



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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With  
Millie

## The Value and Reward of Working Together

By the time our Newsletter goes out, our Sixth Biennial High Heels & High Tea will be a sweet memory. I am amazed at how many people have taken part in the preparations for this event. The majority of our members, in one way or another, have given time, talent, and effort to make sure that all our bases were covered. And covered they were! The fruit of our labor unfolds into fun and exciting events when we work together as a Team to realize a goal of our club. Henry Ford said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

As I reflect on all the preparations that go into our events, it is easy to see that they are prime examples of *teamwork*. For the past nine months, committees have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make sure our HH&HT would be a success. I know that Edith Gibson is proud of every person who gave her time and talents. There were many committee meetings and members were very faithful to come to as many as they could. This is *Teamwork*.

Joy Gregory will give a full report in her Campaign Report, but I'm thrilled when I read how many campaign hours she reported for our club, and her challenge for everyone to turn in each hour so we can report even more. This represents *Teamwork*.

Judie Stokes can tell you about the meeting we had at her house to work on decorations, where about 15 ladies got together and painted

pumpkins....fun and resourceful! This is *Teamwork*.

Andrew Carnegie said

"Teamwork is the ability to work toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

On Monday, October 19, many began working the elections. We have precinct chairs, judges, clerks, and workers who began giving their time to assist people who come to vote. We've been trained and know the rules and regulations. Some will work early voting and others will take their places in the regular elections in November. ALL are giving their time and working in tandem with others to assure the elections are fair and have a balanced representation. CFRW has so many election workers we should get an award for our number involved.

So many members stepping up to volunteer... hours and hours contributed... ideas and talents shared... no pay... not nearly enough recognition... and very little limelight. Satisfaction sometimes is that still small voice that says, "I am making a difference." My last quote comes from an article I read by Dr. Chuck Swindoll recently. We could use it as a caution to see how our efforts "fit" into the scheme of the Republican, Conservative values our club has adopted. He quotes Teddy Roosevelt:

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much because they live in the *gray twilight* that knows neither victory nor defeat." Herein lies my ideas about Roosevelt's quote:

Let's be leery of the "gray twilight" and make every effort to reach our victories for CFRW.

☺ **Be sure to vote!** ☺





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**Dates to Remember**



**NOVEMBER 2015  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Speaker: Michele Samuelson**

**Tuesday, November 10th**

**TIME:**

**10:30am til 1:00 pm**

**(You must make your reservations by Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>!!)**

**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015: ELECTION DAY**

Wed, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - Sat, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: TFRW Convention - Lubbock, Texas

December 6<sup>th</sup> : Annual Christmas Social at Black Horse Golf Club



***Caring for America ~ by Mary Kay Brady***



*Caring For America* always appreciates your donations, but these are the most-needed items at this time:

- Water flavoring, like "Crystal Light", etc.
- Candy in small, factory- sealed packs. This should be pretty easy to find with all the Halloween candy available.
- Fruit snacks, like "Roll Ups" etc.

Thank you as always for your generous support of this work!





*Do you Tweet or Twitter?!*

## **Michele Samuelson: SOCIAL MEDIA FOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

(Bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone.)

Do you want to learn more about how to be effective on social media? Our program this month is designed to help Republican Women overcome hesitations about using social media as a political tool. This presentation will provide you with a basic knowledge of social media history, effective use, and best practices. Bring a laptop, tablet or smart phone if you would like to get first-hand tips for using Facebook and Twitter!

Michele Samuelson is serving a second term on the board of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, representing Travis and Bastrop Counties. She is also chairman of the TFRW Online Media Committee and Secretary for the Travis County Republican Party. Michele is a freelance political communications consultant, working with Republican candidates and doing grassroots outreach and issue advocacy. She enjoys traveling around Texas. Michele and her husband Randy live in northwest Austin with their daughter Annalise.

**Michele is a dynamo! You will not want to miss her presentation.**

## **Campaign Committee Report ~ by Joy Gregory**

Thank you, Mary Moss and Darcy Mingoia for manning the Voter Registration Drive at Lone Star College on September 17, 2015. These ladies registered forty-two voters in two hours. Good job, Ladies.

