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Joy's Journal

In less than a month, Texas will hold an election to select a new Governor. November fourth should be one of the most important days this year for Texans. However, many will stay home from the polls. Kelly Boggs, an Oregon pastor and columnist, has aptly described Election Day as "Apathy Day". More than 60% of eligible voters will stay home and fail to vote in the election! Is this apathy? Absolutely.

According to an article by Dianne Edmondson, most Republicans assume that Attorney General Greg Abbott will become our new Governor. In the 2012 Presidential Election, countless Republicans stayed home and did not cast their ballot resulting in our candidate losing the election. Could this happen in November? Absolutely.

In the August 8th Rasmussen Poll, a survey of likely Texas voters found Abbott having 48% of the vote and Davis 40%, three percent (3%) prefer some other candidate, and nine percent (9%) are undecided. In March, Abbott led Davis 53% to 41%. These new statistics have lead Rasmussen to move Texas from "Safe Republican" to "Leaning Republican". Do we want this trend to continue? Absolutely not! We cannot assume that this is an easy win, we must continue to campaign for General Abbott and all our Texas Republican candidates.

We must encourage our friends and neighbors to vote. In 2010, Governor Perry won his election by 650,000 votes. Only 38% of the population voted. The Democrats have stated that Republicans in Texas are

complacent and will not turn out in large numbers because they think they can't lose. The Democrats are out beating the bushes to register voters and making sure they get to the polls. We must do the same. Call your friends and neighbors to remind them of early voting dates, check to see if they followed through, invite them to go with you. Emphasize the importance of the Election. Work one or more days at the Satellite Campaign Headquarters (email Sharon Edwards to sign up-sharon@buxtonint.com).

We must encourage our friends and neighbors to vote down the ballot. Failing to vote for all candidates on the Republican Ticket will result in a Democrat getting elected to that position. The Democrats emphasize pulling the lever. We must do the same.

REMEMBER... EVERY VOTE COUNTS!! The Governor's race could be tighter than we expect. General Abbott has dropped seven points among unaffiliated voters in the last five months and the nine percent of undecided voters could be a deciding factor in this race. It's extremely important that Republican Women reach out to other women, unaffiliated voters, and undecided voters and convince them to vote for our candidates. Are we up to the challenge? Absolutely.

~ LET'S KEEP TEXAS RED ~

IMPORTANT 2014 ELECTION DATES

Apply for Ballot by Mail

September 5 - October 24

Last date to register to Vote

October 6

Early Voting

October 20 - October 31

Last day to receive Ballot by Mail

November 4 at 7 PM



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Membership - Nancy Roberts

We are pleased to welcome new Active Member **Kathy Gaithe**, and renewals for Associate Women—**Kaye T. Goolsby** and the **Honorable Lynn Bradshaw Hull**.

Our **October 14th** meeting at Longwood Golf Club will feature **Congressman Michael McCaul!** Invite your friends and neighbors, and even your spouses! RSVP by Friday, October 10th at www.cfrw.net. Remember the early start of 9:30 AM for this meeting only.

We need you at the Harris County GOP Satellite Office! Sign up for a shift or two and enjoy the fun! **CFRW is responsible for Thursdays** until the week after the General Election.

Make time to help **KEEP TEXAS RED!**
Renewals for 2015 will begin in November

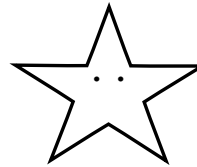
Precinct Chair Election - Voter Precinct 0512

I have just been elected Harris County Precinct 0512 Chair and was sworn-in Monday, September 29th.

This precinct position has been vacant for quite some time and there is much work to be done in a very short amount of time.

If anyone is interested in being part of my team to Get Out The Vote November 4th - and help us **KEEP HARRIS COUNTY AND TEXAS RED- please contact me at bethmayer59@att.net.**

I appreciate all the help I can get!! Thanks! - Beth Mayer



"How do you tell a communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin."

