



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Rita's Reflections



We are entering the home stretch and we would like to remind you all that there are other important races on the ballot besides

President and Vice President. Of course there's the US Senators and US Representatives, please vote for the Republican in your District. Also vote Republican for the Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Justice Places, Court of Criminal Appeals Judges, State Board of Education Districts and District State Senators.

In Harris County there are a large number of candidates in State Representative Districts, Court of Appeals District Justices, Judicial District Judges, District Attorney, County Court at Law Judges, County Attorney, Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector, County School Trustees, County Commissioner in 3 Precincts, Justice of the Peace in 8 Precincts, and Constables in 8 Precincts. **WHEW!! And we must vote for every one of these to reclaim some positions from the 2008 Democratic takeover and keep the others in who didn't lose their jobs in 2008.**

In particular the **4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio, Texas has been spotlighted by TFRW** as crucial races. There are 5 Republican Judges who are up for re-election

and 2 Republican candidates who are working to be elected. These judges have a tough fight in San Antonio. The 4th Court of Appeals and another Texas Appellate Court has been **TARGETED** by the Democrats who want to take control of the Courts in Texas. Because many Republicans are focused on the Top of the Ticket, the Democrats believe we are distracted and they plan to slip their candidates in.

This 4th Court of Appeals has the Power over the EAGLEFORD SHALE AREA of Texas.

The Democrats would love to have control of this Court. **SAVE THE JUDGES.** It is critical to vote down the ballot for the CONSERVATIVE JUDGES listed below.

Karen Angelini

www.judgekarenandelini.com

Phylis Speedlin

www.justicespeedlin.com

Rebecca Simmons

www.simmonsforjustice.com

Marialyn Barnard

www.justicebarnard.com

Steve Hilbig

www.hilbigforjustice.com

Sign up on the Judges websites to **VOLUNTEER, LIKE THEIR FACEBOOK PAGES, DONATE!**

Please encourage your conservative friends and families in these

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counties to **Get Out The Vote** for all **The Republican Judges!**

Atascosa - Jim Wells - Menard - Bandera - Karnes - Real - Bexar - Kendall - Starr - Brooks Kerr - Sutton - Dimmit - Kimble - Uvalde - Duval - Kinney - Val Verde - Edwards - La Salle - Webb Frio - Mason - Wilson - Gillespie - Maverick - Zapata - Guadalupe McMullen - Zavala - Jim Hogg Medina **But wait, we still aren't finished.** At the bottom of the ballot, there are localized races and propositions

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Mark Your Calendars!

- Oct 22nd** Early Voting Starts
- Nov 6th** Election Day
- Nov 13th** CFRW General Mtg
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hiwy 6
- Nov 15th** CFRW Board Mtg
10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Club
- Nov 20th** Greater Houston Council Meeting
- Dec 2nd** CFRW Christmas
6:30-9:00pm Party



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NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, November 13th, 2012
Guest Speaker Brad Bailey

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: Rigatoni Martino (Rigatoni Pasta tossed with grilled chicken, mushrooms, sundried tomato in a tomato cream sauce topped with ricotta salata cheese and scallions) Ceasar Salad and Sogno di ciocolata.

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, November 9, 2012

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and referendums that won't be given your vote when you pull a straight party ticket. There is a **Metropolitan Transit Authority Referendum, Special Elections, many Propositions, Bond Elections, MUD District Elections, Tax elections and Propositions, Harris County Water Control and Improvement District Elections and Emergency Services District Elections.**

There are also many School Board Trustee Positions on the ballot. These vary according to where you live in Harris County. Please Go to www.harrisvotes.com and enter your address or enter your voter ID and then you will be able to open the ballot specific to your voting location in the community. Some of these lower ballot positions will show up on your specific ballot.

Please do your homework on these and decide whether to vote for or against the referendums, bonds and propositions and choose the candidate you feel is most qualified to represent you in your school district and on the various other boards in the county.

(Please note, many voting locations have changed since the last time you voted so please double check this at www.harrisvotes.com so you won't waste time on election day going to the wrong location.) Or you can also participate in Early Voting and go to any of the Voting Locations around Harris County from October 22 – November 2, 2012.

