



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



Summer is half way over and Cy-Fair Republican Women have kept our momentum going. With regular meetings all summer on the 2nd Tuesday, it's always amazing to me how interesting our club's meetings have remained. You would think we had covered all the speakers and subjects, but there's always something different and unique about each and every one of our meetings. We will do our best to keep the information interesting and fresh for our future meetings. Many thanks to our 1st Vice President of Programs, Millie Alford, for keeping the program roster filled with fun and informative subjects and speakers.

Our club had a great meeting in July with Senator Dan Patrick coming by and sharing his views on Obamacare, which Senator Patrick says "will bankrupt the nation". He also commented on the increasing taxation of our citizens saying, "This increase in taxes takes all the incentive away from entrepreneurs". Our members very much enjoyed hearing Senator Patrick's remarks and spending some time meeting and speaking with him personally.

If you receive the Cypress Creek Mirror Community Newspaper, then you might have seen an article

about this meeting. One of their reporters, Crystal Simmons, was in attendance and wrote a very nice article about it in their July 18th edition of this newspaper. The article appeared on the **front page**. What a great place to see our club name appear. I would like to thank Crystal for taking the time to come to our meeting and writing this really good article. The article entitled "Senator Dan Patrick addresses Cy-Fair Republican Women" will undoubtedly appear on the newspaper's website soon. The website address is www.CypressCreekMirror.com.

Plans have been finalized for our Annual August Social that will be on August 14, 2012. The location is Longwood Golf Club Pavilion, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, Texas 77429. The social will start at 6:30 pm for registration and our speaker for this event will be U.S. Congressman Ted Poe, 2nd District of Texas. There will be a meet and greet until approximately 7:00 pm when the program will begin. Please bring your spouses, family and friends. Congressman Poe is always a great speaker and we are sure you won't be disappointed. The cost is \$10.00 per person for early RSVP's in by August 7, 2012 and will then be \$15.00 after this date and at the door. There will be appetizers included in this price along with non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be provided for your convenience. There is a flyer inside with more information. Make your plans to attend and bring others interested in hearing Congressman

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Poe. It's an inexpensive evening and a great way to get to know your fellow club members a little better.

I know that many of you voted, and or, worked polls during the Primary Runoffs that were just completed at the end of July. I do hope that your candidate won his or her place to be on the ballot in the November General Election. Now we will all need to roll up our sleeves and work to make sure that these Republican Candidates will have enough votes to defeat their opponents from the other party on November 6, 2012.

~Rita Parrish

Mark Your Calendars!

- Aug 14th** CFRW August Social
6:30-8:30pm Longwood Golf Club Pavilion
- Sept 11th** CFRW General Mtg
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6
- Sept 13th** CFRW Board Mtg
10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Club



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MEMBERSHIP Betty Guthrie

Welcome **Debra Grosskopf, and Elizabeth "Beth" Weaver** as our newest Active Members and **Bob Janusaitis** as our newest Associate Man Member! We look forward to your participation in our activities and appreciate your support.

Our Annual Evening Social on August 14th will be a great time to bring your spouse, friends and neighbors to meet our members and learn about our club. We are looking forward to having U.S. Representative Ted Poe (TX-2) as

Welcome to our New Members:



Carole Horton

Laura Tijernia



Janet Townsley
(Associate Member)

our speaker. In this pivotal election year, he is sure to give an interesting, informative and timely presentation. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Join our grassroots organization to support our GOP candidates and Republican platform! A Membership Application is included in this newsletter. It may also be accessed on our Web site www.cfrw.net. Join now and get involved! You may contact me at BLPGuthrie@aol.com or 281-370-3956, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

**Thanks for
being part of
the CFRW
Club!**

See You All at Our August Social! See our flyer on page 3 for more information!



Cy-Fair Republican Women

invite you and your guests to join us on
August 14, 2012, at 6:30 pm
for our Annual Evening Social
at the Longwood Golf Club Pavilion

**We are happy to have as our
Guest Speaker**

**U.S. Congressman Ted Poe
2nd District of Texas**

Cost is \$10.00 per person with an RSVP by August 7. Tickets at the door will be \$15.00 per person. Price includes appetizers, tea & water. There will be a cash bar for your convenience.

