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President

Gail Schubot

Bulletin from the President—March 2020

To our Cy-Fair Republican Women Members and Friends:

We want to thank Political Campaign Consultant Jessica Colon for an excellent presentation to our club on March 10, 2020. With the primary election behind us, we now know who are our Republican candidates (except for a few to be determined in the runoff election). We have moved into the critical campaign season preceding the November election.

Jessica was most valuable in addressing how we can best help the candidates and our party throughout the campaign season. Even if you have physical limitations, time constraints and other challenges, there is so much to do:

-Write or text friends, family and acquaintances: Tell them whom you are endorsing; encourage them to vote; and encourage them to vote the entire ballot.

-Get names and phone numbers from campaigns and call or text. Personalize your message sufficiently so that they know you are not a robocall.

-Vouch for your candidates on social media. Facebook is still dominant, but consider Twitter, Instagram, etc. too.

-Install apps such as Red Dialer through which you will receive targeted people to contact. Harris County GOP personnel, campaign staff & other resources are available to help you set this up.

-Offer to help your Precinct Chair with phone calling and other assistance.

-Help with office work in the campaign office.

Bottom line, whether you have arthritis, are shy, work a full time job, have kids at home...there are things you can do!

-If all Republicans register and vote, Republican candidates will win.

-So, we need to be sure all Republicans are registered and go and vote – the entire ballot.

-The best way to ensure Republicans vote is to engage them by making contact and by keeping in contact with them.

Upcoming Important Dates

March 19	CFRW Board Meeting
March 21	SD Conventions
April 14	CFRW General Meeting
April 23	CFRW Board Meeting
May 7	CFRW Spring Day Trip
May 12	CFRW General Meeting
May 11-16	TX GOP Convention
May 21	CFRW Board Meeting
May 26	Run-off Election Day
June 9	CFRW General Meeting
June 18	CFRW Board Meeting
July 14	CFRW General Meeting
July 23	CFRW Board Meeting

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- Scholarship:** Shirley Chambers
- Website/Facebook:** Suzanne Davis

Secretary

Alice Gullett

General Meeting Minutes - February 2020

Cy-Fair Republican Women
Hearthstone Country Club

Minutes of General Meeting - February 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the President, Gail Schubot.

Chaplain, Clarissa Fether, led in prayer and salute to the flags.

Program Chair Coleen Gilbert, then introduced candidates running for State Representative Districts 135 and 132 as well as Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 3. She stated that a majority of the Club's members reside in these areas and this meeting would be about taking back these seats and keeping the Commissioner Republican. Ms. Gilbert stated that the club needs to know these candidates, what they stand for and asked each of them to give a brief introduction of themselves. The first candidate to speak was Justin Ray, candidate for District 135. He stated his position and goals if elected. His opponent, Merrilee Beazley then gave a brief talk and gave her qualifications. The next candidate to speak was Mike Scofield who is running for State Representative District 132, and Angelica Garcia, running for the same position. They shared their goals and ambitions if elected. The final speakers were Tom Ramsey and Brenda Stardig, candidates for Harris County Commissioner for Precinct 3.

Ms. Schubot then introduced other candidates and representatives in attendance as well as welcoming guests and new members. Two new members joined today, making the membership total 71, with 60 active members and 11 associate members. She then discussed goals for the club in growing membership. She stated that the club met its goals for 2019 and listed goals for 2020. Those included increasing the membership to 100, 90 of those being active. Additionally, to increase attendance at general meetings and to increase campaign hours; the 2019 hours were just under 10,000.

She then presented the proposed budget for 2020 with copies made available on each table. The Treasurer, Pat Baughman, along with the executive committee worked on preparing the budget. Jan Ott made a motion that the budget item Campaign Funds Disbursement be changed from \$22,500 to \$18,000. This motion was seconded by Nancy Roberts and the motion carried. Nancy Roberts then proposed to amend the amount budgeted for Name Badges from \$450 to \$250. This motion was seconded by Suzanne Davis and the motion carried. The budget for 2020 as amended was then approved.

It was then stated that scholarship applications were available at the meeting. These scholarships are for young Republican women planning to attend college. The deadline for application is March 23. Applications are also available on the club's website.

Campaign Hours Chair, Joy Gregory, asked that club members be sure to turn in campaign hours. She also stated that the Primary Election is in March and General Election is in November so, the club has 7 months to be working for these candidates.

