



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## President

**Barbara Buxton**

### AUGUST 2017

According to our July speaker, Mike Zientek, TXDOT Senior Public Involvement, it will be the end of 2018 before we see the substantial completion of the Highway 290 Corridor. No doubt a 2017 date would have been welcomed but at least there is a small light at the end of that long tunnel or road if you will. We must keep a positive attitude!

Speaking of positive, the following words on the Harris County Republican Party website could be construed as such – optimistic and hopeful.

#### **PARTY OF THE FUTURE**

Drawing inspiration from our Party's history, today's Republicans believe individuals, not government, make the best decisions; all people are entitled to equal rights; and decisions are best made close to home.

At the state level, the nation's thirty Republican governors are making government more effective and efficient, spurring economic growth and striving to put more power in the hands of the people.

Nationally, Republicans recognize that the slow, bloated, top-down Washington bureaucracy is out-of-date in the 21st century. Our Party works to give Americans more choices—in healthcare, in education, in energy, and in the economy—and to free individuals and families from the intrusive overreach of federal bureaucrats.

The Party's core principles of freedom and equal opportunity are as relevant today as at our founding, and they are the roadmap for American renewal in a new and interconnected world.

We have the power to see that the principles of our beliefs are observed! It is in our right to free speech, educating ourselves about the candidates and then voting for the ones that adhere to those principles. If we look close, we may be able to see some light here also!

Respectively,  
Barbara Buxton

## Upcoming Important Dates

Aug. 1st	Meeting RSVP Deadline
Aug. 8th	CFRW August Social
Aug. 17th	CFRW Board Meeting
Aug. 21st	Newsletter Articles Due
Sept. 4th	Labor Day
Sept. 11th	Patriot Day
Sept. 12th	CFRW General Meeting
Sept. 14-17	NFRW Convention
Sept. 21st	CFRW Board Meeting
Sept. 25th	Newsletter Articles Due
Oct. 9th	Columbus Day
Oct. 19-21	TFRW Convention
Nov. 3rd	High Heels & High Tea

### **Welcome CFRW New Members**

*Ruth Fountain  
Brenda Jackson  
Laurel Josephson  
Mary Rivet*



**CFRW**  
**Board Members**

- President:** Barbara Buxton  
713-824-8324
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- Ways & Means:** Kristen Govantes
- Newsletter:** Sharon Edwards
- Secretary:** Linda Llewellyn
- Treasurer/PAC:** Micheline Hutson  
713-825-7720
- Membership:** Edith Gibson
- Campaign Activities:** Pat Baughman
- Awards:** Joy Gregory
- Legislative:** Gail Schubot
- Hospitality:** Suzanne Davis  
713-562-4901
- Parliamentarian:** Shirley Chambers

**Committee Chairs**

- Caring For America:** Mary Kay Brady
- Chaplain:** Fae Lord
- Grassroots:** Sarah Singleton
- Historian:** Clarisa Fether
- Publicity:** Nancy Roberts
- Registration:** Alice Gullett
- Website:** Rita Parrish

**Secretary**

**Linda Llewellyn**

**General Meeting Minutes**

Cy-Fair Republican Women  
Hearthstone Country Club  
General Meeting- Tuesday, July 11, 2017

President Barbara Buxton called meeting to order, and welcomed those in attendance. Nancy Roberts led Invocation and Pledges. Barbara introduced Guests and Elected Officials. First Vice President, Jan Ott, introduced the speaker, Mike Zientek, from TXDot, who was asked, "When will 290 construction be finished?" Project continues toward substantial completion until 2018. Our second speaker was Michelle Gamboa, from the staff of Governor Abbott.

The secretary Linda Llewellyn's report was passed as published. Treasurer Micheline Hutson's report was published and presented on tables. The balance as of 6/30/17 is \$8039. The report was approved. Membership Chairman Edith Gibson reported that we have 65 members. Caring for America Chairman Mary Kay Brady will have surgery, and, in her absence, items for the charities will be collected by Diane Hospitality Chairman Suzanne Davis printed flyers for the August Social, distributed to each one present. The Social will be August, Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., at 6:30. Congressman Michael McCaul will be featured speaker. Cost will be \$20 per person, with heavy appetizers and available cash bar. Reservation deadline is July 28. High Heels and High Tea will be Nov. 3. Edith has stepped up to assist Kristen.

