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President

Barbara Buxton

Congratulations Cy-Fair Republican Women! You continue to be an award winning club! Again, you earned the National Federation of Republican Women's Diamond Achievement Award and also received the Texas Federation of Republican Women's John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence at the 2017 TFRW Convention. These organizations establish criteria that must be accomplished by a member club to qualify; and CFRW consistently meets their standards. Thank you, Joy Gregory, CFRW Awards Chair, for managing this effort so well.

CFRW had eight member delegates attend the TFRW Convention in Dallas October 19-21. Each day was full of activities, meetings, great speakers and enjoying fellowship with fabulous Texas Women! The speakers included Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to name just a few. Workshops offered a variety of subjects from which to choose and our delegation would like to share some of this information with you at an AFTER HOURS CHAT early next year. Jan Ott, CFRW 1st VP and Program Chair, was very busy scouting possible

speakers for our meetings so we will look forward to hearing what she has planned.

At the Senate District 7 Caucus to elect a District Director, I was re-elected to that position and will continue to be available to assist CFRW as well as the other five SD 7 clubs.

We would like to express our gratitude to Texas State Representatives Dr. Tom Oliverson, Kevin Roberts and Mike Schofield for their informative panel discussion at the October General Meeting.

November 3 is the High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show – our biennial fundraiser that allows us to support Republican candidates, candidate forums and to offer educational scholarships to students in our community. You can find details on our website: www.cfrw.net.

Finally, thank you so very much CFRW for nominating me for the 2017 TFRW Ten Outstanding Women Award! The night was amazing – sitting at the table with our Delegation, having Jan Ott, mentor and friend, keeping me balanced as we waited to hear the Honorees announced and then being on stage as an Honoree with four women that have been so instrumental in my growth in this area of my life; Toni Anne Dashiell, Carolyn Hodges, Jody Rushton and Patricia Harless – my emotions overflowed. Being selected to the TFRW Ten Outstanding Class of 2017 is an extraordinary honor and CFRW's confidence in me an inspiration.

Respectively,
Barbara Buxton

Upcoming Important Dates

Nov. 3rd	High Heels & High Tea
Nov. 5th	Daylight Savings Ends
Nov. 7th	Election Day
Nov. 11th	Veteran's Day
Nov. 16th	CFRW Board Meeting
Nov. 20th	Newsletter Articles Due
Nov. 23rd	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 17th	CFRW Christmas Party
Dec. 18th	Newsletter Articles Due
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day
Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve
Jan. 1st	New Year's Day
Jan. 9th	CFRW General Meeting
Jan. 18th	CFRW Board Meeting
Jan. 22nd	Newsletter Articles Due





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Secretary

Linda Llewellyn

General Meeting Minutes

Cy-Fair Republican Women

Hearthstone Country Club
General Meeting Tuesday, 10/10/2017

President **Barbara Buxton** called the meeting to order at 11:03 . She welcomed all present.
Chaplain **Fae Lord** led us in prayer and the pledges.

Barbara Buxton then introduced Guests and Elected Officials.

First Vice President **Jan Ott** introduced the panel of Texas State Representatives, **Dr. Tom Oliverson, Kevin Roberts, and Mike Schofield**. Questions were offered by **Jan Ott**, and were each followed by a lively and informative discussion. **Kevin Roberts** recommended a YouTube video of interest to our area, CoastalSpine-Ike Dike.

Business Meeting

Secretary **Linda Llewellyn's** report was published and accepted as presented.

Treasurer **Micheline Hutson** reported the account balance as of 9/30/2017 as \$8,540.34.

The meeting for November will be High Heels and High Tea, Friday, November 3, at Sterling Country Club, at 10:30 a.m. The address is 16500 Houston National Blvd, Houston, 77095. Speakers will be Ryan Sitton and Sarah Davis. If you have auction items, please get them to **Edith Gibson**. Buy your tickets.

December meeting will be the Christmas Party, Sunday, December 17, Hearthstone CC, 6-9 p.m.

