



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Have you ever wondered why you have to give your name, address and occupation every time you buy a lunch ticket, a cookbook, a shirt or make a contribution to our club? It's because we are considered a Political Action Committee or PAC. Our treasurer has to fill out numerous reports each year to the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). A PAC is by definition an organization that gathers campaign contributions from its members and donates the funds to campaign for or against candidates, initiatives, or legislation. CFRW holds a fundraiser in odd numbered years and uses these funds to support local and state candidates.

This year we have budgeted \$10,000.00 in donations. We will appoint a committee to decide which candidates will receive the money and how much each will receive. According to our bylaws, the committee will consist of the President, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, the Treasurer, and four members elected by the membership who did not serve on the previous Campaign Disbursement Fund Committee as elected members.

In 2010, a new type of PAC called a

Super PAC was created. What is a Super PAC? A Super PAC is an independent political group that supports a federal candidate or campaign. They can take unlimited and sometimes anonymous donations from corporations, unions or individuals. They are not allowed to contribute directly to a candidate, but they can sponsor television, radio and printed ads for a candidate or against his opponent. A regular PAC can only accept \$2500 from individuals per election and cannot accept money from corporations, unions and associations. PACs can donate money directly to candidates.

Two court decisions led to the creations of Super PACs. In January of 2010, the Supreme Court *Citizens United v Federal Election Commission* stated the government cannot restrict the spending of corporations, unions and other groups for political campaigns and maintained that it's their First Amendment right to support candidates as they choose. Shortly after the Supreme Court ruling, the Federal Court of Appeals ruled in *Speechnow.org v Federal Election Commission* that no limits could be placed on contributions to groups that only make independent expenditures. They are required to disclose their donors.

Many believe that the Super PACs have opened the door to widespread corruption in political spending. Other critics have said that despite disclosure rules, it is possible to

spend money without voters knowing the identities of donors before the election. This is possible because the Super PACs have the option to file reports monthly or quarterly. This allows funds raised late in an election cycle to be spent and votes cast before the report is due. Even though the Super PACs cannot coordinate activities with any candidate or campaign, the lines are cloudy. In the 2012 election, two Super PACs supporting the Obama and Romney campaigns were run by former aides to Obama and Romney.

Super PACs were used both by liberals and conservatives in the 2012 Elections. A large majority of their ads were negative and aimed at opponents rather than the candidates themselves. Is this the wave of the future? Will the midterm elections of 2014 be riddled with negative ads funded by Super PACs? When considering political ads, sponsorship will often give us a clue to the credibility of the information presented.

~ KEEP TEXAS RED ~



**"Vigilance is the eternal price of liberty." - Thomas Jefferson**

**Given the Left's all-out assault on our liberties in America today, it's time to be more vigilant than ever. Said another way: "A vigilant society is a free society."**



# SPECIAL ESD #9 ELECTION NOTICE ~ Suzanne Davis

## ESD #9 ELECTION 2014

DAISY ADAME is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the Election. Early voting shall be conducted from April 28, 2014, (the date which represents the earliest date on which early voting may begin) through May 6, 2014, (the date which represents the last day on which early voting may be performed).

### The location of main early voting place is designated as follows:

Harris County ESD No. 9 Administrative Building  
9630 Telge Road, Houston, Texas 77095  
Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 3, 2014: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For those voters in the District who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the Early Voting Clerk above named shall receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The District shall provide each of these voters with a paper ballot and instructions to make a mark on the paper ballot.

*Call DAISY ADAME at 281-550-6663 for Mail Ballots.*

Ballot applications and ballots voted shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at 9630 Telge Road, Houston, Texas 77095. There shall be no provision for telephonic facsimile transmission of ballot applications. The ballot applications must be received by May 1, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

## ESD #9 ELECTION MAY 10, 2014

### Hours 7:00 a.m. thru 7:00 p.m.

<u>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 1</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
County Precincts: 111, 121, 124, 126, 300, 370, 481, 688, 734, 768	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 7 20444 Cypresswood Dr. Cypress, Texas 77433

