



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Micheline Hutson, Mary Moss, Rita Parrish, Nancy Roberts, Judie Stokes, Beth Weaver and myself represented CFRW at the TFRW Convention. Jan Ott, secretary of TFRW and a member of CFRW, also attended.

It was a great weekend for CFRW as we were recognized and were presented three prestigious awards:

*The 2013 Grassroots Club Award, The 2013 Highest Percentage of Grassroots Club Members, and The 2012-2013 John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence.* It was indeed an honor to accept these awards on behalf of all you wonderful ladies. A shout-out goes to Micheline Hutson for all her hard work signing up members for the Grassroots Club.

We were privileged to hear from an extensive line-up of National and State Legislators. Senator Ted Cruz spoke at the Installation of Officers Luncheon. He was welcomed with shouts of praise and cowbells resounding throughout the hall. We also heard from Senator John Cornyn, Congressman Kevin Brady, Congressman Lamar Smith, Congresswoman Kay Granger, Congressman Michael McCaul, and Congressman Pete Olson. Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Attorney General Greg Abbott participated in several of the festivities. On Saturday morning, most of the candidates running for State offices in the 2014 Primary were recognized and gave brief remarks.

Over and over we were reminded that Republican Women are the backbone of the Republican Party and

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instrumental in getting our candidates elected. A common theme heard throughout the weekend was the need to **KEEP TEXAS RED**. Dr. Robin Armstrong, Republican National Committeeman told us to "Punch a Liberal- metaphorically of course." Get out the boxing gloves ladies, we have a fight for Texas and Conservatism in the coming elections. Toni Anne Dashiell challenged us to "Live, Learn, and Lead."

If there was any doubt that the Washington liberals were coming after Texas with a vengeance there is no longer any doubt. Texas will be a Battleground in the next few years and Republican Women need to lead the fight and send the Dems running back to DC!

**~ KEEP TEXAS RED ~**



**Save the Date!**

**Dec. 8 Christmas Dinner**  
Hearthstone Country Club

6:30 to 9:00 Cost: \$15.00

With the upcoming Holidays, don't forget to mark your calendar for the CFRW Christmas Party. All members and spouses are invited.

**~ Lois Barclay, Hospitality Chair**

**W**OW! What an exciting and jam-packed month October has been! Our club held it's biennial Fundraiser, "High Heels and High Tea" and then a large number of our members traveled to San Antonio for the 2013 Texas Federation of Republican Women's Convention.

High Heels and High Tea - the event of the year, marvelous, stupendous, spectacular, entertaining, humorous, delightful, and gorgeous - mere words are not enough to describe this event. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. Highlights of the event were Ed Emmett, a fashion show by Chicos and Joseph A Banks, vendors, a blind auction and a live auction. Millie Alford and her committees are to be congratulated for scheduling, planning, and completing such a successful day. Due to the hard work and diligence of all the committees, we were able to clear somewhere is the neighborhood of \$10,000.00 !

One of the high lights of the day was the attendance of past, present and future presidents of Texas Federation of Republican Women. Toni Anne Dashiell, TFRW President from 2008-2009; Carolyn Hodges, current President of TFRW; and Jody Rushton, TFRW President for 2014-2015 celebrated the day with us. What an honor!



## MEMBERSHIP ~ Nancy Roberts



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WOW! What a great month! HHHT was a terrific success! The TFRW Biennial Convention was AWESOME! CFRW received several awards as a result of everyone's participation through the last two years. We are so excited, having heard and met many of the candidates for the March Primary in San Antonio.

You will want to print out the 2014 Membership Application and bring it with your dues to the November meeting. Everyone is required by Texas Ethics Commission to complete the application each year. If you are a candidate, we want you to join us! We want to have every opportunity to get to know you in the next few months prior to the Primary Elections. You may bring your campaign literature and signs.

Our Membership total is now 107!! Active – 87; Associate Women – 14; and Associate Men – 6. New Members are: **Dawn Fobbs** and **Kristan Govantes** – Active; **Katherine Cabaniss** and **Hon. Sheri Dean** — Associate Women.

I'll see you on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Longwood Golf Club!

Don't forget to VOTE on November 5<sup>th</sup>!!

### WAYS AND MEANS - Dr. Millie Alford

High Heels and High Tea! What a great success we had this year.