Our second drive at Lone Star College, on October 13th, 2015, was also a great success due to the efforts of Clarissa Chavez, Mary Kay Brady and Darcy Mingoia. Thank you, ladies, for registering an additional 28 voters. This brings our total for the year to 105 voters registered.

Cy-Fair Republican Women turned in 2,045 campaign hours to TFRW for the third quarter of 2015. To-date we have turned in a total of 8,026 campaign hours for 2015. Ladies, you are awesome! We still have October, November and December left to increase our hours. Let's set a GOAL of 15,000 hours for the year!! We can make this if everyone will keep track of their hours and turn them in each month.

Remember - going to the TFRW Convention counts, as well as your travel time. Many of us have spent long hours working on the High Heels and High Tea Fund Raiser. We can count these hours. If you volunteer hours on Election Day handing out push cards, making phone calls, taking people to the Polls, etc. you can count these hours. We also need volunteers to man the phones at the Northwest GOP Headquarters on Hwy 249. If you have an hour or two to spare, go by and make a few calls.

**Let's keep those hours rolling!**



## High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show Edith Gibson



The High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show was a great success! I would like to thank everyone who supported CFRW with your attendance and your auction purchases. All proceeds will go toward our continuing support of Republican candidates, Republican causes, and our scholarship fund and community outreach programs.

We were pleased to have Judge Renee Magee participate in the event by delivering the invocation and Josh Flynn as our talented solo performer. I would like to thank Speaker of the House Joe Straus for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us as our Guest Speaker. State Comptroller Glenn Hegar and State Representative Patricia Harless did an outstanding job as moderators of the Fashion Showcase – very entertaining! Commissioner Jack Cagle graced us with leading the Pledges and he and Sheriff Ron Hickman did a great job of working the Live Auction. We appreciate all of these busy people for sharing their time with us. CFRW greatly recognizes the generous support of Harris County Commissioner Ed Emmett for underwriting our SWAG bags.

As event coordinator, I would like to acknowledge the many committee members who gave their time and talent over the last several weeks to make it all possible. Thank you to:

**Auction** – Micheline Hutson, Chair; **Decorations** – Judie Stokes, Chair, Mary Kay Brady, Clarisa Chavez, Debby Frieden, Joy Gregory, Alice Gullett, Sharon Hamilton, Mary Ellen Harrington, Nancy Roberts, Wanda Threadgill, and Pam Waldren; **Fashion Show** – Jan Ott, Co-chair, Rita Parrish, Co-chair, and Alice Gullett, Co-chair; **Program Ads** – Mary Moss, Chair; **Registration/Greeting** – Joy Gregory, Chair, Lois Barclay, Sharon Edwards, Sharon Hamilton, Amy Ramon, Gail Schubot, and Sandra Vinklerek; **SWAG Bags** – Micheline Hutson, Chair; **Table Sponsors** – Joy Gregory, Co-chair and Sarah Singleton, Co-chair; **Ticket Sales** – Dr. Millie Alford, Chair; **Vendors** – Nancy Roberts, Chair; and **Ticket and Program Design and Printing** – Edith Gibson; **Publicity (News, Website, Facebook)** - Beth Mayer.

I would like to further acknowledge our models: ***Laurel Burrin, Holli Davies, Melanie Flowers, Carolyn Hodges, Theresa Kosmoski, Anya Lucas, Sandie Mullins Moger, Jennifer Naedler, Melissa Rotholz, Christian Collins, Judge Lincoln Goodwin, Sam Harless, and Ryan Walsh.*** We appreciate Scruples Boutique and JoS. A. Bank for supplying the fashions.

Last but not least, we appreciate the support of everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraising effort by contributing items to our Auction. We also thank all the participants of our Vendor Showcase who added another element to the day.



### After the Party.....

### AWARDS – Micheline Hutson

The Sixth Biennial High Heels and High Tea Auction is history. Congratulations to the winners of the Live and Silent Auctions. We are grateful for all the donors and volunteers that made it a success. Although it's too early to know the net proceeds, a reminder of our purpose is in order. These funds will be contributed to our Republican Candidates in the November 2016 General Election. CFRW will form this committee in the summer of 2016. They will determine, subject to club approval, the disbursement amounts to candidates, with particular emphasis on Republican Women Candidates, local and statewide. Checks should be sent to the Candidates in September, 2016.

