



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## Joy's Journal



As I browsed through Facebook recently, I saw the following quote "The Past is History, the Future is a Mystery, Today is a Gift." This quote struck me as being very applicable to the present state of affairs in our government.

We can reminisce and reflect on what has happened during the last four years and regret the outcome of the 2012 election, but we cannot change it. We can spend the next four years moaning and groaning about Obamacare, the expansion of big government, our escalating debt, media bias and the overwhelming regulations that have been added. We can act like the proverbial ostrich and stick our heads in the sand and refuse to listen to the news or have anything to do with politics. We can call the politicians names and vow to replace them. Will these attitudes benefit us in any way or change the results of the election?

What can we do TODAY to ensure the FUTURE of our country and our way of life? First, we must think positively. Second, working for unity within our party is a must. Third, we need to train leadership at the grassroots level and build networks of support.

Fourth, we should look at the past only as a means of learning from our successes and mistakes.

During the 2010 midterm elections, grassroots efforts capitalized on voter dissatisfaction and elected a record number of Republicans to the House of Representatives, Senate, State Legislatures and Governorships. We can do it again! Campaigns and voters wor

ked together for a common cause, improving our economy and dismantling Obamacare. We can do it again! Republican Women can begin *now* to work toward electing more Republican Congressmen and Senators in 2014. We can educate our friends and families, register new voters, strive to include minorities and youth, and be informed on the issues.

These measures may seem small and insignificant however, if each of us touch 10 people, imagine the outcome!

**Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:**

*If it moves, tax it.*

*If it keeps moving, regulate it.*

*If it stops moving, subsidize it.*

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Feb 12th** CFRW General Meeting  
10:30-Noon Carrabba's Hwy 6

**Feb 14th** CFRW Board Meeting  
10:00-Noon Hearthstone Club

**Feb 18th** Presidents' Day

**Feb 19th** GHC Nuts & Bolts  
8:30-1:00 Sosa Center

**Mar 10th** Daylight Savings

**Apr 17th** TFRW Belles and Boots Ball



**Happy Valentine's Day!**  
From CFRW to You!

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## FEBRUARY MEETING Tuesday, February 12, 2013

# CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL®

7540 N. Highway 6  
Houston, TX 77095

10:30 a.m. - Coffee/Social

**11:00 a.m. - Speaker/Meeting    12:00 p.m. - Lunch**

Lunch \$15 - Meeting only \$3

(Checks preferred ~ Cash accepted)

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

Menu:

Rigatoni Martino (Rigatoni pasta tossed in tomato cream sauce, with grilled chicken, mushrooms, sun dried tomatoes, topped with scallions)  
Caesar Salad and Dessert Rosa.

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

**RSVP by Friday, February 8th 2013**

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

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### Legislative Note from Patricia Harless



Dear Friends,

I am honored to represent the citizens of House District 126 during what will surely be a landmark session. • I will miss being with you all while I'm in Austin, and I encourage you to keep up with what is happening at the Capitol by visiting the Texas Legislature Online at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>. It's a great tool to use to follow legislation, see the House or Senate live in their daily floor activities, watch live and archived hearings, and much more. • I wanted to let you know that our District Office has moved. • Our new District 126 office address is: 6630 Cypresswood Drive, Suite 275 Spring, TX 77379

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Texas House. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office or email me at [Patricia.Harless@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Patricia.Harless@house.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,  
Patricia Harless

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## PROGRAMS

Barbara Buxton

The February program will be an interactive group survey requested by the Texas Federation of Republican Women to assess the current state of the Republican Party. Cy-Fair Republican Women, being a group with strong and varied opinions, will use this opportunity to voice those ideas and have them considered by several levels of the Republican Party. We will break into small groups to discuss these questions:

What are weaknesses of the Republican Party?

What opportunities do Republicans have?  
(Potential sources of strength.)

What threats are there to the Republican Party?  
(Potential causes of weakness.)

