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Rita's Reflections



Everyone is buzzing with the excitement of the Presidential Election coming up in November. Many are asking, "How can I help?" There

are so many opportunities, and after attending the Greater Houston Council GOTV (Get Out the Vote) meeting on September 18th, we came away with some good ideas. There were many excellent speakers and plenty of information on how we can all make a difference in the outcome of this very important election. Here are a few of these ideas.

The young Americans between the ages of 18-35 years of age are at a strong 80 million and the fastest growing generation. Kim Chambers as the state Outreach Chairman for the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW), presented that this age group is very active on the Internet using the social media outlets like Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Utube and others. Therefore, these places are ideal to attract their attention to the candidates and their attributes. This group is very diverse, tech savvy and has a high unemployment rate at 12.1%. Many in this group have delayed adulthood that is probably a result of not finding jobs and moving back in with their parents. They don't watch news programs or read newspapers but instead get all their news on the Internet.

Facebook is mostly where you let everyone know who you are. I'm

sure most of you have a Facebook page and are actively posting your ideas and opinions on many subjects. If you aren't on Facebook then you might want to set up an account and get involved. Facebook is where you let your friends know what you are interested in and that politics are important to you at this time. By promoting the Republican ideals you can perhaps entice your friends and hope that they also vote with you for the Republican candidates, Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. Some of our members are already very skilled at getting their point across on their Facebook page and its fun to follow the action on Facebook.

The Romney/Ryan campaign has a very active Facebook page and when you like their page it will then post on your status for all of your friends to see. Do this frequently and Romney/Ryan will increase their number of likes and move up in relevancy.

Twitter, however is a whole different game. There are about 100 million active Twitter users (those who log in at least once per day) out of a total of 200 million users. This is a great place to influence other people who might be voters. 40% of Twitter users are primarily consumers of content and rarely make their own Tweets. When something with good content is tweeted and is picked up by others, its merit is amplified by how many tweets it gets. So by tweeting something influential and others picking up your tweet and re-tweeting it's importance is then magnified many times and thus eventually will influence the influencers. This is also a very immedi-

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ate result. When you hear that something is "trending" on a given day this is where the trends are developed and reported by the people who are watching where the interest is on that day.



Tweets are short (140 character maximum per tweet), to the point, and express very precise views. These tweets are sent, read quickly, resent and then the user moves on. Hundreds of virtual chats take place each week around Twitter hash tags

Mark Your Calendars!

- Oct 9th** CFRW General Mtg
10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hiwy 6
- Oct 11th** CFRW Board Mtg
10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Club
- Oct 13th** Voter Registration
TBD Lone Star College
"CyFest"
- Nov 6th** Election Day



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OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday, October 9th, 2012

Former TFRW President Toni Anne Dashielle

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: Chicken Marsala, Penne Pomodoro and Italian Salad. Dessert??
(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, October 5th, 2012

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in fields ranging from medicine to marketing, and yes, politics. These guys move very fast which I'm sure we all know. Our goal is to get the younger Americans registered, influence them in a positive way and encourage them to get to the voting booth. Even getting a few to follow through will be a challenge, just keep your dialogue directed to things concerning them and how all of this will affect their lives in specific ways.

Another very important way to help out is by working at a Campaign Office. There is much to be done to help candidates between now and Election Day. Please check our Campaign Activities column and contact Joy Gregory to let her know you want to help.

Our Precinct Chairs will need workers on Election Day to fill positions

like poll watching and election judges. There is some training involved so contact your Precinct Chair to find out what kind of help is needed. You can find your Precinct Number on your Voter's Registration Card. Then you will go to the Harris County GOP website. There you will click on Our Party, click on Precinct Chairs, there you will click on Individual Precinct Information, enter your Precinct Number and your Chair's name and contact information will be displayed. Let your Precinct Chair know that you would like to help and your Chair will get back with you. You may also help other Precinct Chairs with their polling location if yours has enough workers already. Our club has several Precinct Chairs including **Barbara Buxton**, Pct. 668, **Suzanne Davis**, Pct. 671, **Jan Ott**, Pct. 1023, **Stephanie Peters**, Pct. 875, **Kay Waghorne**, Pct. 642 and **Jude Wiggins**, Pct. 609. You may contact any of these members and

