



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## Joy's Journal

**KEEPING TEXAS RED** is the challenge we face for the next three months. How are we going to accomplish this task? We will begin by doing everything we can to "Get Out the Vote". What, specifically, can Cy-Fair Republican Women do to help?

Harris County GOP is opening a satellite headquarters in the Target Center located at Hwy. 249 between Louetta and Jones Rd. Five clubs in the Northwest area of Harris County have joined together and agreed to staff the headquarters. We will work with Cherry Tree, Northwest Forest RW, Texas Tea Party RW and Tomball Republican Women. Each club is asked to staff the Headquarters one day a week from September until Election Day. Our club has been assigned Thursdays. The Headquarters will be open from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM each weekday and from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturdays. Staffing for Saturdays will rotate between the five clubs.

What will we be expected to do on our day? Hand out signs and campaign materials, sell any items that aren't giveaways, make phone calls, and help voters with any needed information. We will work two three-hour shifts with at least three members working in each shift. The first shift will be from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM and the second shift will be from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. We currently have 82 active members so this schedule should not put a burden on any of us. Check your calendars as we will have sign-up sheets at the September meeting. Prior to the meeting, you will

need to contact Sharon Edwards to let her know when you can work. ([sharon@buxtonint.com](mailto:sharon@buxtonint.com))

The Harris County GOP is also organizing block walks and phone banks for this location to help get out the vote. As a club, we need to make this a priority for the next two months. If we want Texas to continue to be a **RED** state that will honor our conservative values, we have to be willing to fight for what we believe and do our part to keep it **RED**. If you have teenage children, bring them along to help on our Saturday.

How will this benefit us? We will also have an area in the headquarters where we can advertise our club with posters and brochures. We can count our campaign hours, we can spend time with other members and form new friendships, we can teach our children to be responsible citizens, and most importantly we can

~ **KEEP TEXAS RED** ~



## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, September 9th, 2014**

**TIME:**

**10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**LONGWOOD GOLF CLUB  
13300 LONGWOOD TRACE**

Please visit [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) for details  
RSVP no later than  
**Friday, September 5th, 2014.**

***No-shows will be billed***



## ***Making Every Opportunity Count for CFRW - by Millie Alford***

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The opportunities of CFRW members seem to be growing on a daily basis. Our membership is steadily climbing and the occasions to represent our Club seem to be endless these days, especially with all the elections. Every meeting we have, and each one we attend, gives us an opportunity to learn and grow. We look for issues that affect our meetings as Republican Women, so I thought I'd do a little research about meeting etiquette and remind all of us to be on our toes when we represent CFRW.

When Robert wrote his Rules of Order in 1915, he was offering a way to conduct meetings which would follow a set standard, and create an atmosphere of order. These standard rules date back to the British Parliament in 1776. Why, you ask, do we need a lesson in British Parliamentary procedure? We do not. We need a refresher course on how to conduct ourselves in our modern day meetings.

In this day and age, when we ALL feel that we have something important to add, and all have pertinent questions to ask, we sometimes allow our "rights" to overshadow what is best for the meeting and the members. Just recently at our Republican State Convention, there was a group sitting behind CFRW delegates, who yammered so loudly that we couldn't hear what Steve Munisteri was saying. He had a microphone with a jillion watt sound system. Someone did shush the people behind us but they had a childish reaction - continuing to be loud and rude - but they finally did quiet down and allow our speaker to be heard.

It certainly stands to reason when someone is at the podium with a microphone, you can generally assume that person is trying to share his/her ideas or instruct/inform the audience. He/she deserves and usually merits our attention and our silence until it is time to question, vote, or offer a suggestion. We need to *whisper* and not talk out loud, for example. When I was doing research for this article, I found several references which offer great ideas. Here is one of my favorite articles, with a reference for another which was also very mindful. My ideas follow Holland's in different font.

### **5 Ways to Overhaul Your Meetings Manners by C.C. Holland**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/5-ways-to-overhaul-your-meetings-manners/>

Business meetings can be functional or frustrating, catalysts or catastrophes, inspirational or insipid. But it's not always random fate that decides which kind you'll be getting. You can help influence the tone and course of any

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**Amy Clark, Vice-Chairman Republican Party of Texas**

Please join Cy-Fair Republican Women for their Tuesday, September 9, 2014 meeting at Longwood Golf Club. Amy Clark, Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, will update us on RPT events and energize us with her knowledge and enthusiasm.

Amy is a sixth-generation Texan, born and raised in Dallas County and a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio. After college, she worked in the Washington, D.C.

area with the National Rifle Association and continued working with The NRA Foundation as a consultant after she returned to live in Texas, as well as working on various marketing projects and campaigns.

Amy has been a precinct chairman, an election judge, a county chairman, the Senatorial District 21 State Republican Executive Committeewoman, and in June of this year, was unanimously elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. In each of these roles, she has worked to expand and energize the Republican Party in Texas serving as Chair of the Party Organization Committee of the SREC for two terms, and serving twice on the RPT's Ballot Integrity Task Force. She travelled to both Colorado and Ohio to volunteer for the National Victory Effort in 2012, leading a team of 28 to Cleveland with the Mighty Texas Strike Force.

She lives near Floresville with her husband and two daughters whom she homeschools. She works as a freelance marketing consultant while also travelling across the state presenting to the grassroots on messaging and communication, the legislative process, and getting out the vote.



