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President

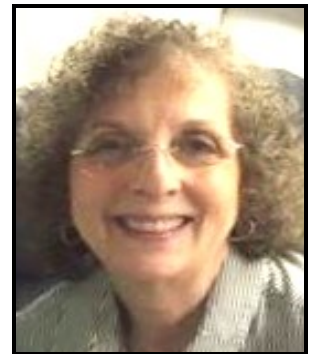
Barbara Buxton

Statistics are not my strength but that particular kind of information presented by Harris County Chairman, Paul Simpson, at the Cy-Fair Republican Women March Meeting certainly explained what happened in the 2016 General Election in Harris County and surrounding areas and why we must be prepared to venture out of our comfort zones to observe and interact with all people. We must be educated on issues and pending legislation and be willing to get involved. Thank you, Chairman Simpson, for sharing this data with CFRW.

county and state RED! That doesn't mean we all have to agree on every single issue but we must work to find solutions that are meaningful, effective and acceptable for most so that we can elect local people who will work to that end. Remember, our national officials were once local leaders!

Texas Federation of Republican Women will hold Legislative Day in Austin on April 6. Women all across the state will attend in their Red Jackets and be recognized by the Texas House and Senate. Details and registration can be found online at www.tfrw.org.

CFRW events are listed on the Website and in the Newsletter and we hope you will find something that catches your fancy whether it's a tour, a brunch, an evening social, a rally, volunteering or registering voters. The Website is great for signing up for the monthly meeting and getting timely



information for impromptu events. If you plan to attend the April Meeting, be sure to RSVP at www.cfrw.net even if you are not staying for lunch. Hospitality needs to know how many tables and chairs to set up for the day.

You will want to be at the CFRW April Meeting to hear Congressman John Culberson update us on what is happening in Washington D.C. Please see biography in Programs Section. Don't miss this opportunity! Sign up as soon as possible!

Respectfully,
Barbara Buxton



The takeaway for me was that the different factions with different needs in our party need to come together to keep our

Upcoming Important Dates

April 4th	Meeting RSVP Deadline
April 5th	TFRW Belles 'n Boots
April 6th	TFRW Legislative Day
April 7th	TFRW Board Meeting
April 11th	CFRW General Meeting
April 20th	CFRW Board Meeting
April 24th	Newsletter Articles Due
May 2nd	Meeting RSVP Deadline
May 9th	CFRW General Meeting
May 18th	CFRW Board Meeting
May 22nd	Newsletter Articles Due
Nov. 3rd	High Heels & High Tea

CFRW General Meeting – April 11, 2017

Hearthstone Country Club
7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston 77095
10:30 a.m. Check In
11:00 a.m. Meeting and Program
12:00 Noon Lunch (Optional)
RSVP at www.cfrw.net by April 4, 2017 or
phone Suzanne, (713) 562-4901



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General Meeting Minutes

Cy-Fair Republican Women
General Meeting
March 14,2017
Hearthstone Country Club

President Barbara Buxton called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Guests and elected Officials were introduced.

Nancy Roberts gave the Invocation and lead the Pledges to the American and Texas Flags.

First Vice President/Programs Jan Ott introduced our speaker, Paul Simpson. Paul is the Harris County GOP Chairman and he spoke to the club on the implications of the November, 2016, Presidential Election.

The February Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Micheline Hutson reported that our bank balance as of February 28, 2017 is \$ 9827.15.

Second Vice President/Membership Edith Gibson reported that we now have 54 Active members, 3 Associate Women and 3 Associate Men. On April 26,2017 the club will host a Membership Brunch at the home of Barbara Buxton. Each member is asked to attend and bring one potential member.

Jan Ott announced that Congressman John Culberson would be the April Speaker.

Hospitality Chairman Suzanne Davis reminded members and guests to get their registrations in by Friday, March 17,2017, For the Tour of Steamboat House and have luncheon.

Legislative Chairman Gail Schubot gave a short report on the state of the City of Houston Retirement Program.

Scholarship Chairman Genie Hood announced the deadline of June 15, 2017 to apply for our First Scholarship to be awarded to 2 recipients for the Fall of 2017 Semester. She also gave the requirements.

Mark Irely, NW Senior Field Rep, invited members to John Culberson's Town Hall Meeting on March 25,2017, 3 pm at Spring Branch Middle School. Contact Mark for reservations.