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PROGRAMS

Millie Alford



Our organization was blessed with Justice Eva Guzman as our September program presenter, and we've received some great feedback from our members and guests. What a privilege it was for CFRW to have Justice Guzman share time from her busy schedule. She is a perfect example of one who has worked hard and fulfilled her dreams and she shares her devotion to her family, the people of Texas and our entire country. Everyone who attended surely received encouragement and motivation to uphold our Republican values and work hard for the return to a more conservative government.

We will have an equally fascinating speaker for our October meeting. Toni Anne Dashielle will join us on October 9, and I am sure you will be sitting on the edge of your seat, waiting to hear her next words. She is a jewel in our TFRW crown, for sure, and has worked tirelessly for many years to further the causes of Republican Women.

Toni Anne Dashiell, Kendall County Republican Chairman and Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Past President, has been active in the TFRW for over 17 years. She has served on the TFRW board for the last 12 years, as 1st Vice, Campaign Chairman, Deputy President of Region 9, and liaison to Teenage Republicans--- which is where she began her work with the party.

She has been a very active member of the Kendall County Republicans, serving in many leadership roles; she was elected Kendall County Republican Chairman March 2010. In September 2009, Toni Anne received the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award at the 35th NFRW Biennial Convention. She was chosen as the outstanding

member in the National Federation for 'leadership, initiation of new programs, increases in membership, participation in national programs, and excellence in public relations and campaign efforts'.

Toni Anne has started a new adventure traveling the world for Women Democracy Network (WDN) to train women in Campaign Management, Leadership Development and communication. In 2010 she traveled to Bosnia and Nigeria for WDN. Toni Anne is a resident of Boerne where she and her husband work in real estate and insurance. You will learn more about this amazing woman at our next meeting, so don't miss this opportunity to be informed. We have the best fellowship in town, enjoy Carrabba's great Italian food, and are always informed and entertained by our guest speaker... So invite a friend and join us on October 9 at 10:30 A.M. You will be so glad you did.

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volunteer to help them out on Election Day. You will find their contact information at the same location under Individual Precinct Information.

You can also get involved in **Victory 2012** which is a state wide effort to contact voters via phone banks and working with candidates to help them get elected. There are two victory centers open in Houston and if you are interested in working with this group then contact Yvonne Ramsey, TFRW Victory 2012 Chairman, Greater Houston/East Texas at YvonneVictoryTexas2012@gmail.com.

There will be other opportunities coming up, so check your email as I will send this out as soon as we get the information. We **must** take back the White House in November and we **must** get out and work for this and **not wait for someone else to do the work!**

~Rita Parrish

Voter Registration at Ace Hardware





Campaign

Joy Gregory

The election season is in full swing and CFRW is getting in on the action.



Above at the Ace Hardware Voter Registration from the left - Millie Alford, Lois Barclay and Joy Gregory.

We held Voter Registration Drives on September 15th at Ace Hardware on Barker Cypress and 529 and another

on September 19th at Lone Star College. Thank you, Millie Alford, Dean Hastings, Kay Waghorne, Nancy Roberts, Lois Barclay, and Mary Kay Brady for helping me with these drives. We registered a total of 45 people at Lone Star College.

We will also hold a Voter Registration Drive at the Annual CY-FEST Celebration held at Lone Star College on October 13th. You still have time to sign up and help us register voters and promote our club on this day. There are lots of family activities at this event and we always have a great time



visiting with our friends and neighbors. Don't be shy, come on out and help.

CFRW is also helping to man the Westside GOP Headquarters at 10321-B Katy Freeway. Please be willing to help us make this a successful venture. We will be handing out yard signs, doing clerical work for candidates, manning the phones and whatever else is needed. Several of our ladies have already signed up, but we need more. Come on out and help us elect the Romney/Ryan ticket.

