



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## Rita's Reflections



Another year is coming to an end and as I look back I am amazed at how much we took on as a club since I became President 2 years ago. I have to honestly say that at times I was wondering how we could do some of our tasks in such a short time. But every time we committed to an event to organize and implement we had great success. Our members rose to the challenges of fundraising, candidate forums, membership drives, voter registration drives and a really long election process. We all pulled together and gave it all our best effort and achieved success in all we attempted. I have to give much credit to my very capable board members.

**Millie Alford**, 1st VP Programs kept our meetings rich with excellent speakers on a variety of topics. We never had a meeting that wasn't entertaining or a learning experience. Thanks Millie for staying on top of this very important party of our club's success.

2nd VP, Ways and Means was the responsibility of **Suzanne Davis**.

What an incredible job Suzanne accomplished pulling off a highly successful Biennial Fund Raiser, High Heels and High Tea. We had a large attendance, great vendors and a fun style show and luncheon. At our monthly meetings she displayed our CFRW shirts, cookbooks and children's political books by Peter Barnes as well as other miscellaneous items. She consistently sold many of these items and kept the money flowing in.

3rd VP, **Melissa Ronquillo**, our Newsletter Editor worked hard to up-

date our newsletter to a more stylish design. Using a new program for the newsletter has really improved the look and Melissa's talents insured that the format is outstanding. What a pleasure to see the changes and I am so proud of the new look of our newsletter.

Treasurer, **Barbara Buxton** deserves much credit and many thanks for keeping our books in such good order for the past 4 years. What was spent and what we brought in was always at our fingertips. Keeping our records up to date with the TEC has been a tedious job and but was done with precision and efficiency. Thanks Barbara, for insuring that we complied with the state requirements of a PAC, with TFRW, and also with the NFRW.

Our club Secretary, **Traci Sarradet** has been so much fun to work with.

She put her own spin on the General Meeting Minutes and the Board Meeting Minutes. Thanks Traci for taking all those notes and putting them onto paper so we could all remember what we discussed and planned to get done as a club. I know sometimes we were hard to follow when all the ideas were flying about at the board meetings and we did appreciate you sorting it all out.

**Mary Moss** has been filling two positions as our Past President and our Awards Chair. Mary has been a valuable resource for me when I had a question about how to handle my duties as President. She has also been keeping us on track to earn extra points with TFRW and we are on the way to being an award-winning club again. Thanks Mary for keeping us on target with all the items we still need to accomplish to reach our goal of achieving this award at the TFRW convention.

**Jan Ott**, Parliamentarian has also been very helpful with keeping me

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straight on the use of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Thanks Jan for making sure I followed the "rules".

Membership was a position that **Betty Guthrie** has made seem so easy. Betty worked hard at keeping our membership numbers up and put us in the running for awards at the TFRW Convention each year that she has been in charge. Our club should receive an award at the 2013 TFRW Convention for increasing our membership by more than 15%. Thanks Betty for always going above and beyond in securing new and renewal members.

**Joy Gregory** headed campaign Activities, another very important position in our leadership. Joy did an outstanding job of encouraging our members to volunteer their time to work on campaigns, register voters and attend seminars to learn more about how to make our club more effective. Joy has

## Mark Your Calendars!

- Dec 2nd** CFRW Christmas  
6:00-9:00pm Party
- Dec 6th** Walker Elementary  
8:00-9:00am Dictionary Donation
- Dec 6th** CFRW Board Meeting  
10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Country Club
- Jan 8th** CFRW Gen. Meeting  
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6.



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**DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
*Sunday, December 2, 2012*  
**Special Guest Commissioner Jack Cagle**  
Will be attending and doing the invocation  
for our 2013-2014 Board Members  
**Hearthstone Country Club**  
7615 Ameswood Road  
Houston, TX 77095  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Cy-Falls  
Chamber Choir

**RSVP \$20 - At the Door \$25 (cash/checks)**  
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always kept up with the volunteers' hours and made sure we had these reported to TFRW so our club will be recognized as a hard working club.

