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Joy's Journal

Christmas has come and gone and the New Year is upon us.

First I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. As I begin 2013, I find that I am a little overwhelmed at all the tasks that lie before us but I'm also excited about all of the challenges we have to meet. I am thrilled to be serving you as your President for the next two years. We have such an enthusiastic group of ladies in our club and I know it is going to be a pure joy to work with all of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Green for donating the floral arrangement for the Christmas Party and to present our new slate of elected and appointed officers that were inducted that evening: **1st VP** is Barbara Buxton; **2nd VP** is Cindy Deister; **3rd VP** is Jaime Pierce; **Secretary** is Mary Moss; **Treasurer** is Melissa Ronquillo. The standing Committee Chairmen are: **Membership**, Nancy Roberts; **Campaign Activities**, Suzanne Davis; **Awards**, Rita Parrish; **Legislative**, Jan Ott; and **Hospitality**, Lois Barclay. Committee Chairmen are: **Webmaster**, Gail Hoffman-Jackson; **Historian**, Judie Stokes; **Registration**, Betty Collins; **Caring for America**, Millie Alford; **Literacy**, Beth Weaver; **Publicity**, Stephanie Peters; **Chaplain**, Dean Hastings; and

Parliamentarian, Betty Guthrie. Sandra Vinklerek has agreed to be our delegate to the Greater Houston Council. Thank You, Board, for agreeing to serve.

This coming year promises to be full of activities for everyone's participation. Our biennial fundraiser, **HIGH HEELS AND HIGH TEA**, will be this fall and we will begin planning and form-



ing committees for this event very soon. **Nuts and Bolts** (officer training) will be coming up in February. Another fun filled event is **Legislative Day** to be held in Austin on April 18th. The **National Federation of Republican Women** has two events in 2013: A Regional Meeting in Sugarland in May and the National Convention in Louisville, KY in September. **Texas Federation of Republican Women** will hold their State Convention in San Antonio this October. As you can see we have a plethora (one of my daughters favorite words) of opportunities to meet and visit with other clubs in our city, state and nation. I hope

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that many of you will take advantage of these activities to become more actively involved in our club. These types of meetings also present wonderful opportunities to hear from local, state and national political leaders who will give us the inside scoop on what is going on in government.

Mark Your Calendars!

Jan 8th	CFRW Gen. Meeting 10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6
Jan 10th	CFRW Board Meeting 10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Club
Jan 17th	Greater Houston Council Meeting 9:30-11:30
Feb 12th	CFRW Gen. Meeting 10:30-12:00 Carrabba's Hwy 6
Feb 14th	CFRW Board Meeting 10:00-12:00 Hearthstone Club
Feb 19th	GHC Nut's & Bolts 8:30-1:00 Sosa Center



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JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013

Guest Speaker Bob Price
Texas GOP Newsletter & Blog Author

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(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, House salad &
Sogno di cioccolatte for dessert

(Vegetarian meals are available with advanced notice)

RSVP by Friday, January 4th, 2013

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As you can see, we have a very challenging year coming up and I am delighted to be able to lead you in doing our part to insure the success of the Republican Party and our great country. Please join me in making CyFair Republican Women the **BEST** club in our city, state and nation.

~Joy Gregory

**Happy
New Year!**

From the Cy-Fair Republican Women



PROGRAMS Millie Alford

What a great two years I've had being 1st V.P.~Programs. We've had some great speakers and thanks to all who have helped make these past two years so much fun. Our Guest Speaker for January will be Bob Price.

Bob Price 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 also 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 is frequently asked to speak to organizations on the topic of border security, immigration reform and 2nd Amendment issues.

He is a US Air Force veteran, having served overseas during the Cold War and is a retired Lt. Col. from the US Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol where he served in command, public relations,

emergency services and youth education capacities.

In corporate life, Mr. Price serves as vice president of **Novum Solutions, Inc**; a Houston based manufacturing company best known for its **Blue Wonder Gun Care Products** and **Novum APR Advanced Pain Relief** brands. Novum also manufactures private label products for Connecticut Valley Arms, Bass Assassin Fishing Lures and Point Blank Body Armor. He is also an Independent Brand Partner for **Nerium Age Defying** skin care products.

(<http://texasgopvote.com/users/bob-price>)

Please join us for the January meeting and learn how we can become involved in the immigration policies.

Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy New Year.

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Guthrie

CFRW is off to a great start for 2013! The following Active members have renewed their memberships for 2013: **Mary Atchison, Lois Barclay, Mary Kay Brady, Shirley Chambers, Cindy Deister, Suzanne Davis, Dean Hastings, Barbara Hogan, Nancy Roberts and Susan Slocum.** Welcome back, **Sylvia Manley**, as a renewed Associate member.

CFRW membership for 2012 totaled 109 members (82 Active; 15 Associate Women; 12 Associate Men). We look forward to increasing our numbers in 2013, as we are well on our way!

Serving CFRW as Membership Chair for 2011 and 2012 has been an honor and a pleasure. It was a wonderful way to get to know our members, greet our visitors, work with a fabulous Board and assist in the

successes of our club. I would also like to thank **Mary Moss** for stepping in for me when needed! **Nancy Roberts** has been appointed Membership Chair for 2013 and 2014. She will be a great addition to the Board, and you will enjoy greeting her at the Registration table. I wish her well in this position and will be happy to help if needed.

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. 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!

JOIN CFRW TODAY!





LEGISLATIVE

Jan Ott

into focus the importance of conservation efforts which must be balanced with cattle raiser's property rights.