<u>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 2</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
County Precincts: 225, 244, 480, 495, 518, 548, 640, 641,671, 687, 713, 759	Winchester Swim Center 9607 Rio Grande Dr Houston, Texas 77064

<u>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 3</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
County Precincts: 364, 496, 593, 609, 628, 661, 753	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 1 9201 Rodney Ray Houston, Texas 77040

<u>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 4</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
County Precincts: 50, 155, 260, 314, 398, 512, 517, 523, 553, 616, 621, 622, 642, 643, 650, 667, 689, 701, 771, 800, 882	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 9 7922 Highway 6 North Houston, Texas 77095

<u>HCESD No. 9 Election Precinct 5</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
County Precincts: 119, 143, 149, 305, 603, 617, 651, 875, 877, 881	Cy-Fair VFD Station No. 11 18134 West Road 709, 712, 803, 804, Cypress, Texas 77433

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# CFRW \* MARCH 11TH GENERAL MEETING



*Jim Grace - Key speaker for our March General Membership Meeting*



*L-R: President, Joy Gregory and Micheline Hutson*



*~ Our terrific Registrants welcome and answer questions for our guests as they arrive for the March meeting ~*



*~ Above and Below: Some of our lovely CFRW Members and guests ~*



*~ Suzanne Davis discusses ESD #9 voting information with our guests ~*





## PROGRAMS ~ Barbara Buxton

April 8, 2014

### GENERAL MEETING

TIME:

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION:

LONGWOOD GOLF CLUB  
13300 LONGWOOD TRACE

Meeting & Lunch, \$15.00

Meeting only, \$3.00

*Reservations required by April 4, 2014*

*No-shows will be billed*

RSVP: [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net)



Representative Dan Branch

CFRW has invited two candidates in the run-off election for Texas Attorney General - Senator Ken Paxton and Representative Dan Branch. At this time, Rep. Dan Branch has confirmed that he will speak. Please join us for this informative meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.



### MEMBERSHIP - NANCY ROBERTS



#### C.H.A.T.

Our first evening CHAT (Chicks Having an Awesome Time) was Tuesday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Three20Three Wine Bar on Telge Road. What a terrific venue! A great time was had by all. This was a social to help everyone get to know each other and learn how each of us can help **KEEP TEXAS RED**. CHAT will be held each quarter (maybe more).

We have cookbooks for the following new members from the Membership Drive in February--Sue Kramer, Linda Keeton, Barbara Freeman, Krisha Tracy, Maria Rosa Menendez, Linda McKeehan and Courtney Facciponte.

**Renewals** in March: Active—**Joan Hudgens, Krista Steele and Judy Zoch**; and Associate Men—**Congressman Ted Poe**.

Our Active Members stand at 66, Associate Women at 7 and Associate Men at 11. **JOIN/RENEW today!** Don't make me call you!

**Candidates**-- We want to have every opportunity to get to know you. You may bring your campaign literature and signs. Send a representative if you can't make it. PLEASE RSVP.

See you on the Second Tuesday, **April 8th** at Longwood Golf Club! RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by 4/4/14.



## LEGISLATIVE ~ Jan Ott

### Minimum Wage Legislation

The minimum wage has become the legislative focus for the Democrats in Washington in an effort to draw attention away from ObamaCare, while attempting to spotlight income inequality and endeavoring to make Republicans appear to not care about low income workers. The real difference is not a "caring" quotient but a difference in philosophy as to what is the best long term method to improve the economy and the quality of life for everyone.

**Legislation** for a set amount for the minimum wage was first instituted in 1938 and the inflation adjusted buying power of the minimum wage has ranged from \$3.09 to \$8.67 an hour. The current minimum, though not at the highest buying power range is more than the historical average. The last minimum wage hike was passed in 2007 which raised the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25. The administration has now proposed an increase to \$10.10 an hour - a 40% boost. Wages, including the minimum wage, generally increase during good economic times with periods of low unemployment in contrast to our current economic condition.

**Who** are the minimum wage workers? Minimum wage employees are generally teenagers or young adults in school, and disadvantaged adults over the age of 25. Twenty-two percent (22%) of those workers live at or below the poverty line since they are usually not the bread-winners in their household. Older minimum wage workers are often married or choose to work part time. 4% of minimum wage, full-time workers are single parents.

