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President

Barbara Buxton

Thank you, Shirley Chambers, for your very informative and interesting presentation on health issues for women at the Cy-Fair Republican Women February meeting. CFRW is very fortunate to count Shirley as a member and leader of our club. In fact, we count among our members, attorneys, CPAs, educators, business owners, elected officials and other professional and retired women who continue to contribute their time to helping educate and register voters, campaign for candidates and work elections. To me this is a pure form of activism.

An article in Wikipedia about political activism states that: "**Activism** consists of efforts to promote, impede, or direct social, political, economic, and/or environmental reform or stasis with the desire to make improvements in society. Forms of activism range from writing letters to newspapers or to politicians, political campaigning, economic activism such as boycotts or preferentially patronizing businesses, rallies, street marches, strikes, sit-ins, and hunger strikes."

I believe we have seen most of these forms of activism in the last two months. While some have been peaceful, some have not, which many of us believe negates the effectiveness. Kudos goes to Village Republican Women for holding their February meeting under the threat of and actual protests outside their venue.



There are many ways to be politically active and you can find details in our newsletter or on our website, www.cfrw.net, of the different events offered by Cy-Fair Republican Women, Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Choose the way that fits your lifestyle! Be an **Activist!**

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Buxton

Upcoming Important Dates

March 7th	Meeting RSVP Deadline
March 14th	CFRW General Meeting
March 23rd	CFRW Board Meeting
March 27th	Newsletter Articles Due
March 27th	Steamboat House Tour
April 1st	CFRW After Hours Event
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



Welcome CFRW New Members

Ellen Del Franco
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Rachelle Pierce
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Bonnie Winter



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Secretary

Linda Llewellyn

General Meeting Minutes

Cy-Fair Republican Women
General Meeting- Tuesday, 2/14/17
Hearthstone Country Club

President Barbara Buxton called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending.

Fae Lord offered a devotional from Billy Graham about truth, led us in prayer, and led the pledges. Barbara introduced and welcomed Guests and Elected Officials.

1st Vice President Jan Ott introduced the speaker, Shirley Chambers, who gave an interesting presentation on Women’s Health.

Business Meeting.

Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer **Micheline Hutson** presented the budget. Suzanne moved the budget be approved as a whole. The motion passed.

Jan Ott reported that the speaker in March will be **Paul Simpson**, Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party.

Kristen Govantes announced that the High Heels and High Tea Fundraiser will be November 3. We will have a book sale at the next meeting.

Edith Gibson reports 44 Active members, 3 Associate men, and 2 Associate women, and two new members.

Suzanne Davis has arranged a tour of the The Steamboat House on Monday, March 27, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. in their Log Cabin Room where we will have lunch. Cost is \$21.50 per person/ includes lunch. To reserve your spot, mail check to Suzanne before March 20, made out to Cy-Fair Republican Women. Suzanne’s address is 10430 Lazy Meadows Dr., Houston 77064.

Give Operation Interdependence donations to Debbie Frieden.

Mark Irely announced Voter Registration Training at his office on Hwy. 249, March 8 at 6 p.m. First come, first served basis, no registration necessary.

TFRW Boots and Belles Event is April 5.

Legislative Day is April 6, in Austin. Register Online at tfrw.org or by mail.

TFRW board meeting is the next day. We are invited. There will be a bus to transport members to Legislative Day. Details by email.

Please turn in campaign hours.

Important dates:

- Thursday, February 23 CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone CC, 11 a.m.
- Monday, February 27 CFRW Newsletter Deadline, Sharon Edwards
- Wednesday, March 8 Voter Registrar Training, HCRP NW Headquarters, 21542 Hwy 249, Suite B
- Tuesday, March 14 CFRW General Meeting, Hearthstone CC, 10:30 a.m. RSVP Deadline 3/7/17
- Thursday, March 23 CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 5 Boots and Belles Event, Register Online at tfrw.org or by mail
- Thursday, April 6 TFRW Legislative Day, Austin Register Online at tfrw.org or by mail
- Friday, April 7 TFRW Board of Director’s Meeting, Austin

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Linda Llewellyn



March Program

Harris County Party Chair

Paul Simpson

Paul Simpson is serving his second term as Harris County Republican Party Chair. He is a lawyer and engineer by profession but his lifelong passion has been conservative political activism. His activities in Harris County Republican Politics for over thirty years have included campaigning, recruiting, mobilizing, organizing, poll watching, election judging, conventioning and fundraising. Paul also served for twenty years as a Republican precinct chair, during which he was also district chair, legal counsel, and treasurer. However, his activism began even before he was involved in Harris County. He joined the Louisiana Teen-Age Republicans at age thirteen and was elected state chair by the time he was sixteen. After being named National Outstanding Teen-Age Republican, Paul then came to Houston to attend Rice University, where he was active in student government and chaired the Young Republicans. He is now a partner with the law firm of McGinnis Lochridge, a practice centered on oil and gas matters.

Join us for our March meeting when he will give us a summary of the November 2016 election results and overview of the flurry of activity already underway to engage in local Harris County elections in 2017 while we are building to win in 2018. We have plenty to do this year!