You will also have an area to provide any ideas or potential solutions. Your answers and suggestions will be recorded on paper in your small group. These surveys will then be compiled into a summary report that will be sent to TFRW. All levels of the Republican Party should receive the TFRW report with the results of this survey.

This program should be an informative and fun exercise for CFRW. It is always amazing that there can be so many different opinions on any one subject and just as many different ideas as to the solutions for the problem. So bring them on! It will surely be interesting to see the final TFRW Report.



## MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Roberts

CFRW is off to a great start for 2013! The following Active members have renewed their memberships for 2013:

**Millie Alford, Mary Atchison, Lois Barclay, Joyce Berube, Mary Kay Brady, Louise Burke, Barbara Buxton, Shirley Chambers, Suzanne B. Davis, Cindy Deister, Debra Frieden, Joy Gregory, Debra Grosskopf, Leanne Buxton Grove, Betty Guthrie, Alice Gullett, Paulette Harris, Dean Hastings, Lin Hastings, Barbara Hogan, Joan Hudgens, Micheline Hutson, Lauree Buxton Johnson, Mary Ann Kilgore, Linda Marley, Willa Matthews, Pat McCleney, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Jaime Connor Pierce, Nancy Roberts, Melissa Ronquillo, Susan Slocum, Krista Steele,**

**Judie Stokes, Wanda Threadgill, Sandra Vin-klarek, Pam Waldren, Kathryn Walsh, Judie Wiggins, and Phyllis Wilson.** Welcome back, **Sylvia Manley**, as a renewing member.

**Associate Men: John W. Harris**

This gives us 49 Active Women, 3 Associate Women, and 1 Associate Man. Tell your friends, family and neighbors...it is never too late to join!

To renew your membership or join as a new member, download the enclosed Membership Application, complete the form, include your check and send to Nancy Roberts at the address indicated. The form is also available at our Web site [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net). CFRW is a wonderful organization of hard working and friendly members who strive to support Republican candidates/officials and the GOP platform and ideals. Hope to see you soon at a CFRW event!



## LEGISLATIVE Jan Ott

### TEXAS LEGISLATION 101

Our legislators are now busy in Austin, but, all of us may not be completely familiar with the Texas legislative process and the rules of procedure that are adopted by each chamber at the beginning of each session. You can follow the progress of a bill online at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).

An idea for a bill may come from a single legislator or may come from recommendations from a committee of the legislature that has conducted interim studies on specific issues of interest. The presiding officer of each chamber, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and Speaker Strauss, specify interim charges for their respective chamber's committees or for joint committees. They may also appoint citizen members and other public officials for special studies.

After the bill is filed by a member with the chief clerk, it is numbered in the order in which it is received. There is unrestricted introduction of bills during the first 60 calendar days of each regular session. After 60 days the submission of any bill, except for emergency matters, requires the consent of at least 80% of those members present and voting.

Because of the volume of work and the necessity (hopefully!) of thoughtful deliberation, much of the work is handled by committees to advise on the disposition of a bill. Many bills never make it out of the committee. Thus, committee action is a crucial first step. The lieutenant governor and the speaker assign bills to the appropriate committee. In the House, each committee is assigned specific subject matter but in the senate a bill can be assigned to any committee though subject areas are usually followed. Committees are usually comprised of from 5 to 29 members and in the house are determined in part by seniority and in part by appointments from the speaker. Most members sit on two or three committees. In the senate, membership is

determined entirely by appointment and most Senators sit on three or four committees.

A bill may require fiscal analysis, in which case the committee will refer it to the Legislative Budget Board to prepare a note or statement. The Budget Board may consult the state agency affected by the legislation. The fiscal note will then be attached to the bill. All committee business on a bill must be conducted in open meetings. No official action or vote may be taken except in a meeting that is open to the public. A house committee or subcommittee holding a public hearing



must post notice of the hearing at least five calendar days before the hearing during a regular session and at least 24 hours before during a special session. After considering a bill, a committee may choose to take no action or may issue a report to the house or senate. The reports may advise, recommend passage, recommend amendments or even substitute a new bill. In the house the bill goes to the calendars committee

next for placement of the bill on a calendar for consideration by the full house. Calendars committees are given wide discretion in scheduling bills for floor consideration. There is no equivalent to a calendars committee in the senate.

