



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Joy's Journal

In the last few years, a large number of articles and arguments have been presented both for and against hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”). As Texas faces water shortages due to the extended drought, there has been a resurgence of arguments on this topic. Fracking is a process in which water, sand and additives are pumped into underground formations in order to break up rock and release oil and gas. As it often takes 4 to 6 million gallons of water to drill a deep well, the media likes to paint the oil and gas industry as the villain in the ongoing struggle to conserve and limit water usage in aquifers in very arid regions of the state.

History records many disputes over water rights and usage. A few years back catfish farmers were blamed for shortages in the Edwards Aquifer and irrigation wells were blamed for dropping levels in the Ogalala Aquifer. In Texas, agricultural interests and the oil industry both use large amounts of water. According to the Texas State Water Board only one percent of overall water used in the state is used by the oil and gas industry. A study done by University of Texas teacher, Rusty Todd, found that Texans used 18 times more water on their lawns than was used by fracking in 2011!

Do we need to be concerned about large volume water usage by the oil and gas industry? Yes, without a doubt it must be a concern for the future of our state. The oil and gas industry recognizes this fact and is already at work trying to decrease the volume of water used in fracking. Many operators are drilling deeper water wells into semi-brackish and brackish (slightly salty) formations that are unsuitable for human consumption or agriculture.

Other companies are using creative methods of recycling and conservation of their water resources. In Louisiana some companies purchased effluent water from the city of Shreveport and treated wastewater from a large paper mill. Entrepreneurs have begun to manufacture recycling systems to be used in isolated areas. A few companies have been using propane instead of water for fracking. Oilfield service providers have multi-million dollar research projects into making better drilling fluids that will require less water for drilling.

During the 2013 Legislature, Senator Glen Hegar introduced Senate Bill 873 which would allow local groundwater authorities to require oil and gas companies using water for fracking to get permits. Because many groundwater districts think Texas law is unclear concerning the permitting for fracking water-supply wells, some require permitting and others do not. SB873 would clarify the law so groundwater districts could require the permits if they wish to. It would not require permitting. At the present time, SB873

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was passed by the senate but was referred to committee in the house.

Water usage is a complex problem and will always evoke strong feelings in the public sector. The media needs to spend more time reporting the pros and cons of the issues and less time editorializing. The voters need to research the issues and consider more than one viewpoint before forming an opinion about this or any subject. In closing, we should be concerned but “fair and balanced” in pointing our fingers at one particular industry where water use and conservation is concerned. Crop irrigation, power generation, and city drinking water all use more water than the oil industry.



Mark Your Calendars!

Oct. 11 High Heels & High Tea
11 a.m. at Raveneaux Country
Club

**Oct. 17-19 TFRW Biennial
Convention** in San Antonio

Dec. 8 Christmas Dinner
Raveneaux Country Club



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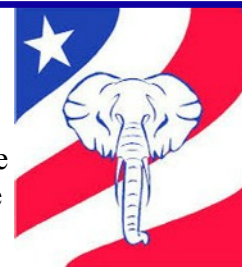
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I look forward to seeing each of you at our next Meeting - The *High Heels & High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show* on October 11th! I am on the Auction Committee and I can tell you we have some terrific items for you. Everyone is working to make this event awesome! Hats are encouraged!



You won't want to miss a minute of our activities so don't be shy about contacting any of the Board Members or Committee Chairs listed on this page for opportunities. The continuance of our beliefs and values depends on you! VOTE on November 5th!!!

Membership is at 103!! We have 86 Active with **Carole Horton**; 11 Associate Women (which means they are members of another TFRW club) with addition of **Cindy Bennett Smith**; and 6 Associate Men.

To join as a new member, or to renew your membership, download the enclosed Membership Application, complete the form, include your check and send to me or go to the website to complete the form and use your PayPal account. We will begin renewals for 2014 in November!

WAYS AND MEANS ~ Dr. Millie Alford

In less than a month, we will see the culmination of several months' work come into fruition. I appreciate the dedication of all of our committees and would like to thank each and every one for the outstanding job they've done to present our 5th annual High Heels and High Tea on Friday, October 11, 2013 from 11 am – 2 pm at Raveneaux Country Club. What a great group. I urge everyone to get your ticket and don't miss this fun event. If I left anyone out, or you didn't get your name on the original list, please know that I will mention your name next time and you are fully appreciated! A very big extra "Thank You" to Mary Moss for taking over my duties while I am in Australia. It's pretty DownUnder, but there's No place like Home!