**Minimum** wage jobs are usually a place to start learning about being a part of the workforce and two-thirds of them receive a raise within a year. 3% of American workers earn just \$7.25 an hour, the current minimum.

A study of more than 100 major academic studies, by University of California economist David Neumark, shows that 85% of those studies "find a negative employment effect on low-skilled workers." Minimum wage increases particularly hurt both young and disadvantaged workers' job prospects. The only real debate is how much it increases

unemployment. Higher minimum wages encourage employers to replace less-skilled workers with more productive employees or procedures. Also, the higher wage acts as a deterrent to employees to strive to achieve a greater skill to move on to better paying jobs resulting in fewer positions for entry level workers - often disadvantaged and urban youth. Who is going to pay a worker an hourly wage of \$10 if that worker has skills to only enable him to produce \$5 worth of value per hour? Current unemployment rates are highest in urban disadvantaged areas with teen unemployment rates as high as 50 percent.

The true beneficiaries of higher minimum wages are higher-skilled and union workers, as well as manufacturers who produce substitutes for workers. If a convenience store begins using touch screens as substitutes for counter clerks, who has benefited? Higher minimum wages speed up the automation process.

Do you remember gas station attendants or theater ushers? *Is increasing the minimum wage truly to help low income workers, or is it primarily a political ploy?*



~ Jan Ott, Legislative Chair

### *Reminder from your Treasurer*

**The next TEC report cut-off for all expenditures and contributions is March 31, 2014. If you have made any purchases for the club and you will not be seeing me to hand in your expense report, please send me the name and address of the place where you made the purchase, the date and amount. A copy of the receipt will be great if you can attach a scanned copy as well. Thanks for your cooperation.**

*- Mary Moss*



## CFRW Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2014 ~ Vivian Marlatt, Secretary

President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Dean Hastings gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. President, Joy Gregory, welcomed our guests, candidates, and elected officials or their representatives.

Program Chair, Barbara Buxton, introduced Mr. Jim Grace representing Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

### Officers' Reports

Treasurer, Mary Moss asked that all receipts should be turned in for reimbursement by March 31, 2014.

1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton announced the speaker for the April General meeting would be on the website.

Ways and Means, Millie Alford announced to pick up a cookbook. The committee wants to deplete inventory.

### Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Nancy Roberts reported that as of today we have 66 renewals. She also announced 11 associate men members, 7 associate women with a total of 84 members.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis announced the Republican party in Harris County will hold a phone bank March 15 at the Richmond office. Also, on March 29 at the Richmond office a block walk is organizing to focus on recruiting the hispanic vote. To volunteer, visit [www.harriscountygop.com](http://www.harriscountygop.com) to register.

Caring for America, Mary Kay Brady mentioned donations for the cause. Items needed are nuts/granola bars, socks, plastic bags and/or monetary donations.

### Old Business

Financial Review Committee, Millie Alford announced CFRW financial have been reviewed by the committee and have been approved.

### New Business

C.H.A.T., Nancy Roberts announced the first gathering is scheduled March 25, 4:30-7:00pm at Three20Three located on Telge Road. All members would receive an invitation via email within the next few days.

Suzanne Davis advised ESD9 election May 10<sup>th</sup>. Early voting begins April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Joy Gregory reminded a school bond election is coming up.

Carlos Guerra, Hispanic Engagement Field Representative Republican Party of Texas, reiterated announcement of March 15 phone bank and March 29 block walk.

### Dates to remember

March 13, 2014 - Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Hearthstone

March 17, 2014 – Newsletter deadline

March 22, 2014 – SD7 Convention

March 25, 2014 – C.H.A.T., 4:30-7:00 PM, Three20Three, 12810 Telge

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.. Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt





# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2014 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"/>	<b>HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?</b>

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.)  
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Please make check payable to **Cy-Fair Republican Women** **Total Amount Due:**  
**Mail check and this form to:** Please circle Cash or enter Check #:  
 Nancy Roberts Date Received:  
 16542 Village Drive  
 Jersey Village, TX 77040

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

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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."

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## **IMPORTANT LINKS:**

<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<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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