Cy-Fair Republican Women Welcome Congressman John Culberson

The Cy-Fair Republican Women are pleased to have our U.S. Representative for the 7th Congressional District, John Culberson, to speak to us for our April meeting. Congressman Culberson will be discussing the issues of the 2017 legislative agenda.

John Culberson was elected in 2000 to represent the 7th District, a seat formerly held by President George H. W. Bush and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer. Congressman Culberson is one of the most senior members of the House Appropriations Committee where he leads the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Subcommittee. He is charged with providing the federal law enforcement officers with the resources to protect our lives and property and his authority also allows him to advocate for national investment in medical and scientific research. Congressman Culberson is also on the Homeland Security Subcommittee and the Transportation Housing & Urban Development Subcommittee.

A life-long Texan, John Culberson earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1981. After college, he worked for his father’s political consulting and advertising agency before earning a Juris Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston. Before his election to Congress, he practiced law as a civil defense attorney with the Houston firm Lorange and Thompson.

In 1986, John was elected to the Texas House of Representatives while he was a law student. He spent 14 years in the Texas House and in his last term in 1999, he was selected by his peers to serve as Minority Whip.

John and his wife, Belinda, have been married over 25 years and have a 20 year old daughter, Caroline.

Scholarships

Genie Hood

Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC will offer two educational scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each to a woman with U.S. Citizenship, who has been a resident of Texas for at least two (2) years, is registered to vote and attending a Texas institution of higher learning. Funding will be made directly to the recipient’s school. The application and all requirements are available online at www.cfrw.net. The deadline for the 2017 fall semester is June 15. Completed applications should be mailed or e-mailed to:

Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC
Genie Hood, Scholarship Committee
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Cypress, TX 77433
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TFRW Legislative Day Assignment: “The Three TFRW Resolutions”

Whether you are traveling to Austin on April 6 for TFRW Legislative Day or not, TFRW is requesting that their Republican Women’s Clubs and their individual members lobby for the following three priority resolutions previously adopted by TFRW:

Issue 1: Promoting Free Speech and Transparency in Elections. Previously reported and published in our February CFRW newsletter, this is the resolution seeking that organizations disclose their donors. No bill has been filed yet covering this specific issue, and so TFRW has asked that we lobby for an amendment to SB14 to incorporate our issues. SB 14 is the primary ethics reform bill passed in the Senate and

waiting committee assignment in the House.

Issue 2: Promoting Judicial Independence and an Accountable Judiciary. A knowledgeable electorate with the incentive to vote down ballot for our judiciary is a perplexing matter, most recently addressed at the CFRW March luncheon with speaker Harris County GOP Chairman Paul Simpson. TFRW has issued a resolution seeking to reform the process for selecting judges to one that is more public and transparent. HB 958 would require that the legislature study judiciary selection reform following the current legislative session and is currently in committee in the Senate. TFRW asks that we forward the TFRW resolution

for consideration to our representatives, senators and members of the committee so that it may be included for consideration.

Issue 3: Promoting Photo Voter Identification and Confidence in Election Results. TFRW’s resolution calls for the law to be reformed so that voter id is required without undue burden to voters. SB 5 by Sen. Joan Huffman covers the issue and was passed out of committee in the Senate on March 14 and is on the intent calendar to be scheduled for floor debate in the Senate. TFRW asks that we lobby our senators and the lieutenant governor for an affirmative vote on the bill.

Copies of the resolutions are listed below and on the next page and are also found on the TFRW website. Copies of the referenced bills may be accessed at: www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Cy-Fair Republican Women: Whether you visit your State Representative’s and Senator’s office in Austin, or email, mail, or call them from home, now is the time to act as a member of TFRW and CFRW to support and advance these important issues and positions.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

March 27, 2017

Promoting Free Speech and Transparency in Elections

Whereas, the ability of voters to evaluate issues and candidates and make informed decisions is the cornerstone of our democracy; and

Whereas, a key part of making an informed decision is the ability to evaluate who is advocating the ideas or endorsing candidates being considered; and

Whereas, Texas has a long history of requiring transparency and disclosure in the political process; and

Whereas, Texas has chosen not to place limits on political spending to protect the rights of individuals to freely give money and fully participate in the political process; and

Whereas, at the same time, voters have a right to know who is funding the political information they receive so they can evaluate the information and possible motives of those who are providing it; and

Whereas, knowing who is giving money to try to influence elections is the only

way to ensure transparency and allow voters to make fully informed choices; and

Whereas, an individual’s constitutional right of free speech can be threatened when his or her voice is drowned out by outside sources who secretly aim to influence elections and legislation; and

Whereas, the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia wrote: “Requiring people to stand up in public for their political acts fosters civic courage, without which democracy is doomed.” And now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Texas Federation of Republican Women supports legislation to clarify that organizations engaged in political advocacy must publicly disclose their donors just as candidates and political action committees do. This legislation should not apply to religious congregations or groups primarily engaged in providing charitable services, but specifically to those organizations which primarily engage in formal political advocacy for candidates, causes or legislation.

