

Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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A special Thank You to Lt. Col. (Retired) Teri Poulton, our Guest Speaker for our Honoring our Military meeting. I wish all of our members could have attended. Teri shared so much information about her 20 years of service in the Air Force and touched our hearts with her emotional tribute to the Veterans of the United States. She was truly an inspiration to all of us. I'm sure that others, like me, with Military connections felt a deep sense of pride in our family members. As she spoke about the comradery that exists among the members of the Military, and the need to continue a sense of "community" when they become civilians, we all gained valued insight into what our roles as Family and Friends need to be to help all Veterans acclimate back into civilian society.

We are so grateful for her time of sharing and her transparency that is not often shared. BP is so fortunate to have Teri and I hope we will be able to hear her speak again. She encouraged us all to become part of an organization that works to meet the needs of our Military families. We shared how we are involved with our Caring for America program which is affiliated with Operation Interdependence. She thanked us for our time, and gave us information about Lone Star Veterans Association. I am sure we will get more information and share ways to become involved.

Our Honoring our Military event was a great success. Five beautiful tables were filled with patriotic decorations, and every chair was taken. Special thank yous to Edith Gibson, Alice Gullet, Nancy Roberts, Judie Stokes, and Me. There wasn't really a competition. Each table was different, but each was wonderful. We had a beautiful display table which held pictures and Name/Rank/Service of our loved ones in the Military-present and past. I watched as member after member, and guest after guest, came over to the table, and a sense of pride welled up in my heart and tears in my eyes as each person looked at the pictures, and quietly paid their respect to every photo and every person's name. In patriotic issues, I am easily moved to an emotional state, and believe me, I was there! So were the majority of our membership. This Country just means so much to each of us, and we are not ashamed of our pride and thankfulness for those who sacrifice so much to defend her. So many members commented on the magnitude of the day. I was proud of our Military, and I was deeply proud of our membership because the love for our Military was so obvious. It was a tremendous success! When CFRW honors, we HONOR!

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Our August Social will be a great event, as well. We already have over 30 signed up to attend. Please check the flyer on the website and send it to Alice Gullet before August 1. You don't want to miss this fun event. It is a time we use to socialize and share CFRW with our special guests.

Soon our club will be "serving" at our NW Republican Office. We will be working on Wednesdays to phone bank and other duties to help out. You may not be able to block walk, and you may not feel comfortable on the phones, but there will be something you can do. We'll have more information about offering your time soon, but please try to find time to help us do our part to Keep Texas Red, and make sure the White House has a Republican Leader in November.

Make sure your family is registered to vote. If you need forms, please contact Joy. She will gladly get a card to insure your family and friends are able to vote. We are all important pieces to this big Republican Puzzle. Find out where you FIT in.

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A Moment with Millie ~ by Millie Alford

