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July Meeting is early next month

July 7, 2020 rsvp due June 30th

Wesley Hunt speaking on US Military

President

Gail Schubot

Bulletin from the President-June 1, 2020

To our Cy-Fair Republican Women Members and Friends:

As we all know, our kids, grandkids, and families, have had to become personally responsible and accountable to complete their schoolwork and college courses at home and online to finish the school year due to COVID.

Similarly, and even though restrictions are being relaxed, much of our campaign work is being done within the confines of our individual homes, on our phones and computers, and away from the crowds. --- We too are having to remain personally responsible and accountable in getting "our part" done.

For all intents and purposes, each of us is running our own "campaign headquarters" and following our personal strategy as to how best we can help Republican candidates win in the fall. We are choosing which Republican initiatives and candidates to support and in what manner. We are determining how much time we have to invest and how to make the best use of that time to win in November.

Use CyFair Republican Women as your resource. The club is your tool.

*CFRW can help you choose and connect with a campaign including specific candidates, voter registration efforts and get out the vote.

*CFRW can direct you to training for downloading and using the phone apps such as Red Dialer and Call Hub.

*CFRW can offer tips, scripts, and databases for texting, emailing, and writing to prospective voters.

*CFRW can inform you of events, rallies, meetings, seminars taking place "live" or online.

Who to call? Our entire CFRW Board is ready to help. And in particular, reach out to our Campaign Activities Chair, Joy Gregory, at joygregory@sbcglobal.net or 713-232-0004 for assistance. And please, as among our membership in general, communicate with each other as to what you are doing and what is working best for you. If you are stumped or feeling overwhelmed or disheartened, reach out to another member for a dose of empathy and a pick me up. Likewise, share your successes when you meet your goals.

We are all in this together. When you read this there will be 20 weeks or less before the election. The word "essential" has become a sign of the times, and each and every one of us is "essential" to winning this year's election.

CALENDAR

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

June 13: Republican Senatorial District 7 Convention

June 18: CFRW Board Meeting @ Hearthstone @ 11 a.m.

June 30 (NOTE: 1 WEEK EARLY) NOON-Deadline to RSVP for CFRW July 7 Luncheon

July 7 (NOTE: 1 WEEK EARLY) CFRW Meeting & Luncheon @ Hearthstone @ 1030 a.m.

July 14: Republican Party Election RUNOFF

July 16-18: TX State Republican Convention @ George R Brown

July 17: TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon in Houston

August (TBA): CFRW Summertime Evening Social



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General Meeting Minutes - May 2020

Cy-Fair Republican Women

General Meeting (ONLINE) - May 12, 2020

While continuing to quarantine due to COVID 19, Cy-Fair Republican Women assembled online at 11:00 a.m. for an Abbott University webinar on Leadership Skills as a substitute for our May luncheon meeting.

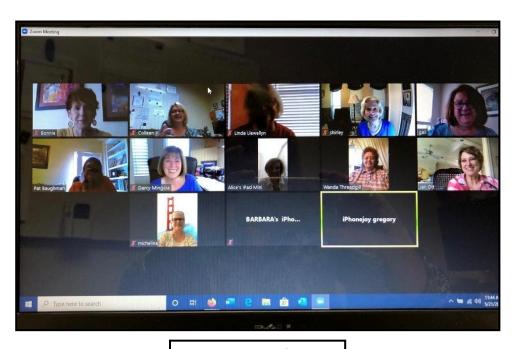
Dr. Tom Oliverson, Texas State Representative (District 130) opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone and offered his personal comments and support of CFRW's efforts. Bob Maley, Deputy Political Director of Texans for Abbott Campaign, assisted by Sarah Saiz and Rhonda Anderson, then led the CFRW participants through an hour-plus PowerPoint presentation covering the primary initiatives for success in the November election, namely, Voter Registration, Phone Banks and Block-Walking.

The program also reviewed several of the applications being used by the GOP in this election cycle such as Call Hub and Advantage, and opportunities for club recruitment and retention were also addressed. A brief video message by Governor Abbott was also viewed.

The session ended with CFRW thanking Mr. Maley and the Abbott Campaign for an excellent event.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Gullett, Secretary



Zoom Executive Board Meeting May 21, 2020 Legislation Jan Ott

Looming State Budget Impacts Texas' Future

Writing the Texas state two-year budget is one of the Texas Legislature's primary tasks. When the 87th Legislative session begins in January 2021, this task will be daunting as the legislators consider the Texas budget for the two-year period beginning September 1, 2021. The current budget is also being monitored in this interim period. Texas' budget is being hit with major impacts not only from COVID-19, but also from the devastating blow to the oil and gas industry from plummeting prices and demand.