Thanks Joy for getting our membership out to volunteer where they were needed.

**Pam Waldren** has been in charge of Hospitality for the monthly meetings.

Keeping up with the RSVP's to our website and letting Carrabba's know how many people to expect at each meeting. She has also been responsible for planning the Christmas Parties and our yearly socials each August.

Thanks to Pam we have had enough seating at meetings and parties and the food choices are always good. As a result we have had really successful events these past two years.

I would also like to thank **Joan Hudgens** for her contributions to the newsletter on legislative issues. Joan has been diligent in searching out issues we all needed to be aware of. Thanks Joan for doing a great job.

All of our Special Committee Chairs have been outstanding as well. **Debby Frieden**, Caring for America; **Kay Waghorne**, Chaplain; **Linda Dempsey**, Historian; **Mary Atchison**, Literacy; **Stephanie Peters**, Publicity; and **Betty Phelan Collins**, Registra-

tion have all worked to make our meetings run smooth and our contributions to the community be successful.

And last but certainly not least is our Webmaster, **Kristen Govantes** who has been responsible for keeping our information to the public current and informative. We have had many visitors to our meetings because they looked us up on the internet and found where and when we have our meetings. We have truly appreciated Kristen's updates and changes to the website and I know some of these were given to her at the last minute but she got the changes and updates made consistently.

I have enjoyed working with my board members and would not have gotten anything done without you all. In giving your time and expertise you have made my time as President of Cy-Fair Republican Women a very rewarding experience. Thanks to you all.

I also want to say a big Thank You to all of our members. Without you there would be no CFRW and we wouldn't get to know each other and share our common conservative interests. I've had a wonderful time and look forward to our Newly Elected Leaders for 2013-14 and their future successes.

*~Rita Parrish*





## PROGRAMS Millie Alford

Members, sorry if you weren't in attendance at our last meeting on November 13; you missed a very informative presentation by our guest, Brad Bailey. He explained controversial immigration issues as they relate to the Republican Party, and specifically, Texas residents. He outlined the issues adopted by the Party Platform and gave us direction on how both individuals and our party can advance our knowledge and understanding of the problems. We have additional copies of his presentation material if you would like to read his interesting information. Email me and I'll be glad to bring you a copy to the January meeting.

Next month, we will begin our next two years of service in Cy-Fair Republican Women. Barbara Buxton will assume the duties of 1<sup>st</sup>

V.P.~ Programs, and I am confident she will work very diligently to bring us great speakers with pertinent messages. It has been my pleasure to be the 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. for the past two years, and work with our great board. Next cycle's Board will be great and do a fantastic job, I am sure. If you have an idea, or request for a certain speaker, please let Barbara know and the Board will review any suggestions. Our aim is to present relevant, interesting programs which pertain to the progress of our individual organization and the advancement of the Republican Party, as a whole. It is our duty as members to become informed about the vital issues which address our party's success.

In January, we welcome a fellow Associate Member, Mr. Bob Price as our guest speaker. Bob is a political commentator for TexasGOPVote.com. He is an expert about issues related to border security and illegal immigration and

has expanded to cover stories of local, state and national interest from a Conservative Texas Perspective. He also volunteers with US Border Watch, a civilian volunteer border security organization, as Communications Director. He has been with USBW for over five years.

