



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## Rita's Reflections



The political process has taken much longer this spring than our usual 3 months, but finally with an extra 2 months to

campaign, the Primary voting has started. If you can't make it to early voting, which is May 14-25, then you have one more chance to make your voice heard. Regular Primary Voting Day is Tuesday, May 29, 2012 and you can find your regular voting location by going to this link <http://www.harrisvotes.com/VoterBallotSearch.aspx>.

Some people think 'Well it's just the primary and it doesn't mean much'. This is the wrong way to look at the voting process. Even though the Presidential candidate might seem clear at this point there are many other races that need your help. Local and state races will need to have strong candidates for the general election in November and now is the time to look at the Republican candidates and choose the best and strongest contender who will be able to defeat an opponent from the opposing party should there be one.

In 2008 many judges lost their positions because so many voted straight party tickets and put the opposing party in these jobs. Many have said that we lost some very good judges and their replacements were mediocre. Now is the time to

gain those positions back. Vote for the judges carefully and put the best on the fall ballot.

Other positions on the ballot include Railroad Commissioner, Sheriff, Constable, US and State Senators and Representatives, Supreme Court Judges, Board of Education, District Attorney and County Attorney, Justice of the Peace and Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party. I may have missed a few here but you get the idea. These decisions are important and after you do some research on the candidates please go vote and make sure that you support the ones you have learned to be the best qualified. Do your own research or ask a trusted friend that has some knowledge of the candidates for their recommendations.

Cy-Fair Republican Women have worked hard this year to present candidates to our members and the general public. Our meetings and forums provided an avenue to meet these candidates and hear them speak about their qualifications.

We sincerely hope that those who attended our forums gained some good information to add to the knowledge they already had of the candidates. The CFRW forum on May 10th had candidates for Sheriff, Railroad Commissioner and Constables who answered our questions with great enthusiasm and expertise. All who attended surely learned a great deal about these candidates and now have the knowledge to decide who will do

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the best job in these positions. Our club would like to extend sincere gratitude to Larry Buxton and his staff for helping us out with our forum.

At the end of the day, the real benefit of your participation in the process of researching and learning about the candidates is that you have made an educated choice.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 14th-25th** Early Voting for Primary
- May 29th** Voting Primary
- Jun 7-9th** Republican Convention FW, TX
- Jun 8th** 12:00pm Tribute to Women Luncheon- Convention Hall
- Jun 12th** 10:30-12:00 CFRW General Mtg. Carrabba's Hwy 6
- June 14th** 10:30-12:00 CFRW Board Mtg. Hearthstone Country Club



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## JUNE MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

### Guest Speaker State Representative William "Bill" Callegari

#### Carrabba's Italian Grill

7540 N. Highway 6  
Houston, TX 77095  
(Copperfield Area)



10:30 a.m. - Coffee/Social  
11:00 a.m. - Speaker/Meeting  
12:00 p.m. - Lunch

RSVP Lunch \$15 - Meeting only \$3 (cash/check)

**Walk-ins for Lunch will be charged \$20**

Menu: Penne Carrabba (penne pasta tossed in alfredo sauce with grilled chicken, peas and mushrooms), House Salad and Sogno di coccalate

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

**RSVP by Friday, June 8, 2012**

Online at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net)

E-mail: [pwroses@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pwroses@sbcglobal.net)

Ph: 281-859-6162

## VOTE EARLY!

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Also you will know that you did your best to get that candidate elected. The essence of your voting privilege is your right to make up your own mind and place your X beside the person you feel is most qualified. The other side of this is of course is the person who doesn't vote at all yet complains when the

wrong candidate is elected. This person has given up their right to have a voice in their government and that's too bad. Don't be a complacent constituent. Get out and make that choice and feel good about being a part of this very important process.

*~Rita Parrish*

## CARING FOR AMERICA

**Debby Frieden**



We had a wonderful turnout on the special items for our May meeting. On behalf of the Boys & Girls Country Thank You all for your generosity.