There was a quorum of active members present to elect Delegates to TFRW. Membership allows seven delegates. These were nominated:  
Barbara Buxton  
Clarisa Father  
Edith Gibson  
Joy Gregory  
Micheline Hutson  
Linda Llewellyn  
Jan Ott

It was moved and seconded to elect these seven by acclamation. This carried. Jan Ott moved to empower the president to fill any vacancies on the delegate or alternate list that may occur prior to the convention. This, too, passed. No further business. Meeting adjourned.

**Important Dates:**

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|---------------------------|--|
| Thursday, July 20         | CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone, 11:00 a.m.      |
| Monday, July 24           | Newsletter Article Deadline                      |
| Tuesday, August 8         | August Social, Sterling Country Club, 6:30 p.m.  |
| Thursday, September 14-17 | NFRW Convention, Philadelphia                    |
| Thursday, October 19-21   | TFRW Convention, Dallas                          |
| Friday, November 3        | High Heels and High Tea, Sterling CC, 10:30 a.m. |

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Llewellyn

## *Don't Miss the August Social with Very Special Guest*



CONGRESSMAN

**MICHAEL McCAUL**

Representing the 10th District of Texas

Congressman Michael T. McCaul is currently serving his sixth term, serving since 2005, representing Texas' 10th District which stretches from Austin to Houston, in the United States Congress.

In January 2013, Rep. McCaul became Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security. The Committee has oversight of the Department of Homeland Security ensuring it is able to carry out its core mission of protecting the American people from terrorist attacks. As Chairman, McCaul has prioritized the threat of international and domestic terrorism, border security, cyber security, airport security and fixing dysfunctional management within DHS. Congressman McCaul led the charge against earmarks, which have been banned by the House of Representatives since 2011. He also serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Science and Technology. He also is a co-chair of the Childhood Cancer caucus.

Chairman McCaul recently passed legislation out of the Homeland Security Committee requiring DHS to implement a national strategy to gain operational control of our borders requiring the use of technology to gain situational awareness, and creating metrics to produce verifiable results.

Prior to Congress, Michael McCaul served as Chief of Counter-Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney's office in Texas, and led the Joint Terrorism Task Force. He served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice's Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C.

A fourth generation Texan, Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program of the School of Government, Harvard University.

## Ways and Means

Kristen Govantes

**High Heels and High Tea – Please save the date!!** This great event will be Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. This year CFRW will celebrate our biennial fundraiser at beautiful Sterling Country Club at Houston National at 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, Texas 77095. Have you found a way to enjoy this event from behind the scenes? Contact our Committee Chairs to help CFRW make it an event to remember!!! (Please see directory for contact info.)

**Auction/Program Ads:** Edith Gibson (Chair), Sharon Hamilton, Bonnie Winter

**Financial:** Micheline Hutson (Chair), Wanda Threadgill

**Program Speakers:** Jan Ott, (Chair)

**Registration/Ticket Sales:** Suzanne Davis (Co-Chair), Pat Baughman (Co-Chair), Linda Llewellyn

**Style Show:** Jan Ott and Rita Parrish (Co-Chair)

**Table Sponsors:** Joy Gregory (Chair), Sandra Vinklerek

**Vendors:** Nancy Roberts (Chair), Alice Gullett



## NEW TEXTING PROHIBITION AND PROPOSED SPECIAL SESSION CHANGES

You may be aware that the Texas Legislature during its regular session passed HB 62 which bans texting while driving. The law goes into effect on September 1 of this year. Texas is the 47<sup>th</sup> state to prohibit on a statewide basis texting which is increasingly recognized as a dangerous and often deadly distraction while behind the wheel of your vehicle.

HB 62 preempts local ordinances, rules and other regulations relating to reading, writing or sending electronic messages while operating a motor vehicle; however, many existing local ordinances that restrict use of a cell phone go beyond merely texting, and as the law stands now, these other local restrictions are not preempted. In particular, over 40 cities in Texas have local restrictions against use

of cell phones if the use is not “hands free”, and these restrictions remain in effect for their locality but not elsewhere.