Recently, Price was invited to become the Texas Director of **Cafe Con Leche Republicans**. CCLR is an organization established to foster better communication within the Republican party toward immigrants. He is a regular political commentator on Houston's Fox 26 and KHOU, Houston Channel 11 where he regularly debates on a wide variety of political issues. He has a corporate life, as well, and I'll tell you more about him at our meeting on January 8. Make your plans to join us for a lively discussion. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Betty Guthrie

CFRW membership drive for 2013 is off to a great start! Welcome new member **Alice Gullett!** Welcome back renewing members **Dr. Millie Alford, Louise Burke, Barbara Buxton, Debra Frieden, Joy Gregory, Debra Grosskopf, Betty Guthrie, Micheline Hutson, Pat McCleney, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Jaime Pierce, Melissa Ronquillo, Wanda Threadgill, Sandra Vinklerek, Pam Waldren** and **Phyllis Wilson!** CFRW appreciates your support and participation.

Let's continue to grow CFRW and support our Republican Party! Although CFRW's membership/fiscal year is January 1 – December 31, membership dues for 2013 are payable now. Dues levels are as follows:

- Active - \$30.00
- Associate Woman - \$20.00  
(member of another TFRW group)
- Associate Man - \$35.00

A 2013 Membership Application is included in this newsletter and online at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net). You may download it, complete the form, attach a check and send it to me at the address on the application or bring it with you to the next event. A magnetic name badge may be ordered on the form as well for \$15.00. (Please indicate the exact name you wish to have on the badge.)

Please continue to invite your friends and neighbors to our informative programs. Learn more about current local, state and national issues. CFRW provides excellent speakers to share their knowledge and answer your questions and concerns. We look forward to meeting you soon!



## CAMPAIGN

*Joy Gregory*

After all our hard work, the Election of 2012 has come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the ladies who helped on our voter registration drives, worked at the Westside GOP Headquarters, wrote post cards, made phone calls, handed out push cards at early voting, worked the polls on Election Day and lead your

precincts. Many of you have already turned in your hours for this work, but if you haven't please email me and let me know how many hours credit to give you. Remember that our campaign hours count toward State and National Awards.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Campaign chairman for the last two years. You have been so eager to help when needed and I really appreciate all of your contributions. Please continue to be an active and eager group of workers.



## LEGISLATIVE NOTE FROM PATRICIA HARLESS

Dear Friends,

With the November election behind us, things are very busy in Austin in preparation for the upcoming legislative session. From January until the end of May, we will be sending out email newsletters more frequently. The purpose of these newsletters will be to keep you informed of current issues before the Legislature, and to open a line of communication for your input. Here are a few items of interest to our community. As we approach the time of year when friends and family come together to celebrate the holidays, I want to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

### Dedicated Funds Committee Hearings

As part of ongoing efforts to make our state budget more transparent and accountable to taxpayers, Speaker Joe Straus announced last month an Interim Committee on General Revenue Dedicated Accounts. I was honored to be appointed by the Speaker to the committee charged with addressing this important issue. For more than 20 years, the state has allowed money that sits in dedicated funds to be used to balance the rest of the state budget. The amount of money in general revenue dedicated funds has grown steadily, reaching \$4.9 billion in the current biennium.

Beginning on November 7, the committee heard testimony on three separate days regarding the various dedicated funds. Committee members discussed ways to increase transparency and to reduce the state's reliance on these accounts for balancing the budget. In the next month, the committee will draft recommendations for legislative action next session.

### Swearing In Information

The 83rd Session of the Texas Legislature will open on Tuesday, January 8, with swearing-in ceremonies in both the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers. On Tuesday morning please join us for breakfast in my Capitol office (location will be provided later due to office moves). The swearing-in ceremony starts at 12:00 noon. Our office will be open at 8:00am. We will also be hosting a reception the night before at the Headliners Club located in downtown Austin. A block of rooms are reserved for Monday, January 7 for those coming to Austin who want to stay the night. The special room rates are only available if you book by December 7. If you are interested in more details about these events or the hotel rooms, please contact our office for more information.