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Guest Liaison – Joy Gregory, CFRW President

Programs – Barbara Buxton, Programs

General Event Assistance

Millie Alford, Chair

Lynda Truhlar, Co-Chair

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High Heels & High Tea Planning Party



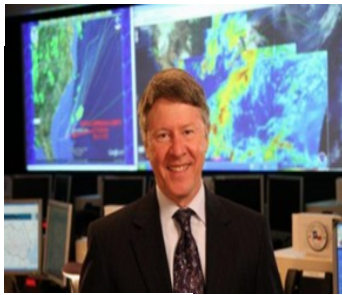
PROGRAMS ~ Barbara Buxton



**Raveneaux Country Club
9415 Cypresswood Drive
Spring, Texas**



Senator Dan Patrick



County Judge Ed Emmett



Rep. Patricia Harless



Commissioner Jack Cagle

Cy-Fair Republican Women would like to invite you to attend our biennial fundraiser, the High Heels & High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show. It will be held at Raveneaux Country Club, 9415 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379 on Friday, October 11, 2013 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Ticket information may also be found on our website – www.cfrw.net.

Our program includes a blind auction, comments from our speakers, Senator Dan Patrick, Texas Senate District 7 and County Judge Ed Emmett. Lunch will be followed by a fashion show presented by guest emcees, Representative Patricia Harless, District 126 and County Commissioner Jack Cagle, Precinct 4.

WAYS AND MEANS ~ Dr. Millie Alford ~ *Cont'd from Page 2*

Printing, Advertisements, Tickets

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Darlene Hajduk

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Mary Moss (Cashier)

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High Heels and High Tea Tickets
are \$75.00 each and are going
FAST!

Contact any board member or
Committee Chair to secure yours
NOW! *Seating is limited.*



Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot November 5

There are nine proposed constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot for the November 5 election. Texas has one of the longest constitutions in the nation with 474 of the 656 proposed amendments having been approved by voters since 1876. Proposed amendments have been approved by 2/3 of the House and Senate and must be supported by a majority of voters in order to pass. The amendments listed below are what you must study and decide if they should be approved. They are listed in the order they will be on the ballot.

It would be too lengthy for me to go into details here, but for a complete analysis of the pros and cons of each bill, go to http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/scanned/Constitutional_Amendments/83_tlc_2013-11-05.pdf and http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/scanned/Constitutional_Amendments/amendments83_HRO_2013-11-05.pdf

1. [HJR 62](#) - The amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for the spouses of veterans. This specifically authorizes a tax exemption for all or part of the market value of the residences of spouses of military members who are killed in action.
2. [HJR 79](#) - The amendment would eliminate an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund. Neither is in operation, with the State Medical Education Board having been defunct for more than a quarter-century.
3. [HJR 133](#) - The amendment would extend the tax exemption period on storing aircraft parts in the state and would provide more tax relief to aerospace manufacturers, which often hold such parts in inventory for an extended period of time.
4. [HJR 24](#) - The fourth proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to give a partial property tax exemption on charity-donated residences to disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. The amendment would strike the current requirement that qualifying residents be "100 percent" disabled.
5. [SJR 18](#) - This amendment would allow homeowners age 62 or older to use reverse mortgages to purchase residences. The current law only expressly allows traditional mortgages, which lets such homeowners borrow against the equity of their homes. The amendment would allow the prospective borrower to use a Federal Housing Adminis-

tration-insured home equity conversion mortgage to help buy a new home.

6. [SJR 1](#) - Known as the Rainy Day Fund Amendment, this amendment would create two funds to help finance key projects in the state water plan by pulling about \$2 billion from the Texas Economic Stabilization Fund to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.
7. [HJR 87](#) - The seventh amendment would authorize home-rule municipalities to choose how to fill city council vacancies if the positions have less than 12 months remaining in a three- or four-year term. The amendment would remove the requirement to hold a mandatory special election for those positions.
8. [HJR 147](#) - The proposed amendment would repeal a constitutional provision authorizing the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.
9. [SJR 42](#) - The last amendment on the ballot would expand the types of sanctions the State Commission on Judicial Conduct could assess — including public admonition, warning, reprimand, or required additional training or education — against judges or justices after a hearing. The current law allows the SCJC to issue a public censure or recommend a judge's removal or retirement.

Another proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution passed in the [3rd special session](#). That proposal has to do with funding transportation needs, but through negotiations to get the proposal passed in both chambers, the constitutional amendment was worded to be on the 2014 ballot, and will not be included with the 9 above. This proposed amendment also affects the Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund). Prop 6 already proposes to tap that fund for "water" needs. The balances in the fund are now in excess of \$6 billion. Tapping the fund for both the water and transportation needs will still protect our state's 'AAA' bond rating with a healthy balance in the Rainy Day Fund.

