



# Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter

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## Upcoming Important Dates

May 2nd	Meeting RSVP Deadline
May 9th	CFRW General Meeting
May 14th	Mother's Day
May 18th	CFRW Board Meeting
May 20th	Armed Forces Day
May 22nd	Newsletter Articles Due
May 29th	Memorial Day
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
Nov. 3rd	High Heels & High Tea

## President

President Article - May 2017

CFRW would like to thank Congressman John Culberston for speaking at the April General Meeting. His update was timely and informative and we certainly appreciate him answering questions and visiting with club members after the meeting.



If you want to hear what is happening in our local, state and national government that is not "featured and filtered" by the media, join Cy-Fair Republican Women at their monthly meetings and get the facts straight from our officials. Throughout the year, we will meet, question and

visit with elected officials and/or candidates running for offices along with noted authors in an accessible environment that is not readily available to many.

The next General Meeting will be May 9 at Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood Road, Houston 77095. Check-in and visitation begins at 10:30 a.m. The Program begins at 11 a.m. followed by Lunch (optional) about Noon. You can RSVP (no later than May 2) at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) or phone Suzanne Davis, 713-562-4901.

You do not have to be a member of CFRW to attend our meetings but we would love for you to join and be an active participant even if you only have time to read the newsletters or check out the website. Our Legislative Chair, Gail Schubot, publishes excellent articles that will keep you on top of what is happening. Our Program Chair, Jan Ott, is continually

## Barbara Buxton

looking for interesting speakers and you can find their bios in the newsletter or on the website so that you can decide if there is someone you just cannot miss hearing.

We also have day trips and evening activities which we call "CFRW After-Hours" that are fun and usually historically or politically based.

The May meeting will also be our Membership Drive Event. There will be prizes given for bringing guests, bringing in new members through their applications if they cannot attend, and gifts for the new members that sign up that day. Please join us and help Cy-Fair Republican Women flourish like those beautiful spring flowers we have all been busy planting so that our philosophies, needs and commitment will be multiplied and eye-catching.

Respectively,  
Barbara Buxton

## Welcome CFRW New Members

*Shirley Bayers  
Marian Gully  
Jennifer Naedler*



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**Secretary**

**Linda Llewellyn**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**Cy Fair Republican Women**

Hearthstone Country Club  
General Meeting—Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Meeting called to order at 11 A.M. by President Barbara Buxton. All were welcomed.

Fae Lord led us in pledges and prayer.

Barbara Buxton introduced Guests and Elected Officials.

Jan Ott, 1st Vice President, introduced our speaker, Congressman John Culberson. In addition to discussing what is going on in Washington and the House, he asked that we write notes to servicemen indicating, "We are praying for you."

Minutes from last month were accepted and published.

Micheline Hutson, Treasurer, provided a written report for each one attending. The report shows a balance of \$9918.46 in checking and cash box, as of 3/31/2017.

Jan will report on programs at a later time.

The Membership Drive Brunch will be held 10:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M. on April 26, at the home of Barbara Buxton. We are asked to bring prospective members, and, if you like, a dish to share.

Financial Review Committee asks for each of us to indicate campaign hours.

**Important dates:**

Thursday, April 20, 2017   CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone CC, 11:00 A.M.  
Monday, April 24         CFRW Newsletter Deadline, Sharon Edwards  
Wednesday, April 26     Membership Drive Brunch, 10:30 A.M.  
Tuesday, May 9           CFRW General Meeting, Hearthstone, 10:30 A.M.  
                                  RSVP Deadline 5/2/17

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Llewellyn

**Treasurer**

**Micheline Hutson**

Please submit expenses dated from March 28, 2017 to April 26, 2017. The Texas Ethics Commission deadline is April 28, 2017. Looking forward, expenses dated from April 27, 2017 to June 30, 2017 may be submitted before the filing deadline of July 17, 2017.

Many donations for High Heels and High Tea may be received in that time frame. Please do not hesitate to contact Micheline Hutson with any questions you may have about reporting requirements. Note that all non-monetary donations must be submitted as "In-Kind" dona-

tions. 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.



**Christi Craddick**  
★ RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ★

**Christi Craddick**  
**A Strong Republican Woman**  
**And**  
**Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission**

Join us in May to hear one of our strongest Republican leaders and the only statewide elected woman in Texas. Christi's experience and principles have prepared her to fight for Texas.

Did you know that in 2005 any remaining oversight of Railroad Safety was transferred to the Texas Department of Transportation? So what does the Railroad Commission do? The Railroad Commission of Texas is the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, safety in the liquefied petroleum gas industry, and surface coal and uranium mining.

Craddick was elected to the railroad commission in 2012 and was unanimously elected chair in 2016. A native of Midland, Christi is an attorney specializing in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy. She formerly served as president of a grassroots advocacy firm specializing in coalition building in the public policy arena and development and implementation of issue strategies. Christi has set a clear standard of integrity, self-reliance and innovation in her role as Commissioner at the Railroad Commission of Texas. For the Republican Party of Texas, she is an asset dedicated by her own account to "limited government, personal freedom, traditional family values and private enterprise" and thus the party appointed her to lead the statewide Victory 2014 campaign.