There will be more requests from candidates coming in for specific help as the season progresses. Check your e-mail regularly as many of these are last minute needs. **HELP NOW, DON'T BE SORRY FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS!!**



MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW is proud to announce that our club has surpassed our membership goal for 2012! We now have 83 Active members...an increase of over 17% from last year and we continue to grow! A special welcome goes to **Lin Hastings, Gena Pace, Chris Clark and Stephanie Thompson** our newest Active members. We appreciate their support and look forward to their participation in our activities. A big THANK YOU goes to all the members who brought friends and neighbors to our meetings and introduced them to CFRW.

The 2012 membership year is not over! Dues paid in September or October have been reduced to **\$17.00** for all classifications of membership for the remainder of 2012. Dues paid in November or December will revert to regular amounts and be applied to the 2013 membership year. Continue to encourage your friends to join CFRW, as we Republican women have much to do to help our GOP candidates win the upcoming election.

A 2012 Membership Application is included in this newsletter. You may download it, attach a check and send it to me at the address on the application or bring it with you to the next meeting. You may also join online on the CFRW Web site at www.cfrw.net using PayPal.

[Thank you for your support!](#)

Thanks for being part of the CFRW Club!

Picture to the right - Stephanie Thompson



Pictured below Gena Pace





Copperfield Coalition Town Hall Meeting

Melissa Ronquillo

On September 18th, I attended the Copperfield Coalition Town Hall meeting at the Copperfield Church on Highway 6. There were several guest speakers, and Crimewatch Committees of various communities that spoke at the meeting.

Topics that were discussed –

- Speeding and Stop Sign running
- Prostitution and Human Trafficking
- Drugs, drug distribution centers



Speeding and stop sign running - they narrowed down the many suggestions to 2 workable solutions. One is to petition for speed bumps for the targeted streets and the other is to put more officers in the areas for the next few weeks to give out tickets for all offenses. They noted that there will be a no tolerance on all offenses. The standard time for a stop at a stop sign is 4 seconds of the wheels not moving. So make sure you stop at the stop signs when driving.

Prostitution and Human Trafficking – Massage parlors and nail salons



are being used as fronts for prostitution and human trafficking. These types of “businesses” are on the rise in strip malls. When this

meeting was scheduled there were approximately 7-9 known massage parlors of prostitution in the Copperfield area. As of Tuesday they had shut down the massage parlor at Barker Cypress and Tuckerton, and the “Rose Spa” on Jones Road had been shut down the previous week. Just as quickly the people who worked there were working at another salon on 529. Although they are running raids on these salon/parlors they cannot shut down these businesses immediately. The process of shutting down a business takes several steps and there are loopholes that the offenders know how to use to their advantage. To permanently shut down these “businesses” the loopholes need to be closed up and the only way to do that is the S.O.B. ordinance. The county attorney’s office is working with the task force to get the statutes rewritten so the S.O.B (Sexual Offense Business) ordinance can be passed which will shut these businesses down quickly and permanently. Commissioner Jack Cagle’s office is on board but Commissioner Radack’s office is not convinced yet. We were asked to contact Radacks office and let him know we want the S.O.B ordinance passed. For human trafficking it was noted that last year there were over 16,000 people in human trafficking that crossed the border and 25% had come through Houston. This is mainly due to Houston being so close to the border and our major corridors. The Sheriff’s office, task force, and county attorney’s offices are working hard to come up with a final solution to these problems.



Drugs, drug distribution centers – Pill mills are so called Dr.’s offices that write Rx for anyone or anything in multiple scripts at a time. Then they are dispensed by these fly by night pharmacy’s that are springing up in our area strip malls.

What can we as a community do to help in these areas? Report any suspicious activity to **iwatchharriscounty.com**. This is an anonymous crimewatch system that allows you the privacy of reporting illegal activity to the authorities.

What is iWatchHarrisCounty? It is a virtual crime watch that you and your neighbors can use to report behaviors and activities that make you feel uncomfortable or do not look right.