Because of what has been described as this confusing patchwork of regulations across the state, leaving drivers unsure of what rules apply where, SB 15 has been introduced in the current special session for the purpose of establishing a clear and consistent set of rules for using cell phones while driving anywhere in the state of Texas and which would preempt all local regulation.

SB 15 provides that use of cell phones while driving shall be solely governed by the Texas Transportation Code and its restrictions on 1) texting; 2) use of cell phones in school zones; 3) use of cell phones on school property; and 4) use of cell

phones by drivers under 18 years old, and that “the authority of a local authority to regulate or prohibit the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle is preempted by this code...”

While SB 15 is intended to establish a uniform set of rules for Texas drivers to follow always, and no matter where they are in the state, the bill will do away with the more restrictive prohibitions existing in some municipalities including the further ban on any use of a cell phone beyond texting unless it is “hands free”. The potential loss of what is viewed by some as desirable and greater local restriction is one of the primary controversies surrounding SB 15.

Texas Legislators representing their constituents will have to determine whether the greater good

will come from state-wide uniformity and avoidance of confusion for drivers or allowing cities and other municipalities to impose increased regulation of cell phones as they may choose.

What is your opinion? Do you know where your State Senator and State Representative stand on the issue?

SB15 is currently in the Business and Commerce Committee of the Texas Senate where the Committee heard public testimony on Saturday July 22. A copy of the bill in its current form is attached to this article together with a copy of the Senate Research Center’s Bill Analysis. You may follow the progress of this bill by logging on to Texas Legislature Online.

Gail Schubot,  
CFRW Legislative Chair  
July 24, 2017

## FROM THE TREASURER

Please submit expenses and in-kind donations incurred from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. This will include all High Heels and High Tea donations and expenses. Submit them as soon as you spend the money or have the in-kind donation or receive money. Do not hold!

We have begun to receive High Heels and High Tea silent and live auctions donations. Note all non-

monetary items (theme baskets, etc.) must be submitted as “In-Kind” donations. Dollar value of auction items could be eBay or Amazon estimates. All forms are available on the CFRW.net website.

On another subject, if you have kindly stored any Cy-Fair Republican Women items, please bring to any meeting so that they may be transferred to the club storage room.

Senate Research Center  
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## Bill Analysis

S.B. 15  
By: Huffines et al.  
Business & Commerce  
7/21/2017  
As Filed

### AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The 85th Legislature, in its regular session, passed H.B. 62, which prohibits written electronic communication (including texting) while operating a motor vehicle. H.B. 62 will apply statewide starting on September 1, 2017.

Several cities across Texas have created ordinances and regulations governing the use of mobile devices (cell phones) while operating a vehicle. According to information provided by the Texas Department of Transportation, 40 cities have ordinances that go further than banning texting by prohibiting any use of a cell phone that is not "hands free."

S.B. 15 will create a clear and consistent set of rules related to cell phone use by drivers. The bill prevents local governments from maintaining or enforcing inconsistent and confusing local ordinances by prescribing statewide rules and regulations on the use of cell phones while operating a vehicle and expressly preempting local ordinances that might govern cell phone use by a driver.

Should S.B. 15 pass and become law, four state laws would govern the use of cell phones by drivers:

- Texting while driving (H.B. 62, 85R) - Section 545.4251, Transportation Code;
- Cell phone use in a school zone (S.B. 1257, 79R) - Section 545.425, Transportation Code;
- Cell phone use on school property (H.B. 347, 83R) - Section 545.4252, Transportation Code;
- Cell phone use by a driver under age 18 (S.B. 1257, 79R) - Section 545.424, Transportation Code.

As proposed, S.B. 15 amends current law relating to prosecution of certain offenses involving and preemption of local regulation of the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority previously granted to a political subdivision is rescinded in SECTION 4 (Section 545.4252, Transportation Code) of this bill.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, by adding Section 542.2034, as follows:

Sec. 542.2034. PREEMPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES' REGULATION OF USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE. (a) Defines "wireless communication device."

