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It will come as no surprise to each of you that 2014 is an important year as the mid-term elections will occur in November. Equally important is the Texas Primary Election which is scheduled for March of 2014. Each of us will have many opportunities to serve this year, but none are as important as staffing the polling places. I would like to share an article written by our own Barbara Buxton. The article explains what is involved in serving our county as a poll worker. Please consider volunteering in the election process. Thank you, Barbara, for sharing with us.

As members of Republican Women's Clubs, we are committed to helping get Republican candidates elected. •There are many women who are also involved in the actual election process...for example, working at the polls on Election Day.

Each precinct in a county has a Presiding Election Judge, an Alternate Judge and several clerks depending on the size of the precinct. •Although there are some precincts that have numerous people willing to help, there are many that have very few. •Finding these workers really falls to the Presiding Election Judge. •The county does give out a list of possible workers but my experience has been that they have either moved or

passed on. •Luckily, workers do not have to live in the precinct where they work but they must live in the same county and, of course, be registered to vote. •Since 2008, I have called on the wonderful women of CFRW to help out at my polling location several times and they have always come through.

Having enough workers for each precinct allows for accessibility to the home area and helps prevent long lines that can occur when precincts have to be combined.

•Being able to vote near their homes also tends to increase voter turnout. You should know that you are offering a very important and vital service in the election process when you work on Election Day. Before I started working at the polls, I didn't know how simple it would be to do such an important job. •Basically, you fill out an online application on the County Clerk's website or let a Presiding Election Judge know that you want to help. •About a month before the election, there will be a paid three hour training to acquaint you with the voting machine and some basic facts. •You will learn how to set up the voting booth and practice using the JBC machine (Judge's Booth Controller). •Usually, there are many classes throughout the month so you can sign up for the one most convenient for you. Sometimes, there will be workers who have not gone to the training but with a little tutoring from the presiding election judge, they can verify voters or be greeters.

If you speak Spanish, Vietnamese or Chinese, you are very much needed because it is a requirement to have workers that speak one or more of these languages depending on the make-

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up of the precinct.

Each worker is paid for the hours worked. •You work at the polling place from about 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. •The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

I would like to see each club take on the project of creating and maintaining an updated database of their members who would be willing to work on Election Day and then providing this list to the County Clerk or the Presiding Election Judges in their area before an election. •The Republican Women's clubs are the perfect place to find engaged, active members who are willing to help or who know someone who is looking for some way to help that doesn't require a long term commitment.

Even if there isn't a database, you can still let the County Clerk, Presiding Election Judge or Precinct Chair know that you are willing to help. •The Republican Primary in March 2014 will require many helpers because only Republicans will work in the polls for their primary election. Serving your community in the electoral process is most rewarding and of all the different hats that I wear, this is one of my favorites. ~ Barbara Buxton

~ KEEP TEXAS RED ~





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We had a wonderful Christmas Social and it's time to **RENEW for 2014.**

Please print out the 2014 Membership Application and bring it with your dues to the January meeting.

Everyone is required by Texas Ethics Commission to complete an 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.

New Members are: **Ann Hodges** - Active; **Gail Stanart** - Associate Woman and **James Wilson** - Associate Man.

I'll see you on January 14th at Longwood Golf Club! RSVP to www.cfrw.net by 1/10/14.



GRASSROOTS CLUB ~ Micheline Hutson

Please welcome **Beth Weaver** to the Grassroots Club!

On Dec 18, 2013, the phone rang. •I noticed the Caller Id said "TX Republican Party" with a "512" area code. •I thought "Hmm, they're not supposed to call me". •I picked up the phone thinking it was a solicitation. •I was pleasantly surprised to learn it was the "Quarterly Conference call with Chairman Munisteri and a Special Guest". •Our guest was Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky. He is focused on growing the party and recruiting traditional Democrat voters, such as the residents of Detroit, MI. •Senator Paul is concentrating on areas of agreement among diverse opinions. He will be the keynote speaker at Harris County GOP Lincoln day dinner in February and will join Governor Perry and Senator Cruz at the State GOP convention in June, 2014. •Make plans to attend both!

Chairman Munisteri followed Senator Paul, answering questions. His focus is defeating the Democrats badly in November, 2014, so that Battleground Texas will withdraw, leaving behind a ton of wasted money. Also, Chairman Munisteri is organizing the 2014 TX GOP Convention. •All Grassroots Club members are invited to a Private Event at the convention.

As you know, Cy-Fair Republican Women is tops in Texas supporting the Grassroots Club. Please continue your support. The small \$8.25 monthly contribution is the most effective fundraising tool of the Texas GOP. What's raised in Texas will stay right here. Please consider joining the Grassroots Club or continuing your contribution in 2014. Great, easy New Year's Resolution!

THANKS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!



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CFRW President Joy Gregory receives 2013 John Tower Award on behalf of our club

“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us we justified our brief moment here. We did all that could be done.”

~ President Ronald Reagan

Scenes from “Dictionary Day” at Walker Elementary School, Katy, Texas 3rd Graders



← Left photo:
Serious 3rd Grade Representatives



Right Photo: →
Not so serious 3rd Grade Representatives

**BOTH PHOTOS:
GREAT KIDS!!**

5th Grade 2013 Constitution Project Finalists and Winner Walker Elementary School

Beth Weaver, CFRW Literacy Chair and Joy Gregory, CFRW President, presented a \$25.00 Barnes and Noble Gift Card and this Certificate to Bethanie Martinez (back row center) the 2013 Winner of the Project. Wonderful presentations were given by ALL finalists!