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57% of all tax collections. The state's share of sales taxes collected in May plunged 13.2%, the sharpest decline in a decade. The declines in April and May, not seen in Texas since the lingering effects of the 2008 Great Recession, portend government spending and service cuts and a monumental fight over priorities when the Legislature convenes in January to write the 2022-23 state budget.

Because of this "economic shock", Governor Abbott has instructed state agencies to trim budgets by 5%. Some state agencies are exempt from the cuts, including the Department of State Health Services, the Texas Workforce Commission and the Department of Public Safety. Texas' top Republican leaders have asked certain state agencies and higher education institutions to "submit a plan identifying savings" to reduce their budgets by 5% for the current biennium. Exempted agencies are critical to government functions including those with important responses to the pandemic. Some of the cost saving strategies would include "foregoing any capital expenditures that can be deferred, any avoidable travel expenditures, any administrative expenses that are not mission critical, and keeping unfilled any open positions that are not essential to the COVID-19 response." Current lawmakers suggested it is important for agencies not wait until the regular session in January to begin making cuts. State Sen. Jane Nelson, the Republican who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, wrote in a recent letter that "it is both reasonable and necessary for agencies to reduce their FY 20-21 spending — and to start immediately." Nelson also suggested that, as she meets with state agencies to review future appropriation requests, she will "begin at ZERO."

Texas had been a leading economic powerhouse before being hit with two major financial impacts to the state's economy. It will be months before the full ramifications are known. Economists say it could be 2022 before Texas is back to pre-outbreak levels. The oil price drop fallout hits all regions of Texas and is also significant. The rainy day fund is hit by this drop as revenue for the rainy day fund comes almost entirely from oil and natural gas production taxes.

Fortunately, Texas went into this crisis with one of the country's best economies. Texas, the second-largest state by population, has the fourth lowest state debt per capita among the 10 largest states by population. Comparing the states' debt per capita, New York has \$6,931, California \$3,850 and Texas with \$1,769. It is worth noting that high debt levels lead to higher interest repayments which is a cost passed down to future taxpayers. High debts leave minimum funds for vital government programs. Finally, growing debts have a real and direct impact on investment opportunities available to Americans. Texas also continues to have an enviable AAA credit rating.

Texas has had statewide Republican leadership that has worked to maintain a fiscally conservative budget. These policies have put the state in a better position to manage the crises that have had a devastating effect on the entire country. We must all work to make sure we continue with the same Republican leadership that will continue to help us through this difficult time and through our next budget sessions in order to keep our state great for all Texans and future generations of Texans. Remember, elections have consequences.

Jan Ott, Legislative Chair

Campaign Activities Joy Gregory

June is here and I hope everyone has survived our social distancing and quarantine! Thank Goodness, we are now able to get together again!

It seems as if we have had numerous emails concerning phone banking for multiple candidates. Do you find your brain is in overload? Are you wondering who to contact and which candidate to work for? Our club has decided as a club that we will concentrate on three races that directly affect our members. We plan to support all Republican candidates but will make our priority Justin Ray, for State Rep. District 135; Mike Schofield, for State Rep. District 132; and Tom Ramsey, for Com-

missioner of Harris County Precinct 3. We need to turn these Races RED.

There are plenty of opportunities for all of us to serve and return Harris County to RED. I read a statement the other day that really hit home with me, "DON'T DO NOTHING JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO EVERTHING!" I would like to challenge each of you to pick one race and at least one activity to help KEEP TEXAS RED!!!

Remember to turn in all hours that you spend working on campaigns and travel time!! Phone and Computer time also count.



We are excited to announce the recipients of the 2020 Cy-Fair Republican Women's Educational Scholarships! Congratulations are extended to the spring 2020 Graduates and Scholarship recipients, Allison Hinaman and Edna Enemchukwu, who will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship.

Allison Hinaman graduated from Cypress Woods High School. She plans to attend University of Florida, in Gainesville, Florida. will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, with plans to attend dental school. A Summa Cum Laude graduate, Allison was on the Distinguished Honor Roll for four years, a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society, as well as a National Merit Finalist her senior year. She was recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction and was a semifinalist in the Ayn Rand National Writing Contest. While in High School she was in the Crimson Cadettes Drill Team, serving as a Dance Officer for 2 years, and was selected as the Most Outstanding Sophomore Crimson Cadette. She was active in the National Charity League and Senior Women organizations. She was awarded the Modelette Award, NCL Cypress Gems. She performed community service at many philanthropic organizations including Houston Food Bank, Reach Unlimited, Cy-Fair Women's Club, Santa Maria Hostel, Boys and Girls Country, The Faith Center, Cy-Hope, Bayou City Fellowship, and the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation. In addition, she was employed as a dance teacher at Dance Central LLC.