The first floor consideration of a bill occurs on its second reading, both by caption only, at which time it is subject to debate and amendment. A bill must be read on three separate legislative days in each chamber before it can become law unless this constitutional rule is suspended by a 4/5 vote of the members present. The senate routinely suspends this provision in order to give a bill an immediate third reading. The house rarely suspends this requirement and the third reading usually occurs on the day following the second reading. After a bill has been read a third time, a vote is taken for final passage. If it receives a simple majority, it is considered passed and it is sent to the opposite chamber for consideration where it could be passed or be sent back to the originating chamber with amendments. There are special expedited rules for local and noncontroversial bills. Any bill making an appropriation must be sent to the comptroller of public accounts for certification before going to the governor for signing.

## General Meeting Minutes

by **Mary Moss** January 8, 2013

President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Chaplain, Dean Hastings gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives.

Millie Alford, previous VP-Programs introduced our speaker, Bob Price, Editor,

TexasGOPVote.com. Mr. Price gave us an interesting talk on the control the media has on issues and its effect on the election.

### Officer's Reports

There was no regular meeting in December, so there were no minutes.

Treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo reported that as of December 31, 2012 we had a balance of \$11,668.17; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,604.31. Melissa reminded members who do not want to be reimbursed, but use personal items or buy things for CFRW events, please fill out an expense report for "in kind" donations. This will help us make a more accurate budget. Expense reports can be found on the CFRW web site in Members Only. Also, all expenses need to be turned in monthly.

1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton announced that the program for February will be an interactive group survey. The responses to the survey will be sent by TFRW. The topics we will be discussing are:

Weakness in the Republican Party; Opportunities for the Republican Party; Threats to the Republican Party; and Areas for ideas and solutions.

Please think about how you feel about these topics so we can pass on some thoughtful responses.

2nd Vice-President, Cindy Deister, hopes that our CFRW merchandise – t-shirts, denim shirts, and books will provide a conversation starter to make it easier to spread our message.

3rd Vice President, Jaime Pierce stated that the deadline for articles will typically be the Monday following our Regular meetings. The deadline for the February newsletter is January 14, 2013.

### Committee Reports

Membership Chair, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today 39 regular members have renewed their memberships. Please get your renewals to Nancy if you have not already done so.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis, asked everyone to fill in the hours sheets on the tables. All of our Voter Registrar terms have expired. If there are enough signed up, there will be a Voter Registrar training January 20, 2013 at the Tax office downtown.

If you are interested in attending please fill out the registration form. The first Lone Star College "Community Partner Day" is February 20, 2013 from 11-1 p.m. We will need a few of us to be deputized so we can participate. Let Suzanne know if you can help out.

Hospitality Chairman, Lois Barclay, reminded us that she has a

good supply of paper plates, plastic forks, and cups for any CFRW function. Also, please be sure to RSVP for regular meetings through the web site.

Caring for America Chairman, Millie Alford said that we would continue to support Operation Interdependence with donations of items for their care packages – hotel toiletries, drink mixes, etc. She also said that she would like to start a program called "Remembering Our Own." If any of us have a child, spouse, family member, friend or neighbor who is in the armed forces, please let Millie know and we will start contacting And/or give support to them on behalf of CFRW.

Legislative Chairman, Jan Ott reported that today was swearing in day in Austin. Big issues this session will be the budget, higher education, water, and guns. People to watch and the topics they plan to tackle will be Sen. Joan Huffman, chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, Sen. Dan Patrick, school choice, Sen. Tommy Williams, water and transportation infrastructure, Rep. Bill Callegari, regulations on business. You can watch the legislature and committee meetings on [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us). Also, make plans to attend TFRW Legislative Day, April 18, 2013.