What does it do? Like traditional neighborhood crime watches, your awareness reported to the police can help solve crimes or even prevent a terrorist attack.

Visit **iwatchharriscounty.com** and download the app to your iphone or ipad and report any suspicious activity anonymously to the police. The more we take a part in informing the authorities of illegal activity the more likely that crime in our area will dwindle down.





Meeting Minutes

Traci Sarradet

President, Rita Parish called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. Kay Waghorne led us in the invocation and pledges.

Betty introduced all of our guests and new members. Millie introduced our guest speaker, Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman, Position 9. Justice Guzman talked about the complex matters facing Texas right now.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary, Traci Sarradet- No report due to the August Social.

Treasurer, Barbara Buxton- Gave a current budget report.

Programs, Millie Alford- Stated the speaker for the October meeting would be Toni Ann Dashielle. We do not have a speaker for November because the speaker scheduled cannot attend. Please let Millie know of anyone you think you would be interested in having as a speaker.

Ways & Means, Suzanne Davis- Has Cookbooks for \$10.00 and club shirts for \$35.00. She also has 3 new books that have been added to the Peter Barnes series. Suzanne also handed out a flyer for where to get buttons and bumper stickers for Romney & Ryan.

Newsletter, Melissa Ronquillo- Newsletter deadline is Monday,

September 17, 2012. Melissa also passed out a flyer for the Copperfield Coalition Town hall meeting. The topics include prostitution and drugs. There will be several guest speakers including Representative Dwayne Bohac and Constable Ron Hickman. The date is Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 7:00-9:00pm at Copperfield Church, 8350 Highway 6 North.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership, Betty Guthrie- Reported on current membership. We have 79 active members, 15 associate women and 12 associate men. We had several new members sign up and have now passed the goal of a 15% increase for 2012 per TFRW guidelines.

Campaign Activities, Joy Gregory- Encouraged members to volunteer for upcoming voter registration dates and to also volunteer at a campaign office. Joy had sign up sheets for these upcoming events. She also handed out sheets for members to record volunteer hours and turn in to her.

Caring for America, Debby Frieden- Debby had the newsletter from the Boys & Girls Country that we donate too. She said the success stories for what these kids have been through are touching. She has a list of items needed to support this cause.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of a nominating com-

mittee- These members will consider and compile a slate of nominees for the 2013 Executive Board to be presented at the October meeting.

Nominations were taken from the floor. A voice vote was taken and Nancy Roberts, Betty Guthrie, Jan Ott, Lois Barclay and Melissa Ronquillo were elected to the nominating committee.

Campaign Disbursement

Committee- Automatic members of this committee are President (Rita Parrish) 2nd Vice-President Ways and Means (Suzanne Davis) and Treasurer (Barbara Buxton). Nominations were taken from the floor and after the members voted Traci Sarradet, Joy Gregory, Pam Waldren and Jan Ott were elected to be the additional members of this committee. They will meet and discuss potential candidates to which CFRW will donate funds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traci Sarradet, Secretary, CFRW

NEWSFLASH!

JOIN TODAY

REDUCED CFRW MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR REMAINDER OF 2012

Membership dues for CFRW have been reduced for the remainder of 2012! Dues for all classifications of membership are only \$17.00 if paid in September or October. CFRW dues paid in November or December will revert to full price and be applied to 2013 year membership (Active \$30, Associate \$20, Associate Man \$35). To join now, see page 7 for the Membership Application or join online at www.cfrw.net.



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2012 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"/>		HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?	

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 (Reg. \$30.00)	\$17.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Woman (Active member of which Rep. Women’s club?)	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (Reg. \$20.00)	\$17.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Man	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (Reg. \$35.00)	\$17.00		<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: **CFRW dues for 2012 are \$17.00 if paid in Sept. or Oct. for all members. Dues paid in Nov. or Dec. 2012 will revert to regular amounts and be applied to 2013 membership.** Please circle Cash or enter Check #: _____

Betty Guthrie Date Received: _____
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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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