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Labor Day is coming! Traditionally, Labor Day was celebrated on the first Monday in September and celebrated the economic and social contributions of workers. More recently, Labor Day signals the end of summer and is celebrated with picnics, barbecues, and parades. This year I would like to suggest that we, as Republican Women, consider it our call to LABOR for Republican candidates in the 2014 Primaries and General Elections. Texas Federation of Republican Women has issued the following challenge to all Texas Clubs. Let's rise to the challenge in Cy-Fair!

Battleground Texas the Republican Way From Mopsie Thornborrow

As you know, the Democrats have decided they are going to turn Texas blue. To counter that TFRW is embarking on a new campaign. We want as many clubs involved as possible. The following is our plan of action:

Step 1. Become a deputized volunteer voter registrar in your county. Once you have taken the required class you can ask other county registrars if they will deputize you also. Most will do so without taking the class again, since the class is standardized.

Step 2. Target areas that need more registered voters. This information is already being compiled and I should have it by 8/9. We will have 4 contact people, South, East, Central, and West, so we don't go to homes where someone else has already gone. Contact me and I can either get you started or refer you to the person handling your area.

Step 3. If you can't get a hold of one of these lists right away, be creative. **Think Outside the Block.** Find events where you can wait on the outside and register people. Don't go in and infringe on the event.

Step 4. Put together talking points to counter the Democrat's talking points. This is also already being done by the RPT and the RNC and will also be out soon.

Step 5. Pick one day a month for everyone to block walk to register voters; for safety go in pairs. Try to engage people in a conversation to use your talking points. Make it personal. Try to talk to the woman of the house. Focus on women's issues identified in step 3; i.e. the economy is a woman's issue, the faulty "War on Women". Remember, we need to have a unified and positive message.

Step 6. Be prepared; have a box that has everything you will need, but don't make it heavy if you are block walking. If you have some kind of badge holder, wear your certification card. This is your identification. Remember, Texas law says you MUST register anyone who wants to be registered. You CANNOT only register Republicans, BUT we are usually more polite than Democrats and we have a positive message. This will stay with people.

Step 7. After a few days, follow up

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with a hand written note to those you registered. Again, make it personal. Step 8. After a couple of weeks, follow up to be sure they got their voter card. If not, check on it. Step 9. Keep track of your hours. These are not only campaign hours, but I would like to make a contest of it. So, please, send me just the hours spent on voter registration; mopsie50@yahoo.com. Let me know how many people were registered and in how many different counties your members are deputized. Give me feedback, both good and bad. We may tweak the program a little and go longer.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me or call, 713-253-1912

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sept. 10 CFRW Meeting**
10:30 at Longwood Golf Club
- Sept. 12 CFRW Board Mtg.**
10:00 a.m. at Hearthstone
- Oct. 11 High Heels & High Tea**
11 a.m. at Raveneaux Country Club
- Oct. 17-19 TFRW Biennial Convention** in San Antonio



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MEMBERSHIP~Nancy Roberts

The long hot summer is drawing to an end—finally! We have had such a great time, we scarcely noticed. The New Member Tea was great thanks to all of you who helped to ‘execute’ the plan, especially **Barbara Buxton** for hosting the brunch. There were 28 in attendance and it is such a pleasure to be with our like-minded new friends.

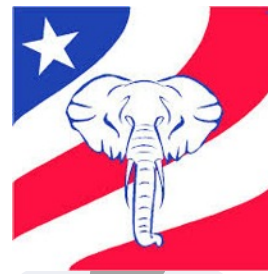
Membership is at 101!! We have 86 Active by adding **Linda Lutkus** and **Sandra Hoffpauir**, 10 Associate Women (which means they are members of another TFRW club), and 6 Associate Men.

Keep inviting your friends to join us. When you receive the meeting notice or newsletter, forward it to those who would be interested. We have exciting programs and events for the remainder of this year and 2014 is an election year sure to be filled with sparks. Jump in!

To join as a new member or 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.

Share the vision...

Spread the word about



Join Republican Women

High Heels & High Tea!

You are invited to our next meeting:

Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m.
Longwood Golf Club
13300 Longwood Trace
Cypress 77429

Please reply by September 6th so we know to expect you.

Meeting with lunch, including coffee or tea and dessert, is \$15.00 To have tea or coffee only is \$3.00. Walk-ins will be charged \$20.00. We ask that you have your check made out to CFRW when you arrive. Exact change for those paying with cash is greatly appreciated.

For more information, please visit our website at CFRW.net or email Lois Barclay with any questions at loisbarclay@att.net.