~Rita Parrish





PROGRAMS Millie Alford

Our weather may have cooled off, but there's electricity in the air and it's really heating up all over the USA! I've been in California for the past two weeks and applaud at every Romney/Ryan sign. We actually took some pictures of them because there were so many in the agricultural regions near the coast in Northern California. I've been wearing my RR pin and evoked more than a few conversations. What fun it's been to encourage others to vote the Right Way. By the time our next meeting gets here, we should be celebrating a Republican victory. What better way to reinforce our ideals than sharing with a strong GOP leader.

Our next guest speaker will be Bradley Bailey, a proud native of Nassau Bay, Texas. He graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1992 and then attended and graduated from Kilgore College (1994) and University of Mississippi (1997) majoring in Marketing and Finance.

From 2000 to 2011, Brad was the Vice President of Operations for three of the Bailey family-owned Houston area seafood restaurants: Sudie's Catfish & Seafood House (2 locations) and Bailey's American Grille. Brad quickly



learned the importance of hard work and southern hospitality while working every position from dishwasher to general manager in his family's restaurants. In 2006, Brad was awarded Restaurateur of the Year by the Greater Houston Restaurant Association and the Texas Restaurant Association. He is a former member of the State Board of Directors for the Texas Restaurant Association and a former member of the Executive Committee of the Greater Houston Restaurant Association.

For many years, Brad has been active in lobbying on the legislative issues that affect the restaurant industry in Texas and across the United States. This passion led Brad to co-found The Hard Work Clean Hands Initiative in 2012. The Hard Work Clean Hands Initiative is a 501c4 non-profit organization that develops and advances conservative solutions for the currently broken U.S. immigration policy. The organization provides a

voice for U.S. job creators by educating the broader community on the urgent need for comprehensive, con-servative and market-oriented reforms of the immigration process.

In 2012, Brad served on the Republican Party of Texas Platform Committee and co-authored the "Texas Solution" immigration platform plank. This was the first time any state Republican Party proposed a solution to repair the currently broken U.S. immigration policy.

In 2008, Brad was elected as a City Council Member for his hometown of Nassau Bay, Texas. He was recently elected to serve his 3rd term. As a member of Nassau Bay City Council, Brad also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Nassau Bay Economic Development Corporation and a member of the Board of Directors for the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

Brad is married to Julie Shuffield of Maben, Mississippi. They have a beautiful daughter, Brynn. They are all very active members of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau. Please join us for a great meeting and learn how leaders like Brad are elevating our conservative causes.

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

KEEP CFRW GROWING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

November 1st marks the beginning of CFRW's **2013 Membership Drive**. Although our membership/fiscal year is January 1 - December 31, membership dues for next year are payable now. Dues levels are as follows:

Active member: \$30.00

Associate member (Active member of another TFRW club): \$20.00

Associate Man member: \$35.00

The 2013 Membership Application is included in this newsletter. 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 meeting. 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.) You may also join online on the CFRW Web site at www.cfrw.net. Please share this information with family and friends or, better yet, invite them to our programs!

JOIN CFRW TODAY!





CAMPAIGN

Joy Gregory

WOW, what an enthusiastic group of ladies that belong to CFRW! We have recorded 1,284 campaign hours served by our members for the third quarter of 2012 and a total of 4,186 hours for the year to date. Thank you, ladies for supporting and getting out the Republican message to the public.

On October 11th, we staffed the West-side GOP Headquarters and had a very enjoyable day. Thank you, Barbara Buxton, Sandra Vinklarek, Mary Kay



R to L: Mary Moss, Jean White (VRW), Clarissa Chavez, and Jan Ott

Brady, Linda Lutkus for working the morning shift with me. We were very busy selling Romney/Ryan signs and calling for Sarah Davis and Diane Williams. Rita Parrish, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Charisa Chavez, Gena Pace and her friend Shifat spent the afternoon putting Cruz and Romney/Ryan signs together.

Saturday, October 13th, we sponsored a Voter Registration Booth at CY-FEST. This is an annual Family and



Community event put on by Lone Star College. We registered 13 voters and answered lots of questions concerning precinct locations for early voting and for November 6th. (Pictured to the right) Suzanne Davis, Melissa Ronquillo, Sandra Vinklarek, Mary Moss, Willa Matthews, Pat McCleney and myself staffed the booth. Thank you!



Jeff Hastings will need people to hand out push cards at Bear Creek during early voting. Please let him know if you can help. You can work any amount of time you have to give. Early Voting runs from October 22-November 2. Please don't forget to report your hours for all of these events and any others that you work helping candidates.