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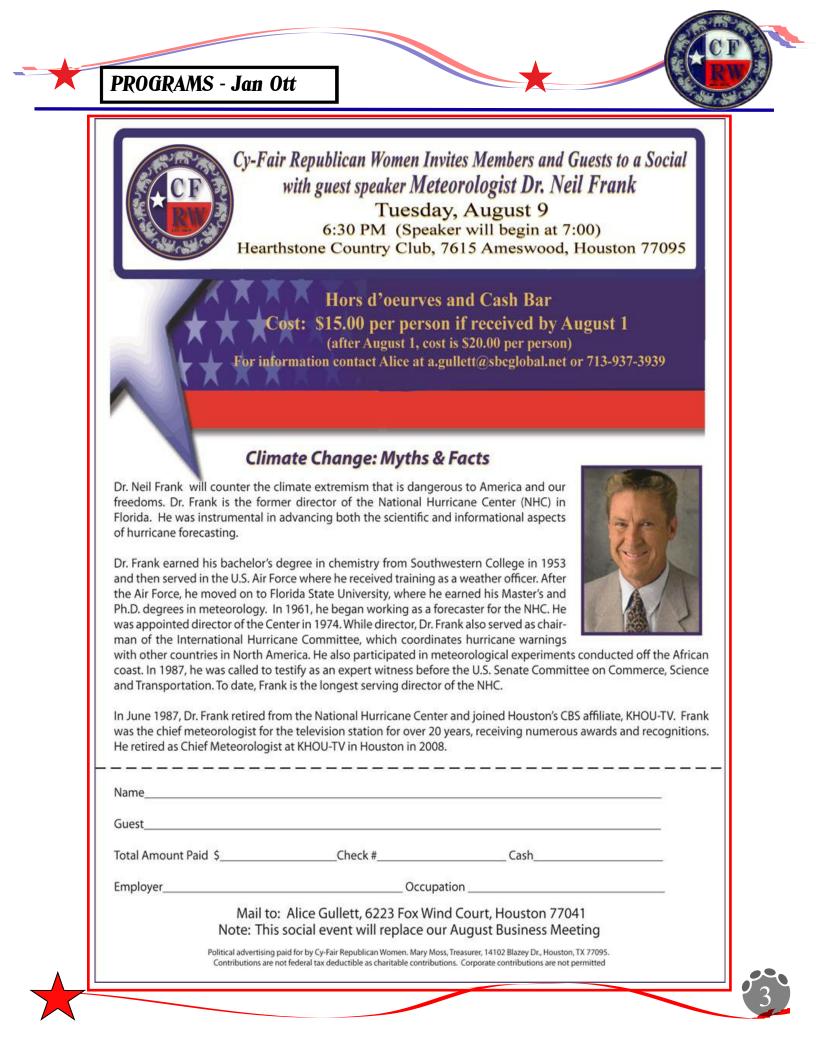
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I'd like to share Congratulations for one of our own - Beth Mayer, our 3rd Vice President, Newsletter Editor and website admin. - who was elected unanimously by the SD7 Caucus at the HCRP Executive Committee Organizational Meeting on July 16th as our Accounting Review Committee Member for the 2016-2018 term. Congratulations Beth! Mary Kay Brady will be having surgery on her shoulder on July 25, so please remember her in your prayers. Likewise, my hip surgery is finally scheduled for August 23, so I would appreciate your prayers, as well. Like the Military, I look at CFRW as my extended family, and it is important to keep one another in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe and try to stay cool.





Uber, Lyft and other Ride Hail Companies in Texas

It's Saturday night in Austin, TX. Should we take a cab, walk or hire an Uber or Lyft tonight? Oh wait, Uber and Lyft have left the scene and we now have some newer options but what should we do? Are the new companies safe? Are the drivers competent? Too many questions, right?

So now we either walk (it's much too far) or call a cab (too expensive) or just stay home! It seems as though the easy convenience of Uber and Lyft was just a pie in the sky. Now there is bickering over how to regulate or de-regulate these alternative means of transportation. There are legislators eager to solve the problem but have different views on how to do this.

All the trouble started when Austin's City Council drafted new regulations for ride-hailing companies in December 2015 and proceeded to activate the new regulations even though they were incomplete. The penalties for drivers and companies that did not follow the rules had not been decided. So Uber and Lyft up and left before the City Council could finalize the plans on penalties, etc. After taking a vote with citizens the consensus was that fingerprinting was a good idea, Uber and Lyft didn't agree so they ceased service in Austin.

Since they left numerous new ride-hailing companies have popped up in the city. Good idea, but will these companies make it unless the regulations are revised? Lawmakers are starting to push for statewide regulations to come up with rules that would be consistent from city to city. Earlier this year Uber and Lyft also left Galveston, Midland and Corpus Christi. New regulations in these cities didn't agree with Uber or Lyft either although Midland has adjusted their regulations and Uber has decided to come back to town.

So it seems that changing the regulations would be in order to keep the original ride hail companies available. It might take a lot of compromise for cities across the state to agree on what regulations are absolutely necessary to ensure these companies are safe for their citizens to rely on for transportation.

Most of our club members have shared rides using Uber when we have been in other cities and the experience was enjoyable. There are Uber drivers all over the world and using their services is very convenient. Perhaps our Legislators can come up with a comprehensive plan for the state which would allow these ride hail companies to thrive and become a part of our transportation alternatives.