Dates to remember

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| October 10 | CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone, after General Meeting. |
| Thursday, October 19-21 | TFRW Convention, Dallas |
| Monday, October 23 | Newsletter Article Deadline |
| Friday, Nov. 3 | High Heels and High Tea, Sterling Country Club,
16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, 77095, 10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 17 | CFRW Christmas Party, Hearthstone, 6-9 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Llewellyn



High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show

The High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and Fashion Show is fast approaching and the committee is in high gear. Make sure you have your ticket for Friday, November 3rd, 2017, at Sterling Country Club. Remember, the funds generated by this fun and popular event goes toward donations to the campaigns of Republican primary candidates for the very important 2018 election cycle.

Contact Edith Gibson at 832-724-6133 to donate items for the auction. We have received a

beautiful Yellow Rose of Texas theme queen size handmade quilt for auction. It will have the signatures of several elected officials. You don't want to miss a chance to own this! Call Edith to arrange for pick-up or delivery to her home.

There will be a variety of vendors with interesting and fascinating items. In addition to buying something for yourself, you can get ahead on purchasing some Christmas gifts! There will be various art pieces by Eco-Artist, Grant Manier who

creates "cool collages" with thousands of pieces of torn paper, puzzle pieces and other recyclables. Grant has autism and I'm sure you will appreciate seeing the complexity and uniqueness of his art. Grant is also donating an original piece for our Live Auction. You may want to visit his website at www.GrantsEcoArt.com. Other vendor tables will be Hollidaze Gifts presenting patriotic jewelry, scarves, t-shirts and neckties; kitchenware from The Pampered Chef; Stella & Dot with jewelry and other

accessories; Mary & Martha with exclusive scripture-inscribed and faith related products for the home; and Signs of Designs.

The clothing for this year's fashion show is provided by Scruples Boutique and Joseph A. Banks. We have an impressive lineup of models all ready to hit the runway! Feel free to contact Edith at 832-724-6133 or egib@sbcglobal.net for further information regarding the event.



Treasurer

Micheline Hutson

Note from the Treasurer:

The *first* member reporting total November campaign hours to Pat Baughman at baughmantx@yahoo.com, after November 30 will receive a \$30 James Avery gift card. The prize will be awarded during CFRW Christmas Party December 17, 2017.

Please remember to submit an "In-Kind" form for any donations to High Heels and High Tea auctions. Also, expenses should be submitted promptly. Thanks so much for everyone's contributions.



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.raisethe money.com/republican-party-of-texas-GRC> and then click on Grassroots for more detail.

STATEWIDE ELECTION TO AMEND THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION

The Texas Legislature can only do so much. Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas require not only that a super-majority of the Legislature approve any such amendment, but that Texas voters also approve the measure. Seven amendments are proposed in the upcoming November 7 election for which early voting has already begun.

The following "Guide" is from the Harris County Republican Party website. It provides a comprehensive summary of all proposed amendments together with the Texas Secretary of State's explanatory statement.

All members of Cy-Fair Republican Women are encouraged to study the amendments, vote, and encourage friends and family to do likewise.

Guide to the November 7th Constitutional Amendment Election
(from the Harris County GOP website)

In 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature passed seven joint resolutions proposing amendments to the state constitution, and these proposed amendments will be offered for approval by the voters of Texas on the November 7, 2017, election ballot.

The Texas Constitution provides that the legislature, by a two-thirds vote of all members of each house, may propose amendments revising the constitution and that proposed amendments must then be submitted for approval to the qualified voters of the state. A proposed amendment becomes a part of the constitution if a majority of the votes cast in an election on the proposition are cast in its favor. Now it is up to you.

The 2017 Texas Constitutional Amendment Election is Tuesday, November 7th.

For more information, read the **Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, Nov. 7, 2017, Election** published by the Texas Legislative Council.

(Note the ballot in the City of Houston contains several measures including proposals for the passage of certain spending bonds, the sale of mixed drinks in The Heights and HISD trustees for which voters outside of the City do not vote. In the Cy-Fair area, voters are being asked to elect CFISD Trustees for positions 5, 6 and 7, of which only one position is being challenged.)