Since her tenure on the Commission began in November 2012, Craddick has pushed to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of an energy industry that is driving the state's economic success. In the process, she has repeatedly proven that sensible regulations, careful listening and plain talk can foster innovation that has solidified Texas leadership in the energy sector. Christi has advocated for recycling in the oilfields, helping to drive the percentage of reclaimed water upwards, an essential achievement in a state enduring a multi-year drought.

Christi Craddick earned both her Bachelor's Degree as a Plan II graduate and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin. She serves her community as an active member of organizations including the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas Liberal Arts Alumni Advisory Council, Southern States Energy Board, and Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation. Christi resides in Austin with her daughter, Catherine, and is an active member of St. Austin's Catholic Church.



Legislative Day  
Austin, Texas  
April 6 2017



CFRW  
After Hours Event  
April 1, 2017



**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, and 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

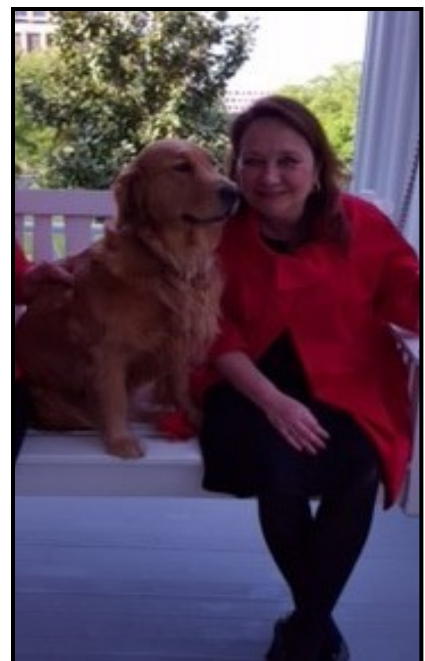
**Vendors:** Nancy Roberts (Chair), Alice Gullett

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

**Governor’s Mansion – April 6, 2017  
Austin, Texas**



Barbara Buxton, Jan Ott & Marilyn Davis



Texas First Lady—Cecilia Abbott & Pancake

## TFRW Takes Action Against One Punch Voting

TFRW has adopted yet another resolution relating to pending legislation in the Texas Legislature. The Board recently passed a resolution "Promoting the Elimination of One Punch Voting", a copy of which follows this article. This resolution supports House Bill 25 which seeks to prevent the one punch vote in general elections.

While responsible and dedicated voters have for many years enjoyed the opportunity of hitting a single button in the voting booth in order to vote straight ticket, many uninformed voters have used the

single punch as an easy way to skip through the slate of positions and automatically choose candidates without due regard for their qualifications or even the candidates' identity.

This poses extreme risk for good, down ballot candidates, such as those in judicial races, who are winning or losing with no due consideration to their personal qualifications and who end up winning or losing based upon the single one punch vote.

To be sure, members of political parties are still able to vote exclusively for only candidates of their political ideology.

They will simply need to work their way through the ballot, affirmatively voting in each race.

But those voters with less investment in the election will be presented with the alternative of skipping the races in which they hold no opinion; or, at a minimum, personally working their way through the ballot and considering each race and bank of candidates in order to exercise their vote.

TFRW and the CFRW Board are encouraging all Republican Women to support the TFRW resolution and House Bill 25 by contacting your Texas State

Representatives and Senators and letting them know your position.

Once again, your membership and dues to your local Cy-Fair Republican Women's club, and by way of affiliation with Texas Federation of Republican Women, is actively working to improve Texas through good legislation. We compound our influence by working together as a large and significant block of informed and active voters in the State of Texas.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

April 28, 2017



TEXAS FEDERATION  
of  
*Republican Women*

### Promoting the Elimination of One Punch Voting

**Whereas**, voters in Primary Elections are accustomed to selecting one candidate from two or more in some races without one punch voting; and

**Whereas**, such one punch voting enables uninformed voters to cast an uninformed vote; and

**Whereas**, we can all agree that informed voters will make better voting decisions no matter which Party they support; and

**Whereas**, House Bill 25 (Simmons) does not prevent anyone from voting for every candidate from his/her Party in a General Election; the voters will simply have to mark each race individually; and

**Whereas**, Texas is one of only eight states to have one punch voting; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Texas Federation of Republican Women supports the enactment of HB25 which will still allow straight party voting by individuals selecting individual candidates but will eliminate one punch voting to select an entire slate for either party.

Adopted by the Texas Federation of Republican Women, this, the 7th day of April, 2017.  
Theresa Kosmoski, President, Texas Federation of Republican Women



# 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>Mail check and this form to:</b> <b>Edith Gibson</b> <b>10202 Rippling Fields Drive</b> <b>Houston, TX 77064</b>		<b>Total Amount Due:</b> Please circle Cash or enter Check #:  Date Received:
For more information regarding membership, please contact: Edith Gibson at 832-724-6133 or egib@sbcglobal.net		
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If there is candidate information in this publication, it is not an endorsement by Cy-Fair Republican Women, the CFRW President, or the CFRW Campaign Chair. CFRW's involvement is to provide candidate information to help you make an informed decision and get involved with the candidate of your choice.

Solicitations made by federal candidates and officeholders are limited by federal law. The federal candidates and officeholders are soliciting only donations of up to \$2500 from individuals and up to \$5000 from multicandidate political committees. They are not soliciting donations in any amount from corporations, labor organizations, national banks, federal contractors, or foreign nationals.

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Texas Federation of Republican Women  
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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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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