Please check out these links to more information on how this is being handled by our Representatives in the Texas Legislature.

https://www.texastribune.org/2016/05/07/early-voting-austin-proposition-against/ https://www.texastribune.org/2016/06/08/ridehailing-companies-bring-battle-legislature/preview/

Austin's Post-Uber Plan: Break Up the Taxi Cartel

www.citylab.com/commute/2016/05/austins-post-uber-plan-break-up-the-taxi-cartel/483417/





In Search of by Micheline Hutson

In Search Of.....

As CFRW has successfully grown and matured, we have acquired many items used to support our activities. The PAC treasurer must safeguard seven years of audit material. Membership has new member welcome packages. Ways and Means has cookbooks, Barnes books, T-shirts and High Heels and High Tea paraphernalia. Some say wine glasses have been donated. If anyone has kindly stored CFRW materials, please come forward and let us know. CFRW will keep an inventory of these items and consolidate all into a storage facility very close to Hearthstone. Club assets are now spread out and board members are loosing track of who has what, especially with each new board and other changes in an interim. Please contact Micheline Hutson "mhutson@sbcglobal.net" or(713) 825-7720. Items can be brought to program or board meetings. Sincere thanks for your help!

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ~ Joy Gregory

Mark Irey is holding phone banks every Wednesday evening starting at 5 PM. If you can go and help at this time, Mark would really appreciate it. Phone Bank is held at the Nortwest GOP office on Hwy 249 between Louetta &Jones Rd.

CFRW served 2259 hours for the second quarter of 2016! CONGRATULATIONS, Ladies. Make sure you continue to report your hours to me each month.

Let's send Hilary back to New York!!

Chaplain's Corner

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Many, © Lord my God, are the wonders You have done, and Your thoughts toward us no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to the lare.

Lord, J thank You for Your beloved Son, for Your unfailing love, and for Your wonderful thoughts. During my busy day, help me to remember all that You have done for me. Help me to follow Your word and walk in purity of heart.



Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Millie Alford at 11:00 A.M..

Chaplain Fae Lord shared a reading from David Barton, then led us in prayer and the pledges.

1st V.P. Jan Ott introduced our guest speaker, Terri Poulton, Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force, Retired- Board of Directors, Lone Star Veterans Association- B.P. Communications.

President **Millie Alford** welcomed Guests and Elected officials and recognized members who hold local positions and district positions with T.F.R.W. Welcome new member, **Rachelle Pierce**.

Jan Ott announced the *August Social* on August 9, 2016, with Dr. Neil Frank, Meteorologist, as speaker. Social begins at 6:30, with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Cost is \$15 before August 1st; \$20 thereafter. Please RSVP.

Minutes for June, 2016 were published in newsletter. Welcome new secretary Linda Llewellyn.

Treasurer Mary Moss reported a balance of \$26,396.73 in checking, and \$6,035.86 in Scholarship Fund.

Membership Chairman Alice Bennett reported

New Members <u>1</u> Active Members <u>63</u> Associate Women <u>8</u> Associate Men <u>6</u> Total <u>78</u> Members

Joy Gregory reported that 2259 hours in Campaign Activities were submitted to T.F.R.W. to date.

Alice Gullet reminded members to complete the form for the August Social and turn it in today, or mail it before August 1.

Please give items for Caring for America to Debby Frieden during Mary Kay Brady's absence.

Special thanks were given to Edith Gibson, Alice Gullet, Nancy Roberts, Judie Stokes, and Millie Alford for patriotic table decorations.

Three door prizes were awarded.

We were reminded that we will begin to work in the NW Republican Office on 249 every Wednesday in the near future. Mark Irey thanked C.F.R.W. for our work.

Executive Board Meeting following General Meeting 07-12-16. C.F.R.W. Annual Social- 08-09-16 Hearthstone Country Club 6:30 P.M. Next General Meeting 09-10-16 Newsletter articles due 07-22-16 Greater Houston Council Meeting 09-20-16 at 9:30 A.M. at Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt Rd.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Llewellyn



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http://www.sos.state.tx.us - Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments

http://www.texaspolicy.com - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues

http://www.capitol.state.tx.us - Updates on what is going on in the Texas Legislature

http://www.tfrw.org - Texas Federation of Republican Women

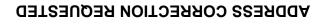
http://www.thomas.loc.gov - Texts of bills are updated several times a day

http://www.ghcfrwpac.org - Greater Houston Council

http://www.CFRW.net - Cy-Fair Republican Women

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