



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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A club is an association of persons united by a common interest, usually meeting periodically for a shared activity. Republican Women's Clubs have a common goal of promoting the Republican Party and Republican Candidates. According to our handbook, Cy-Fair Republican Women was federated in June of 2005. As a result, all Active members are members of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Since that time, it has been active in organizing candidate forums, collecting donations for Operation Interdependence, handing out dictionaries to third graders and Constitutions to fifth graders. The club holds a biennial fundraiser called High Heels and High Tea to raise funds for local and state candidates. Members volunteer to staff campaign headquarters, participate in block walking and at candidate phone banks. Some members also serve as local precinct chairs, election judges and clerks, Deputy Voter Registrars, ESD Representatives, MUD Board Representatives, and other elected officials. In addition to working diligently, wonderful friendships have also formed as a result of participation in club activities. Cy-Fair Republican Women is an award-winning club both nationally and statewide. Maybe you have joined recently and have asked

yourself, "How can I become more active in CFRW?" I joined CFRW in August of 2007 and immediately decided that I wanted to learn more about Republican Women and the political process. I decided that attending the State Convention in El Paso would be a great way to get to know the members better and to really learn about the organization. This was probably one of the wisest decisions I made! The Convention was a wonderful experience. I had never heard or seen such a large collection of state and national candidates in one setting. I not only got to meet and shake hands with them, but I went home with an excellent understanding of the issues. Candidates love to come to these events because they know that Republican Women are the Heart of the Party! A side benefit was socializing with our club members and getting to know them on a personal level.

Upon returning to Houston, the CFRW Hospitality Chair resigned. As I now knew some of the women, it was easy to volunteer to take over that position. Sitting at the registration table and taking reservations allowed me to meet more members and feel comfortable participating in campaign activities. The more I participated, the more confidence I gained. In the ensuing years, I have served as Membership Chair, Campaign Activities Chair, and worked on many committees. Attending political rallies, State and National Conventions, Legislative Day, etc. has been the icing on the cake.

Perhaps you are asking yourself "What

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activities are available for me?" or "How can I find out about these activities?" to participate. Recently almost 20 CFRW members returned from Legislative Day in Austin. We carpoled to Austin, shared rooms, visited our State Senator and Representatives, and had a great time getting to know each other!

I want our new and returning members to know that you, too, can be an active member in CFRW. You can jump in with both feet or with one toe at a time! Volunteer to chair or work on a committee for High Heels and High Tea, sign up to attend the State Convention or help register voters. The late 'Borah Van Dormolen often told us that we should all use our Time, Talent and Treasure to serve our fellow Americans. I hope that each of you will join me in working to make CFRW the best club in the State of Texas!

## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 14th CFRW General Mtg.**  
10:30-Noon Carrabba's Hwy 6  
*\*Please note, this will be our last meeting at Carrabba's.*
- May 16th CFRW Board Mtg.**  
10:00 Hearthstone
- May 16-18 NFRW Region 4 Conference** Sugar Land



**Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson**, who spoke at our April meeting and at the Legislative Day luncheon, with **Rita Parrish**.



Republican Red filled the Gallery and the Floor of the Texas House of Representatives at Legislative Day!

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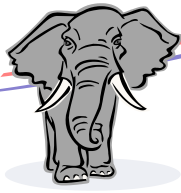


**Lois Barclay, Judie Stokes, Joy Gregory and Alice Gullett, above.**



Above: **Suzanne Davis** looking at auction baskets. Left: **Republican Women Packing Heat.**





## PROGRAMS

### Barbara Buxton

### Bob Pfeiffer

The speaker for the May 2013 CFRW topic will be “Exposing the Hidden entrepreneur. He retired in 2010 and time is spent on public causes, principally website promoting education on poverty and a charity concentrating on hands-on. After graduating from Colorado State Pfeiffer worked for Price Waterhouse in and gas industry for 20 years and was seven years.



meeting will be Robert S. Pfeiffer. His Entitlement”. Pfeiffer is a CPA and lives in Denver, Colorado. Much of his poverty issues and people. He runs a and welfare issues (FederalSafetyNet.com) solutions to poverty (ActOnPoverty.org). University with a degree in accounting, the auditing practice for five years, the oil CEO of an alternative energy company for

He is a founder and serves on the board

supports non-profit organizations concentrating on youth and disadvantaged Americans.

Pfeiffer is involved with the youth program of his church including mission trips to work directly for low-income Americans and with SCORE (Service Corp. of Retired Executives) working with new entrepreneurs, many of them low-income individuals starting up new businesses.