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**



## PROGRAMS Millie Alford

**Wow!** Cy-Fair Republican Women know how to welcome Guests and encourage Members to become active. May's Meeting was awesome. We got to meet so many new people and welcome many new members. A special "Thank You" to our May Speaker and Special Guest, Texas Senator Glenn Hager. He is such a great communicator.

We're not through yet! June will bring one of our old friends back to visit and inform us all about our State Government and give us a look into what the future holds for Texans.



*Governor Rick Perry with State Rep Bill Callegari*

We will welcome Texas State Representative William 'Bill' Callegari, District 132. Below is a detailed biography which I will share with you in the newsletter so my introduction of him can stay brief. This will give him more time to share his knowledge and answer questions at the meeting. I'm sure you will be impressed and proud to learn about how his life has impacted the citizens of Houston-especially those of us who live in Dist. 132.

Family: Wife: Ann, 4 Children  
Birthplace: Cottonport, LA  
Home City: Katy, TX

### Education:

MS, Civil Engineering, University of Houston, 1972; BS, Agricultural Engineering, Louisiana State University, 1963.

### Professional Experience:

President, Southern Region, Aqua Source Services and Technologies, Incorporated, 1988-present, President of ST Environmental Services Corporation, 1993-1995, President, WC Engineers, Inc, 1988-1995, President/Chief Exe. Officer, Am-Tex Corporation, 1974-1993, Founder, AM-TEX Corporation, Licensed Professional Engineer.

### Political Experience:

Representative, Texas State House of Representatives, 2000-present, Former Republican Precinct Chairman, District 30, 1989-1997, Trustee, Katy Independent School District School Board, 1984-1988, Former Delegate, Republican State Convention, Former Delegate, Republican Senatorial Convention.

### Organizations:

Member, American Waterworks Association; Member, Federal Water Pollution Control Federation; Trustee, Chamber of Commerce; Greater Houston Builders Association; President, Katy Athletic Booster Club, Member, LSU Agricultural Foundation Board, President, LSU Alumni, Houston Chapter, Member, LSU Biological Engineering Advisory Board, Member, National Society of Professional Engineers, Member, Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Member, Texas Water Utilities Association, Member, Water Environment Association of Texas, Former President/Founder, Association of Water Board Directors, Cy-Fair Houston, Former

Director, Katy Chamber of Commerce; Former Advisory Director, Texas Commerce Bank.

### Caucuses/Non-Legislative

**Committees:** City of Houston Wastewater Regionalization Task Force, Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Committee, Greater Houston Builders Association Government Affairs Committee, Vice Chair, House Research Organization, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble Committee, Houston Community College Northwest College Business Steering Committee, LSU Engineering Deans Advisory Committee, Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church Council and Finance Committee, San Jacinto College Advisory Committee, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Wastewater Design Criteria Revision Committee, Chair, Texas Water Commission Wastewater Certification Advisory Committee.

### Committees:

Government Reform, Chair, Land and Resource Management.

What a busy man our Friend has been and it will be a treat to hear him in person. Make your reservation early and bring a friend. June will be "busting out" especially for CFRW!

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**Have a Happy and Safe  
Memorial Day!**

**School is out on May  
31st. Have a great  
summer!**



## Updates from Patricia Harless

May is a busy month for many of us. As we celebrate Memorial Day later this month, please take time to remember the men and women who were lost or injured while serving their country. Also, take time to remember those who are presently serving and those who have served and returned. We live in a free country because of their sacrifice.

May also marks the end of the school year. I would like to congratulate all high school and college graduates on their accomplishment!

Election Information - Election Day for the political primaries is May 29. Early voting began Monday, May 14 and runs through May 25. Below is information on early voting times and locations. For complete election information, including sample ballots, please visit Harris County's voter website at [harrisvotes.org](http://harrisvotes.org).