Our luncheon was one of our best, and I am so thankful for the great committees who helped make it possible. I'd like to say a Special Thank you to the Committees:

Guest Liaison – Joy Gregory, CFRW President Program Guest /Agenda – Barbara Buxton, Printing, Advertisements, Tickets -Gail Hoffman-Jackson, Co-Chair,Jaime Pierce, Co-Chair,Stephanie Peters, Darlene Hajduk Printing Programs- Millie Alford Set-Up/Take-Down- Sandra Vinklerek, Co-Chair,Paulette Harris, Co-Chair Debby Frieden Greeting/Registration-Lois Barclay, Chair,Rita Parrish, Co-Chair Joyce Berube, Jaime Pierce,Betty Guthrie,Melissa Ronquillo (Cashier)Mary Moss (Cashier) Decorations-Judie Stokes, Chair, Susan Green, Michelene Hutson, Linda Marley, Gloria Marubio,Wanda Threadgill, Alice Gullett Fashion Show-Alice Gullett, Co-Chair, Betty Phelan Collins, Co-Chair, Jan Ott, Mary Kay Brady, Sharon Hamilton, Jill Davis Vendors-Millie Alford, Chair Auction-Suzanne Davis, Chair, Nancy Roberts, Co-Chair,Willa Matthews, Caren Manzo, Susan Slocum,Stephanie Thompson.(If I left anyone out, please let me know...it was not intentional, and I appreciate you, too.) What an honor it has been to work with all of these dedicated, capable women who give of their time and talents

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# TFRW CONVENTION - San Antonio - October 17th-19th, 2013



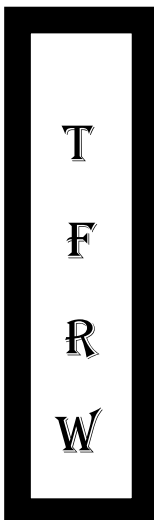
*CFRW Delegation to the TFRW Convention*



*Senator Ted Cruz appreciates the 8-min standing ovation "welcome" by convention attendees*



*Jan Ott, TFRW Secretary, represents CFRW and SD 7 at the Head Table for the Closing Session.*



*Above and Below: Wonderful speakers, great food and fantastic table partners made this a top-notch event!*



*Poignant Fort Hood Memorial Presentation*



*Beth Weaver is honored to meet the talented Ft. Hood Memorial Sculptor, Mr. Troy Kelley*





***Important Propositions on the Ballot -  
Vote now or on November 5  
TFRW supports Proposition 6***

There are a number of important propositions on the ballot for the November 5 election. Proposition 6 may be the most important. The Texas Federation of Republican Women, recognizing the crucial need and critical demand for water projects, voted at the last Board of Directors meeting to support Proposition 6. This constitutional amendment is meant to help our State protect one of our most important resources and is supported by both Democrats and Republicans.

Texas' population is expected to double over the next 40 years while our groundwater supplies are declining. Many communities may not be able to get adequate financing for water infrastructure projects, and our state could face critical water shortages. As our recent severe droughts have demonstrated, some Texas communities currently do not have enough water to meet demands during these times. Without new supplies, another major drought could be devastating to Texas' economy and jobs. The amendment would establish a State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT). \$2 billion dollars would be transferred from the Rainy Day Fund to SWIFT to support projects in the State Water Plan. The Water Board must attempt to spend 10% of the funds for rural political subdivisions and agricultural water conservation and 25% for water conservation and reuse. The money may be used for low-interest loans, credit enhancement agreements, deferral of interest obligations, and other methods of financial assistance for public entities developing and managing water supplies.

The new fund would not be a tax because the money has already been raised. The rainy day fund, which is a severance tax on the oil and gas industry, has been growing and has a healthy balance and using this amount of money from the fund will not hurt Texas' credit rating. The proposition would be a onetime transfer of money to do what is part of

government's most important responsibilities - to support and protect our infrastructure

Every community and every water user group in Texas is planned for. The state is split into 16 regions with water user groups including cities, rural water users, agriculture, livestock, manufacturers, mining, and steam-electric power. The 2012 State Water Plan addresses the needs of roughly 3,000 water user groups.

Proposition 6, while not completely solving our water needs, is the first major step toward it - something that's good for the economy while preserving the environment.

- Jan Ott, Legislative Chair

"We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much."