Taking a Closer Look at the Budget Deal

The budget deal negotiated by Congressman Paul Ryan and Senator Patty Murray has been both praised and slammed by Republicans. It is not surprising that Republicans disagree on the budget deal as they have become very adept at circling the wagons for the circular firing squad. The budget that the House passed back in March is the budget most Republicans want, but, it had no chance of passing the Senate or of being signed by President Obama. To be very clear, no one thinks this budget is an enormous accomplishment, but, it is a small step so that we do not face another government shutdown that would hurt Republicans in an election year. We must win the Senate and the White House to truly fix our fiscal problems.

There are definite positives in the budget deal. Over the life of the deal it keeps 92% of the sequester spending cuts and it keeps 70% of the cuts over the next two years while, additionally, it enacts permanent cuts that include federal workers contributing more to their own pensions. There are NO tax increases. Without this deal, the military would have borne the full force of the sequestration spending cuts starting in January. The Ryan-Murray deal relieves \$31.5 billion in sequestration cuts to defense over the next two years. Where this helps the most is in military readiness, which right now is very concerning. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in a November speech that because of budget cuts, only 2 of the Army's 43 brigade active-duty combat teams are ready for combat, and Marine Corps units that are not going to Afghanistan are getting 30 percent less funding. At one point this summer, only 8 warplanes were ready to respond to an emergency away from front-lines operations.

Some of the criticisms of the bill have focused on the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) by one percentage point for military retirees under the age of 62. The bill, according to Paul Ryan, gives them a slightly smaller adjustment for inflation because they're still in their working years and in most cases earning another paycheck. This cut does not take effect until 2016, giving Congress time to come up with an alternative way to make up the cut, and saves \$6 billion in the

defense budget over the next 10 years. The savings stay with the Department of Defense where it can go to things such as readiness, the troops, to brigades or to buying equipment. There is also a "catch-up provision" so that at age 62 the retiree's pension goes up to where it would have been without the COLA reduction.

Should we be satisfied with this deal? Would we be better off with nothing? Was it better than all of the realistic alternatives? There are many outside groups that have been very vocal against the deal. Their arguments against it is a huge fundraising opportunity for them as long as they are very vocal with their opposition and it is used to "primary" Republicans that are up for reelection. Would we be better off using our energy and resources to defeat Democrats and gain back the Senate in 2014 and the White House in 2016?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 14th 10:30
AM
Longwood Country Club
Guest Speaker:
Missy Storey
"Maggie's List"

CFRW Board Meeting
Thursday, January 16th
10:00 AM
Hearthstone Country Club

COMING IN FEBRUARY:
"CANDIDATE FORUM"



C F R W CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013 PHOTOS

~~~~ Christmas Party at Hearthstone Country Club, December 8th , 2013 ~~~~~



**CyFalls High School Ensemble performs beautifully!**



**Above and Below: Some of our many wonderful club members**



**We have had a TERRIFIC 2013 and look forward to another Fantastic Year!**





## WAYS AND MEANS - DR. MILLIE ALFORD

### Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that **2014** is here, but alas, it is! I am confident that 2014 will be a banner year for our club, and hope that each member has a resolve to be active and keep our membership growing. Thanks to our members who step up to the plate when there's a need.

Wow! We have a quasi-final number on our great **High Heels and High Tea Luncheon**. Our club raised more than \$15,000 to further our mission as Republican Women. Everyone who participated is to be applauded for such an excellent effort. Once again, I sing the praises of the committees who absolutely made the whole thing work. Unified, we are amazingly effective. We have a tremendous opportunity to work with Republican Women all over Texas and the nation to insure our liberties as Americans. I urge everyone to find her niche and share your talents with CFRW.

We still have **cookbooks**. What great surprises they could be for those chefs in your family! Our Peter Barnes books are also available and make excellent presents for kids and G-Kids. I will bring shirts to our next meeting and take any orders for the sizes we do not have, so email me at [mcaphd@yahoo.com](mailto:mcaphd@yahoo.com) or give me a call at 713-466-0731, and you'll be prepared for our next event such as Legislative Day or Voter Registration. I'm looking forward to a great year with great leadership and very hard-working ladies.

I'd also like to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers for our Granddaughter, **Madison** who is recovering from heart surgery. She is doing great (although she did fall and break her arm last week)...KIDS! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and God Bless each of you and your families. Hope to see all of you at our next meeting the second week in January...Don't forget! **We're counting on you to make our club the best it can be.** ☺

## Upcoming Training Programs

### VOTER REGISTRAR DEPUTY TRAINING

If anyone is interested in being certified to register new voters, please read the announcement below. •We often hold voter registration drives and it is beneficial for each of us to be able to take part in these. •You need to RSVP if you plan to go. - Joy

Mike Sullivan, Harris County Tax Assessor Collector will hold a voter registrar deputy training. • The details are as follows:

Monday January 13, 2014  
1:30 to 2:30 PM  
Shirley Acres  
217 Woerner Road  
Houston, TX • 77090

The training will be open to anyone. •Please RSVP by 1-10-14 if you plan to attend. • RSVP is [phar77379@aol.com](mailto:phar77379@aol.com). •• Xavier needs the head count to have enough materials for all attending.

Thank you!



### LEADERSHIP "BOOT" CAMP 2014

Featuring Dr. Timothy Daughtry

"Waking a Sleeping Giant: How Mainstream Americans can Beat Liberals at their own Game"

Saturday, January 25, 2014

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Registration 7:30 am

Austin, TX

Register Now Online

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/10893733/owner/13526/home>

Renaissance Austin Hotel  
9721 Arboretum Boulevard  
Austin, Texas 78759



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

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"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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**Affiliations:**

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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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