CFRW After Hours Event February 2017

Back Row:
Linda McKeehan
Micheline Hutson
Barbara Buxton

Front Row:
Edith Gibson
Gail Schubot



Just a reminder of the Voter Registrar Training on Wednesday, March 8, at the Harris County Republican Party Northwest Office located at 21542 Hwy. 249 (Tomball Parkway). Check-in begins at 5 p.m. and the class starts promptly at 6 p.m. Please arrive by 5:45 pm to ensure that you get a seat since the class is posted on the Harris County Tax A/C Website. If you would like to bring snacks and bottled water, it would be appreciated.

Therefore, encourage one another
and build each other up,
just as in fact, you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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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.

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
9514 Sabine River Ct
Cypress, TX 77433
geniehood@att.net



**Requirements for
Cy-Fair Republican Women Scholarships**

1. Applicant must be a woman with U.S. Citizenship, resident of Texas for at least two (2) years and attending a Texas institution of higher learning.
2. Applicant must be registered to vote.
3. Applicant must have completed 30 hours of study at the undergraduate level.
4. Applicant must have a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4 or equivalent.
5. Applicant must submit a one-page essay explaining why she is seeking the CFRW Scholarship. She should include any plans to participate in future Republican activities.
6. Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter needs to verify her interest in Republican activism, and validation for at least 10 hours of volunteering in Republican sponsored events. The other one should include a statement of moral and ethical standing as it relates to her character.
7. Recipients should be prepared to provide photo and personal information, including identification as required and publicity release upon selection.
8. Applicant must submit an unofficial copy of her most recent college transcript. An official transcript will be required of all finalists.

Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to:

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281-746-2408 H



Cy-Fair Republican Women — Educational Scholarship Application

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address City State Zip

Home Telephone Cell Number E-mail

Date and Place of Birth

U.S. Citizen Yes No

High School _____

Address _____

Date of Graduation _____

High School Activities and Achievements:

(Use additional page, if needed)

College/University Attending _____

Address _____

Major(s) _____ Minor(s) _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ Undergraduate Hours Completed _____

College/University Activities and Achievements:

(Use additional page, if needed)

Other Civic Activities:

Are you registered to Vote? _____

Summarize your volunteering activities for any Republican Organization(s):

I verify that the information above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Join us for a Steamboat House Tour

8045 North Sam Houston Pkwy W, Houston, TX 77064

Monday, March 27, 2017

The tour begins at 10:00am and ends at 11:00am in their Log Cabin Room where we will be having lunch from a Special Menu. Cost is \$21.50 per person which includes lunch. To reserve your spot, mail check before Monday, March 20, 2017.

Please make check payable to: Cy-Fair Republican Women

Mail check and form to: (form can be found at cfrw.net)
Suzanne Davis, 10430 Lazy Meadows Dr., Houston TX 77065

Legislation

Gail Schubot

Draining the Swamp ... Texas Style

In an era when the public is suspicious of anyone in public office, Governor Abbott identified, early on, ethics reform as one of his key emergency initiatives for this session of the Texas Legislature. This comes after the disappointing failure in the previous Legislative Session to pass such a bill when several amendments were added in the House which were viewed to be unconstitutional measures and largely contributing to its non-passage.

From these lessons learned, the 2017 Senate sponsors and supporters for ethics reform are attempting to maintain focus and momentum with their efforts, and have met with interim success:

SB 14, this session's ethics reform bill was unanimously approved by the Texas Senate on February 7, 2017 and is now in the Texas House of Representatives. It was the first bill passed by the Senate during the current session. Essentially, the proposed law in its current form would accomplish several things:

- Legislators and other statewide elected officials would be removed from office should they be convicted of a felony, and those convicted of abuse of office be barred from receiving publicly funded pension checks while serving a sentence for such a crime.
- Legislators would be required to disclose government contracts that they or their families have with government entities, and, in addition, legislators providing bond counsel services or receiving legal referral fees would also need to disclose those arrangements.
- Lobbyists would have to report more of what they spend on members of the legislative and executive branches of Texas government and their immediate family members. Specifically, lobbyists would need to report any spending that exceeds 30% of the current legislative per diem of \$190. (Right now, they only report if what they spend exceeds 60% of that amount.)
- Legislators would be required to wait a specified period, currently anchored on the two-year legislative cycle, before registering or working as a lobbyist; in addition, the bill establishes criminal offenses for noncompliance with certain of the bill's requirements.

Governor Abbott acknowledged the passage of SB14 in the Senate by commenting that "The faith that people have in their democracy is linked to the trust they have in their elected officials. Representatives in Austin must be voting with their constituents' interests in mind – not their own."

Will the legislation be successful this time around and ethics reform enacted? Continue to follow the progress of SB14 and find out your own State Representative's position concerning the bill as we watch Austin's efforts at swamp-draining.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

February 28, 2017



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>			
Please make check payable to Cy-Fair Republican Women		Total Amount Due:	
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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