Fair ISD territory; and the third will be through Cy-Hope for seniors that are taking dual-credit classes to receive college hours while in high school. CFRW would work with Cy-Hope to help fund text books for these students. For additional information, a website was created; cyfairrw@gmail.com. The deadline for applying is July1, 2019. CFRW members are encouraged to have qualifying friends and relatives apply.

Ways and Means Chair Darcy Mingoia then reported that everything is going smoothly in preparation for High Heels and High Tea on October 25 at Champions Golf Club. She will be distributing a flyer soon giving details. She announced that Sam and Patricia Harless will moderate the fashion show.

Campaign Hours Chair Joy Gregory then stated that all campaign hours must be turned in by June 1. She also said that the club has done very well contributing campaign hours. The records for hours are between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019 for the NFRW Awards application. It is imperative that all hours are turned in for the club to be eligible for awards.

Barbara Buxton, Hospitality Chair, stated that all plans are good for the club’s tour of the Painted Churches next week in the Schulenburg area.

Awards Chair Micheline Hutson advised that the awards received are from National and there will be State awards later. She also stated that Kathleen Wall is heading up voter registration state- wide. She is seeking volunteers for voter registration, poll watchers and clerks as well as poll judges.

The President then announced that the speaker for next month’s meeting will be Paul Simpson, Harris County Republican Chairman.

Door prizes were then awarded and there being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Gullett, Secretary

Save the Date!

CFRW is planning a Fall Day Trip to the Bush Library and Gravesite in College Station on September 12th. A bus has been reserved. Sign-up will begin in August.

Details to be announced in July

In the past several months, CFRW has heard from great speakers on pending legislation that will affect our local community and each of us. In April, we heard from the non-profit sector as Lauren Black, executive director of Reach Unlimited, shared the legislative challenges currently faced by her institution. And in May, Stuart Snow, Cy Fair ISD CFO discussed the most recent legislative machinations affecting school finance.



*April Speaker
Lauren Black*



*May Speaker
Stuart Snow*

Coming up, we will hear from Paul Simpson, chair of the Harris County Republican Party in June. We look forward to his insights on what is needed from our club in this very important election cycle. In July we are anticipating a legislative update from one of our legislators, and our program will also pay honor to our veterans. August, of course, is our club Social! Watch for an announcement about our special guest and program—you won't want to miss this event!



*June Speaker
Paul Simpson*



WANTED

Wanted: Precinct 4 Bus Coordinators for CFRW

It's always a treat to take the Harris County Precinct 4 bus rather than car pool. We've recently enjoyed this benefit when traveling to Festival Hill last fall and the Painted Churches just this past month.

The County, however, requires that anyone using the bus, have a trained Trip Coordinator in order to qualify for its use, and CFRW could use at least one or two more members who reside in Precinct 4 to take the training and assure we have someone to meet this requirement when we travel.

Information from the Precinct is as follows:

Trip Coordinator Training:

Precinct 4 trip coordinators are required to take this training every 2-3 years. These meetings are also great for one-on-one interaction with other trip coordinators for travel ideas or as a refresher class!

Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program at 713-274-4050.

2019 Training Schedule

Wednesday, June 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Big Stone Lodge, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring 77373

Thursday, September 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Lone Star College-Creekside Center, 8747 West New Harmony Trail, Tomball 77375

Tuesday, October 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Mangum-Howell Community Center, 2500 Frick Road, Houston 77038

Tuesday, November 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood 77345

Reservations are required! For more information, please call Harris County Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program at 281-893-3726.

Barbara Buxton is available to discuss the training and to help with any paperwork. Please give this opportunity to support CFRW consideration if you live in Precinct 4 (County Commissioner Jack Cagle's Precinct).

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October 3-5: TFRW Convention in Galveston. Volunteer NOW to help! Our own Micheline Hutson is in charge of the "Meet & Greet" event on October 3 and will need help setting up on October 2 and then facilitating the event on October 3. Several of us from CFRW have volunteered to help Micheline. TFRW's Registration Desk is also looking for more help. Please identify a date, time & activity that suits you. *It is also time to reserve your hotel room if you want to take advantage of the TFRW block of rooms and pricing. Info and forms can be found at www.tfrw.org*

October 25: CFRW High Heels and Tea Fundraiser Luncheon at Champions Golf Club at 11 a.m.

As always, thank you and looking forward to seeing you June 11!

Sincerely,

Gail Schubot

**CFRW tours the Port of Houston followed by lunch at the original Ninfa's
April 16, 2019**



NFRW and TFRW Club Awards

Why do we bother with Awards? In Texas, we like to Brag! One way to do this is qualify for National and State Federated Republican Women Club awards.

Seriously, Awards give structure, purpose and direction to our many clubs. They also keep all focused on the big Prize: Electing Republicans!

The National Federation of Republican Women presents several awards at Biennial Conventions. The reporting deadline is June 1 of odd numbered years.