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meeting you attend by honing your meeting etiquette. Etiquette, you say? For a meeting? But of course. In any gathering of people, a focus on good manners ensures that everyone is comfortable and that interactions go smoothly. That can enhance effectiveness and productivity during any collaborative process. Friendliness to visitors and new members create stronger bonds and encourages others to become involved. That welcoming smile and hug or handshake makes a difference in our hectic schedules.

Whether you're an attendee or an organizer, brushing up on your manners is just smart business. Here are five points to ponder.

**1. Respect people's time.**

- Keep meetings as short as possible and stick to start and end times. A timer can help keep things on track.
- Show up on time, whether you're an attendee or the organizer. Better yet, get there 5 minutes early. Those setting up the meeting can usually use the help.
- Always RSVP Registration committee members work very hard to assure correct records.

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**2. Provide information and support.**

- Let attendees know exactly what will be discussed by circulating an agenda ahead of time. Include on the agenda not just topics to be covered, but goals and objectives.
- If there is money involved, have your check or cash ready.

**3. Observe common courtesy.**

- If you're running the meeting, act as a moderator and field comments and questions in turn. Or ask people to jot down their thoughts **and save the Q & A for the end of the meeting.**
- If you're an attendee, don't railroad others as they're speaking; **wait your turn. Never interrupt.** If necessary, resort to the kindergarten tactic of raising your hand for recognition.
- Heated discussion is okay, but yelling and insults are not. Ever.
- *CFRW* members have common goals; we may not always agree on how we reach those goals, but we should agree that every person should be respected and respectable.

**4. Pay attention.**

- Turn off your phone. Don't text, check e-mail, or play solitaire. (We do use our cell phones to Google information, and that is acceptable... ringing and talking on cells **inside** is not; feel free to go outside.)
- Don't fidget, tap your pen, or do anything that could distract others.
- Participate. Ask questions and give feedback **when appropriate.**
- Passionate discussion is okay, but yelling and insults are not. Ever.

**5. Say thanks.**

As the organizer, tell everyone you appreciated their time and input. And as an attendee, thank the organizer for putting everything together. **I think our Club does a great job at making everyone feel appreciated.**

Here's the reference for the other article: **Mind your manners: Tips for business meeting etiquette --Touch up on all those manners your mother taught you and then some with our etiquette guide, by Gianna Carme | Oct 15, 2013**  
<http://www.metroatlantachamber.com/news/mac-membership/2013/10/15/mind-your-manners-tips-for-business-meeting-etiquette#sthash.VzqzLKNh.dpuf>

We have won many awards and achieved many successful projects. **CFRW** is a moving force in the Republican Women's movement, and we should all be proud of our contribution. I am so proud of our Club. One of our goals should be to maintain an atmosphere of respect and support. There is always room for improvement—even if it's just one more kindness per meeting. Let's make an effort to learn something different about someone every week. Let's support one another. Let's encourage each member to keep that winning spirit and keep CFRW headed on a winning course.





## August Social - Meeting Photos

**Speaker: Congressman Ted Poe**



**Joy Gregory, Jan Ott, Congressman Poe, Beth Mayer & Rita Parrish**



**To the Left: Barbara Buxton, Congressman Poe & Joy Gregory**



**Lois Barclay and Millie Alford at work!**



**Full House for Congressman Poe**



**Congressman Poe & Joy Gregory**

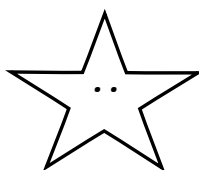


**Paul & Beth Mayer**



**Our members enjoy visiting prior to the meeting!**

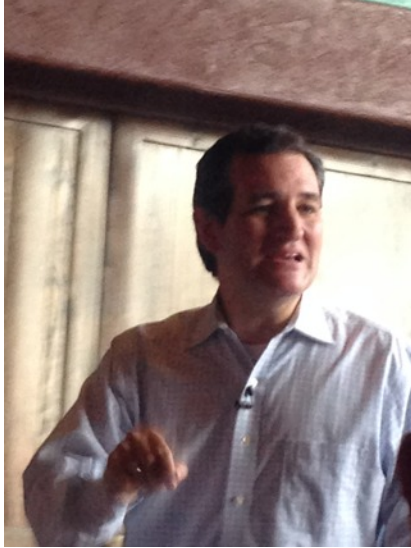
**More of our wonderful members!**





## GRASSROOTS EVENT - August 1st, 2014

*Senator Ted Cruz  
Speaks at Event*



*Senator Ted Cruz and  
Nancy Roberts*

*Texas GOP Chairman  
Steve Munisteri and his  
Mom visit during the event*



## MEMBERSHIP - NANCY ROBERTS

Our evening in the (Ted) Poe Zone was great!

**Election Day** is just over 60 days away! Now that summer is winding down, we can get focused on the tasks at hand. Most importantly, we must *get out the vote*. How will you participate? Make time to help KEEP TEXAS RED! Invite your friends and neighbors to get involved. Support your candidate choices and look at [www.harriscountygop.com](http://www.harriscountygop.com) for more opportunities.

**New Member Tea** – We have set the date for our 2014 New Member Tea for September 24<sup>th</sup> at Barbara Buxton's home. Invitations will be sent to members who joined CFRW in 2014 and Board Members. We are happy to welcome August new members **Tanya Moeller** and **Genie Hood**.

To RSVP for the September 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting go to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2014 Membership Application

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE USE:  IN PERSON  MAIL/ EMAIL

**PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>		<b>PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY?</b> <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:	
<b>BEST WAY TO REACH YOU</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
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.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Affiliations:**

**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**



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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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