There was then a drawing for door prizes and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Gullett, Secretary

Preparing for a Big Year!

We started the year with a bang, hearing from chairman of the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee Alan Vera in January. He gave such an interesting, informative talk about elections, I think we could have listened to him for another hour!

At our executive meeting, we decided we truly needed a forum, but that there were so many local races, and so much going on, it was almost impossible to figure out which way to

turn. Upon consideration, we realized that right where we were sitting in Cy Fair, we had two Democrats in formerly Republican seats, and a retiring county commissioner! We decided to narrow our focus. We entitled our February meeting **“Take Back Districts 132 & 135 and Keep Precinct 3!”** and invited all the Republican primary candidates for those races to come introduce themselves and share their priorities. All but one of the candidates came to speak, and it was a great meeting. Members had time to interact and

gather information to make primary voting decisions. Our club promised to help the primary winners with their races.

In keeping with our theme, Jessica Colón, long-time grassroots activist and political consultant and owner of Colón & Company, is our March speaker and will engage, encourage and enthuse CRFW “beyond block walking” as we get ready to jump into the serious business of taking back Harris County, and turning it RED again!

We all have a part to play. Let’s Go!



January Speaker
Alan Vera



March Speaker
Jessica Colon



**January donation to Cy-Hope
by Linda McKeehan
as part of Caring for America**

Membership

COME ONE, COME ALL...

We have so much to accomplish before the November Election! Come and join the FUN!

Bring your friends, neighbors and acquaintances to CFRW’s April 14th General Meeting. Make your list of five to contact now and bring them with you to the meeting. Our Membership Goal for 2020 has been raised and we need

“all hands-on deck”

to take back Harris County and Keep Texas Red. Meeting is \$5/Meeting & Lunch being \$25.

I know that you don’t want to miss what’s going on in CFRW and around our communities. Make sure to join/renew today. (This will be the final newsletter for those not renewed.) If you haven’t renewed for 2020, please do so today. Application is at the end of this newsletter.

Please RSVP to www.cfrw.net by April 7th and read about the speaker for April.

Victory 2020!

Nancy Roberts/Linda Llewellyn
Membership Co-Chairs

**High Heels and High Tea
Auction Reception**
February 20, 2020



*Special Guest
State Representative District 130
Tom Oliverson*



*CFRW Hostesses
Colleen Gilbert, Bonnie Foster, and Darcy Mingoia
with Successful Bidder Lori Klein*



Haak Vineyards and Winery Inc

6310 Avenue T, Santa Fe, TX 77510

409-925-1401

May 7, 2020

Winery Tour, Tasting and Lunch

\$36.34 per person

Includes Tour, history of Texas Wine, tasting (5 wines), Lunch, Tax and Gratuity

This will be a membership recruitment opportunity as well as an educational one to learn about the history of the Texas wine and the wine business. A minimum of 25 people is required so be sure to invite friends and family. We will need your RSVP to barbarabuxton@comcast.net before April 20. Payment is due at that time.

CFRW is reserving a Harris County Precinct 4 Bus. You must be at least 50 years old to ride the bus but you are welcome to go by carpool if under 50. The bus is free.

9 a.m. - Depart Champions Forest Baptist Church - Jersey Village

16518 Jersey Drive
Jersey Village, TX 77040

The bus will be on the Jersey Drive side of the church.

3 p.m. - Depart Haak Vineyards

Census Day – April 1, 2020

The Census, which takes place every ten years, is a count of every person living in the United States and is mandated by the Constitution. The first one was in 1790 and had six questions. The U.S. population at that time was 3,929,214. Over the years it became evident that more useful information was needed. In 1810 the Census also collected economic data on the quantity and value of manufactured goods. In 1850, it began to collect “social statistics” (information about taxes, education, crime, and value of estate, etc.) By 1900 the census collected data on hundreds of topics including “mother-tongue” and civil war veteran status. Naturally, with increased complexity Congress enacted legislation creating a permanent Census Office in 1902. By 1940, additional questions were asked of a sample of the population (thus having a long and a short form), including questions on internal migration, veteran status, and the number of children ever born to women. In 1980, the Hispanic-origin was asked of all households. The US population at that time was 226,542,199. In 2010, there was again a single questionnaire that asked only 10 questions and by that time the population was 308,745,538.