**RSVP by mailing your check, made out to
CFRW to:**



Barbara Buxton, 15614 Azalea Shores Drive
Houston, Texas 77070

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Please include names of Attendees for name badges.

Directions to Longwood Golf Club:

249 - Exit at Louetta Road and go west. Continue past Grant Road to the stop sign at Longwood Trace and turn left. Go about 1.2 miles and Longwood Golf Club will be on the right. The Pavilion is the building to the left of the Clubhouse. **OR**

290 - Exit Telge Road and go north. Cross Huffmeister at Light and turn right onto Longwood Trace. Go about 3 blocks and Longwood Golf Club will be on the left. The Pavilion is the building to the left of the Clubhouse.



Longwood Golf Club Pavilion,
13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429, 281-373-4100





PROGRAMS Millie Alford

Hopefully, the water has all receded and we'll have a few dry days. Last summer, we were praying for rain and now, we're praying for sunshine.



A special Thanks to Senator Dan Patrick for being our Guest Speaker in July. So much information! His mind is like a steel trap! He can recall numbers and percentages in an unbelievable way, and our members and guests were amazed and pleased to hear him speak and answer our questions. He left our

meeting with 2 applications for membership and we're hoping to receive them soon. Welcome to Sen. Patrick and his wife. Thanks for including our meeting information on your website. We appreciate the positive exposure. August is our yearly Social. We will meet at Longwood Golf Club. This year we are privileged to have Congressman Ted Poe, US 2nd District of Texas as our Guest Speaker. As a 6th generation Texan, Congressman Ted Poe learned very early on the meaning of "God and Texas." Born and raised in Texas, his grandmother instilled in him a love for Texas, faith, public service and conservative principles. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 to represent the Second Congressional District of Texas, Congressman Poe brings his no-nonsense style to Washington, DC. He is a leading voice for Texans standing up for conservative principles, reducing the size of the federal government and promoting

constitutional and individual liberties.



His heart is with our Service Men and Women and their families. Congressman Poe is recognized nationally for his efforts to secure our borders and to establish a plan for energy independence. He regularly visits our troops in the War Zones of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Send in your reservation early and don't miss this meeting. Bring your spouse and friends to this annual social. You will experience a great evening of patriotism and gain knowledge on local, state, and national political issues. The food will be awesome and we'll have a great fellowship with fellow true-conservatives.

Paltry Texas Primary Turnout Means Last Word Goes to Few People

by Ross Ramsey of The Texas Tribune

Every vote cast for the winner of the Republican primary effectively represents the power of 30 adults going to the polls.

It is easy to lament low voter turnout. Only 11 percent of the state's voting age adults showed up for the May primaries.

But look at their clout: Every actual voter was making a decision on behalf of nine people. In the runoff voting that starts next week and

ends on July 31, those voters will probably have even greater power.

The Republican primary, with 25 races from the United States Senate to the Statehouse, is bigger than the Democratic runoff, with 12. Both have Senate runoffs — Ted Cruz and David Dewhurst on the Republican side, and Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough on the Democratic side.

Most of us, as usual, will sit back and watch — if we are not sitting back and ignoring the proceedings



altogether. That is not cynical, it is in the numbers.

The record for modern Texas runoffs was set in 1993, a summer affair that followed Lloyd Bentsen's move from U.S. senator to Treasury secretary during Bill Clinton's first term as president.

The first election was at the beginning of May, a multiparty mix of



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24 candidates from the Republican, Democratic, People's, Libertarian and Socialist Workers parties, with a half-dozen independents tossed in for seasoning. It got a lot of attention, and nearly 2.1 million voters turned out.

U.S. Sen. Robert Krueger, a Democrat who had been appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to fill in for Bentsen until the special election, made it into the runoff with Kay Bailey Hutchison, then the state treasurer. And this is the number that is shocking, especially if you have picked your way through the runoff statistics of the last two decades: Nearly 1.8 million voters came back a month later for the final decision.

In a state where the average runoff does well to bring back one voter for every two who appeared in the first round, that was huge.

Fast forward 19 years. Because of redistricting litigation, the state primaries were delayed until May 29, with runoffs pushed back to July 31. That same Senate seat is open again, and for a variety of reasons, the pool of candidates is smaller and less experienced.

