



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

www.cfrw.net



www.youtube.com/CFRWTexas

VOLUME 1
JANUARY 2015



A Minute With Millie

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is so wonderful to greet all of you with this joyful saying. I believe this year is going to be a great year for CFRW. We have some of the most talented and dedicated members of any club in the state...wait...of the nation... We have officers and chairs whom accept their responsibilities and are always ready to lend a helping hand.

It is my honor to serve as your President for the next two years, and I vow to do my best to help CFRW grow in membership, learn more about our government, and give our best efforts to further the cause of our organization locally, statewide, and nationally. I could not ask for a more qualified Board and Chairs. Our members are so fortunate to have these ladies accepting the responsibilities of our Club, and offering their time and talents to CFRW. Likewise, as our members are knowledgeable and talented, and work so hard for CFRW, our goals will be easily accomplished.

We will have some fantastic speakers this year that will help us understand where we fit into the scheme of the Republican machine, and I hope to bring a little more information about our government to each meeting. I challenge you all to bring information to our meetings to share with our membership. We are planning a Field Trip to the George Bush Library in Dallas in the spring, and I will be asking for input on that. We have an opportunity to share and learn at the Nuts & Bolts Workshop coming up on February 27. I hope that many members will plan to attend.

Legislative Day in Austin will be in April, and put on your thinking caps for our High Heels and High Tea which will take place this year. Our State Convention

will take place in early November in Lubbock (just received a note from TFRW President the date has been changed.) Many other fun and exciting events will be available, so keep your calendars open.

Growing our membership and increasing our knowledge about our state and national government is paramount if we are to be an effective club. I plan to share some information about each of the organizations to which CFRW belongs, and help us become more aware of what others have sacrificed so that we may enjoy our current blessings.

Each person in our club has a responsibility as a member to support and further our Mission. Everyone has something to contribute. No job is insignificant. It is our challenge to tell others about CFRW and invite them to attend and join.

We will have information cards available and I hope everyone will take a few each meeting and find someone with whom to share.

I am excited about this year. We've kept Texas **Red** and helped other states to broaden their Republican influence. In the next two years, we will work toward some very lofty goals, and I know that each one of us has a desire for our State and Country to retain our freedoms and continue to pursue our Religious, Civil, and Constitutional Rights. We must all stand up and be counted. **We're all in this together.**

Just a reminder that our meeting will be held at Hearthstone Country Club beginning January 13, and our lunch has increased slightly to \$20.00. Hope to see you all at the first meeting of our new year –ready to learn and ready to work.

**~ LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER TO
CONTINUE TO KEEP TEXAS RED! ~**





President: Dr. Millie Alford
214-315-6203

mcaphd@yahoo.com

Programs: **Jan Ott**
281-859-6464

j.ott@wcthou.com

Ways& Means: Edith Gibson

Egib@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter Editor: **Beth Mayer**
832-334-2563

bethmayer59@att.net

Recording Secretary: **Vivian Marlatt**
832-282-8212

marlattvivian@gmail.com

Treasurer: **Mary Moss**

281-550-9415

Moss311@sbcglobal.net

Past President & Awards: Joy Gregory
281-463-8203

joygregory@sbcglobal.net

Betty Guthrie

281-370-3956

BLPGuthrie@aol.com

Membership: **Nancy Roberts**

713-466-4199

Nancyroberts004@att.net

Hospitality: **Lois Barclay**

832-754-0749

loisbarclay@att.net

Campaign Activities: **Suzanne Davis**
713-562-4901

threedavishome@sbcglobal.net

Legislation: **Rita Parrish**

713-907-2515

reparrish@hotmail.com

Caring for America: **Mary Kay Brady**
713-560-5641

Mary_Kay_Brady@yahoo.com

Publicity: **Stephanie Peters**

832-541-9663

Stephanie@cypresswindowtinting.com

Historian: **Judie Stokes**

281-304-6281

rlsdaystar@hotmail.com

Literacy Program: **Gail Schubot**
713-306-0507

Gail@schubotlawfirm.com

Registration: **Betty Phelan Collins**
281-370-3535

bettyphelan@msn.net

Chaplain: **Dean Hastings**

281-463-0291

deanhastings@sbcglobal.net

Web: **Beth Mayer**

832-334-2563

Bethmayer59@att.net

Proposition 1 and the Texas Rainy Day Fund

Texas voters went to the polls on November 4, 2014 and elected Republican candidates that were greatly needed in the US and Texas State Legislatures. They also voted on Proposition 1 which directly affects the Texas Rainy Day Fund and the State Highway Fund (**Fund 6**).

HB 1 (Proposition 1), was overwhelmingly approved by the voters. One of the requirements of **HB 1** and **SJR 1** was that the Joint Select Committee approve a sufficient balance of the Economic Stabilization Fund (**ESF**), “Rainy Day Fund”, within 30 days of the election canvass.

Our State Representatives in Austin, the Select Committee members, were very busy the first part of December working on the details of how to disburse the money from the Rainy Day Fund. This meant that they were to determine the amount which needed to be retained in the fund to ensure the state would have sufficient money in case a need arose which required use of the funds. This fund which has historically received money from the oil and gas industry’s production taxes is estimated to grow to around \$8 billion in 2015. This enormous growth is due to the recent South and West Texas shale oil drilling boom.

This committee met on December 11 and quickly came to an agreement. The co-chair of the committee, State Representative Myra Crownover, a Denton Republican, said “I think this is a conservative, logical, common-sense thing to do.”

