



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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## Greetings, Cy-Fair Republican Women

It is my pleasure to give a report on our State Convention in Dallas this past week. Members who attended were Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Beth Mayer, Edith Gibson, Barbara Buxton, Micheline Hutson, Sarah Singleton, and me. We had a very busy schedule from the moment we left Houston to the moment we pulled away from the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center on Saturday afternoon.

We listened to our government leaders give rousing speeches. Governor Greg Abbott spoke about how Texas leads the country with job opportunities and the importance of not giving-in to the National government trends to accept the “anything goes” attitudes of those who haven’t decided on their gender. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick urged the school systems in Texas NOT to allow boys and girls to use the same restroom facilities and showers. (Of course, the very next day President Obama mandated all schools in the USA should allow gender choices in whatever capacity they choose.) We heard Ken Paxton speak about his journey to Austin and how each step seemed to fall in order and he is where he should be. We also were encouraged by Senator Ted Cruz’ charge for unity. This is also the topic of this month’s message from our TRFW President, Theresa Kosmoski, who, by the way, will be our Guest Speaker for June. Please make time to read her President’s message on the TFRW website. Senator John Cornyn spoke on Saturday and there was a presentation of U.S. Congressmen and Candidates, presentation of Judges, and Auxiliaries.

A big personal highlight for me was attending a Gospel Singing in a reunion of The Mercy River Boys at a local pizza shop. In addition, we saw friends Dr. Tom Oliverson, Rep. Kevin Roberts, Rep. Patricia

Harless, Congressman Michael McCaul, Harris County Chair Paul Simpson, Texas National Committeewoman Toni Anne Dashiell, TFRW President Theresa Kosmoski, and many representatives and candidates. By the way, the Primary Run-Off is May 24 and I really hope everyone will go vote.

We attended caucuses, the Grassroots Breakfast, and the Tribute to Women Luncheon where Joy Gregory, Edith Gibson, and I were honored. The meetings were interesting and insightful, though some were time-consuming and got a little bizarre at one point. For example, when we were going through the platform plank-by-plank, one group decided they would like to be able to secede from the Union...I couldn’t believe it. Were we in Hooterville, or what?? Many spoke on behalf of allowing it and many spoke on how it would make Texas the laughing stock of the nation. Enough of us still had our wits about us to vote that one down, so I’m happy to say we’re still part of the USA. This really had an effect on me, personally, so I did some research on it. Of course, it is too lengthy to include, but if you’d like to know more, please access <https://www.quora.com/Can-a-US-state-secede-from-the-Union> and read Can a State secede from the Union? You’ll see that it is illegal. And that’s all I have to say about that (right now). I was a little surprised NOT to hear about it on the Left Media, so maybe we dodged that bullet. (Now, I’m really done.)

I’d like to second the notion from the TFRW President’s Newsletter and say we need to bypass the negative and pull together to support our nominee for President. We cannot stand another 4-8 years of Clinton/Obama notions ruining our country. If we all work together, and not allow differences of opinion on a few things, we will be able to defeat the Dems in November. If we stay at home, that’s a vote for the other side. Please encourage your neighbors, family, and friends, to vote for what is best for America and not to stay at home and allow

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Hearthstone Country Club**

**7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston, TX 77095**

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**Tuesday, June 14th**

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

**(If you plan to have lunch, you must make your reservations  
by Tuesday, June 7th)**

**\*\*No-shows will be billed\*\***



**Theresa Kosmoski  
TFRW President**

**To speak at our  
June 14 General Meeting**

Theresa is a long-time Republican activist, former elected official and long-time member of TFRW and her local republican women's clubs, having served in many roles including President. She has been an officer on the Greater Houston Council of Republican Women, on various county-wide boards, for the Harris County Republican party, served the Republican Party of Texas, and held a seat on the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Republican Women.

For more than twenty years she has been actively involved in many local state and national civic and non-profit organizations with a particular emphasis on child advocacy and community improvement. In that time she has been intimately involved in dozens of campaigns for both candidates and issues. As a retired member of a local School Board of Trustees, Theresa has actively pursued her interest in public education policy and legislative issues.

Professionally, Theresa began her career in the banking and investment fields but has been a Registered Parliamentarian for the last 20 years serving non-profit, corporate and political organizations. She has been married to her husband Mark for 30 years and has two sons, both of whom are Eagle Scouts.



**GOP STATE CONVENTION - DALLAS - MAY 2016**



**AUSTIN TRIP**

**Bob Bullock Museum**



**May 2016**





## A Convention of States

A Convention of States - what is that? It's an idea being tossed around by the Texas Public Policy Foundation to amend the US Constitution. There is a process within the United States Constitution that allows a minimum of two-thirds of the states to conduct a convention to propose amendments to the United States Constitution, also called an Article V Convention, or Amendments Convention. By doing this they could then go around Congress and make amendments to our Constitution. Maybe this group of states could also override a federal law or Supreme Court ruling!

The present election cycle has brought about some different and interesting results thus far. It seems many of the citizens of the US are tired of business as usual and desire a change in our elected officials and how our business is done. Perhaps this would be the perfect year to try this Article V Convention because the people are ready for something new.

Six states have already joined this movement — Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Florida, Indiana and Tennessee. There would need to be many more states to make this happen and since this has never happened before it might be hard to impossible to get this going. There are many changes needed on issues such as campaign finance reform, term limits and balanced budgets. If there aren't enough states to reach the “two-thirds supermajority” that a convention would require, it's believed that the effort to achieve it would inspire change!