He is married and has five children, all boys. The youngest (triplets) are in college.

of the Blue Mountain Foundation which

This is not an endorsement of Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC, its President, or its Campaign Activities Chairman, only candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice.

## MEMBERSHIP~Nancy Roberts

April’s Membership Drive was a terrific success! We had 19 visitors and of those, six joined CFRW. I feel so blessed to have ladies on the Membership Committee who so freely give of their time and talents: **Mary Moss, Jaime Pierce, Susan Slocum, Kay Waghorne, Betty Guthrie, Stephanie Thompson and Sandra Vinklarek. Stephanie Peters** did a terrific job on publicizing our meeting. Thank you for making this program with **Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson** such a success!

New Active Members are: **Christy Murray** (joined 4/3), **Sarah Matthews, Kathy Ross, Brenda Petru and Darlene Hajduk.** New Associate Women are: **Honorable Lynn Bradshaw-Hull, Leslie Martone and Paula Harvey.**

2013 Totals are: 69 Active, 11 Associate Women and 5 Associate Men. I hope all the other guests will join CFRW and invite more guests. Let’s keep building for our community, our state and our country.

To renew your membership or join as a new member, complete the enclosed Membership Application, and send with check to **Nancy Roberts** at the address indicated. The form is also available at our web site; [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net). We hope to see you soon!”

Please come to our next meeting on

**TUESDAY, MAY 14th**

at:

**CARRABBA'S**  
**ITALIAN GRILL®**

**7540 N. Highway 6 in Copperfield**

10:30 Meet & Greet, 11:00 Speaker

12:00 Lunch

**Please reply by Friday, May 10** at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) or to [loisbarclay@att.net](mailto:loisbarclay@att.net). Lunch is \$15 and includes a delicious salad, entree, bread, tea/coffee and dessert. For meeting and tea/coffee only, the fee is \$3. Please have check or exact change ready when you arrive. Walk-ins may have lunch for \$20.





## LEGISLATIVE ~ Jan Ott

### The 83rd Texas Legislature Regular Session

Of course, this is an important time to be watching what is going on in our State Legislature. I can only touch on a few things that might be of interest, and by the time you read this article it may be out of date! Please go to the web site listed at the end of the article for the latest information. Rainy Day Fund - This Fund is the State's savings account intended for unexpected budget shortfalls and requires a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to use it. The Texas Senate has just approved a proposed constitutional amendment to ask voters to approve tapping the fund for water projects, highways and public schools. We will have to see how the House handles this amendment as it appears that they may not completely agree. If they do, however, it will be on the ballot in November. Senator Tommy Williams, who proposed the amendment, says it would save the state billions of dollars of debt service by using the fund, rather than issuing bonds that are currently planned for roads. Although only a small portion of the tapped money would go to schools (school funding will already be increased due to a large increase in property values), that portion of the rainy day fund would be used to resurrect teacher merit pay and to increase the basic state allotment to schools. In the House, Speaker Strauss wants to focus a portion of the fund for much needed water projects.

Campaign Money Transparency - The House has now unanimously passed a bill out of committee that would require nonprofit groups that are primarily involved in social welfare work, 501(c)(4) organizations, but engage in political activity to disclose their donors. The bill, Senate Bill 346, already passed in the Senate so if it passes the full House unchanged it would go straight to Governor Perry. Texas does not have public financing of campaigns or contribution limits, so the only thing we can rely upon is disclosure. The bill would require disclosure of donors who give more than \$1,000 to a group that engages in more than \$25,000 of political activity intended to influence an election. The bill would close a loophole that allows campaigns to be infused with secret money. There is an interesting back story to this bill. The bill passed the Senate by a wide margin, but the next day they tried to recall it. It had already been sent to the House so it could not be brought back. If there are any amendments in the House, it would return to the Senate where it now would probably not pass.

Education - The Texas Senate is set to discuss the overhaul of school curriculum and standardized testing. The House

has approved legislation, HB5, aimed at allowing more vocational based training and to reduce the number of standardized tests required for high school graduation. The bill passed the House by a 145-2 vote and has received broad support from parents, educators and business leaders. The most debated part of the bill was the restructuring of high school diploma requirements which require four years of math, science, social studies and English. The bill still requires 16 hours in core credit courses, but gives more flexibility to choose areas of focus. Proponents say they are not backing away from rigor or accountability. If you would like to watch the House floor proceedings or committee hearings, they are streamed live over the Internet at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us). You can also look up bills, locate committee information, and even set up personalized bill lists to be alerted when any action is taken on a bill you want to follow.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Cindy Deister**

**Ways and Means Vice President**



Cindy Desiter has enjoyed the camaraderie and experience of our fine club since the Spring of 2012. She and her husband Aaron will celebrate 20 years of marriage this year, and they have two wonderful sons, who will both be at CFHS this fall. The family lives in Longwood and serves diligently at Memorial Church of Christ, where they have attended since 1994. Cindy has been a software instructor, a preschool teacher and asst. director, and 3rd Grade Teacher for CFISD. Currently, Cindy is an Independent Distributor for Premier Designs Jewelry, a Texas-based, American-Made company whose motto is "Honor God and Serve People".