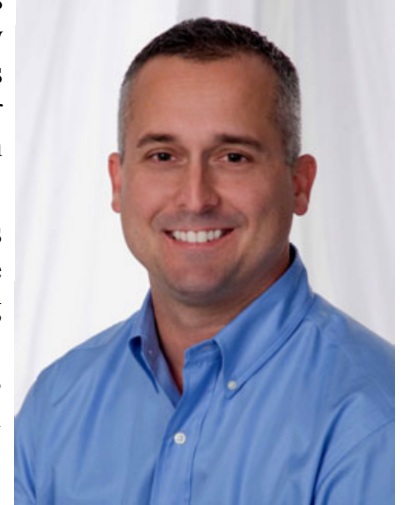


PROGRAMS ~ Barbara Buxton

Texas Representative Dwayne Bohac

Elected in November 2002 and serving his 6th term, Representative Bohac is a life-long resident of House District 138. He represents the areas of Spring Branch, Bear Creek, Cy-Fair and Katy. In the 83rd Session he is serving as a member of the prestigious Ways and Means Committee, as Vice Chairman of the Business and Industry Committee, and is a member of the Local and Consent Calendar Committee which sets local bills on the calendar. During the legislative session he focused on fundamentally transforming and bringing innovation to the public school system and allowing parents public school choice. He also authored the "Merry Christmas Bill" which will clear up the usage of the words Christmas and Hanukkah so that they can be used freely in the classroom.

Bohac has been recognized on a number of occasions for his hard work in the Texas Legislature. He was awarded "Taxpayers Best Friend" and the "Education Advocate Award" by members of the Texas House and was recently referred to as a "crusading tax fighter" for his consistent work on appraisal reform and property tax reduction. Further, he was recognized by the police chiefs of the six largest cities in Texas for his determination to pass common sense criminal justice legislation which supports local law enforcement.



His legislative accomplishments include: creating the annual School Supply Sales Tax Holiday, passing the Graffiti Accountability Act of 2007, restoring the Pledge of Allegiance in public school classrooms, setting up a program to reimburse hardworking teachers who spend their own money to provide for our children in the classroom, and strengthening common nuisance laws to crack down on illegal activities such as gambling, prostitution, illegal drug use and gang activity.

Bohac is also a co-founder of the Texas House of Representative's "Air Quality Caucus," a bi-partisan group committed to finding clean air solutions for our community and state. Recently, Bohac received the "Wind Champion Award" for helping Texas become the number one state in wind generated electricity.

CARING FOR AMERICA ~ Mary Kay Brady

If you have a loved one who is currently serving in any branch of the military, please contact me at Mary_Kay_Brady@yahoo.com for the form to fill out, so we can serve them.

We will continue to remember those who serve through our donations to Operation Interdependence. Please bring small toiletries in a quart size bag to any of our meetings, 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.

A Note from the Editor ~ Hello Readers. I have enjoyed being your editor this year, after being sworn into office at our Christmas party last December. I learned so much and met some wonderful people. Due to my new job as one of the Attendance Secretaries at Cypress Ranch High School, I will no longer be able to attend the two required daytime meetings per month to hold an officer position in the Club. Therefore, it is with regret that I now step down and pass the editorial baton (pen, keyboard) to Beth Weaver. Beth has been our Literacy Chair and I know I am leaving you in capable hands. I hope to see you in December. Keep Texas Red! *Jaime*



LEGISLATIVE ~ Jan Ott

LEGISLATIVE: Transportation Bill Finally Passes - Now, It Is Up To The Voters

The third and final Special Legislative session is over . Our Texas lawmakers were relieved to finally adjourn on August 5 as this "part-time" job turned into an extended 83rd Legislative Session lasting more than seven months. After failing to get a transportation bill passed in the second Special Session, Governor Perry called for the third session with only transportation funding in the call. During this third session, a bill finally got passed. The regular session was notable for bipartisan coalitions and harmony, while the special sessions were at times filled with partisan battles and roadblocks.

Transportation funding in Texas is in everyone's interest as we must meet our growing needs. TxDOT has said it needs \$4 billion in additional annual funding to maintain current congestion levels as the population grows. I hesitate to use the word "investment" as it is often just used to put a better spin on spending, but, the need for roads and water are true investment necessities and commitment to transportation is a significant step in advancing mobility projects into the future.

The bill that passed, SJR 1, will be on the ballot in November of 2014 and would divert some of the revenue from oil and gas production which currently goes to the Rainy Day Fund to the Highway Fund. It would mean an estimated \$1.2 billion dollar annual increase for the Texas Department of Transportation, roughly a quarter of what the projected need is. If it is not approved by the voters, the 2015 legislative session is likely to blow the lid off of the capitol!

A roadblock in passing a bill that uses part of the Rainy Day Fund has been how to create some sort of minimum balance. The version that passed will require a select joint committee of legislators to recommend a minimum balance before each regular legislative session. Then members of both chambers will be given a chance to vote in favor of

that minimum or a different balance. If a majority of both chambers can't agree on one by the 45th day of the session, then the committee's recommendation will be enacted. Another provision that was added in order to pass the bill requires a greater buy-in on the part of TxDOT. It would require them to find \$100 million in "efficiencies" over the 2014-15 biennium and put that money toward paying the agency's multibillion-dollar debt. This would save the agency \$47 million in debt service payments. "This plan enables us to relieve congestion on Texas roadways ,while protecting our state's 'AAA' bond rating with a healthy balance in the Rainy Day Fund," said Lt. Gov. [David Dewhurst](#). "

The oil and gas production tax revenue that is earmarked for the Rainy Day Fund has grown more than expected. The state's oil and gas production taxes are likely to come in \$900 million higher than previously projected for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 31. Three-quarters of that, \$675 million, will be deposited in the Rainy Day Fund.