Texas is also getting involved in the effort to make a convention of states happen. Governor Greg Abbott delivered the keynote address at the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Annual Policy Orientation in January 2016. He spoke about his Texas Plan to restore the Rule of Law and return the Constitution to its intended purpose. This is what Governor Abbott had to say as reported in the Governor's press release.

“The increasingly frequent departures from Constitutional principles are destroying the Rule of Law foundation on which this country was built,” said Governor Abbott. “We are succumbing to the caprice of man that our Founders fought to escape. The cure to these problems will not come from Washington D.C. Instead, the states must lead the way. To do that I am adding another item to the agenda next session. I want legislation authorizing Texas to join other states in calling for a Convention of States to fix the cracks in our Constitution.”

Even if the states that have started this movement don't reach their goal of two-thirds of the 50 states it might start them moving in the right direction and encourage the states to go forward and bring about the changes needed. If you would like to know more about Governor Abbott's plan please go to this link and read his ideas. <http://gov.texas.gov/news/press-release/21829/#.V0OT7GeVxA8.gmail>





## A Moment with Millie ~ by Millie Alford

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the liberal left wingers to run our country into the ground. If you know someone who wants to become involved in what is happening to our community, state, and country, tell them about CFRW and the many other clubs in our area. Give them information about TFRW to help lead them to make the right decisions. To make sure you have some information to share, here is something to get your started:

TFRW provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates and elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage and flourish. Members stay current by reading our self-published TFRW quarterly publication "The Texas Star," and other materials, and by attending local and statewide meetings that help members broaden and unify their interest and education. TFRW makes sure its members stay active not only by offering a source of year-round service for Republican women volunteers, but also by letting them cooperate with the party organization to undertake special assignments and campaign projects. TFRW is one of the largest women's political organizations in the nation and is a member of the National Federation of Republican women. TFRW holds fast to the underlying principles of the Republican Party, Government by the People, and the belief that people such as you must be part of the process if it is to work effectively. TFRW supports working at the grassroots level and influencing legislation at our state capitol. Our TFRW members logged nearly 4 million hours working on campaigns during recent campaign cycles. TFRW is undeniably the most powerful women's political organization in Texas today. ([www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org))

I'd like to think that you could replace the TFRW with CFRW on a lot of this information. We may not be the largest women's political organization in Texas, but we're one of the most dedicated. For that, I am very grateful.

## Chaplain's Corner

~ by Fae Lord

*I will not let any corrupt word come out of my mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may impart grace to those who hear. - Ephesians 4:29*



Lord, I rejoice to know that, through my faith in Christ Jesus, I may approach You with boldness and confidence. Help me always to speak words to others that portray humility and grace. I will boast of of Your lovingkindness, justice and righteousness.





## **General Meeting Minutes ~ Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Millie Alford**

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

Chaplain, Fae Lord, gave the Invocation and led the pledges to the US Flag and the Texas Flag.

First V.P. Jan Ott, Program Chair, introduced our first guest speaker, Paul Simpson, Chair, Harris County GOP, who spoke on our upcoming convention, as well as many other interesting issues facing our community and state.

Jan also introduced our second guest speaker, Ms. Colleen Gilbert from **Reach**, an organization in West Houston who provides programs for intellectually challenged individuals. She was accompanied by one of the members of the program, and they gave information about Reach.

President Millie Alford welcomed the guests and elected officials.

First V.P. Jan Ott reported that TFRW President, Theresa Kosmoski, will be our Guest Speaker for June.

CFRW Minutes for April 2016 are published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer, Mary Moss gave the Treasurer's Report. Our ending balance as of April is \$26, 555.63. She also urged members to turn in their receipts for reimbursement. The filing of the TEC report is due and if anyone needs reimbursement, please make sure to fill out the form and get it to Mary.

Membership Chair, Alice Bennett welcomed 3 new members to CFRW, Virginia Alford, Katherine Fiara, and Terry Karon. Our members total 61 with 7 Associate Women and 6 Associate Men.

Campaign Activities Chair, Joy Gregory reported turning in 2100 hours by CFRW Members.

Hospitality Chair, Alice Gullet and July Meeting Chair, Judie Stokes advised members and guests that our July Meeting (July 12) will have a Patriotic Theme, and asked that members decorate our tables and bring patriotic pictures of family and friends who have served in the Military in the past or are currently serving. So far, 4 tables have been chosen. Millie Alford, Nancy Roberts, Edith Gibson, and Alice Gullet have offered to decorate tables. We would love to see about 3 more added. There will be prizes and lots of fun photos. Caring for America items were taken for Mary Kay Brady by Millie Alford.

The Executive Board Meeting was held following the meeting. Members who were traveling to Dallas for the RPT Convention were Millie Alford, Beth Mayer, Joy Gregory, Mary Moss, Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Micheline Hutson, Edith Gibson, Sarah Singleton, and Kevin Roberts.

Newsletter Articles are due 5-20-16. Next General Meeting: 6-14-16. Please RSVP by 6-6-16.

The next Greater Houston Council Meeting will be held 5-17-16 with Dr. Wally Wilkerson as speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Millie Alford





# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2016 Membership Application



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**CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?**

Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:	Relationship to New Member
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			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:**

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<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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## **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



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