~ President Ronald Reagan





Congressman Michael McCaul

Please join Cy-Fair Republican Women for our Tuesday, October 14, 2014 meeting at Longwood Golf Club. Our speaker for this month's meeting is Congressman Michael McCaul who is currently serving his fifth term representing Texas' 10th District in the United States Congress. The 10th District stretches from right here in Harris County to Austin.

In January of 2013, Rep. McCaul became Chairman of the **House Committee on Homeland Security**, which has oversight of the Department of Homeland Security ensuring it is able to carry out its core mission of protecting the American people from terrorist attacks.

A fourth generation Texan, Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law.

Congressman McCaul is married to his wife, Linda. They are proud parents of five children: Caroline, Jewell, and the triplets Lauren, Michael and Avery.

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Caring for America

Please remember to bring items to our next meeting, October 14th. Also, this organization always needs money to ship the boxes to our service men and women. Checks should be made out to "Operation Interdependence". **ANY** donation amount would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th, 2014

TIME:

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION:

**LONGWOOD GOLF CLUB
13300 LONGWOOD TRACE**

Please visit www.cfrw.net for details and to RSVP no later than **Friday, October 10th, 2014.**

No-shows will be billed

This Week's NFRW Poll Question

Congress has approved President Obama's request to arm and train Syrian rebels to fight ISIS. Do you support this plan?

Go to <http://www.nfrw.org/> to make your voice heard!



It is Time for Congress to End the Oil & Gas Export Ban - NOW!

For over four decades, the United States has banned the export of crude oil. The law was passed after the Arab Oil Embargo of the 1970's when the Middle East countries used oil as a political tool. (How many of you remember the long lines at the pump and rationing of supply?)

Timing is long overdue to lift this ban - it would be good for our economy and our national security and foreign policy. The issue is not entirely a Republican versus Democrat divide. In fact, though Republicans generally are more supportive of the oil and gas industry than Democrats, possibly more Republicans oppose lifting the ban than Democrats. Many Americans arguably mistakenly believe that if the ban is lifted, it would increase the price of gasoline - a product whose prices are displayed in four foot high numbers. (Maybe medical costs should be as publicly displayed, but that is another issue!) Owners of refineries also argue against lifting the ban, because they can export refined products and fear that they could lose some of that business.

The United States is now the world's biggest oil producer with production up 55% from five years ago. We still import a lot of oil but it is at its lowest level, 33%, since 1985. U.S. refineries were built to process heavier imported oil and it would be very expensive and time-consuming to reconfigure them to process the light crude oil that is being extracted from shale formations such as the Bakken in North Dakota and Eagle Ford in Texas. This is why we currently have excess crude here but still import oil. Without the ability to export the lighter crude, production will likely drop and production may be shut-in, also slowing economic activity. Allowing oil exports would encourage further investments in oil and gas exploration and production, thus creating more jobs and improving the balance of trade. Estimates predict that lifting the ban would add \$15 billion to the U.S. economy each year and create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Overcoming the fear of rising gasoline prices is the biggest obstacle for changing this law even though every rigorous economic analysis believes the opposite is true. *Lifting the ban actually lowers gasoline prices by increasing the total amount of crude supply.* If the ban is completely lifted, the gasoline price is estimated to be lower by \$0.09 per gallon in 2015. If oil supplies are more abundant than currently expected, the decline in gasoline prices will be larger and will continue for years to come. Although the price decline may seem counter-intuitive, prices decline when the ban is lifted because the price is set in the international market. The international price of crude declines as more U.S. oil enters the market, thus driving down gasoline prices.

Permitting the export of U.S. crude oil enhances our foreign policy options. Having a non-OPEC nation meeting the worldwide growing demands for energy helps to prevent other unsettling oil disruptions to other nation's energy supply - while the increased revenues to the United States boosts American economic power, further enhancing our worldwide strength. Tensions with Russia and their intimidation and aggression against Ukraine have been met with little opposition because of the energy supplies that Russia provides to Western Europe and China. Russia provides the European Union with more than a third of its oil and almost 40 percent of its natural gas. Consequently, Russia rightly believes that Western Europe will shy away from serious sanctions out of fear that the Kremlin will retaliate by choking off energy exports. The United States can lessen Russia's threats by immediately eliminating our restrictions on exports which could cut Russia's gas revenues by 30 percent over the next five years.