While not a part of the transportation funding legislative debate, part of the transportation funding problems have resulted in TxDOT's announcement that in an effort to stretch their dollars they will be converting some damaged asphalt roads to gravel and they will also begin considering whether to end their commitment to maintaining some well-traveled urban roads in cities of over 50,000 people. For example, TxDOT says that Westheimer Road in Houston should no longer qualify as a state responsibility. At one time, it was part of the farm-to-market road system. This plan could shift \$165 million of state cost onto cities.

This bill, if enacted will help with our important transportation needs. The next move is now up to you!

Cy-Fair Facts: CFISD opened the 2013-2014 school year with 11 high schools, 17 middle schools and 53 elementary schools, serving over 110,000 students. From 1973 to 2013, enrollment grew from 9,447 to 109,945! CFISD is ranked the #1 school district in the state by the Educational Resource Group for academic and financial performance. Source: [cfisd.net](#).



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2013

Our August Meeting was our Annual Evening Social Meeting. As there was no business meeting, there are no Minutes. Respectfully submitted, Mary Moss



Above: **Congressman Kevin Brady**, flanked by **President Joy Gregory** and **Legislative Chair Jan Ott**. Below: **Program Chair Baraba Buxton** with **Brady, Allen Fletcher & Jan Ott**.



Our **Annual August Social**, which is held in the evening with appetizers and drinks was a tremendous success. **US Congressman Kevin Brady** gave an enlightening presentation and received a standing ovation!



Hospitality Chair **Lois Barclay** and Membership Chair **Nancy Roberts** greeting guests and members and giving out door prize tickets.

Make plans to attend our fantastic biennial event!

Friday, October 11, 2013 11:00-2:00

Raveneaux Country Club

Lunch, Vendors, Fashion Show, Speakers and Fun!

For individual tickets or to sponsor a table, contact Millie Alford at mcaphd@yahoo.com or check out CFRW.net.





WAYS AND MEANS ~ Millie Alford

As summer draws to a close, many of our members have had busy schedules and lots of traveling, but we are never too busy to complete our commitments to CFRW. Our High Heels & High Tea Committees are working to make this year's event a great success. A Committee meeting is coming soon. I have sent numerous emails and letters to elected officials for sponsorship and prospective vendors. We have sponsors and auction donations coming in. We currently have a few paid vendors with several more interested. **Lynda Truhlar** will be chairing this committee, and we're recruiting a couple of new members to help her. Special thanks to **Barbara Buxton** for starting our sales by sponsoring a table. Most of our member tickets have been handed out. Thanks to **Gail Hoffman-Jackson** for being so efficient and getting them printed and distributed. I am sure that everyone will work hard to sell her tickets.

Our Auction items are coming in on a regular basis. **Nancy Roberts** and **Suzanne Davis** are in charge so if anyone needs some information about an auction item, please contact one of them. **Judie Stokes** and her committee have the decorations planned, and we will be meeting at Judie's to work on our festive hair creations. Our Fashion Show Committee, **Jan Ott**, **Alice Gullett**, and **Betty Collins** is working to secure our models. **Chico's** and **Joseph A. Bank** will be furnishing the beautiful apparel.

As you may know, our center pieces will be beautiful live flower arrangements provided by **Susan Green**. Everyone on our Set-up/Take-down, and Greeting & Registration Committees will do a great job, and we're all looking forward to a great event. Thanks to each person who is doing his or her best to support CFRW through this fun time.

If you are a new member, please get your order in for your CFRW bling t-shirt and your denim shirt. Our group wears these on many occasions throughout the year, and they're great advertisement. Try to stay cool, and enjoy the remainder of summer.

GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson

At the New Member Tea, member after member stated the reason for joining Cy-Fair Republican Women was the desire to step up and strengthen the principals that made this nation great. One very small, but significant way is to join the Grassroots Club with an \$8.25 monthly donation paid online by credit card. This small contribution to Texas State GOP will fight the Organizing For Action arm of the Democratic Party. They have launched Battleground Texas in an effort to turn Texas Democrat! These tactics have been successful in Ohio and Colorado, both formerly reliable Republican states.

Vivian Marlatt, **Betty Collins** and **Karen Listi** are the newest CFRW additions to the Grassroots Club. Your contributions will make a difference!

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"/>	
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 (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.)

Please make check payable to **Cy-Fair Republican Women**

Mail check and this form to:
Nancy Roberts
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

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Texas Federation of Republican Women
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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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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