

# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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Happy 4th of July!

As we enter the summer months, we step into a volatile time for the Republican Party. Our own local groups get along "most of the time" but our members on a National level do not seem to fare as well. We must prepare ourselves for opposition—not only from the Dems, but also from some of our own. I recently shared that members of my own inner circle voiced doubt and expressed disapproval of our upcoming election and the people who will inevitably be candidates to represent the Republican party in the Presidential race.

In July, Donald Trump will most likely get the nomination for our party, and he will represent our party. Each one of us must make up our minds to support the Republican Party or accept 4 -8 more years of the status quo of the Democratic regime. I also mentioned that I advise people to "Vote for the Party" if you want a change. We must be sincere in our resolve in explaining to the naysayers that one person does not run our government. (as a rule ...Contrary to current administration, Executive orders are not the usual way to accomplish things.) We believe in the Constitution and Congressional order, and hopefully, reliance on these two things will return.

It is tedious, and seems unfair that we should have to battle some of our OWN members to get the point across that not voting IS voting....for the other side. Yes, a third Party might be warranted, but it, too, seems to have the same result--the other side wins the election. I will do my best to give the reasons why I will vote for the Republican nominee tactfully, but earnestly, and pray that he surrounds himself with knowledgeable, experienced, conservative, Christian, leaders who will put America back on track to the greatness of our destiny. I encourage all of us to have an answer or comment ready when someone asks you about voting or makes a comment about how they cannot vote for Mr. T. Stand your convictions about changing the fate of our nation. Right now, it isn't where it should be and we all know that.

You might not think that one person can make much of a difference, but I beg to differ with you. George Washington was ONE person when he took over command of the army who braved the Potomac in freezing weather to cross for victory against the British Army. Abraham Lincoln was ONE person. Thomas Jefferson was ONE person. Susan B. Anthony was ONE person when she demanded voting rights for women and was even jailed because she managed to vote. Martin Luther King, Jr. was ONE person as he stood for civil rights for all people. Mary Baker Eddy was ONE woman who sought healing through science. Zora Neale Hurston was ONE woman writer who proved her writing abilities despite all odds. There are many other women I could name, and you could probably add some of your favorites who have stepped up and made a difference. YOU are just ONE person, but each time you attend a meeting, you learn something about the way our government works. I have never been to one of our meetings without adding something to my knowledge base. It's not always about politics, either. I am just ONE woman but I hope to touch others with my love for this state and this nation by working toward the goals of our party. I do my best to be a good President, and our Officers do their best to be good Officers. And I believe all of our members do their best to offer support and encouragement to those who are in leadership roles. We're learning teamwork and pride. We're learning to give of ourselves, and sometimes step back and give others the opportunity to lead. Don't ever think that you cannot help or that your contribution is not

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important. You don't have to be star of the show to shine. You can sit at the back of the room and never say much and still add to our meetings by encouraging and making eye contact with the ones who are leading the programs. Each member is important and valued.

I pray for our Nation and all of its leaders that decisions will be made for the Best for our country. Our forefathers had great expectations for this country and its citizens. We're so blessed to be a part of such a dynamic, fun club, and we're so blessed to live in America and be free to meet, live, and VOTE the way we see fit. This year, let's encourage our family and friends to be part of the TEAM that gets things done - especially getting our country back on the RIGHT road.

Happy 4th of July and God Bless Texas and the USA.



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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**Declaration of Independence** 





#### JULY 2016 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Hearthstone Country Club 7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston, TX 77095 (281) 463-2201 Tuesday, July 12th

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

(If you plan to have lunch, you must make your reservations by Tuesday, July 5th) \*\*No-shows will be billed \*\*



## **Special Guest Speaker - Teri Poulton** 20-year career officer and aviator in the US Air Force

Teri Poulton serves as BP's Director, Veteran Outreach for the US. Her work supports the company's commitment to American communities and the business need for military talent in the workforce. Teri also leads the BP Veteran Business Resource Group, a national network of veterans, reservists, military family members and other supporters. In both roles, she is dedicated to supporting those who serve the nation as they transition into post-military workforce and community leadership positions. This year Teri was named to the HillVets 100 list, recognizing 2015's most influential veterans in the U.S. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Lone Star Veterans Association, the largest post-9/11 veteran organization in Texas.

Before joining BP in January 2013, Teri completed a successful 20-year career as an officer and aviator in the US Air Force.

A graduate of the US Air Force Academy, she piloted aircraft and deployed around the world and was selected as a squadron commander. Teri also served as a Presidential Advance Agent and, at the Pentagon, supported public affairs and communications on the immediate staffs of the Secretary of the Air Force and two Secretaries of Defense.







#### One vote really doesn't matter anyway, does it?

Not true, there are many instances where one vote literally made a difference in the outcome of an election. Never assume an election will go one way or the other.