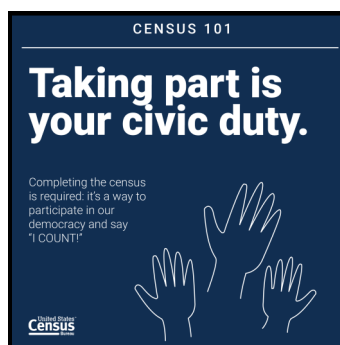
Everyone living in the U.S. is required by law to be counted by the census. The official census day is April 1. If the mailed forms are not returned they will be followed up on from May 1 – July 31. Most of the population will fill out the census form and return it by mail, but there are some areas in particular where a large percentage of the population does not return the form, forcing enumerators to visit to get the questionnaire filled out in person. To curb this risk, the U.S. Census Bureau began sending postcards in February inviting people to respond online, by phone or by mail. The paper questionnaire will arrive at most households between March 12-20 with instructions in English and 12 other languages. In order to help make sure children are also counted, the school districts will help educate students about the importance of the census and provide additional educational materials to take home in hopes the children will influence their parents. Nationwide, an estimated 1 million children under 5 were not counted in 2010, the highest of any age group, according to the bureau. Texas ranked No. 1, with 102,406 children under 5 who were not counted.

Part of the school districts education objective is to allay fears of the data being provided to other federal agencies. A colorful flier the children will receive from school states “The Census Bureau will never share information with immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), law enforcement agencies like the police or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or allow this information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.” By law, responses to Census Bureau surveys are confidential and used for statistical purposes only. Unlawful disclosure is a federal crime punishable by a \$250,000 fine or five years in prison, or both. Personal information cannot be disclosed for 72 years and Census staff are sworn for life to protect confidentiality.

The data collected is important as it provides governments, scholars, planners, businesses, and individuals the data they need to build schools, plan highways, open businesses, and distribute the billions of dollars in federal spending that sustains a growing population. Every year, \$675 billion in federal funding for transportation, food stamps, school lunches and children’s health insurance are allocated nationwide using census data from local communities. Any undercount means those communities might not get as much as they need and local taxpayers and nonprofits end up making up the difference. In 2016 alone, Texas received more than \$59 billion through 55 federal spending programs guided by data derived from the 2010 census. Despite being the second-most populous state, it still ranked 43rd among states in federal grants received per resident in 2016, according to the state comptroller’s office.

The census affects politics as well as the data determines how the 435 seats of the United States House of Representatives are distributed among the 50 states. Texas stands to gain up to three seats in Congress with the 2020 census information. Statewide, the information is used for drawing the maps for redistricting.

Remember, the Census data impacts all of us and is easy, safe and required. It is used to determine funding for schools, community programs and families and political representation.



CFRW Literacy Program and Walker Elementary

Each year, Cy-Fair Republican Women delivers a dictionary to each and every third grader at Walker Elementary. They use these resources to help with their Starr testing and are able to take the dictionaries home with them at the end of the school year for their own personal library.

This year, on February 6, Literacy Committee Chair Amy Ramon, together with President Gail Schubot, visited all six of the third grade classrooms with Assistant Principal Nanette Carroll, presented these valuable tools and received dozens and dozens of smiles and thanks from the students.

Cy-Fair Republican Women also provides each fifth grader at Walker Elementary with a booklet about the U.S. Constitution and sponsors a competition in which the fifth grade students write an essay about someone who stood for what the Constitution represents. The students' teachers select what they believe to be the best as among their individual classrooms, and then these are submitted to the CFRW Literacy Committee to judge the top three submissions.

This year's winners included:

1st Place: Princess Ramos for her essay on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2nd Place: Antonio Monarrez for his essay on Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

3rd Place: Marcella Morales for her essay on Rosa Parks.

Book store gift cards were presented to the top three winners, and all students whose essays were submitted by their teachers received a certificate of achievement acknowledging them as an honoree. Amy Ramon announced the award winners at an assembly of the fifth grade classes, and the three award recipients read excerpts from their prize-winning entries. Students and teachers showed their appreciation to CFRW with cheers and applause.

Thank you to our CFRW members whose participation, including your annual dues, contribute to the success of these literacy projects. Special appreciation to Chief Ramon who is leading the Literacy Committee effort during this two year cycle, and to CFRW member Joy Gregory whose help with judging the assets is invaluable each year.