A. Club Achievement Awards

- There are four levels earned on a point basis: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond
- CFRW has qualified as Gold or Diamond throughout its 18 year history.

B. Caring for America is given for service to our local community and our Armed Forces

C. Campaign Volunteer Award honors most reported individual and club campaign hours

D. Membership Awards honors several accomplishments in this area.

The Texas Federation of Republican Women gives several similar awards at Biennial Conventions. The reporting deadline is August 15, 2019.

A. John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence

- Also awarded on a point basis, CFRW has received this award throughout its 18 year history.

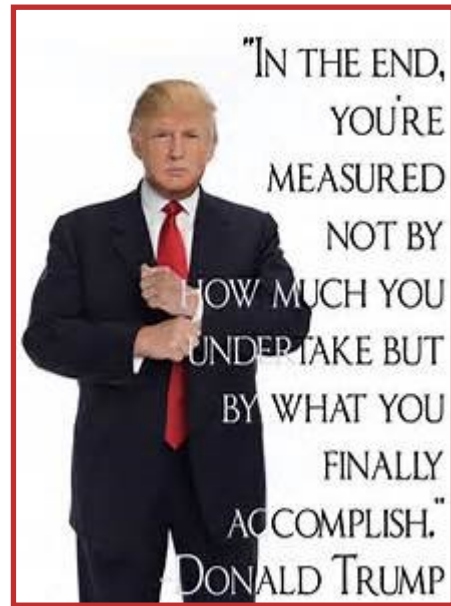
B. Best Newsletter and Most Improved Newsletter Award

C. 10 Outstanding Award which is given to ten outstanding members based on Federation participation

D. Dorothy Crockett Legacy Award given to one woman with more than 25 years' service to the Federation

If any CFRW Committee Chairs are interested in applying for these awards, please contact me now. Also, if you want to know what is going on in our club, consider joining or chairing the Awards Committee and help us monitor what is required to maintain our status as an award winning Federated Republican Women Club.

Submitted by Micheline Hutson



Campaign Activities Joy Gregory

Campaign Activities

The Board set a goal of 6,500 hours for our Club this calendar year. As of the writing of this article, we have 2,625 hours logged. Thank you ladies for your hard work. We have also submitted 7,123 hours to NFRW for the NFRW Achievement Awards which covers a two year period of time.

We will collect hours at each meeting or you may email your hours to joygregory@sbcglobal.net. We collect hours monthly.

The following upcoming events will be giving us all opportunities to earn extra hours: TFRW Convention in Galveston, NFRW Convention, and High Heels and High Tea. Below I have listed the rules for these types of events.

**Count hours spent working at a special event or organizing the event. This includes Committee meetings and travel time.*

**Count hours spent in session at Federation Board of Directors meeting and Federation Conventions also time spent in preparation of convention if on committee. You may include travel time.*

**Count political work done at club meeting. i.e., driving a candidate, working on mailings, getting candidate petitions signed, etc. DO NOT count regular meetings, but you may count travel time to meeting and home.*

**Count hours spent in Club Board Meetings, include travel to and from.*

Several of us have attended Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training. If you are certified to register voters, I need your names. We will be holding Voter Registrations soon. (You may count the hours you spent at the training and travel)

**TFRW Legislative Day
April 25, 2019**



2019 Texas Legislature Adjourns “Sine Die” (without a day specified for a future meeting)

Monday, May 27 was the last day of the 86th legislative session which lasted 140 days and had 10,765 bills filed. Many of those did not advance very far. The legislature did deliver on many of the top priorities and was considered a successful, mostly drama-free session.

One of the most talked about priorities was an overhaul of the school funding system which passed both houses and is on the Governor’s desk waiting to be signed. The bill is generally considered a good step in the right direction and will send billions of dollars into public schools and cap property tax revenue for local cities and counties.

The new legislation is considered a major victory for Governor Abbot and other GOP leaders. While property owners will not see dramatic reductions in their tax bills there will be modest cuts to school property tax rates and a cap on school districts, cities and counties that limits how much they can collect, which slows how fast tax bills can rise. At the same time, every school district in the state is getting more money next year than it did this year. Full-day kindergarten for low-income families will be funded and more money will be sent to districts with needy students.

The school funding increase is about 5% more per student, and requires at least \$21 million to be spent directly on salary increases. It requires districts to use 30% of the new money they receive under the bill for pay raises. Districts aren't required to give everyone the same raise and have been asked to give larger raises to teachers with more than six years of experience. The other 25 percent of the money for raises can be allocated to any full-time employee who is not an administrator.

The progress made towards revising school funding is considered historic and an important investment in public education. Locally, we will have to wait to hear how it specifically impacts CFISD. We will be watching and looking for updates as to the bill’s ultimate impact.

