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President

Barbara Buxton

October 2017

Watching the devastation and tragic events of "Harvey" brought more than a few tears I dare say. But then, you either saw or heard of the amazing rescues and helping hands of the first responders, the neighbors, friends and relatives, community leaders and strangers from others states and your faith was restored. When the Cajun Navy rolled down the highway in their pick-ups pulling their john boats, a smile and the words to one of my favorite Carole King songs filled my mind:

"When you're down and troubled
 And you need a helping hand
 And nothing, nothing is going right
 Close your eyes and think of me
 And soon I will be there
 To brighten up even your darkest night
 You just call out my name
 And you know wherever I am
 I'll come running to see you again
 Winter, spring, summer or fall
 All you have to do is call
 And I'll be there
 You've got a friend"

After the storm, there were so many individuals and organizations offering to provide help by donating money or goods to anyone in need that our hearts were touched by their generosity. There were even lines to volunteer!

Now we move forward to resurrect our homes and get our lives back to some type of normalcy. Realistically, it won't be a speedy process but it will happen. Assuredly, we are resilient!

Cy-Fair Republican Women pray for a quick recovery for all those impacted by the natural disasters of the last several weeks and look forward to visiting with you soon!

As you probably know, the September Meeting was cancelled because Hearthstone CC sustained water damage. Happily, CFRW will be able to hold their October Meeting at Hearthstone as usual and the program will be a panel of Texas State Representatives – Dwayne Bohac, Dr. Tom Oliverson, Kevin Roberts and Mike Schofield.

We also invite you to visit our website and check out the information on High Heels and High Tea, the CFRW biennial fundraiser and generally good-time event, which will take place on Friday, November 3, at Sterling Country Club. Tickets and sponsorships are available now – www.cfrw.net

Respectively,
Barbara Buxton

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 3rd	Meeting RSVP Deadline
Oct. 9th	Columbus Day
Oct. 10th	CFRW General Meeting
Oct. 10th	CFRW Board Meeting
Oct. 19-21	TFRW Convention
Oct. 23rd	Newsletter Articles Due
Nov. 3rd	High Heels & High Tea
Nov. 9th	CFRW Board Meeting
Nov. 23rd	Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27th	Newsletter Articles Due
Dec. 17th	CFRW Christmas Party
Dec. 18th	Newsletter Articles Due
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day
Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve



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Texas Legislators Panel
Review the 85th Legislative Session

Email questions for the panel to J.ott@wcthou.com



Rep. Dwayne Bohac



Rep. Dr. Tom Oliverson



Rep. Kevin Roberts



Rep. Mike Schofield

Amidst successes, disappointments and stalemates the Texas State Legislature has adjourned sine die – the formal designation meaning the end of a session – and have finished their biennial legislative session plus their 30 day special session as called by the Governor. During the special session they did achieve their must-pass “sunset” bills that were not passed during the regular session but were needed to keep some state agencies from closing.

Differences of opinion on the best solutions for legislators’ constituents do not lie only between Republicans and Democrats. Rural, suburban and urban areas also have different priorities. At the Cy-Fair October meeting you will have the opportunity to hear from four of your area legislators for a review of their interpretations on some of the bills that were passed and their thoughts on the entire session. They have worked tirelessly and you will want to hear their evaluations.

This will be a panel discussion and you have the opportunity to submit questions to be presented to your representatives. Those legislators on the panel will be:

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Representative Dwayne Bohac – Representative Bohac has been a lifelong resident of House District 138 which he represents and has served since 2003. As a State Representative, he has focused on protecting local neighborhoods and improving local quality of life. He has worked to improve local flood control efforts through the use of retention ponds. Many of his accomplishments have been oriented around law-enforcement and small business incentives. He was instrumental in the dedication of the Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway and he introduced his "Merry Christmas Bill" in response to his son's school removing the word Christmas from all of its holiday activities which gained national media attention in the run-up to the 2012 Christmas season. He serves on the Ways & Means and Public Education committees. Dwayne has a BBA in Marketing and a BS in Political Science from Texas A&M University.

Representative Tom Oliverson – This was Dr. Oliverson’s first term as an elected representative of District 130. Dr. Oliverson is a practicing anesthesiologist and a partner in US Anesthesia Partners. As a successful small business owner, Dr. Oliverson understands that small businesses are the engines of our economy, and this business experience taught him that American prosperity is best served through small business ownership and a spirit of volunteerism. In his own life, Dr. Oliverson models this spirit of volunteerism by working with and supporting many community and charitable organizations such as Boy Scouts of America (Dr. Oliverson is an Eagle Scout), Family Life Ministries, and many more. In this session he served on House Administration, Insurance, and Public Health committees. He is a graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Representative Kevin Roberts – This was also Representative Roberts first term in the Texas House representing District 126. He has spent the majority of his career in executive management and leadership roles where he uses his expertise in strategic planning, organizational design, and financial and organizational management. Since 2002, he has worked as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of The Lanier Law Firm. He has served on many area boards including Northland Christian School, where he founded the school's nationally recognized debate team. Since taking office, Representative Roberts has focused on bringing transparency to state government, limiting the growth of government, eliminating wasteful government spending, and bringing more accountability to bureaucrats in Austin. His committees this session included Appropriations, County Affairs, and Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure. He received his degree from Texas Tech University and became the first college graduate in his family.

Representative Mike Schofield – Serving his second term in the Texas House, Representative Mike Schofield serves District 132. He previously served as an advisor to Governor Rick Perry. Mike is currently Senior Counsel at the law firm of Hoover Slovacek LLC, where his practice concentrates on defending Texas businesses from commercial and tort lawsuits. He has previously practiced law at the law firms of Baker Botts LLP, and Howrey & Simon, and with the legal department of Equiva Services LLC in Houston. Mike serves on the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee and the Elections Committee, where he fought to protect Texans from frivolous lawsuits and to protect Texas elections from attempts to undermine our Voter ID law. He obtained his BA from Rutgers University in New Jersey and his JD from Louisiana State University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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.

