



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity for Cy-Fair Republican Women. We have attended the Leadership Boot Camp, sponsored a Candidates Forum, presented a program featuring all the Lt.. Governor candidates and attended Greater Houston Council's Nuts and Bolts seminar. We have also held our annual Membership Drive at the February meeting. We are pleased that many of you joined us at these events.

Dr. Timothy C. Daughtry, PhD was the keynote speaker at the Leadership Boot Camp. Dr. Daughtry entertained us with a very humorous and informative discussion on beating the liberals at their own game. After exposing the methods the liberal minority has used to gain power, he gave us several strategies to help us get back on track and seize the offensive.

His three Rs are as follows: Recognize the narrative the left wants to follow; Re-frame the narrative to put the left on the defensive; and Re-focus on the conservative narrative. (As Vivian pointed out, this method will also work with husbands!) Dr. Daughtry's book, *Waking The*

Sleeping Giant: How Mainstream Americans Can Beat Liberals at Their Own Game is a great resource for dealing with uninformed and misinformed voters.

Barbara Buxton, Lois Barclay, Jan Ott and Rita Parrish deserve a great big THANK YOU for all the hard work they did in organizing our Candidate Forum on February 4th.

We would also like to thank the participants. Railroad Commissioner candidates present were Wayne Christian, Ryan Sitton, and Becky Berger. All four candidates running for Texas State Representative District 132 were present: Justin Perryman, Mike Schofield, Ann Hodge and Michael Franks. Justice of Peace, Precinct 4 candidates Lena Engelage, Laryssa Korduba and Nasir H. Malik were present. James Wilson, candidate for Senate District 7 Senator was also present. Gail Schubot served as our very efficient timer.

Our February 11th meeting featured the Lt. Governor candidates: Dan Patrick, Todd Staples, Jerry Patterson, and David Dewhurst. A crowd of over 100 members and guests welcomed the candidates! Each candidate was allotted 15 minutes to give us their qualifications and explain their platforms. All of the candidates were impressive and informative. Barbara Buxton's persistence made this program possible. Thank you, Barbara, you are an awesome

Program Chair! Nancy Roberts you are also an awesome Membership Chair. What a great turnout for this meeting!

It is a privilege to work with such a competent group of members and officers. Thank you for making my job easy. As this election year progresses, I hope that all our club members and new members will become more involved in grassroots efforts to elect Republican candidates. It is our goal as Republican Women to listen, learn, and make informed decisions. When our clubs present high caliber programs such as those mentioned above, it makes it easier for us to help our friends and families make informed choices.

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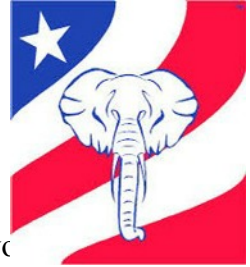
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Great Membership Drive in February!

Karen Listi won the Valentine flower arrangement, provided by **Susan Green (Olive Tree Florist)**, for having the most guests attending (4). Our Lt. Governor candidates drew 52 guests and our meeting attendance was over 100. We look forward to seeing you again and getting to know 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.

New Members: Active—**Sue Kramer, Linda Keeton, Barbara Freeman, Krisha Tracy, Maria Rosa Menendez and Linda McKeehan;** Associate Woman—**Courtney Facciponte;** Associate Man—**Jeff Hastings.**

Renewals in February: Active—**Leanne Grove, Lauree Johnson, Evie Winn, Susan Slocum, Carol Hart, Penny Tinsley, Jude Wiggins, Betty Collins, Marie Remik, Linda Llewellyn, Phyllis Wilson, Joyce Berube, Barbara Hogan, Alice Gullett, Dawn Shull, Shirley Chambers, and Mary Ann Kilgore;** and Associate Men—**Dwayne Bohac.**

Our Active Members stand at 63, Associate Women at 7 and Associate Men at 10. You may not know that we must restart our membership count every year as a club requirement by TEC. If you have not yet renewed, please print out the 2014 Membership Application and bring it with your dues to the March meeting or mail it to address on the application.

JOIN/RENEW today!

CHAT—Coming Soon--We know it can be challenging to get to daytime meetings so we want to provide more opportunities for evening events. Watch your email & Facebook for dates and places!

I'll see you on March 11th at Longwood Golf Club! RSVP to www.cfrw.net by 3/7/14.



MARCH 11, 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 March 7, 2014**

No-shows will be billed



CFRW * FEBRUARY 11TH GENERAL MEETING



FULL HOUSE for our General Membership Meeting, with attendance well over 100 present!



CFRW President Joy Gregory and Programs Chair Barbara Buxton with our Lt Gov Candidates (L-R): Dan Patrick, David Dewhurst, Todd Staples, Jerry Patterson



~ Candidates, Members and Guests spend some quality time before, during and after meeting ~





PROGRAM ~ Barbara Buxton



JIM GRACE

Please join Cy-Fair Republican Women at their March 11 meeting with our guest speaker, Jim Grace, representing Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Jim Grace has been a valuable supporter of Texans for Lawsuit Reform for many years. He has traveled across the state speaking to professional and civic groups on behalf of TLR. Mr. Grace advocated for TLR in Austin during the 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013 legislative sessions and was a member of TLR's Legislative Research Team during the 1995, 1997 and 1999 legislative sessions. During this time, Jim played a key role in researching and drafting civil justice reform bills that were a part of TLR's legislative agendas.