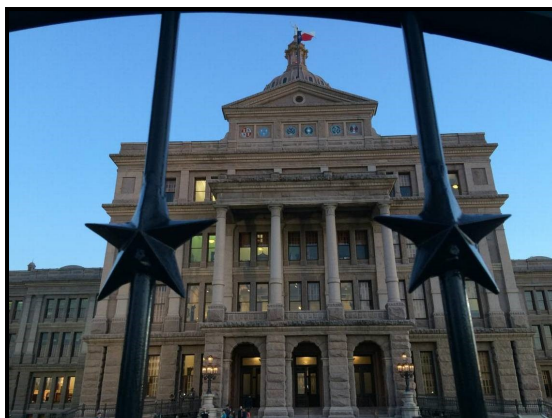
Jan Ott

Legislative Chair

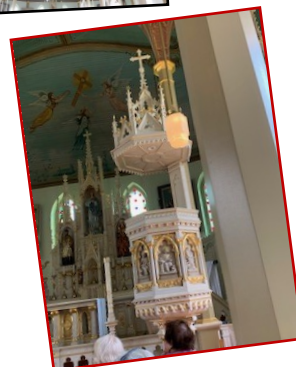
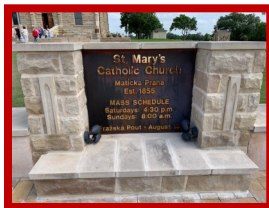
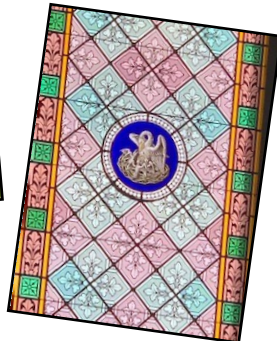
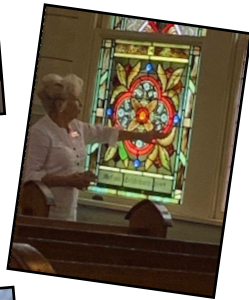
HB3 passed the House and the Senate last night with unanimous votes in both chambers and is now on the Governor’s desk to be signed. While HB3 is not perfect legislation, it is a step in the right direction. See attachments/articles below for details. We will soon hear from district administration as to the specific impact to CFISD.

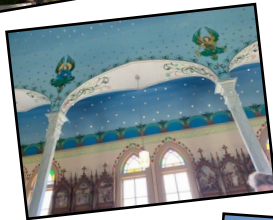
HB3 PROS: increases basic allotment, funding for increased compensation for teachers, counselors, librarians, nurses, and other school staff, funding for full-day PreK

HB3 CONS: eliminated the cost of education index, shifted from prior year property values to to current year property values for school funding.



CFRW Spring Day Trip
May 22, 2019





CFRW SOLICITING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the CFRW Scholarship Application. Qualifications and instructions for application submission are included, along with the form for the applicant to complete. This information is also available on the CFRW web site. Please distribute among friends, family, and neighbors in the Cy-Fair community, and encourage interested female high school seniors meeting the requirements to apply. Note the July 1 deadline. Cy-Fair Republican Women is delighted to support our community and young people in this fashion!

**Cy-Fair Republican Women-Educational Scholarship (CFRW)
2019 High School Graduate Application**

Each Applicant:

- Must be a female, with U.S. Citizenship, a resident of Texas for at least two (2) years, and currently residing in the Cy-Fair Independent School District
- Must be a graduating high school senior and attending college in the Fall of 2019
- Must be registered to vote if age 18 or older
- Must have at least a B Grade Point Average

Directions:

- All applications must be printed or typed; add pages as necessary.
- Submit a typed essay of a maximum of 250 words on a topic selected from the topics listed on the application.
- Submit two brief letters of recommendation – one from an adult (not a relative) who can attest to your character and interests, and one letter from a different adult who can verify your academic achievements including your GPA.
- Submit an unofficial copy of your most recent transcript. An official transcript will be required of all finalists.

Recipients should be prepared to provide a recent photo and personal information, including identification as required. If selected for a scholarship, recipient must agree to sign a publicity release.

For additional information contact, Shirley Chambers, Scholarship Committee at cyfairrw@gmail.com.

Completed application must be received by email by midnight July 1, 2019 to:

Shirley Chambers, Scholarship Committee
Cy-Fair Republican Women

cyfairrw@gmail.com



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2019 Membership Application

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION	PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY IN "MEMBERS ONLY" SECTION OF CFRW WEBSITE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Home Address:	Cell Number:
City, State, Zip:	Work Number:
Precinct #:	Home Number:
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i>	Email Address:
Title:	Spouse Name:

BEST WAY TO REACH YOU	NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/>	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? IN HARRIS COUNTY?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Name Badge Order ~ <i>Please print how you would like it printed:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Associate Woman ~ <i>Active member of which Republican women's club?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<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:

**Nancy Roberts
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Houston, TX 77040**

Total Amount Due:

Please circle **Cash** or enter **Check #:**

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If there is candidate information in this publication, it is not an endorsement by Cy-Fair Republican Women, the CFRW President, or the CFRW Campaign Chair. CFRW's involvement is to provide candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice

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<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.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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