Edna Enemchukwu graduated from Cypress Ridge High School. She plans to attend the University of Texas in San Antonio. She will be pursuing a bachelor's degree, with a major in Nutrition and Dietetics. A Cum Laude honor graduate, Edna was on the Honor Roll for three years. She was on the varsity track and field team where she competed in the 200 meter dash, triple and long jump, and set a new record in the Sprint Medley Relay. She has been very involved with several school organizations including Texas Association of Future Educators, Interact Club, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes where she served as an officer. She was a volunteer at her local church, as well as at The Houston Children's Festival, The Beacon Shelter and HOSA. She is certified in CPR and OSHA, and is currently completing the requirements for her emergency medical technician license at Lone Star College. In addition, she has been employed at Potbelly where her manager states she is a true asset to their team, including taking new hires under her wing and showing them the ropes to ensure their success.

Additional scholarships were awarded to Cy-Hope, which included \$500.00 for 2019 and \$500.00 for 2020. This scholarship money will be awarded to junior and senior students attending Cy-Fair ISD High Schools who have been selected by the Cy-Hope organization. The money will be used by the students who are enrolled in dual credit advanced placement classes to assist them in purchasing their college level textbooks and class materials.



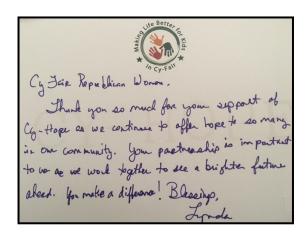
Allison Hinaman



Edna Enemchukwu

Cy-Hope Correspondence





Programs Colleen Gilbert

WE CAN DO THIS!

Colleen Gilligan Gilbert VP Programs

Wow, what a quarter..... We started out with such a bang! After all, our goal is to be pivotal players in turning HD 132 & HD 135 red and keeping Precinct 3 red! I know I felt energized and excited after hearing from Jessica Colón speak about going "Beyond Block Walking." She gave great insight into the importance of our voices and our opinions. After all, we are informed women! Just by sharing our opinions and beliefs with our friends and colleagues, we can influence the vote!

Then COVID-19 hit, devastating our country and the world. Many of us have barely left our homes, and most of us feel anxious and that we have lost control of so many aspects of our lives. While it's true that so much has changed, we have also been given an opportunity to develop new skills and branch out in new ways. (I sure never thought I'd be leading

ZOOM meetings! And I even put up an ecommerce site for my business—there's something WAY out of my comfort zone!) I know that we all have success stories to tell, and I look forward to hearing them! And very importantly, yes, ladies, we still CAN take control of our local elections by getting involved!

In April we heard from the Justin Ray campaign (HD135), the Mike Schofield Campaign (HD132) and the Tom Ramsey Campaign (CC Pct. 3) and also Tom Oliverson (HD130) and Sam Harless (HD126), via email. They told us how we could help, how to get involved without leaving our homes. We can like their websites, react to their posts, donate to their campaigns, and ask to be involved in phone campaigns. I hope some of you are doing so?! We have important local races to be involved in - jump

Our May meeting was a "Leadership Skills" webinar attended by many of our members. It was organized by

Rhonda Anderson and conducted Matthew Maley, both members of Governor Greg Abbott's campaign staff and introduced by Representative Tom Oliverson. There were some useful ideas for campaigning. Strategic information was shared for registering voters, campaign telephonecalling and block-walking.

I'm looking forward to hearing from Victory 2020 Strike Force leadership in June! Joni Matthews, our TFRW Regional Director and Dana Myers, Harris Co. GOP Vice Chair, will speak to our group back at Hearthstone! The presentation is entitled: "Winning the November Election: The GOP Campaign." I've been speaking with Joni, and she is one of the most enthusiastic women I've ever talked with and she in turn raves about Dana! They will discuss about what is needed for us to win in Novembers, specific to our area. should be informative and help us truly take control of this election. WE CAN DO THIS!

COMING UP: In July, we give thanks for our freedoms and we are delighted to have Wesley Hunt as our presenter. As a veteran, he will offer his thoughts on the state of our military. After high school, Wesley was received an appointment to West Point and in 2004 received his commission in the U.S. Army. He then spent 8 years as an Aviation Branch Officer and AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter pilot. His service included one combat deployment to Iraq, and two deployments to Saudi Arabia where he served as a Diplomatic Liaison Officer representing the U.S. Government in missions involving the Royal Saudi Land Forces Aviation Corps. Upon completion of his military service and honorable discharge as a Captain, Wesley attended Cornell University and earned an MBA, an MPA and a Master of Industrial and Labor Relations. As many you are aware, Wesley is also the Republican Candidate for Congressional District 7. We look forward to this program celebrating the U.S. military and its veterans.