Chaplain

Fae Lord

*Lord, teach me to sow bountifully
by being generous to others and
giving of myself to my family and
all those who cross my path.*

Cy-Fair Republican Women

Invite You to Our
Seventh Biennial



Luncheon and Fashion Show

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Ryan Sitton
Texas Railroad Commissioner

- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Fashion Show
- ◆ Auction
- ◆ Vendor Showcase

Friday, November 3, 2017

Doors open at 10:30 AM for Auction preview and conversation

at Sterling Country Club

16500 Houston National Blvd, Houston, TX 77095

Individual ticket price is \$75 🍷 Table sponsorships are also available

To request individual tickets, contact:

Suzanne Davis at 713-562-4901 or threedavishome@sbcglobal.net

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November 3, 2017 ~ Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095

PROGRAM AD / AUCTION ITEM SPONSOR FORM

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please indicate your level of participation below and return by Saturday, September 30, 2017:

- **Program Ad Sponsor** – *All ad copy must be received ready for printing.*
 - Eighth page – \$75
 - Quarter page – \$125 (2.375 x 3.875-inches)
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- I cannot attend, but would like to support the event with a donation of \$ _____.

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TABLE SPONSOR FORM

Name _____ Occupation _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please indicate your level of participation below and return by Saturday, September 30, 2017:

- **Table Sponsor**
 - Superior** \$1,500 – includes table for 10, recognition on CFRW Website and Facebook, name listed in program and announced at the event, preferred seating
 - Preferred** \$1,000 – Includes table for 10, name listed in program and announced at the event, preferred seating
 - Elite** \$ 750 – Includes table for 10, preferred seating
- I cannot attend, but would like to support the event with a donation of \$ _____.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION FOR DISASTER RELIEF

As Houston and other regions of the United States begin the long road to recovery from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria while other storms still churn in the Atlantic, many will be following the process used by the federal government to provide assistance to those affected. This includes existing law and regulations along with recent and anticipated legislation and policy considerations applied to the current situation.

The "Stafford Act" refers to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which provides the basis for federal disaster assistance. Enacted in 1988, it is an amendment of the federal government's 1974 Disaster Relief Act and sets out the mechanism whereby the president, upon petition by a state's governor, can declare an emergency or disaster and thereby trigger financial and other assistance.

Note it is the Stafford Act that Texas Senators Cornyn and Cruz together with Senators Blunt and Lankford seek to amend so as to make religious non-profit organizations eligible for disaster assistance. During Hurricane Harvey, houses of worship were at the forefront of providing food, shelter and other comfort during the crisis. However, as the Stafford Act is currently written, churches are not

eligible for disaster relief in the way of grants for repair, reconstruction or replacement of facilities. Four churches filed suit to be afforded assistance the same as non-profit organizations that are not faith-based, thus bringing the issue into the news. The Senators are attempting to resolve the matter through legislation and have introduced the Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act for this purpose.

As is often the case, the main vehicle for delivering government assistance is in the form of money or money used to secure other forms of aid. The federal government uses the Disaster Relief Fund as managed by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to provide the assistance authorized by the Stafford Act. Such aid includes a) individual assistance such as disaster housing for displaced persons, stop-gap help in event there is no insurance coverage or loss of employment and crisis counseling; b) public assistance to help communities remove debris and repair or replace public structures including buildings, roads, bridges and public utilities; and c) hazard mitigation so as to prevent or lessen the effects of a future disaster.

While the Disaster Relief Fund is funded in part through regular budget appropriation, by and large Congress, when faced with a specific disaster

or emergency event, authorizes additional funding in response to the incident taking into account the specific nature and magnitude of the need.

On September 8, 2017, President Trump signed into law the "Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017" which provided an initial \$15 billion for hurricane relief (half of which will go to the DRF and half to HUD-managed Community Development Block Grants for rebuilding). The law also provided, among other things, for the temporary suspension of the statutory debt limit through December 8, 2017 and for the continued funding of the federal government's operation until that date. While controversial in that it precluded further negotiation between the Republican and Democrat members of Congress of other issues, it provided for preliminary and prompt funding in the wake of hurricanes disaster in Texas, Florida, the Caribbean and elsewhere. This was unlike the delayed appropriation for Hurricane Sandy in 2012 when additional expenditures viewed as non-essentials had been tacked on to the bill and resulted in delay for relief.

More funding will be needed and is expected through future appropriation bills. Other kinds of help are also being consid-

ered. Texas Congressman Kevin Brady is proposing legislation which would allow disaster victims to access their 401(k) savings without payment of penalty. Allowing higher deductions for casualty losses, write-offs for expenses related to rebuilding and incentives to encourage donations to relief organizations are also being considered. Some of these initiatives may be incorporated into upcoming tax reform.

Despite the catastrophic nature of the events resulting in the need for aid, it is anticipated that Congress will continue to struggle along party and philosophical lines to agree as to what and how much to do. Residents of Houston, Tampa, San Juan and many other communities will be watching Washington even more closely in the weeks and months to come as things could not have become any more personal and important for their lives, the lives of their neighbors and the prospects for their future.

Gail Schubot,
CFRW Legislative Chair
September 25, 2017



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2017 Membership Application

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PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:		
CONTACT INFORMATION		
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City, State, Zip:	Cell Number:	
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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?		
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE RPT GRASSROOTS CLUB?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
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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"/>	
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<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

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