For one thing, the 1993 contest got a huge amount of news coverage and was the only thing of interest on the ballot. The redistricting has dragged out this year's politics, and the presidential race has snagged a

good deal of the attention that might otherwise have gone to a top-of-the-ticket race here.

Because the 1993 contest was a special election, officeholders could run without sacrificing their posts; this year, they had to choose between re-election and a shot at the Senate. Members of Congress jumped into the earlier race knowing that if they lost, they would still have their jobs. It was a freebie. That was not true this year.



In 1993, Texas was a two-party state. This year, it would be a tide-turning, bone-rattling, earth-moving surprise to see a Democrat break 45 percent — much less 50 percent — in a statewide general election. Earlier this month, Sadler, the more prominent of the two Democrats running for the seat, sent out an e-mail proposing a cross-state tour that he hoped would raise \$15,000 over a month's time. That is the same as six Democratic donors giving the maximum they are allowed to contribute. In a normal year, a candidate from either faction would be able to raise that much selling lemonade in a parking lot in the nicer

parts of Houston or Dallas or San Antonio.

Combined, almost 2 million people voted in the two Texas primaries this year. On average, one in three will come back for the runoff; if it is a good year, nearly 1 million will show.

Shake it all out and it is likely that it will require fewer than 300,000 people to choose the winner in the Republican primary. And if that is the primary that chooses the next senator — it looks like a reasonable bet, given recent history — that is the number of Texans it will take to choose the next senator.

Think of it: If everyone who is eligible voted, it would take more than 9 million votes to become a senator from Texas. Instead, every vote cast for the winner of the Republican primary effectively represents the power of 30 adults going to the polls.

The math is simple: At some point, votes begin to count.

I've never been able to understand why a Republican contributor is a 'fat cat' and a Democratic contributor of the same amount of money is a 'public-spirited philanthropist'.

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

Quotes from Ronald Reagan



General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

July 10, 2012

President, Rita Parrish called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. Chaplain, Kay Waghorne gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Membership Chairman, Betty Guthrie welcomed our guests, elected officials, and candidates.

Texas Senator Dan Patrick, District 7, gave an informative talk on the legislature and what we can expect in the next session.

Officer's Reports

The minutes from the June 12, 2012 regular meeting were approved as printed in the July Newsletter.

Rita reported for Treasurer, Barbara Buxton that as of June 30, 2012 we had a balance of \$20,388.41; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,103.87.

1st Vice President, Millie Alford announced that Congressman, Ted Poe would be our speaker at the August Social, August 14, 2012 at Longwood Golf Club Pavilion.

3rd Vice President, Melissa Ronquillo stated that the deadline

for articles for the August Newsletter is Monday, July 16, 2012. She asked that any new members see Historian Linda Dempsey before they leave today to have their picture taken. Melissa plans on spotlighting the new members in the newsletter to help us all get to know each other better.

Membership Chair, Betty Guthrie reported that as of today we have 75 regular members, 14 associate members, and 9 associate men. If any of you need a nametag, please see her.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory, asked everyone to fill in their hours on the sheets scattered on the tables. She reminded us that hours only count for regular members – associate member's hours are counted at their home club.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden thanked everyone for the things that have been brought so far. Look for her email with suggestions for future donations for OI and Boys and Girls Country.



Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Rita reminded us that the Board meeting is back on our regular Thursday after the regular meeting date - July 12, 2012 at Hearthstone CC at 10 am.

Next month's meeting will be our evening August Social on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at the Longwood Golf Club Pavilion, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429, 6:30-8:30 pm. Appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks are included in the \$10.00 per person fee. There will be a cash bar. Your check received by August 7, 2012 will be your reservation. After this date or at the door, the cost will be \$15.00. Mail your checks made out to CFRW to Barbara Buxton.

Rita passed around signup sheets for anyone interested in being a part of the leadership of Cy-Fair Republican Women in 2013-2014.

Rita asked everyone to take note of the dates to remember. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary

Pictures of our July meeting with Senator Dan Patrick





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2012 Membership Application

DATE: _____ OFFICE USE: IN PERSON MAIL/ EMAIL

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:

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Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i>	Email Address:
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BEST WAY TO REACH YOU	NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
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CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?

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"/>
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 #:

Betty Guthrie
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For more information regarding membership, please contact Betty Guthrie: 281-370-3956 (Home)



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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/](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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