Through CFRW, Cindy hopes to collaborate to strengthen and support Texas Republicans - all who strive to uphold Constitutional principles and honorable morals and ethics in our government. Cindy believes that God will bless our efforts as we work to honor Him in our country.

Currently, Cindy is hard at work on the **CFRW High Heels and High Tea** event on October 11 at Raveneaux Country Club. She is thankful that all of you have pitched in to help! We will have a great event!

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 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 Chair, Nancy Roberts welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives. Two of the guests, **ESD #9 Commissioners Bob Janusaitus and Suzanne Davis** called our attention to the information available regarding the measure on the upcoming May 11 ballot regarding the 1% sales tax the ESD is asking for to fund new fire stations and equipment to accommodate the expected growth to the west of our area.

Barbara Buxton, 1st VP-Programs, introduced Jerry Patterson, 27th Commissioner of the General Land Office. Mr. Patterson gave us a very informative and entertaining talk on the General Land Office, its history, what it does today and his thoughts on the debate about our 2nd Amendment rights.

## Officers' Reports

The minutes from the March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo reported that as of March 31, 2013 we had a balance of \$12,226.31; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,604.63.

1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton announced that the speaker for our April meeting will be Bob Pfeiffer. Mr. Pfeiffer will speak on Exposing Hidden Entitlements.

2nd Vice-President, Cindy Deister reminded us of the CFRW items for sale. For today only in honor of our membership drive, the cookbooks will be \$5.00, the Little Miss Patriot books will be \$5.00, and our denim shirts and

red t-shirts are 10% off (\$27 and \$31.50 respectively). Cindy reported on our biennial fund raiser, High Heels and High Tea to be held Friday, October 11, 2013 at Raveneaux Country Club. Committees are forming. There was a signup sheet passed around for anyone who has not already volunteered to help.

## Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today we have 63 regular members, 8 associate women, and 5 associate men.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis asked that everyone to fill in the "Hours Cards" for any hours you spent on CFRW duties or events.

## Old Business

Joy Gregory reminded everyone of Legislative Day, April 18, 2013 and the Belles and Boots Ball, April 17 in Austin.

We are still in need of a Grassroots Club Chairman. It's an easy, but important job that entails keeping track of which of our members have joined the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Grassroots Club. The club is a painless way to contribute to the RPT with an \$8.25 monthly charge to your credit card. With membership comes the knowledge that the RPT will take you off their phone call lists; and there are periodic lunch opportunities around the State to meet with our elected officials.

Last month, Jordan Ronquillo told us of his plans to start a High School Republican Club at Cy-Falls High School. At our March 14 Board Meeting, Jan Ott made a motion that CFRW donate \$100 to the club once it is up and running. The motion was

seconded and passed. We also discussed other ways we could help the young people out. Some suggestions were to invite the members to one of our summer meetings, help with a voter registration drive by providing the deputy registrars, and getting them information on how to be pages at the Senatorial District Convention for Senate District 7 next spring.

## New Business

CFRW has been asked to provide a gift basket for the TFRW silent auction at Legislative Day. Alice Gullet is putting together a wine basket with wine donated by Chris and Melissa Ronquillo and other suitable items.

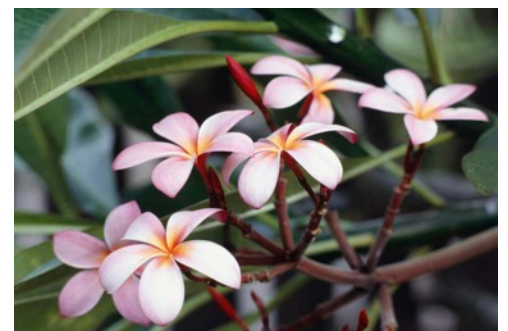
We have also been asked to provide an auction item for the NFRW Region 4 Conference. Suzanne Davis is donating one of her photographs and the club will pay to have it framed.