#### EVERY VOTE DOES COUNT. . . . . . These votes changed history $\sim$

- 1645: 1 VOTE gave control of England to Oliver Cromwell.
- 1649: 1 VOTE approved the beheading of Kings Charles I.
- 1776: 1 VOTE was the margin of difference by which the new government of the U.S. chose the English language over the German language.
- 1800: 1 VOTE made Thomas Jefferson president instead of Aaron Burr.
- 1824: 1 VOTE by the U.S. House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president over Andrew Jackson when one representative from New York changed his vote.
- 1845: 1 VOTE brought Texas into the Union as the 28th state.
- 1868: 1 VOTE saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
- 1875: 1 VOTE ended the monarchy in France for a voting democracy.
- 1876: 1 VOTE made Rutherford B. Hayes a United States President.
- 1876: 1 VOTE elected the Indiana Electoral College member who voted for Hayes.
- 1920: 1 VOTE made Tennessee the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, which gave women the right to vote.
- 1923: 1 VOTE placed Adolph Hitler as the leader of the Nazi Party.
- 1941: 1 VOTE kept the military draft operational just weeks before Pearl Harbor.
- 1948: 1 VOTE for Thomas Dewey in each precinct in Ohio and California would have thrown his race with Harry Truman into the House of Representatives.
- 1968: 1 VOTE change per precinct in three states would have made Hubert Humphrey president instead of Richard Nixon.

#### Consider further how decisions that change history are determined by just a few votes:

- 1788: 3 VOTES ratified the U.S. Constitution in New York.
- 1790: 2 VOTES ratified the U.S. Constitution in Rhode Island, making it approved in all 13 states.
- 1960: 1 VOTE changed in each precinct would have defeated John Kennedy.
- 1976: 1 VOTE changed in each Ohio precinct would have elected Gerald Ford and not Jimmy Carter.

#### And, relevant to our times:

2016: 1 VOTE, your vote, can make the difference November 8th.

Every election you hear someone say, "*What difference is my one vote going to make?*" Next time you hear someone ask that, you will know what a difference his or her one vote can make.



In the United States, 1 VOTE DOES MATTER. Be the ONE.



**MEMBERSHIP** - Alice Bennett

We are continuing to grow! We have 63 Active Members, 7 Associate Women and 6 Associate Men as of 06-21-2016 for a Total of 76!

I would like to say hello and welcome to our new Members: Kristen Govantes and Barbara Murray

If you have not renewed your CFRW Membership for 2016, please visit <u>www.cfrw.net</u> for the application.

All new members will receive a CFRW binder and cookbook as a thank you for joining our club.

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### CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES ~ Joy Gregory

Summertime is definitely here and the heat is on! We need to get busy and make sure that we keep TEXAS RED. While we are campaigning, we will be making reportable campaign hours for CFRW. Please keep track of the hours you spend telephoning, working at the GOP office or a particular candidates office, AND your driving time (to and from). You will also need to report these hours to me at joygregory@sbcglobal.net so that I can turn them into TFRW. These hours are important for various Awards. Thank you.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

 $\sim$  by Fae Lord

2 Corinthians 9:6

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Lord, I thank You for Your tender mercies and faithfulness and for the greatness of your name. I thank you for your son, Jesus Christ, Who has sown light into my life. Teach me to sow bountifully by being generous to others and giving of myself to my family and all those who cross my path.



President Millie Alford called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

The Invocation & Pledges were led by Chaplain, Fae Lord.

The Guest Speaker, Theresa Kosmoski, President, Texas Federation of Republican Women was introduced by 1st V.P. Jan Ott. Theresa presented an informational program on TFRW and NFRW.

Guests and Elected Officials were welcomed by President, Millie Alford. Our guests were Kelly Doyle, Kristen Govantes, Elizabeth Hilbun, and Barbara Murray.

Jan Ott, 1st V.P. informed the membership of the guest speakers for July and August. July's guest speaker will be Ms. Teri Poulton, U.S. Air Force, Retired; Board of Directors, Lone Star Veterans Association. She also advised that our August guest speaker would be Dr. Neil Frank, former ... Chief Meteorologist at KHOU-TV in Houston.

Minutes for May were Published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Mary Moss. The checking account balance as of May 2016 is \$26, 669.52. The CFRW Scholarship Fund balance is \$6,035.60 Mary advised that if anyone had expenses between May 14 and June 30, they need to turn them in. The next TEC Report is due July 15.

The Membership report was given by Alice Bennett. The May Report is New Members-1 Current Active Members-62; Associate Women-7; Associate Men-6 Total 75

The Campaign Activities Report was given by Joy Gregory. All Campaign hours need to be turned in so Joy can include them in the state report.

Hospitality Chair Alice Gullet & Judie Stokes, Chair for the July Celebration advised that the July Meeting will have Patriotic Theme...Please bring photos of Family Members/Friends who are Veterans and Currently Serving in the Military for a Memorial Tribute Table. Please label photos with information-Name, Relation, Branch of Military, etc.

Caring for America Chair, Mary Kay Brady, advised members to give Caring for America items to Debby Frieden in Mary Kay's absence during the next 2 months.

President Millie Alford reminded the membership that the secretary position is open and encouraged anyone interested to let her know. She also advised that if anyone was available to donate money, clothing, or time to help the flooding victims, please contact Sugar reek Baptist Church.13333 Southwest Fwy. Suite 200, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Dates to Remember: Executive Board Meeting 06-16-16-Next General Meeting 07-12-16 Please R.S.V.P. by 07-05-16 Newsletter Articles Due 06-24-16 Greater Houston Council Meeting 9-20-16 @ 9:30 A.M. Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt Rd. Meeting Adjourned. - Respectfully submitted, Millie Alford



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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.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.tfrw.org - Texas Federation of Republican Women

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