Jim Grace is an experienced litigator, who working on the defense side, has seen first-hand the effect of lawsuit abuse and the effect of successful tort reform legislation. Jim is a partner of the law firm of Baker Botts where he is chair of the Texas Government Relations section. In addition to his trial experience, Jim has also done securities and mergers and acquisitions work and provided expert advice to many for-profit and non-profit corporations involved in establishing federal and state political action committees.

Jim Grace is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Houston Law Center. Jim also is a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve and recently completed a nine month deployment in Afghanistan.



WAYS AND MEANS - DR. MILLIE ALFORD

As we get closer to Springtime, we are reminded that it's a time of renewal and fresh starts. Be sure to remind our former members to renew their membership and become active in CFRW. We have accomplished so much in the short time our club has been together, and I am confident we will count 2014 as one of our busiest. I strongly encourage everyone to find some task she enjoys and add to CFRW's cache of talented women who work to accomplish the Republican goals. There are many areas where we can serve.

We are not only serving our local club, but also serving our state and national clubs. We are setting examples for those who follow, and I believe it's one of the best organizations to join.

To welcome our new members, we are presenting each one with our CFRW Cookbook. We have a good supply, so keep those new members coming. Our primary fund raiser was held in October, so we won't have another major event to raise money until year after next, but we do still have items to sell. We have our t-shirts, denim shirts, and our Peter Barnes books available.

March will be a busy month, and if you would like to learn the election process from the inside out, call one of the precinct chairs in our club, and volunteer to help. It is a great way to be of service, learn about the election system, and spend time with some great ladies. Hope to see you at the Polls. Don't forget to Vote on or before March 4.





Be an Informed Primary Voter

Early voting has started! If recent history is any guide, only between 5 percent and 7 percent of voting age Texans will turn out to vote in the Republican primary. You know it is time to vote by the flood of political mailers in your mailbox along with many that look like mail ballots and slate endorsements disguised as magazines or other non-political literature.

Remember: Get Informed. Get Involved. Be discriminating.

It is well documented that many of the "sample mail ballots" and voter's guide "magazines" are really thinly disguised attempts at getting you to vote for candidates that have paid for those endorsements and putting a lot of money in a few pockets at the expense of the integrity of our election system. It is a lucrative business for many of these "pay to play" slates. Some of those that distribute these slates say the endorsements are not based on ad revenue, but, many candidates have told me that they were told they had the endorsement, but find when it is mailed, that is not the case and they find that another candidate paid more. These endorsements are also often determined by one person and that person may not have the same criteria for determining their selections.

There is a good article in *George Scott Reports* who reported some comments from Representative Patricia Harless. Representative Harless said that the 'pay to play' slate politics that has uniquely developed in Harris County GOP primary politics has become a destructive threat to the ability of the Republican Party to remain the majority political party in Texas. "The pay to play system that has evolved in Texas' largest county where Republicans play such an important role in statewide elections too often elevates weak candidates to the general election

that cannot withstand the scrutiny of public exposure," Harless said.

Another good commentary comes from Mark Jones of the Baker Institute who wrote a commentary for the Chronicle. "While a candidate's list of supporters provides valuable information about what type of executive, legislator or judge he or she would be if elected, Houston-area Republican primary voters would be wise to treat the multi-candidate "slate" endorsement lists arriving in their mailboxes with a healthy dose of skepticism. These endorsements frequently have less to do with a candidate's qualifications and "conservative credentials" and more to do with the candidate's willingness to "pay to play" and/or to their personal and professional relationships with the lists' proprietors."

There are endorsement groups that do not take money and interview the candidates before making their endorsements. These groups often list their members. You might want to consider looking at the United Republicans endorsements or the Houston "C" Club.

Most important, take every opportunity to meet the candidates, talk to them, look at their records and learn all you can about them. Then, go out and talk to your friends and neighbors to help them be more informed and take them with you to the polls to vote.



"The ultimate determinate in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas - a trial of spiritual resolve; the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish and the ideas to which we are dedicated."

~ President Ronald Reagan



Meeting Minutes~ Vivian Marlatt, Secretary

Cy-Fair Republican Women General Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2014

President, Joy Gregory called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Chaplain 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 and/or their representatives.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis, announced the need of volunteers to work voter registration at Lone Star College, February 19. Signup sheet was circulated

February 11th Program began as Program Chair, Barbara Buxton, introduced Senator Dan Patrick, Commissioner Todd Staples, Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst. Each of the Lieutenant Governor Candidates were able to speak for their campaign.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer, Mary Moss presented 2014 proposed budget. She announced CFRW would be able to donate \$10,000 to Republican candidates for the November elections. All were in favor to pass.

Old Business

President, Joy Gregory presented the remaining December door prizes.

President, Joy Gregory asked for approval of January General Meeting minutes. All were in favor.

Dates to remember

February 13, 2014 - Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Hearthstone Country Club

February 17, 2014 – Newsletter deadline

February 18, 2014 – Nuts and Bolts, 8:30 a.m., Sosa Center

February 18 - 28, 2014 – Early Voting for Primary

March 4, 2014 – Primary Election



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

~ Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt



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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"/>		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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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."

**National Federation of Republican Women
Texas Federation of Republican Women
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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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