These funds will also add to the CFRW Scholarship Fund. These scholarships will be given to female college students who have demonstrated Republican principles by essay and deed. CFRW plans to form a committee in early 2016 to solicit applications and award these scholarships. If someone would like to be on the committee, please contact Millie Alford.





# HIGH HEELS AND HIGH TEA - OCTOBER 23RD



**(Above: L-R) Sheriff Ron Hickman, Rep. Patricia Harless, House Speaker Joe Strauss**



**(Above: L-R) Theresa Kosmoski - TFRW Slated Pres. Nominee, Jody Rushton - current TFRW Pres., Carolyn Hodges - TFRW immediate past Pres.**

**Special Guest Speaker  
Speaker of the House Joe Strauss**



**Emcees Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar and State Representative Patricia Harless**



**Fun and notable group at the CFRW High Heels & High Tea event!**



**The very talented Grant Marnier with our fabulous Lt. Governor Dan Patrick**



**Wonderful turnout for this amazing event!**





**Concealed Carry Begins on Texas' University and College Campuses in 2016 & 2017**

Campus shootings around the country in recent years have led conversations about how to stop, or at least make the probability much less likely, that these events will continue to happen. In Texas, it was made legal to carry a concealed handgun on campus in selected areas in 2013 by Senate Bill 1907, which has allowed licensed concealed handgun owners to have guns in locked cars in campus parking areas. More recently, Senate Bill 11 was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in June following the end of the 2015 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 11 was sponsored by Texas Representative Allen Fletcher of District 130 and allows carry of concealed guns, not open carry, in campus buildings unless the university has determined after reasonable consideration that an area should not allow the concealed guns. These areas or buildings should have signage posted stating that the concealed guns are not allowed. These restrictions are expected to be announced by the end of this calendar year. Texas is the most recent state to adopt laws to allow concealed carry weapons on college and university campuses in certain buildings. The seven other states which have provisions allowing the carrying of concealed weapons on campuses are Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah and Wisconsin.

Of course there is opposition to this legislation and there have been reports that some of the most vocal protests have been coming from University of Texas Austin professors. Some are retiring and many others have signed petitions against having guns in classrooms. Some of their reasons include worry that there would be more possibilities for accidents and suicides or students would be fearful of engaging in the discussion of ideas concerning sensitive issues such as religion, politics or how the media influences public opinion, etc. They claim that if students in the classrooms are armed, there might not be any students willing to discuss these types of topics.

Senate Bill 11 will go into effect on August 1, 2016 for all state 4-year colleges and universities which will be 50 years to the day after the UT Tower shooting. On August 1, 1966, Charles Whitman fired his rifle for 96 minutes from the top of the University of Texas Clock Tower killing 16 and wounding 32. He was then gunned down by a police officer stopping the rampage. This was our nation's first mass campus shooting and this fact has been noted in several publications possibly fueling the protests particularly on the UT campus. Additionally, on August 1, 2017 SB 11 will go into effect for all state 2-year and junior colleges.

"The intent was that licensed concealed handgun license carriers be allowed to carry their concealed weapons into the classroom," said Allen Fletcher in an article in The Houston Chronicle on October 17, 2015. Fletcher, a Cypress Republican who is leaving the state House to run for constable in Harris County further stated, "We're not going to allow the regents or the students or professors to determine that you're not allowed to carry a weapon. The Legislature won't tolerate that."

Representative Fletcher, as quoted in the same Houston Chronicle article by Lauren McGaughy, said there are many misconceptions about campus carry. He said the law will have little impact because the community of student carriers would be relatively small, due to the age and background restrictions, as well as training requirements. He said statistics show low crime rates among gun license holders - just 0.3 percent of Texas licensees had criminal convictions in 2013 - and those who carry will be able to defend themselves and protect others if attacked.





# 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: _____
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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"/>

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<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 #:  
 Alice Bennett Date Received:  
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<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

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