- President Ronald Reagan



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Tuesday, November 5th**

***DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!***

**Tuesday, November 12th  
7:00 pm**

**General Membership Meeting  
Longwood Country Club**



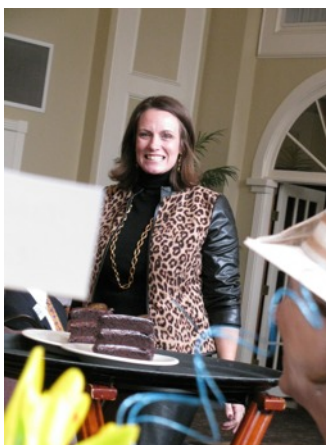
Since we did not have a regular meeting during our High Heels and High Tea Event on October 11, there are no meeting minutes to report. ~ Mary Moss, Secretary

*Below are photos from the High Heels and High Tea Event for your enjoyment:*



**Rep Patricia Harless and the Hon. Jack Cagle Emcee Fashion Show**

**Kelli Ray - Sang "The Star Spangled Banner" & SuperModel**



**Our Keynote Speaker - Ed Emmett**



**CFRW Member Rita Parrish and Senator Glenn Hegar**



**Jan Ott, Rita Parrish & Betty Collins**



**Sam Harless - SuperModel**



**Lana Shadwick - Attorney and SuperModel**

**Below: Anya Lucas, recent past president CYFEN and SuperModel**



**Judge Renee Magee - SuperModel**



## WAYS AND MEANS - DR. MILLIE ALFORD

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to accomplish our mission. I especially want to thank Mary Moss for being my anchor while I was away in Australia. I was totally confident that the job would be done exceptionally! She stepped up (as she always does) and made sure all the checks were carefully copied and the applications were documented. She worked with Melissa Ronquillo to keep all our tickets straight. Everyone really pulled her weight on this one! We received so many great comments from our guests and elected officials. It was an awesome day and our finances are smiling! We understand Teamwork! CFRW is blessed with some amazing worker bees. ☺ Despite so many last minute requests for tickets and a few that just showed up...we were flexible and accommodated each request. It certainly paid off, because we signed up several new members and that's one of our goals.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and Christmas is close behind. We have some great Peter Barnes books that will make super Christmas presents. Please let me know if you'd like to purchase some books for your Kids or Grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors or total strangers. We are also blessed to continue to grow and anyone who needs a CFRW shirt, please let me know and I will bring it to the next meeting in November. Thanks again for everyone's "can do" attitude. It is my pleasure to serve with all of you!



## GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson

What a convention! The first session awarded Cy-Fair RW the grassroots award for Highest Percentage Club Participation in the TFRW! Texas Republican Party Chairman Steve Munisteri presented Joy Gregory the award, commenting that this support is so critical to the state GOP, because it is not shared with any other organization, such as a fundraising company or the RNC. Totally "Raised in Texas, Stays in Texas". It is the easiest way to stand our ground during "Battleground Texas"!

Please consider joining your Sisters In Red in the Grassroots Club. This is the CFRW Grassroots Honor Roll:

Joy Gregory, Barbara Buxton, Nancy Roberts, Rita Parrish, Gail Hoffman-Jackson, Jan Ott, Mary Moss, Dawn Shull, Mary K Brady, Susan Slocum, Pat McCleney, Susan Green, Sharon Edwards, Christy Murray, Joan Hudgens, Maureen Colvard, Carol Hart, Linda Llewellyn, Clarisa Chavez, Wanda Threadgill, Vivian Marlatt, Betty Collins, Karen Listi, Dean Hastings, Marie Remik, and Millie Alford.

To join Grassroots Club, enter your credit card at [www.GrassrootsClub.com](http://www.GrassrootsClub.com). You will be charged \$8.25 each month. Such a painless way to defeat "Battleground Texas"!

Remember the benefits of membership:

1. No annoying TXGOP solicitation phone calls at dinnertime.
2. No annoying TXGOP junk mail solicitations.
3. Quarterly conference call with Chairman Steve Munisteri and a "special guest".
4. Email updates
5. Private event at State GOP Conventions. I love those!
6. THE MONEY STAYS IN TEXAS!!!! YEAH!
7. CFRW gets nifty awards and recognitions!
8. My eternal gratitude!



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

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Please list talents/skills you possess: (Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)  
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<p>Please make check payable to <b>Cy-Fair Republican Women</b></p> <p><b>Mail check and this form to:</b>          Nancy Roberts          16542 Village Drive          Jersey Village, TX 77040</p>	<p><b>Total Amount Due:</b></p> <p>Please circle Cash or enter Check #:</p> <p>Date Received:</p>
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<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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