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President

Barbara Buxton

June 2017

Christi Craddick, Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission (think TEXAS ENERGY!), was the speaker for the CFRW May General Meeting. It was a pleasure to have her give us a briefing on the Railroad Commission's responsibilities and plans and we thank her for her time and expertise.



Congratulations to Clarissa Fether for signing up the

most new members at the May meeting. She earned a beautiful carved wooden tray which was the grand prize for the Membership Event. Also, gift cards were given to the new members for signing up at that meeting.

There were several new or renewing members submitted to Texas Federation of Republican Women in May which is a good thing for many reasons; but this year it is especially important because the number of Delegates and Alternates allotted to the TFRW convention is based on a club's total active members.

The 33rd Biennial Convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women will be held October 19-21, 2017 in Dallas at the Omni Dallas Hotel and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Cen-

ter. This is an amazing opportunity to interact with local, state and national elected officials and candidates among other interesting individuals. Also, TFRW Officers will be elected as well as District Directors. The details will be forwarded to all members as received from TFRW.

CFRW Delegates and Alternates to this convention will be elected at the July CFRW General Meeting because CFRW has a social in August and our by-laws require us to hold this election at a regular meeting at least two months prior to the convention. If you haven't renewed your membership or have been putting off joining, now is the time do so. Don't miss out on the fun!

Respectively,
Barbara Buxton

Upcoming Important Dates

June 6th	Meeting RSVP Deadline
June 13th	CFRW General Meeting
June 14th	Flag Day
June 18th	Father's Day
June 22nd	CFRW Board Meeting
June 26th	Newsletter Articles Due
July 4th	Independence Day
July 4th	Meeting RSVP Deadline
July 11th	CFRW General Meeting
July 20th	CFRW Board Meeting
July 24th	Newsletter Articles Due
Sept. 4th	Labor Day
Sept. 11th	Patriot Day
Nov. 3rd	High Heels & High Tea

Welcome CFRW New Members

*Lynn Etheridge
Mary Goble
Meredith Gregory
Marian Gully
Martha Manson*



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Secretary

Linda Llewellyn

General Meeting Minutes

Cy-Fair Republican Women
Hearthstone Country Club
General Meeting-Tuesday 5/9/17

President Barbara Buxton called the meeting to order at 11:02, with welcome to all attending.

Fae Lord led us in prayer and the pledges.

Barbara Buxton introduced Guests and Elected Officials.

Jan Ott introduced our speaker, Christi Craddick, Chair of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Business Meeting:

Secretary, Linda Llewellyn, offered her report, which was published in the newsletter, and accepted as published.

Treasurer Micheline Hutson presented copies of her activities to each of us at the tables. Our balance as of 4/30/17 was \$8038.68.

Jan Ott reported that our speaker for the June meeting will be a man who authored a book about Thomas Jefferson.

Membership reported Five new members. Clarissa recruited the most new members, for which she earned a gift, and Mary Kay had the most guests, and also received a gift.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48.

Important dates:

Tuesday, May 16 Greater Houston Council, Trini Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 18 CFRW Board Meeting, 11 a.m., Hearthstone CC
Tuesday, June 13 CFRW General Meeting, Hearthstone CC, at 10:30 a.m.
(RSVP deadline June 6)

Friday, November 3 High Heels and High Tea, Sterling CC, 16500 Houston National Blvd.,
Houston, 77095, 10:30 a.m. Ticket sales begin in July.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Llewellyn

Treasurer

Micheline Hutson

Please submit expenses dated from April 27, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The Texas Ethics Commission deadline is July 17, 2017. Are you thinking of donating to High Heels and High Tea silent and live auctions?

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.

Distinguished Professor and Author

John Boles

Books will be available for purchase.



Join us in June for the author of a brand new book, *Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty*, that you will definitely want to add to your library. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from this eminent scholar of the American South. "In *Jefferson*, John B. Boles plumbs every facet of Thomas Jefferson's life, all while situating him amid the sweeping upheaval of his times. We meet Jefferson the politician and political thinker-as well as Jefferson the architect, scientist, bibliophile, paleontologist, musician, and gourmet. We witness him drafting of the Declaration of Independence, negotiating the Louisiana Purchase, and inventing a politics that emphasized the states over the federal government-a political philosophy that shapes our national life to this day."

Editorial Reviews

"Magisterial... *Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty* is perhaps the finest one-volume biography of an American president." --**Jonathan Yardley, *Washington Post***

"For all readers interested in understanding the enigmatic and controversial Jefferson as well as his shortcomings and triumphs within the context of his time." --***Library Journal***

"[An] elegant, highly incisive new biography... The detail is impressive, equally so the fluidity of the presentation. The reader is enveloped in Jefferson's world." --***Booklist***

"In a narrative as majestic as its subject, Boles takes a fresh, nuanced look at one of the America's most enigmatic founding fathers... Boles, an accomplished scholar well versed in the source material, deftly paints a picture of the world as Jefferson knew it, taking care not to mix up understanding with excusing, especially with the Virginian's relationship with Sally Hemings. This is a gem of a biography." --***Publishers Weekly***

John B. Boles is the William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice University and the former editor of the *Journal of Southern History*. He received his undergraduate training at Rice (BA, 1965) and his doctorate from the University of Virginia (PhD, 1969), where he was a Thomas Jefferson Foundation Fellow and a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow; he later held an N.E.H. postdoctoral fellowship in anthropology at Johns Hopkins University and is the author of eleven books.