Jan Ott, Legislative Chair

Can we call him real quick???

"I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency...even if I'm in a Cabinet meeting."

~ President Ronald Reagan

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - September 10, 2013



President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. 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.

Barbara Buxton introduced our speaker for today, the Honorable Dwayne Bohac, Texas State Representative District 138. Representative Bohac gave a very informative presentation on the major functions of the Legislature and several major bills and ideas that came out of the last legislative session. **Officers' Reports**

The minutes from the July 9, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the August Newsletter. There were no minutes from the August Social as there was no business conducted.

Treasurer's Report, **Melissa Ronquillo** reported that as of August 31, 2013 we had a balance of \$13,057.75; and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$2,605.18.

1st Vice-President, **Barbara Buxton** announced that our speakers for next month's High Heels and High Tea will be Texas Senator and Lt. Governor Candidate Dan Patrick and County Judge Ed Emmett. Representative Patricia Harless and County Commissioner Jack Cagle will emcee the fashion show.



Above: Hon. Dwayne Bohac with Joy Gregory

2nd Vice President, **Millie Alford** gave us an update of High Heels and High Tea plans. She asked that committee chairman please meet with her after this meeting. Since Millie will be out of town for the next two weeks, she asked that any tickets and money be sent to Mary Moss, 14102 Blazey Dr., Houston, TX 77095 so she can keep records necessary and get the money to our treasurer, Melissa Ronquillo for Millie. Millie also asked the members to be sure and let anyone they know who may be interested in advertising in our High Heels and High Tea program that there are business card ads available for \$50. Additionally, if anyone would like to purchase a CFRW red t-shirt or denim shirt, please let Millie know and she will get one to you. **Suzanne Davis** asked anyone who may have decorative items to donate to the auction to let her know and she would come and get them.

3rd Vice President, **Beth Weaver** was introduced as the new Newsletter editor replacing Jaime Pierce, who resigned due to her taking a full time job that would prevent her from attending our day time meetings. Beth thanked us for the privilege of working for and with this organization.

Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, **Nancy Roberts** reported that as of today we have 86 regular members, 11 associate women, and 6 associate men.

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

Old Business

The TFRW convention is scheduled to be held in San Antonio October 17-19, 2013. The delegates will be, Joy

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2013

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Gregory, Millie Alford, Barbara Buxton, Suzanne Davis, Michelene Hutson, Mary Moss, Nancy Roberts, and Judie Stokes. Alternate delegates are Rita Parrish and Beth Weaver.

Barbara Buxton will be going to Louisville, KY as our NFRW delegate. Barbara thanked us for the opportunity and for the \$50 that the club is giving towards her registration expense.

Mary Kay Brady was introduced as the new Caring for America chairman. She is taking over for Millie Alford who took over the Ways and Means job. Mary Kay reminded us to save those hotel-sized toiletries to send to our troops overseas through Operation Interdependence. She will let us know if there are any items in particular that are needed.

New Business

Lois Barclay announced that our Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 8th at Hearthstone Country Club. The cost will be \$15 per person – spouses are welcomed. Look for more information to come.

We have our Facebook page up and going. Search for CFRW (Cy-Fair Republican Women). Like us and make a comment. You will start getting posts. Share those posts to spread our word. Only the administrator can add events, so let Joy know if there is something you think needs to be added and she can make the decision if this is acceptable and allow it to post.

Grassroots Club Chairman, Micheline Hutson, encouraged anyone not already a member to sign up today. For an \$8.25 monthly charge to your credit card, you will help the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) in its fight to keep Texas red. For this fee, you get no more phone solicitations from the RPT; you will get periodic email updates and other opportunities to be informed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss



GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson



DEAN HASTINGS AND MARIE REMIK are the newest additions to the Grassroots Club. Your contributions will make a difference! There are 24 CFRW members who are “Putting Down the \$Bread\$ to keep Texas Red”. Look for a special “Thank-You” at High Heels and High Tea.

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!

If you sign up on the web “www.GrassrootsClub.com” or are already a member, let me know and I will add your name to the CFRW Honor Roll. Help us keep Texas RED and defend the US Constitution! I will also heap profuse thanks upon your shoulders.



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"/>	
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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 (Active member of which Rep. Women's club?)	<input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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GETTING INVOLVED! - - CHECK ANY MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED:		
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<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: Nancy Roberts 16542 Village Drive Jersey Village, TX 77040	Please circle Cash or enter Check #: Date Received:

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

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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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