<p>PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 21) Texas House Vote: 143 Yeas, 0 Nays, 3 Present, not voting "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran</p>	<p>by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution." Explanatory Statement: HJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the Texas legislature to expand the circumstances under which a partially disabled veteran or their</p>	<p>spouse may qualify for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the veteran's residence homestead. Currently, the Texas legislature may provide that a partially disabled veteran or their spouse is entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead only if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veter-</p>	<p>an by a charitable organization at no cost to the veteran. The amendment would allow the Texas legislature to provide that the exemption also may be taken when the residence homestead was donated, sold, or transferred to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead. The amendment also harmonizes certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution. Explanatory Statement: SJR 60 proposes a constitutional</p>
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<p>PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 60) Texas House Vote: 143 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting "The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can</p>	<p>be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan,</p>	<p>changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricul-</p>	<p>tural homesteads." Explanatory Statement: SJR 60 proposes a constitutional (Continued on page 5)</p>
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amendment to require that certain conditions be met for the refinancing of a home equity loan to be secured by a voluntary lien on a homestead. The amendment also would: redefine what is excluded

in the calculation of the cap on fees associated with a home equity loan, lower the cap from 3% to 2% of the original principal amount of the extension of credit, and specify that such fees are in addition to any bona fide discount points used to buy down the interest rate. The

amendment would further specify the list of authorized lenders to make home equity loans, change the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, allow agricultural property owners to acquire home equity loans, and update technical terminology in

the Texas Constitution. The amendment would be effective on January 1, 2018, and applicable only to a home equity loan made or refinanced on or after that date.

PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 34)
Texas House Vote: 142 Yeas, 4 Nays, 2 Present, not voting
“The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed

by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person’s term of office.”

Explanatory Statement:

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would prevent certain office holders from serving indefinitely beyond the expiration of their term. Office holders who are appointed by the Governor and

confirmed by the Senate and receive no salary would only be able to serve until the last day of the first regular session of the Texas legislature that begins after their term expires.

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 6)
Texas House Vote: 136 Yeas, 9 Nays, 2 Present, not voting
“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state stat-

ute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.”

Explanatory Statement:

SJR 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the

Texas legislature to require any court that is hearing a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute to notify the attorney general of that challenge, if the party raising the challenge notifies the court that the party is challenging the constitutionality of such stat-

ute. Additionally, the amendment would allow the Texas legislature to set a period of not more than 45 days following the notification to the attorney general that the court must wait before rendering a judgment that a state statute is unconstitutional.

PROPOSITION 5 (HJR 100)
Texas House Vote: 110 Yeas, 12 Nays, 2 Present, not voting
“The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations

conducting charitable raffles.”

Explanatory Statement:

HJR 100 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide a more

detailed definition of “professional sports team” for purposes of their charitable foundations, which the Texas legislature may permit to hold charitable raffles. The amendment also deletes a requirement

that an eligible professional sports team charitable foundation permitted by the Texas legislature to hold charitable raffles had to be in existence on January 1, 2016.

PROPOSITION 6 (SJR 1)
Texas House Vote: 147 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting
“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.”

Explanatory Statement:

SJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature by general law to provide that a surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the surviving spouse’s residence homestead, as long as the surviv-

ing spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. It would also allow the Texas legislature to provide that the surviving spouse, who qualifies and receives the exemption and then qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse’s residence homestead, receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the different homestead in an amount equal to the dollar amount of the exemption of the first homestead for

which the exemption was received in the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption for that first homestead. Like the initial exemption, this benefit will only remain available if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 37)
Texas House Vote: 141 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting
“The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to pro-

mote savings.”

Explanatory Statement:

HJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas legislature to make an exception to the law regarding the award of certain prizes. Currently,

the Texas Constitution requires the Texas legislature to pass laws prohibiting lotteries, raffles, and other programs where the award of gifts is based on luck or chance. The proposed amendment would make an exception to this general rule to allow the Texas legislature to au-

thorize credit unions and other financial institutions to institute programs which, in order to encourage savings, would award prizes based on luck or chance to the credit union’s or financial institution’s customers.

Cy-Fair Republican Women

Invite you to attend our **Christmas Celebration**

On Sunday, December 17, 2017. 6-9 PM

Guests are Welcome!

"Music by James McKeehan"

Buffet Dinner \$25 per Person

(tax and gratuity included)

Cash Bar Available

Hearthstone Country Club

7615 Ameswood Houston, Texas 77095

**Make Check payable to CFRW
and mail before December 7 to:**

Suzanne Davis
10430 Lazy Meadows Drive
Houston, Texas 77064
713-562-4901



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"/>	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
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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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