For years we have been talking about a need for an energy policy in this country. This is a very important step in the right direction.





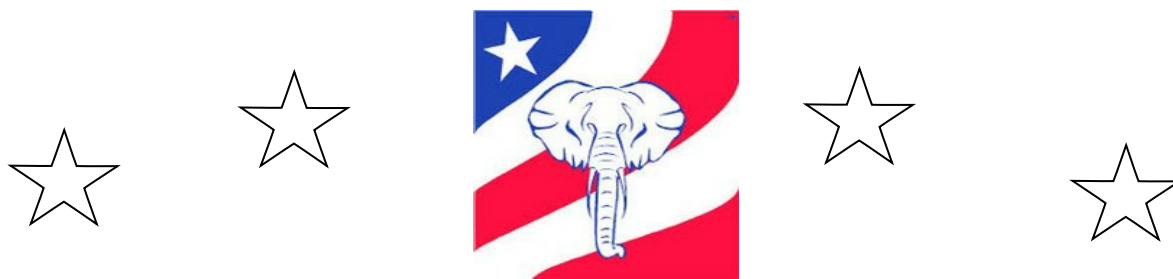
September 2014 Meeting Photos



Speaker: Amy Clark, Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas visits with Surprise Guest Texas Senator Glenn Hegar



CFRW President Joy Gregory and Amy Clark



CFRW President Joy Gregory and Commissioner Barbara Tague, City of Tomball



CFRW President Joy Gregory presents club contribution to Texas Senator Glenn Hegar



**Grand Opening BBQ - Harris County Republican Party HQ
Saturday, September 20th, 2014**



Congressman John Culberson



Beth Mayer & Congressman Kevin Brady



HCRP Chair Paul Simpson



RPT Chair Steve Munisteri



Paul Bettencourt



Young Republicans of Houston



District Clerk Chris Daniel & Son



Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart



ESD#9 Commissioner
Betty Avery





CFRW Meeting Minutes ~ September 9th, 2014

President, Joy Gregory began the meeting at 11:00 a.m. **Dean Hastings** gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Joy Gregory and **Barbara Buxton**, 1st Vice-President of Programs, introduced our speakers, surprise visit from Senator Glenn Hegar and scheduled speaker Amy Clark, Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas

The business meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

Officers' Reports

The minutes from the July 8th Regular Meeting were approved as printed in the July Newsletter.

Treasurer, Mary Moss reported that as of August 31, 2014 we had a balance of \$26,462.02 and the balance in our Scholarship Fund of \$4,006.71.

1st Vice-President, Barbara Buxton announced speakers for Oct - Congressman Michael McCaul and Nov - Railroad Commissioner Christy Craddick.

Committee Reports

Membership Chairman, Joy Gregory for **Nancy Roberts** reported that as of today we have 83 members, 6 associate women, and 11 associate men.

Campaign Activities Chairman, Suzanne Davis reminded of the voter registration drive at Lone Star College, September 17th.

Operation Interdependence Chairman, Mary Kay Brady presented a list of items in need.

Old Business

Voted on Campaign Disbursements – **Mary Moss** presented list of proposed donations to 2014 candidates. **Rita Parish** motioned to accept, **Joy Gregory** seconded motion, all voted yes.

New Business – Joy Gregory

Elect Nominating Committee for 2015-16 – Rita Parish, Millie Alford, Alice Gullett, Sandra Vinklarek and Michelene Hutson were nominated. **Judie Stokes** motioned to accept, **Suzanne Davis** seconded motion, all voted yes.

Satellite Campaign Headquarters, sign-up – **Joy Gregory** encouraged participants to volunteer for the satellite office. Explained what was expected and to email Sharon@bustonint.com to sign up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

~ Respectfully submitted, Vivian Marlatt



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
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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

Share the Vision...Join Republican Women