### Early voting times:

Monday, May 14 - 18, Friday, 18: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday, May 19th 7:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday, May 20th 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Monday, May 21 - 25, Friday, 7:00am - 7:00pm

### Local early voting locations:

Lone Star College, University Park Visitors Center,  
20515 State Hwy 249, 77070

Champion Forest Baptist Church, Multi-Purpose Building, 4840 Strack Road, 77069

F.M. 1960 Meeting - TxDOT is holding two meetings to gather public input on the proposed construction of raised medians along SH 6/FM 1960 from IH 10 to SH 249. The project improvements are proposed to meet current safety standards. No additional right of way would be required for the proposed project, and no displacements would be necessary. Exhibits showing the proposed project will be displayed at the meeting. Representatives from TxDOT will be available to answer questions. Written comments relating to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Comments may also be emailed to [HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov](mailto:HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov). Comments must be received by June 14. The meetings will be held

Tuesday, May 29  
Campbell Middle School  
11415 Bobcat Road  
Houston, Texas 77064  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday, May 31  
Kahla Middle School  
16212 West Little York  
Houston, Texas 77084  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

***Please Note:*** These upcoming meetings are similar to the meetings conducted by TxDOT on raised medians for FM 1960 from SH 249 to IH 45. TxDOT conducted community meetings to gather input in 2006, and the median project began in 2010. Please participate in these upcoming meetings if you have concerns about raised medians along FM 1960 from IH 10 to SH 249.

Champions Drive Not to Be Extended - A rumor is circulating that Champions Drive is going to be extended through to Cypresswood Drive. Commissioner Cagle's office confirmed that the rumor is false. There are currently no plans to extend Champions Drive. The rumor likely began because of a mound of unpermitted dirt in the vicinity, which appeared to be construction materials.

May is Stroke Awareness Month - About 795,000 Americans each year suffer a new or recurrent stroke. That means, on average, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds. The high occurrence of stroke places it as the No. 4 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States.

Energy Summit - The Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute (TCCRI) will host an Energy Summit in Houston on Thursday, May 24 from 10:00am - 12:00pm, at CenterPoint Energy Tower Auditorium (1111 Louisiana Street, Houston). The TCCRI Energy Summit series will address policy questions that underpin a pro-growth, pro-environment energy policy in Texas. At the Houston Energy Summit, public and private sector leaders will discuss the positive impact of developing our domestic natural resources, consider policies that will enable Texas to remain a leading energy state. For more information and for free registration to the event, please visit Houston Energy Summit.

Sincerely,

Patricia Harless  
State Representative  
District 126



# General Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

May 8, 2012

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. Kay Waghorne led us in the invocation and pledges. Betty Guthrie then introduced all of the guests.

Millie Alford introduced our speaker Senator Glenn Hegar, Senate District 18. Glenn spoke about his different duties and urged us to call his office with issues or concerns.

## OFFICERS REPORTS:

**Secretary, Traci Sarradet-** Mary Moss filled in for Traci for March minutes. The following corrections were made to the April minutes: "By general consent Millie Alford, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss and Rita Parrish were selected to be honored by our club at the TFRW Luncheon." And "Joy Gregory is also on the committee organizing the Candidate Forum."

**Treasurer, Barbara Buxton-** Gave the Treasurer's report for April. She also thanked the Forum Committee who is Joy Gregory, Jan Ott, Nancy Roberts and Cindy Diester.

**Programs, Millie Alford-** Gave us the upcoming speakers; June-Representative Bill Calegari, district 132 and Senator Dan Patrick, Senate District 7 will be the speaker in July. Millie also reminded members to RSVP early for lunch online for the General meetings.

**Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis-** Has CFRW T-shirts available please get with her to order. She also stated that early voting ends today for the ESD. If you vote on Saturday you will need to vote at your precinct location.

**Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo-** The newsletter deadline is May 14, 2012. Melissa is doing Youtube videos of the meeting speakers. You can view these videos at [www.utube.com/cfrwtexas](http://www.utube.com/cfrwtexas).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership, Betty Guthrie-** Gave our current membership numbers; 64 active members, 10 associate women and 8 associate men for a total of 82 members. Betty also thanked the volunteers who helped in the May meeting membership drive: workday, Millie Alford, Louise Burke, Margaret Ellis, Joy Gregory, Rita Parrish and Jude Wiggins. Decorations: Lois Barclay, Cindy Deister, Brenda Petru and Wanda Threadgill. Joy Gregory, Mary Moss and Kay Waghorne welcomed all as greeters. The greeters also gave out gifts to winners of the drawings.

**Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory-** Handed out a small sheet for each member to log their volunteer hours and then hand in to her. Joy thanked the club members Millie Alford and Melissa Ronquillo who helped in the voter registration on April 14, 2012 at Lone Star College. They registered 6 new voters.

**Caring for America, Debby Frieden-** Was not present so Rita Parrish filled in and will get the donated items to Boy's and Girl's Country to Debby.

**Awards, Mary Moss-** Discussed the various flyers coming in the mail about who to vote for. Some of these are paid advertisements so she suggested doing your own research on who to vote for. She also suggested looking at the website, [www.harriscountygop.com](http://www.harriscountygop.com) for suggestions.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Senatorial Convention April 21, 2012.** CFRW members who attended and volunteered in registration were Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott and Rita Parrish. Suzanne Davis helped set up the room for the Senate District 7 voters.

Jan Ott spoke about the **Grassroots Club**. TFRW is working with the Republican Party of Texas who now has the party out of debt. The fundraiser requires a credit card that will be debited \$8.25 a month. If you join this club you will no longer get party phone calls. She urged everyone to signup. The TFRW gives club awards and we need 18 more members to be a charter club. This number is based on 25% of our 2011 membership total. Please see Jan if you are interested in signing up. Jan also suggested sending E-mails to friends and contacts regarding early voting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**The Candidate Forum** will be held on May 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Buxton Company office.





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building, 9346 Telge road. The candidates included will be Railroad Commissioners, Sheriffs and Constables for precincts 4 and 5.

The Republican Party State Convention will be held on June 7, 2012 in Fort Worth. We will be well represented with 13 members attending. Those members are: Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Joy Gregory, Micheline Hutson, Michelle Lancaster, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Stephanie Peters,

Nancy Roberts, Kay Waghorne and Jude Wiggins,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Traci Sarradet  
CFRW Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP

### Betty Guthrie

**THANK YOU** to the Membership Committee who helped to make the CFRW May Annual Membership Drive Meeting such a great success: Millie Alford, Lois Barclay, Louise Burke, Cindy Deister, Margaret Ellis, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Rita Parrish, Brenda Petru, Wanda Threadgill, Kay Waghorne and Jude Wiggins!!!

Welcome, new Active members: **Mary Kay Brady, Jeannie Broussard, Dean Hastings, Willa Matthews and Laura Tijerina. Joanie Bain, Becky Berger and Leslie Johnson** joined as Associate Women members. **Bruce Bain** is our newest Associate Men member. CFRW welcomes all and appreciates your interest and support of our organization. We look forward to your involvement in our club.

2012 will be a defining year for our country. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join CFRW and help us support our Republican candidates and Republican platform. We have lined up wonderful speakers. State Representative Bill Callegari from

District 132 will be our speaker in June and State Senator Dan Patrick from District 7 is scheduled to speak in July. Plan now to bring guests and join us to hear the latest information regarding issues impacting our state, our communities and the upcoming election.

## Thank you for your support!

## How to Observe Memorial Day

*"...gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime....let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,-- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."*

*--General John Logan, General Order No. 11, 5 May 1868*

## CAMPAIGN

### Joy Gregory

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, our club held a Voter Registration Drive at Lone Star College. We registered 6 voters and had some very interesting conversations. Millie Alford, Melissa Ronquillo and myself participated, thanks Millie and Melissa.

We tried a new system of recording our campaign hours at the last meeting and it worked very well. Thanks to all of you who entered your hours. I am going to have Rita send out a copy of the new registration form in an email. Please feel free to print it out and bring it to the meeting with you or email it back to me with your hours if you miss the meeting. It is important to our club that our hours

are recorded and reported. Remember to count your hours traveling to and from events.





# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2012 Membership Application

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

**PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:**

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		<b>PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY?</b> <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:	
<b>BEST WAY TO REACH YOU</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
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 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  
12306 Francel Ln.  
Cypress, TX 77429

Date Received:

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



## ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

### Affiliations:

National Federation of Republican Women  
Texas Federation of Republican Women  
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women



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12406 Frael Lane  
Cypress, Texas 77429

## 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/> - 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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