While we are all still recovering from the disappointment of a very difficult loss of the Presidential campaign, we do have important legislative activity to start watching here at home. As many of you know, our state Legislature meets in regular session beginning the second Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years for 140 calendar days. Though the actual session has not yet begun, our legislators have already been very busy working in committees and preparing legislation. Thousands of bills get filed during every regular session. Special sessions can only be called by the Governor for 30 days and lawmakers may consider only those issues designated by the Governor. There is a strong likelihood that there will be a special session in this two year term.



Texas House Speaker Joe Straus has emphasized that he will be focusing attention on the important issues of education, water, transportation and budget transparency. The state has serious issues to address to support the rapidly growing population - from 20 million in 2000 to 33 million by 2030. Education resources and infrastructure are the things that will help support jobs and continued economic growth. The Speaker continues to work toward making our state budget more transparent and accountable to taxpayers. The state has allowed money to sit in General Revenue Dedicated funds to certify the rest of the budget. Speaker Strauss has appointed a committee to develop recommendations for truth in taxation and fiscally responsible appropriations. Our Representative Patricia Harless was appointed to serve on the committee. Water plays a vital role in our economy. In 2005, CyFair RW's first year, Comptroller Susan Combs, then Texas Agriculture Commissioner, spoke to our club and told us to watch how big of an issue water would become in the coming years and it will now be a focus in this coming session. As Speaker Strauss pointed out, "I don't want to reach a day where a Texas company announces it's moving to Florida or Ohio because of water issues". 2011's drought and brutal heat brought

One issue that may not be a part of this legislative session is school funding, and that is why there may be a special session coming up after this regular session. There has been much debate about school funding formulas. There are currently lawsuits charging that the current system is unfair. The court will probably rule in January or February but the case will probably not be ultimately decided until it reaches the Texas Supreme Court. Therefore, the legislature will probably not address the issue until they get the guidelines from the courts which is not likely to happen during this regular session.

As you watch the legislative debates, you will see that many of the divisions on the issues are not between Republicans and Democrats, but, rather between rural, urban, and suburban perspectives. For an opportunity to watch the process more

closely, be sure to mark your calendars for April 18 when we will travel to Austin for TFRW's Legislative Day. It will be a great time to possibly sit in on a committee hearing, visit your legislator's office, and hear from our Texas elected officials - where, - fortunately, Republicans still hold all statewide offices.



I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- Winston Churchill



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Literacy

Mary Atchison

We had a great turn out at the Walker Elementary school for our literacy program on December 6th. The Cy-Fair Republican Women handed out a dictionary to every student in the 3rd grade again this year and the children were very excited to receive them. A committee had also been put together to judge the 5th graders projects on the Constitution. Mary Atchison, Rita Parrish, Mary Moss and Melissa Ronquillo, enjoyed reviewing each runner up's submission and we were very impressed by the students enthusiasm in their projects. It is a shame we could only choose one. The first place was awarded a Barnes & Noble gift card. Thank you Walker Elementary for letting CFRW again present our literacy program to your students.



Top Left to Right: Mary Moss, Jaime Pierce, Joy Gregory
Bottom Left to Right: Millie Alford, Jan Ott, Mary Atchison, Melissa Ronquillo and Rita Parrish



A Note from Patricia Harless

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Next Tuesday, January 8th, marks the Opening Day of the 83rd Texas Legislature. I am honored to represent the citizens of House District 126 during what will surely be a landmark session.

Swearing-In Information

On Opening Day, swearing-in ceremonies will be held in both the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers. On Tuesday morning please join us for breakfast in my Capitol office - E2.408. The swearing-in ceremony starts at 12:00 noon. Our office will be open at 8:00 a.m. and we will be serving light breakfast refreshments. At 10:30 a.m. we will meet on the North steps of the Capitol for a group picture and then you may either go to the House Gallery or back to our office to watch the swearing-in proceedings. We will have multiple televisions on in our office, but should you decide to watch from the Gallery, please get here early to get in line as seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Searching for Legislative Information

In an effort to make the legislative process more open and accessible to the public, the House and Senate have created programs that allow citizens to track legislation, monitor committee hearings and watch either chamber as they meet in daily session on the House and Senate Floors. All of this can be found by visiting the website set up for the legislature: www.capitol.state.tx.us. If you are looking for a particular piece of legislation, you can search for it based on the bill number or, if you don't have that, a key word or phrase. The "Additional Searches" section of website provides links to a variety of areas that can be affected by legislation. Some of those include Amendments to bills, Texas Statutes, the Constitution and Administrative Code. This section also allows a person to look at any Record Vote taken in either the House or the Senate. The "My TLO" section of the website provides citizens with a variety of resources that enable them to follow legislation and legislative activities. With an email address and password you can create custom Bill Tracking Lists and receive email alerts when there is any type of action taken on the bills on that list, view information on a PDA or cell phone, and save bill and text searches to be viewed later.

Daily Legislative Sessions and Committee Hearings

To watch the House or Senate in session, or to view a Committee hearing, simply choose the Chamber you are interested in by clicking the "Video Broadcasts" link in the ***Legislative Activity*** section located on the right hand side of the Homepage. Broadcasts are in real-time and provide citizens with the opportunity to follow legislation that is being debated even if they are unable to be there in person.

Honorary Pages

The House Honorary Page Program is a great opportunity for students 8 to 18 years of age to experience the Capitol and the legislature. Pages assist our House Sergeants with their duties, which include spending time on the House Floor while the legislature is in daily session. A page is allowed to serve 1 half-day shift, either in the morning or afternoon, which makes this an easy day trip to Austin. Each session every member is allowed a total of 10 pages. All requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis and slots fill up quickly, with the week of Spring Break filling up first. If you know a student in District 126 that would be interested in serving, please have them contact our office as soon as possible.



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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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"/>

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<input type="checkbox"/> Historian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact me with more information on activities at CFRW

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<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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