(b) Provides that the authority of a local authority to regulate or prohibit the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle is preempted by this code, including Sections 545.424 (Operation of Vehicle by Person Under 18 Years of Age), 545.425, 545.4251, and 545.4252 (Use of Wireless Communication Device on School Property; Offense).

(c) Provides that this section does not affect the authority of a local authority's peace officers to enforce the laws of this state relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Section 545.425, Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2017, to read as follows:

Sec. 545.425. USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE IN A SCHOOL CROSSING ZONE OR WHILE OPERATING A SCHOOL BUS WITH A MINOR PASSENGER; OFFENSE.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 545.425 (b-1), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b-1) Requires a local authority whose peace officers enforce this section, rather than requires a municipality, county, or other political subdivision that enforces this section, except as provided by Subsection (b-2), to post a sign that complies with the standards described by this subsection at the entrance to each school crossing zone in the territory of the

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local authority, rather than in the municipality, county, or other political subdivision.

SECTION 4. Repealers: Sections 545.245 (b-3) (relating to requiring that a certain sign be readable to an operator traveling at the applicable speed limit), (b-4) (relating to requiring the political subdivision to pay the costs associated with the posting of certain signs), (d-1) (relating to providing that a certain affirmative defense is not available for a certain offense committed in a school crossing zone), and (f) (relating to Section 545.425 preempting all local ordinances, rules, or regulations that are inconsistent with certain provisions), Transportation Code.

Repealers: Sections 545.425 (b-2) and 545.4251 (g) and (j), Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2017.

SECTION 5. Makes application of the Act prospective.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2017, or on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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By: Huffines, et al.

S.B. No. 15

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

relating to prosecution of certain offenses involving and preemption of local regulation of the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 542.2034 to read as follows:

Sec. 542.2034. PREEMPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES' REGULATION OF USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE. (a) In this section, "wireless communication device" has the meaning assigned by Section 545.425.

(b) The authority of a local authority to regulate or prohibit the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle is preempted by this code, including Sections 545.424, 545.425, 545.4251, and 545.4252.

(c) This section does not affect the authority of a local authority's peace officers to enforce the laws of this state relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 545.425, Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 545.425. USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE IN A SCHOOL CROSSING ZONE OR WHILE OPERATING A SCHOOL BUS WITH A MINOR PASSENGER; [~~POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SIGN REQUIREMENTS;~~] OFFENSE.

SECTION 3. Section 545.425 (b-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b-1) A local authority whose peace officers enforce [Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), a municipality, county, or other political subdivision that enforces] this section shall post a sign that complies with the standards described by this subsection at the entrance to each school crossing zone in the territory of the local authority [municipality, county, or other political subdivision].~~ The department shall adopt standards that:

(1) allow for a sign required to be posted under this subsection to be attached to an existing sign at a minimal cost; and

(2) require that a sign required to be posted under this subsection inform an operator that:

(A) the use of a wireless communication device is prohibited in the school crossing zone; and

(B) the operator is subject to a fine if the operator uses a wireless communication device in the school crossing zone.

SECTION 4. (a) Sections 545.425 (b-3), (b-4), (d-1), and (f) and 545.4252 (e), Transportation Code, are repealed.

(b) Sections 545.425(b-2) and 545.4251 (g) and (j), Transportation Code, as effective September 1, 2017, are repealed.

SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purpose of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If the Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that date, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2017 Membership Application

DATE:	OFFICE USE: <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL/ EMAIL	
<b>PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:</b>		
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<b>PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY?</b> <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:	
<b>BEST WAY TO REACH YOU</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?</b> 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>	
<b>ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE RPT GRASSROOTS CLUB?</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>		
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"/>	
<b>GETTING INVOLVED! ~ CHECK ANY MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED</b>		
<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>		
Please make check payable to <b>Cy-Fair Republican Women</b>		<b>Total Amount Due:</b>
<b>Mail check and this form to:</b>		Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
<b>Edith Gibson</b> <b>10202 Rippling Fields Drive</b> <b>Houston, TX 77064</b>		Date Received:
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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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