He has also written many reviews and articles and spoken widely on history, editing, and teaching, and for years he directed a large graduate training program in southern history at Rice. In 1991 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Association of Rice Alumni, in 2004 he received their Distinguished Alumni Award, and in 2012 the ARA Gold Medal; in 1994 and 2004 he received the Graduate Student Association Teaching Award. He won the Presidential Mentoring Award in 2006 and the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching in 2007 and 2009. During the spring semester of 2000 he held the Robert Foster Cherry Distinguished Teaching Professorship at Baylor University; in the winter semester of 2005-6 he held the Fulbright-Leipzig Distinguished Chair in American Studies at the University of Leipzig; and in the winter semester of 2009-10 he held the Leibniz Professorship at the Institute of Advanced Study, University of Leipzig. He is a member of the Houston Philosophical Society, the Philosophical Society of Texas, and the Southern Historical Association. During the academic year 2016-17 he is serving as president of the Southern Historical Association.

We are honored that he will be available to speak to our club at our June meeting and he will have books available for sale.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 <http://www.cfrw.net>. The deadline for the 2017 fall semester is June 15. Completed applications should be mailed or e-mailed to:

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

and then click on Grassroots for more detail.

**Membership Drive Meeting—May 9, 2017**

Barbara Buxton with Clarisa Fether who received a gift for signing up the most new members at the Membership meeting.

HOUSTON PENSION REFORM & Role of TFRW Member/State Senator Joan Huffman

Even as news has broken this week about the likelihood of yet another U.S. city, Hartford, Connecticut filing for bankruptcy, a plan to address Houston's \$8-\$10 billion shortfall in its police/firefighter/municipal worker pension fund remains one of the final issues being considered in this session of the Texas Legislature. Without action by the Texas Legislature, the city of Houston's payment obligations to its city employee pension funds are expected to severely deplete Houston's general fund before the end of the year, leading to a layoff of city workers and reduction in services.

While a shared reduction in benefits for all city workers together with the borrowing of money by Houston to pay for pension obligations appear to be core elements relating to a solution, there continues to be much dispute as to the details. The Houston firefighters have argued they are being asked to carry a disproportionate amount of the benefit reduction given their portion of the debt. City leadership has sought to secure legislation that does not carry the added burden of a referendum and voter approval. Some members of the State Legislature would prefer to transform future pensions to defined contribution plans so as to avoid unfunded obligations but which could result in less dependable pensions.

Enter Senator Joan Huffman, Chairwoman of the Senate State Affairs Committee and a member of the Senate's Committee on Finance. Huffman is author of pension reform bill SB2190 which is the single remaining possibility for Houston pension reform legislation during this Legislative Session.

SB2190 is a compromise effort to secure a solution. While no stakeholder gets everything they might want, the bill in its current form: a) reduces future employee benefits; b) authorizes the sale of bonds subject to a city-wide referendum; and c) makes further provision for shifting to a cash balance plan if the pension funds fail to maintain minimum levels as to funding.

With the Senate having approved the bill yesterday (Tuesday, May 23), the bill is now before the House and if passed today (May 24), will be sent to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

Of concern to all parties, despite their position on the pending bill, is that Houston's current unfunded liability and pension shortfall (considered by Moody's to be the fourth worst in the nation) threatens the economic and general welfare of not only Houston and Harris County but Texas at large.

Whether the bill passes or not will most likely be determined by the time this article is published. (Watch for an update.) Either way, should we be surprised that the "last [wo]man standing", working to forge a solution to this serious situation, is our TFRW sister, Joan Huffman?

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

May 24, 2017

POSTSCRIPT: Today (Wednesday, May 24) the House passed the bill 103-43; it is on its way to Governor Abbott to be signed into law.

High Heels and High Tea Save the Date!!!

Save the date!! CFRW is pleased to announce the date for our Biennial High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Style Show will be Friday November 3rd, 2017. Please plan to join us at the Sterling Country Club at Houston National Golf Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095. This entertaining event consists of a silent auction, style show, vendor exhibits and catered luncheon. Please make plans to attend this wonderful fundraiser event.

Ticket sales will begin in July, and the price will not increase from the 2015 event, still \$75 per ticket. Tickets include lunch, dessert, tea or water, and a complimentary adult beverage (cash bar will also be available). This is a fun opportunity to visit with Elected Officials, see the upcoming trends in fashion, bid on some wonderful items up for auction, and shop vendors in a relaxed environment.

Committees:

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 Vinklarek

Vendors: Nancy Roberts (Chair), Alice Gullett

We would love to have additional assistance, please contact the appropriate Chairperson for the area of interest for volunteer opportunities!!!!





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
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<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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