### Walgreens Wellness Bus

The Walgreens Wellness Tour Bus will be in District 126 on December 12, 2012, from 11:00am - 5:00pm, at the Walgreens Drug Store located at 107 West Rankin Road, Houston, 77090. The bus will provide the following health tests to the public at no cost to the patient (a \$100 value): total cholesterol, body mass index, waist circumference, glucose, bone density, and blood pressure. Once the tests are completed, the results will be provided to the patient for them to discuss with their primary care physician or a Walgreens pharmacist. With a professional staff certified in health testing, the Wellness Tour administers more than one million health tests each year to individuals in communities across the

**Happy  
New Year!**











# Meeting Minutes

**Traci Sarradet**

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 10:50 am. Cindy Deister stood in for Kay Waghorne and led us in the invocation and pledges.

Mary Moss stood in for Betty Guthrie and introduced all of our guests and new members. Millie introduced our guest speaker, Brad Bailey, Co-Founder of the Hard Work Clean Hands Initiative. Brad Bailey talked about the Immigration Platform that was adopted June 8, 2012.

### OFFICERS REPORTS:

**Secretary, Melissa Ronquillo** reported for Traci Sarradet- The minutes stand for October.

**Treasurer, Barbara Buxton**- Gave a current budget report. She handed out brochures from the TFRW regarding the Republican wins in the election. Motioned for CFRW to purchase \$2,000 in gift cards at Carrabba's. With this purchase CFRW will also receive a total of \$160 in gift cards and \$240 in food credit at Carrabba's, the latter that CFRW can use through the year of 2013. Jan Ott and Millie Alford second the motion, a vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**Programs, Millie Alford**- Stated the guest speaker for the Christmas party will be Jack Cagle to do the induction of the 2013-2014 Board Members.

**Ways & Means, Cindy Deister** reported for Suzanne Davis- She has "Little Miss Patriot" books on sale today for \$5.00 each.

**Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo**- Newsletter deadline is Monday, November 19, 2012.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership, Mary Moss** reported for Betty Guthrie-Reported on current membership. We have 83 active members, 15 associate women and 12 associate men. Membership for 2013 can now be turned in, please fill out the form and your dues for \$30. If any new members require a name tag these are \$15, please see Mary to order.

**Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory**- Asked that everyone fill out and hand in the sheets for volunteer hours and turn in to her.

**Caring for America, Debby Frieden**- Nothing to report.

### NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Nominees for Board Members 2013-2014 Election:** Rita Parrish made an affirmation on the nominees submitted by the committee for the 2013-2014 Board Members to be voted on. This was passed. Our new Board Members are Joy Gregory, President; Barbara Buxton, Programs/1st VP; Cindy Deister, Ways and Means/2nd VP; Jaime Pierce, Newsletter/3rd VP; Mary Moss, Secretary; Melissa Ronquillo, Treasurer.

We will be meeting on December 6th at the Walker Elementary School to present the 3rd graders with dictionary's and the 5th graders with the constitution. Anyone wanting to participate please RSVP with Rita.

The CFRW Christmas party will be held at Hearthstone Country Club, December 2nd, from 6:30 to 9:00. The Cy-Falls Chamber Choir will be attending and singing Christmas Carols. Please RSVP the e-vite that will be sent out soon, or you can pay for your tickets today. It will be \$20 each for early tickets, and at the door it will be \$25.

Melissa Ronquillo for Traci Sarradet

Secretary, CFRW



*When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.*

[Phyllis Bottome](#)



*The fact is that in order to do anything in this world worth doing, we must not stand shivering on the bank thinking of the cold and the danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can. -*

[Sydney Smith, 1771-1845](#)



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2013 Membership Application

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE USE:  IN PERSON  MAIL/ EMAIL

**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: _____
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i> _____	Email Address: _____
Title: _____	Spouse Name: _____
BEST WAY TO REACH YOU	NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?</b>

**CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?**

Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:	Relationship to New Member
			Y      N	
			Y      N	

**MEMBER CLASSIFICATION AND NAME BADGE**

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 (Active member of which Republican 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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Cypress, TX 77429

Date Received:

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



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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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