## Reminders

The deadline of articles for the May Newsletter is Monday, April 15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss



**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**

**to you and yours!**



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Patricia Harless



Dear Friends,

The House and Senate have both passed their versions of the Appropriations bill, and are now in conference to work out the differences.

After many hours of debate, the House passed the CSHB 1 by a vote of 135 Ayes and 12 Nays. Texas' economic climate has vastly improved since last session and we were able to restore some of the drastic cuts we were forced to make in 2011. The measure, authored by House Appropriations Committee Chair Jim Pitts (R – Waxahachie), appropriates \$193.8 billion over two years, funded within available revenue and under the Constitutional spending limit. It increases funding for Public Education, Higher Education and Health and Human Services, including:

- \$2.7 billion increase in funding for public education (an 8.6 percent increase)
- Increase in the State's contribution rate for retired teachers' pensions
- \$175 million increase for financial aid programs, including \$150 million increase for Texas Grants, a program that provides financial assistance to our highest performing students in need.
- \$265 million increase for mental health programs.
- \$170 million increase for Child Protective Services to reduce delinquent investigations and lower caseloads.
- Fully funding projected caseloads for Medicaid, CHIP and foster care programs.

During the budget debate, some so-called "watchdog" groups began emailing and robo-calling regarding how members were choosing to send money to Hollywood, through the Moving Images Industry Incentive Program (MIIP), over giving it to retired teachers. As with most propaganda of this kind, it failed to give the full picture. Some of the facts they did not include:

While there were provisions impacting the MIIP, of major concern to the members of the House was the fact that the amendment would have gutted the budget of the Historical Commission, removing approximately \$14.1 million and taking it back to 2012-2013 funding levels. These significant cuts would severely limit the Historical Commission's ability to carry out their mission which is to preserve the State's historic landmarks and artifacts, which include: \*Courthouse Preservation. \*Maintenance and operation of historic sites. \*Management of the State Historical Markers Program which provides historic markers to commemorate diverse topics, including: the history and architecture of houses, commercial and public buildings, religious congregations, and military sites; events that changed the course of local and state history; and individuals who have made lasting contributions to our state, community organizations, and businesses. \*Archeological

heritage protection through the administration of the State Archeological Landmark designation program (SAL). Serving as support staff for the Texas Antiquities Advisory Board, which evaluates sites for SAL designation and issues state antiquities permits; recording and evaluating archeological sites; advising archeologists, property owners, and other individuals concerning the laws and rules that apply when unmarked cemeteries are discovered; and conducting and reporting on archeological research and investigations.

Since the inception of the MIIP program in September 2009, through May 2013, the state has awarded \$61,738,491 in grants to the MIIP, and have seen a return of \$481,761,856 – a Return on Investment (ROI) of an astonishing 800%; The program is not a “Hollywood” program – the film industry is just one-fourth of the industries eligible for the MIIP (Moving Images Industry Incentive Program). The complete list of eligible industries include film, television, TV commercials, and video games; The monies appropriated for film production are paid only after the company provides eligible receipts for reimbursement; Only reimbursable expenses are paid, which include the hiring of Texas citizens and Texas vendors, ensuring a positive return on investment. The amendment offered was one of several amendments which were “sold” as helping TRS-Care, but: None of the amendments were approved by the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), who was not even asked if they wanted these amendments offered. This stunt threatened to kill the two amendments the TRTA actually wanted and had filed on their behalf -- both of which I voted for.

If you would like to watch the House floor proceedings or committee hearings, they are streamed live over the internet at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us). 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).

### WAYS and MEANS~ Cindy Diester

Goods Pricing:  
Red T-Shirts \$35. New member price \$31.50  
Denim Shirts \$30. New member price \$27.  
Little Miss Patriot children's books \$5.00  
CFRW Cookbooks \$10. New member price \$5.  
High Heels High Tea tickets \$75.  
Email Cindy at [cindy.deister@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.deister@gmail.com) for High Heels High Tea sponsor table rates and program ad pricing. I am excited that HHHT committees are making plans for this great event! Feel free to email me with questions. If you are on a committee, talk to your Chair or Co-Chair about your first meeting. EVERYONE will be needed to volunteer! Thank you in advance for your dedication!

High Heels High Tea  
Friday, October 11, 2013  
Raveneaux Country Club



# 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
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			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.)  
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Please make check payable to **Cy-Fair Republican Women**

**Mail check and this form to:**  
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 16542 Village Drive  
 Jersey Village, TX 77040

**Total Amount Due:**  
 Please circle Cash or enter Check #:  
 Date Received:

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."

**National Federation of Republican Women  
Texas Federation of Republican Women  
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**Affiliations:**

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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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