CFRW Tribute to Women Honoree

CFRW Tribute to Women Honoree: Our Treasurer Pat Baughman

Every two years, Texas Federation of Republican Women affords its affiliated local clubs the opportunity to honor one of their members who has distinguished herself in Republican activism and made an impact on Texas and her club.

These honorees from the many Texas TFRW local clubs are recognized at a special luncheon during the Texas Republican Convention where they are presented with a commemorative certificate, pin, photo-

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graph, and various other honors. This all takes place in Houston this July where TFRW's theme will focus on the 100-year anniversary of Women's Right to Vote.

Cy-Fair Republican Women voted to honor our current club Treasurer Pat Baughman at this special event. Over the past two years, Pat has served as CFRW's treasurer for all finance and accounting functions for the club, and, in addition, prepared and filed all necessary PAC reports which included all activity during our huge 2019 High Heels and High Tea Fundraiser in which she was tasked

with accounting for over \$20,000 of contributions.

More recently, Pat Baughman, was acknowledged by the National Federation of Republican Women for helping with the phone calling campaign resulting in the election of Republicans to Congressional seats in both Wisconsin and California She was one of the top GOTV phone callers on behalf of Republican candidates Mike Garcia of California and Tom Tiffany of Wisconsin. This was the first time since 1998 that a Republican has taken a seat held by a Democrat in CaliBoth NFRW and TFRW leadership recognized Pat's achievements including NFRW President Ann Schockett announcing her name, club and state in the national weekly Fast Forward video, and also sharing her information on Facebook and in the nationally-distributed Capital Connection newsletter.

For more about Pat, see the attached biography and photo. Please congratulate Pat when next you see her!

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Pat Baughman is currently Treasurer for Cy-Fair Republican Women in Cypress. She is a graduate from Texas A&M University and has a Master degree from Prairie View. She retired as a CPA and has over 35 years of experience in auditing and/or work experience with Municipalities, Counties and State entities. During her employment at Blinn College, she was involved working on several state boards as well as working with the LBB preparing the Blinn College's biennial budgets.

She was born and raised in a rural farming community in Iowa. She married her husband of 43 years in 1976 and then shortly after moved to Texas. She attended Lone Star College-North Harris Campus and participated in the Young Republican group. Her husband was transferred to Brenham in 1977 where they lived and raised their family. In 2008, they moved to Cypress to work for a local CPA firm.

She has three children, Amy, Mark and Tammy, and 4 grandchildren. They all live around the Houston area and she and her husband are always available to assist them with babysitting and etc. She volunteers as the Accountant for her daughter-in-law's business, Onehydraulics, Inc., which was started in 2016.

Pat joined Cy-Fair Republican Women in 2016. In 2017 she was elected as the club's Campaign Chairman and in 2019 she was elected as the club's Treasurer. She has just recently been selected to be a Delegate for Precinct 143.

Pat's other volunteer service positions include being on the Teen Life Center Board, volunteering as the Teen Life Center's Treasurer, and volunteers at the Memorial Hermann North Cypress Hospital.



Pat Baughman CFRW Tribute to Women Honoree

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Cy-Fair Republican Women

2020 Membership Application

DATE: OFFICEUSE: IN PERSON MAIL/ EMAIL		
PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:		
CONTACT INFORMATION	PUBLISH IN WEBSITE YES NO DIRECTORY/MEMBERS ONLY TAB?	
Home Address:	Cell Number:	
City, State, Zip:	Work Number:	
Precinct #:	Home Number:	
Occupation: (Required for PAC Report)	Email Address:	
Title:	Spouse Name:	
BEST WAY TO REACH YOU	NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
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ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? IN HARRIS COUNTY?		
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Associate Woman ~ Active member of which Republican women's club?	☐ New or ☐ Renewal \$20.00 ☐	
Associate Man	☐ New or ☐ Renewal \$35.00 ☐	
GETTING INVOLVED! ~ CHECK ANY MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED		
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Legislation Fund Raising	Publicity	
Historian Other	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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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.capitol.state.tx.us - Updates on what is going on in the Texas Legislature

<u>http://www.texaspolicy.com</u> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues

<u>http://www.sos.state.tx.us</u> - Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments

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