LEGISLATION

Article by Besa Martin of TFRW

“The Fiscal Cliff” - everyone is talking about it but what does it really mean to the average person? The Fiscal Cliff is the automatic tax increases and federal spending cuts that are scheduled to happen by the end of 2012. The problem is that, due to failed leadership in the White House and failed policy programs, our economy is limping along and very weak. Any siphoning off of citizen's investment or spending money by this incredibly incompetent government will shrink the money circulating efficiently in our free market economy. The money which would be utilized by citizens for building businesses or supporting consumer purchases will be sucked into the black hole of the federal government. The government's black holes of waste include the investment in the failed company Solyndra to the tune of \$585 million in March 2009. The company was bankrupt in September 2011. I dare say citizens would have invested their money more wisely. While the current occupant of the White House clearly has no business acumen, he is also unable to speak the truth. His speeches rail on about the tax cuts he wants for the middle class but in fact this is just the

extension of the current tax law: the Bush tax law. Similarly his misstatements claim that Republicans are seeking tax cuts for the rich while the truth is the Republicans do not want to increase taxes on anyone. The other party is very anxious to increase tax rates even though this will most likely decrease the amount of tax revenue generated.

How does increasing the tax rate reduce the tax revenue? When taxes deplete the private sector of investment dollars, businesses are restricted from growth and sometimes incur actual loss of existing productivity. This results in a decline in the Gross Domestic Product. Fewer sales mean less tax revenue, especially when coupled with the reduction of business from the government to private companies is built into the sequestration. Between the tax hike and the spending cuts the resulting loss of economic productivity is estimated to be twice as large as any previous fiscal drag since World War II and is unprecedented.

Financial analysts worry that the result will be a 5% impact on the Gross Domestic Product similar to what was experienced in 1969. At the end of that year the economy entered into a recession. As we continue to have very slow economic growth, taxes should, at the least, remain at the current level.



EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

Jan Ott *Nomination Committee Chair*

The Cy-Fair Republican Women's nominating committee is very pleased to nominate a strong slate of officers to serve the club in 2013 – 14. After careful deliberation, the committee, made up of Jan Ott-chairman, Lois Barclay, Betty Guthrie, Nancy Roberts, and Melissa Ronquillo, believe that this group of ladies will provide strong leadership for the club through the next two years. There is a nice mix of experienced club leaders and new blood that brings new ideas and enthusiasm. The committee would like to thank everyone that is willing to commit the time required to take on these important jobs. The election will be held at our upcoming November meeting and installation of new officers is held at our annual Christmas party.



Joy Gregory - Joy has been a member of CFRW since 2007 and has served as Membership Chairman, Hospitality Chairman, and currently serves as Campaign Activities Chair. Joy has always been a part of whatever committee or activity has needed her. She is organized, gracious, and friendly and will represent our club very well. We are fortunate to have someone with such great capability to be willing to take on the important job of being our club president.

1st Vice President-Programs, Barbara Buxton – Everyone who knows Barbara knows that she is our detail person. For the last four years she has been keeping our club precisely legal as our Treasurer. Barbara is our current TFRW Deputy President for our region.

This position provides her with a great opportunity to observe many programs as she visits other clubs. We are sure she will be able to get even more ideas and preview many program possibilities for this important position.

2nd Vice President–Ways & Means, Cindy Deister - Cindy will be a new member to our Executive Board.



Cindy knows how to put on great events and will bring her skills to organizing our High Heels and High Tea event. She has jumped into getting involved in politics with both feet and has worked on our Forum committee and is actively reading and learning all she can about background, policy and politics. She and her husband have two sons that are 8th and 9th graders.



3rd Vice President–Jaime Pierce - Jaime will be another new member nominated for our Executive Board. Jaime has experience at creating newsletters and has been a member of CFRW since 2009. She has been the editor of the Garden Oaks Gazette, Westcreek News, and the Copperfield and River Oaks Elementary newsletters. She is a 4th generation Texan and we are looking forward to having Jaime take on this very important role.

Secretary, Mary Moss - Mary is currently our Awards Chairman. Prior to that, she was our club's third president leading our club to continue to be an award winning Republican Women's Club. She has also served as Membership

Chair and VP of Ways & Means. Mary was one of our charter members. Not only will she do a great job of keeping our club's records, she will continue to bring a great historical perspective and her great willingness to take on almost any task to the board.

Treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo

- You are right now, as you read this newsletter, seeing some of the work that Melissa does for our club every month by putting out our outstanding newsletter. She is now willing to take on the very demanding task of Treasurer. Not only does the Treasurer keep a record of the club finances but they also take on the huge responsibility of insuring that we have all of our PAC reports filed in a timely manner. She has been a member for 4 years and immediately started helping with Hospitality. Ask her to show you a picture of her second grandbaby born the day of our last meeting!

We ask that you support these ladies with your vote at the next meeting, tell them thank you for volunteering their time, and step up to help them when you can so that you can get to know everyone better and lighten their load.





Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

October 9, 2012

President, Rita Parrish called the meeting to order. Cindy Deister filling in for Chaplain, Kay Waghorne gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. Mary Moss filling in for Membership Chairman, Betty Guthrie welcomed our guests and elected officials and/or their representatives.

Millie Alford, VP-Programs introduced our speaker, Toni Anne Dashiell, Past President, TFRW who spoke to us on leadership, volunteering and the challenge to make a difference.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee Report – Jan Ott, chairman thanked her committee – Lois Barclay, Betty Guthrie, Nancy Roberts, and Melissa Ronquillo – for their hard work. Jan then reported on the slate of officers for the 2013-14 term that the committee was proposing. The committee recommended:

President – Joy Gregory, 1st VP –
Programs – Barbara Buxton, 2nd VP
Ways and Means – Cindy Deister,
3rd VP
Newsletter – Jaime Pierce,
Secretary – Mary Moss;
Treasurer – Melissa Ronquillo.

As this was a committee report, no motion or second was necessary. The membership voted to accept this slate. We will hold the election at the November meeting.

Campaign Disbursements Committee – Barbara Buxton, chairman

read the report. (see attached) that outlined the \$6,000 disbursements they suggested for 2012 candidates. The reported was approved by the membership

Officer's Reports

The minutes from the September 13, 2012 regular meeting were approved as published in the October Newsletter.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton reported that as of September 30, 2012 we had a balance of \$21,074.07; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,104.04

1st Vice-President, Millie Alford announced that the speaker for our November Meeting had to cancel. We are still looking into possible replacements.

2nd Vice-President, Suzanne Davis, reminded us of our CFRW merchandise – Peter Barnes' books, shirts and cookbooks. There are 3 new Barnes books in case you need to add them to your existing collection. The price is \$90 for a set of five or \$18 per book.

3rd Vice President, Melissa Ronquillo was not present, but the deadline for the November newsletter is Monday, October 15, 2015.

Committee Reports

Mary Moss reported for Membership Chair, Betty Guthrie that as of today we have 83 regular members, 15 associate members, and 10 associate men. If any of you need a name tag, please see her.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory, asked everyone to fill in their hours on the sheets provided. We held two voter registration drives last month and registered 16 at Ace Hardware and 45 voters at Lone Star College – CFRW's all time

high for one outing. Thanks to Nancy Roberts, Kay Waghorne, Millie Alford, Rita Parrish and Mary Kay Brady for helping out. Cy-Fest will be held Saturday, October 13 at Lone Star College. We will have a booth registering voters. Suzanne Davis added that the Cy-Fair FD would also have an exhibit there. Joy needed more help in the afternoon. On Thursday, October 11, CFRW will man the Westside GOP office. Please try and come by anytime you have available from 10-7 pm.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden asked that everyone bring an item or two from their pantries to the next meeting to help out Boys and Girls Country and Operation Interdependence. A reminder email will be sent out closer to the November meeting.

New Business

Pam Waldren announced the date for our Christmas Party - Sunday, December 2, 2012 at Hearthstone Country Club. More details will follow in an Evite.

In order to earn some awards points for developing and implementing a plan of action to lobby for an issue important to Republican women, Mary Moss made a motion that CFRW's members lobby our county commissioners – especially Steve Radack - to adopt a Sexually Oriented Business ordinance that was discussed at the last Copperfield Coalition meeting to help cut down on the area's problem with prostitution and human trafficking. Millie Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary Moss for Traci Sarradet
Secretary, CFRW



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2013 Membership Application

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| Name | Email Address | Tel #: | Newsletter by Email: | | Relationship to New Member |
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MEMBER CLASSIFICATION AND NAME BADGE

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| 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"/> |
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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/](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