Amy Ramon with Nanette Carroll, Asst. Principal at Walker Elementary





Jan Ott

**Candidate
Forum**



Barbara Buxton, LTC Allen West, & Jody Rushton

Scholarships

Shirley Chambers

Cy-Fair Republican Women-Educational Scholarship (CFRW)

2020 High School Graduate Application Requirements

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 2020
- 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 noon March 23, 2020 to:

Shirley Chambers, Scholarship Committee

Cy-Fair Republican Women

cyfairrw@gmail.com

CAMPAIGN HOURS ARE IMPORTANT!

WHY?

The main goal of Republican Women's Club is to elect Republicans and to further the Republican Philosophy. Each and every one of us needs to be ready to work toward these goals.

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THIS?

We keep in touch with our Representatives, staff phone banks, block walk, participate in voter registration drives, enlist our friends, and work through our local club.

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A CLUB MEMBER?

Each member should keep a monthly log of their hours spent in furthering the Republican cause and report them to the Campaign Chair (Joy Gregory) each month.

NONE OF US CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT EACH ONE OF US CAN DO SOMETHING!

Beginning this month I would like each of us to make one phone call or write one note to one of our State Representatives about something that concerns you. I intend to write a note concerning Teacher Pay and increasing the stability of the Teacher Retirement System. Once you have done this record the time you spent on this activity in your Campaign Hours Log. See that's easy.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO ?

We will start with the easy ones: give yourself one hour for travel time to and from the monthly meeting. Monthly meeting time does not get hours, but if you have to prepare anything for the meeting (example: report or handout) you can count the time spent getting it ready. If you are a Board Member you can count the time spent at the meeting and travel time. Officers and Committee Chairs you need to count the hours you spend doing your job each month, include time you spend on the computer answering and sending emails, etc.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT I KEEP AND TURN IN MY HOURS?

We turn our hours into TFRW and NFRW to count towards our Club Awards. TFRW and NFRW also keep totals for all the hours spent yearly for all Clubs in the State and US. There is also Individual Awards for Campaign Hours. Next month I will give you some more ideas for things you may count.

REMEMBER YOU HAVE A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT!!



Barbara Buxton & Linda McKeehan

CFRW
Christmas Social
December 15, 2019



Barbara Buxton, James McKeegan,
& Linda McKeehan

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Candidate for State Representative District 135 Justin Ray and State Representative for District 126 Sam Harless were both at our March 10 meeting, too. They emphasized how critical it will be for us to help get out the vote for both their campaigns and encouraged us to be personally involved in any way we can.

State Representative Sam Harless also addressed some of the issues related to Harris County Commissioners' Court, the underlying issues and initiatives being introduced by the Democrat members of the Court and the critical need to elect Republican Candidate Tom Ramsey and reelect Commissioner Cagle for Precincts 3 and 4, respectively.

A final note of appreciation for everyone who donated pump bottles of liquid hand soap ("soft-soap") for our Caring for America charity, Cy-Hope this month. We did not realize when we first put out the call for this item what an important item it would be with the current virus outbreak. You are to be commended for giving our kids the means to wash their hands often and well as we work to keep our entire community safe and healthy!

Thank you for your consideration. A copy of our February meeting minutes were previously sent to you with my advance Bulletin by email. Please be sure to register your RSVP to our website by NOON Tuesday, April 7 for our April 14 meeting!

Sincerely,

Gail Schubot



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!)

March 19: CFRW Board Meeting @ 11 a.m. @ Hearthstone.

March 21: Republican Senatorial District 7 Convention at Glorious Way Church.

March 23 – NOON: Deadline to Submit Applications for CFRW Educational Scholarships.

April 7 – NOON: Deadline to RSVP for CFRW April 14 Membership Meeting.

April 14: CFRW Membership Meeting and Luncheon @ Hearthstone Country Club from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

May 7: CFRW Bus Trip to Haak Vineyards & Winery, Santa Fe, TX.

May 11-16: Texas State Republican Convention at George R Brown Convention Center, Houston.

May 26: Republican Runoff Election.



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2020 Membership Application

DATE:		OFFICE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL/ EMAIL	
PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:			
CONTACT INFORMATION		PUBLISH IN WEBSITE DIRECTORY/MEMBERS ONLY TAB? <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?			
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MEMBER TYPE			
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Please list talents/skills you possess: <i>(Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)</i>			
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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

<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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