JANUARY 2015 GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 13th

TIME:

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION:

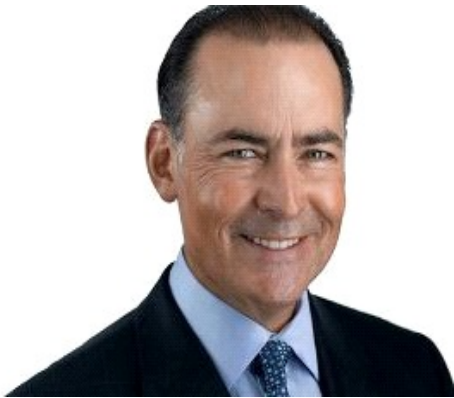
HEARTHSTONE COUNTRY CLUB

Please visit www.cfrw.net for details
RSVP no later than

Friday, January 9th, 2015

No-shows will be billed





Orlando Sanchez - Harris County Treasurer

Our speaker for our January 13, 2014 meeting is Orlando Sanchez, Harris County Treasurer. Elected in November of 2006, Orlando Sanchez, the first immigrant to be chosen county-wide by the voters for a non-judicial office, oversees Harris County's multiple bank accounts, pays the county's expenses and is an independent set of eyes in overseeing spending of county taxpayer dollars.

Sanchez came to Houston in 1962 when his father was hired by former Harris County Judge Roy Hofheinz to be one of two Spanish announcers for the Colt 45s Baseball Club and then the Houston Astros. Sanchez grew up in southwest Houston and graduated from Bellaire High School before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1976. After his tour he enlisted in the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group of the Texas Air National Guard at the then-named Ellington Field.

He graduated cum laude from the University of Houston with a degree in political science and embarked on a career as a public servant, first as a three-term Houston City Council member and then as Harris County Treasurer. Orlando was named the University of Houston's College of Social Sciences Distinguished Alumnus. Orlando also sits on the Harris County Bail Bonds Board, is a member of the Board of Directors of Capital Bank, a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the 100 Club of Houston and is a former advisory member of the University of Houston Law School Foundation and current advisory member of Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers-Southwest (VIC-SW), an organization that provides free one-on-one assistance to the frail and elderly in southwest Houston through a network of volunteers who provide services. In addition, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and British-American Fellow.

In 1995 Orlando was elected to serve as a member of the Houston City Council. He was the first Latino immigrant elected to a city-wide position in Houston. He served three terms and helped his colleagues pass the first property tax cut in decades. Orlando also chaired the city's International Trade Committee, the Legislative Affairs Committee and chaired the Cellular Tower Working Committee.

He has served on the Texas Attorney General's Municipal Advisory Committee and was appointed to the U.S. Senate Task Force on Hispanic Affairs.

Orlando has one daughter, Aubrie, who graduated from Boston University in 2014.





2014 Christmas Social - Installation of Officers



Texas State Representative Patricia Harless swears-in CFRW's new Executive Officers



Outgoing President Joy Gregory turns over the gavel to President-elect Millie



**Suzanne and Bill Davis
Winners of the Texas Capitol Tray**



**Alice Gullett
and Betty Guthrie**



Millie Alford and Rita Parrish



Lois Barclay, Gail Stanart and State Representative-elect Michael Schofield



Joy Gregory and Lois Barclay



Literacy Program ~ Gail Schubot, Chair



Dictionary Day Presentation - Walker Elementary - by Millie Alford, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish and Gail Schubot with Walker Elementary's Principal



Gail Schubot, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss and Jan Ott deliver Mamie Eisenhower Project donation to Mr. Stafford with Lone Star College

Our Literacy Committee At Work

Our CFRW Literacy projects are wonderful ways for our club to contribute to our community and promote goodwill as well as publicize our organization.

On Tuesday, December 16, our club presented two books to the Harris County Library at the Lone Star Cy-Fair campus and, in doing so, completed the requirements for the NFRW Maime Eisenhower Library Project for 2014. The director of the library, Mr. Stafford, graciously met with us and accepted the volumes on behalf of the library.

On Thursday, December 18, our club presented individual dictionaries to each of the third graders at Walker Elementary School thereby accomplishing the annual requirements for the TFRW Dictionary Project. The children were appreciative and greeted us with smiles and thanks as the books were given out. Hand-made thank you cards from each third grade class were presented to us and will be circulated at our January CFRW meeting for your review before being presented to our historian for safekeeping.

Earlier this fall, we had distributed copies of the U.S. Constitution to all fifth graders at Walker Elementary School. The fifth graders subsequently wrote poems about the Constitution. While at the school for the dictionary distribution, we also awarded the fifth grade finalists and winners of our U.S. Constitution Project with certificates and bookstore gift cards.

We had the good fortune of several of our members assisting at both events. Here are a couple of photographs related to these efforts.

Appreciation goes out to all our CFRW club members for their support, dues, and other contributions leading to the success of our literacy projects. You have impacted the education and lives of over 300 schoolchildren and countless college students by these efforts.





NOTABLE ELECTION RESULTS 2014



Governor-elect Gregg Abbott



Lt. Governor-elect Dan Patrick



Attorney General-elect Ken Paxton



Land Commissioner-elect George P. Bush



State Comptroller of Public Accounts-elect Glenn Hegar



Congressman Kevin Brady



Congressman Ted Poe



Congressman Michael McCaul



Senator Paul Bettencourt



Patricia Harless
State Representative



Stan Stanart
Harris County Clerk



Devon Anderson
Harris County District Attorney



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2015 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** **Total Amount Due:**
Mail check and this form to: Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
 Alice Bennett Date Received:
 1404 Cobblestone Ct
 Houston, TX 77095

For more information regarding membership, please contact Alice Bennett at 713-412-0141

Political Advertising Paid for by Cy-Fair Republican Women, PAC – Corporate Contributions are not permitted. Contributions are not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes.

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
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women**

Affiliations:

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



**CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN
18219 Waverly Bend Lane
Cypress, Texas 77433**

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