Joy introduced the rest of the committee chairmen: Web Master – Gail Hoffman-Jackson, Historian – Judie Stokes, Literacy Chairman – Beth Weaver; Publicity – Stephanie Peters, Parliamentarian – Betty Guthrie; Delegate to the GHC – Sandra Vinklarek.

Old Business

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## Caring for America Millie Alford

Happy New Year to everyone! We started off our new CFRW year with a great meeting. As I mentioned, we hope to recognize the family members and dear friends of our membership who serve in our military. If you have a loved one who is currently serving in any branch of the military, please contact me at [mcaphd@yahoo.com](mailto:mcaphd@yahoo.com) for the form to fill out, so we can get this project underway. I am proud to share that I have a son, Capt. Brandon Alford, who is in the Air Force and a son-in-law, Sgt. Steven Brodie, who is in the Marines. I look forward to learning the names of all members' family and friends so that we may remember them with our prayers and our recognition.

We will continue to remember those who serve through our donations to **Operation Interdependence**. Please bring your small soaps, shampoos, tooth paste and other toiletries in a quart size bag and I will take them to the headquarters for OI. For our new members, the following is some information about Operation Interdependence to inform you how we are involved: <http://www.oidelivers.org/how-you-can-help/>

**Operation Interdependence (OI)** is located at 12312 Jones Rd., 77040 Volunteer hours are Tues and Thurs 10-1.

### Meeting Minutes continued

There was no Old Business.

#### New Business

Joy announced that Greater Houston Council (GHC) will host their leadership workshop, Nuts-N-Bolts on February 19 at the Sosa Center. The cost is \$25 (lunch included). Joy will send the form via email to everyone. Checks need to be sent to Barbara Buxton payable to GHCFRW PAC by February 10.

The regular GHC meeting will be January 15 at the Sosa Center. There is no cost and everyone is welcomed. Club Presidents will be honored. NFRW President, Rae Lynn Chornenky will be the speaker.

We need to form a Financial Review Committee. The committee is to be made up of the Treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo and two others. The committee needs to meet in January or February and go over CFRW's books and complete a form. Suzanne Davis and Judie Stokes volunteered. The report is due at the March Regular Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moss, Secretary

### Campaign Activities Suzanne Davis

Wow! We had 17 of our members register for Deputy Registrar Training! The training will take place at the Tax Office on Preston in Downtown Houston on the 30th of January. The large number of women who volunteered to attend the training shows how dedicated our members are in getting our community and friends registered to vote. *Thank you, ladies!*

Our first **Lone Star College Community Partner Day** for 2013 will be held on Wednesday, February 20th from 11:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m. We need your help registering the students at the college, so please be sure to sign up for an hour shift during our February meeting! Thank you!

### Did you know know...?

Our current membership spans 11 Houston and Cypress zip codes! We have members from:

77040, 77041, 77064, 77065

77069, 77070, 77084, 77095

77389, 77429, 77433

**We even have members who live out of state. We welcome new members with open arms!**



# 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:
Position 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	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate Woman <i>(Active member of which Rep. Women's club?)</i>	<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 #:

Nancy Roberts Date Received:  
 16542 Village Drive  
 Jersey Village, TX 77040

For more information regarding membership, please contact Nancy Roberts at 713-466-4199

Solicitations made by Federal candidates and officeholders at this event are limited by Federal law. The Federal candidates and officeholders speaking tonight are soliciting only donations of up to \$2,400 from individuals and up to \$5,000 from multi-candidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, Federal contractors, or foreign nationals. "This is not a club endorsement, club president endorsement or campaign chair endorsement, only candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice."

**Affiliations:**  
National Federation of Republican Women  
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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