Promoting Judicial Independence and an Accountable Judiciary

Whereas, the citizens of Texas deserve a system of judicial selection that promotes a judiciary that is: A) independent and impartial, B) accountable, and C) qualified; and

Whereas, the existence of an independent, impartial judiciary is essential to a free society, but is threatened by judicial elections because they enable special interest groups to wield power over candidates; and

Whereas, judicial elections hold judges accountable only to the extent that the electorate is knowledgeable about the record and qualifications of specific candidates for judicial office; and

Whereas, 68% of state district and appellate judges are elected in districts with populations over 250,000 where voters are hampered in their ability to become informed about the

qualifications of judicial candidates; and

Whereas, 55% of active appellate judges and 36% of active district judges in 2015 initially assumed office by appointment to an open seat, the citizens of Texas deserve for these vacancies to be filled in a transparent and public manner; and

Whereas, the longest serving U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall stated:

"What is it that makes us trust our judges? Their independence in office and manner of appointment." And now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Texas Federation of Republican Women supports an amendment to the Texas Constitution that would reform the current system of selecting judges in Texas.

Promoting Photo Voter Identification and Confidence in Election Results

WHEREAS the Texas Legislature enacted the photo voter identification law in 2011 to help deter and detect election fraud and to improve the public's confidence in our elections, and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court has recognized both as valid interests of the state, and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court has also stated that voter identification laws are justified because of election fraud throughout the history of the United States, and

WHEREAS the Commission on Federal Election Reform, chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker,

stated: "The electoral system cannot inspire public confidence if no safeguards exist to deter or detect fraud or to confirm the identity of voters," and

WHEREAS the 2011 law has found opposition in the court system and may require amending by the 85th Legislature to satisfy constitutional requirements, and

WHEREAS the Texas Federation of Republican Women led the fight to enact the original photo voter identification law in 2011, therefore

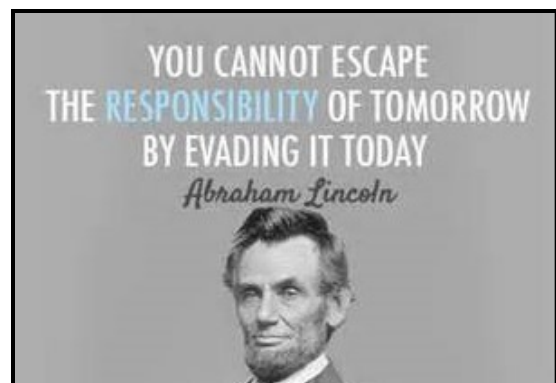
BE IT RESOLVED, the Texas Federation of Republican Women will work to reform the law in Texas to ensure photo identification will be required to vote, without unduly burdening any lawful voter.



Join or Renew Your Grassroots Club Membership Today! For \$8.25/month, or \$99/year, you can support the mission of the Republican Party of Texas to elect Republicans at all levels of Texas government, run a fair primary and a strong state convention. Go to:

<https://politics.raisethemoney.com/republican-party-of-texas-GRC>

and then click on Grassroots for more detail.



CFRW After Hours Event Steamboat House Restaurant

~ a Texas history tour was given by the owner, Charlie Fogarty. It was very informative and entertaining.
In attendance were CFRW Members and their guests.





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2017 Membership Application

DATE:	OFFICE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> 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, State, Zip:	Work Number:	
Precinct #:	Home Number:	
Occupation: <i>(Required for PAC Report)</i>	Email Address:	
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?	
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE RPT GRASSROOTS CLUB?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
MEMBER TYPE		
Name Badge Order ~ <i>Please print how you would like it printed:</i>	<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 ~ <i>Active member of which Republican women's club?:</i>	<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: <i>(Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)</i>		
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Mail check and this form to:		Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
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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.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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