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President

Barbara Buxton

Question and answer periods following a guest speaker can sometimes be awkward, especially if no one is asking any questions. That was certainly not the case at the Cy-Fair Republican Women Annual August Social this year! Congressman Michael McCaul heard and answered thoughtful and on point questions posed by members



and their guests. When the program was finished, he continued to chat with each person that approached him with a query or concern. The CFRW organization is very grateful to Congressman McCaul for taking the time to visit before and after his Capitol update presentation.

As usual, we have been striving to increase CFRW membership as well as encouraging more participation in events outside our monthly meeting and luncheon. What has come to our attention is that there is frustration with elected officials followed by the tendency to take a step back from activism. NO! NO! NO! That's not the way to hold them accountable. You must do this by your campaign activities and your vote. Don't give up! Don't disappear!

Although it would be wonderful to have all members attend every meeting, that's not going to happen and that's okay. Choose the program that appeals to you – whether it includes a particular elected official, a community leader, an author or something else. The information you obtain from these speakers can be very enlightening. Attending a CFRW Meeting also pro-

vides the opportunity to discuss issues face to face with elected officials and candidates. This is where you can let them know what issues are important to you.

Want more? Attend the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention - held in Dallas, October 19-21. We still have a few Alternate Delegate spots available for Primary/Active (voting) Members. If you are interested, contact me as soon as possible.

The program for the September 12 meeting will be a panel of State Representatives from our area. You can sign up online at www.cfrw.net. The RSVP deadline is September 5. Don't miss out!

Respectively,

Barbara Buxton

Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 4th	Labor Day
Sept. 5th	Meeting RSVP Deadline
Sept. 12th	CFRW General Meeting
Sept. 14-17	NFRW Convention
Sept. 21st	CFRW Board Meeting
Sept. 25th	Newsletter Articles Due
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

Welcome CFRW New Member

Tina Hammons



CFRW
Board Members

- President:** Barbara Buxton
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- Registration:** Alice Gullett
- Website:** Rita Parrish

Secretary

Linda Llewellyn

General Meeting Minutes

Cy-Fair Republican Women
August Evening Social, 6:30 p.m., August 8, 2017
Sterling Country Club

President Barbara Buxton called the meeting to order.

Nancy Roberts led invocation and pledges.

First Vice President, Jan Ott, introduced the speaker, Michael McCaul, U.S. Representative for 10th District, which includes Cypress, Katy, Tomball, and parts of Austin. He is the chairman of Homeland Security Committee. Rep. McCaul discussed his aims, including support for border wall, more security for ports of entry, more border patrol agents, use of National Guard to support border security, and support for local law enforcement. Following this was a lively question and answer session.

High Heels and High Tea tickets were distributed to members. Barbara asked for a volunteer to provide a table centerpiece for the Greater Houston Council Fundraiser, October 6, at the Junior League.

No further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Dates to remember

CFRW Board Meeting- Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017, Hearthstone CC., 11 am
TFRW- October 19-21- TFRW Convention, Dallas
HH&HT-Friday, Nov. 3, Sterling CC 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Llewellyn



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:

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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 September 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:

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.

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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.



The Texas Capitol in Austin



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As of September 1: More Protection for Rescuing Child in Hot, Locked Car

Tragically, we regularly hear the reports on the news of children who have died as a result of being locked in a vehicle in our extreme summer heat.

While Texas law has afforded protection from criminal law to Good Samaritans who have stepped in to help, these citizens remained vulnerable to civil suits by the parents, car owners and others.

That has changed with the passage of HB 478 during this past Regular Session of the Texas Legislature. Effective September 1, "A person who, by force or otherwise, enters a motor vehicle for the purposes of removing a vulnerable individual from the vehicle is immune from civil liability for damages resulting from that entry and renewal" IF that person:

- Determines the motor vehicle is locked or with no reasonable method for the individual to exit without assistance;
- Has a good faith and reasonable belief entry is necessary to avoid imminent harm;
- Notifies law enforcement or 911 before entering;
- Uses no more force than is necessary to remove the individual; and
- Remains with the individual in a safe location until first responders arrive.

It is worthy to note that the definition of a "motor vehicle" includes trailers and semitrailers designed for use with a self-propelled vehicle, and that "a vulnerable individual" is defined as "a child younger than seven years old; or an individual who by reason of age or physical or mental disease, defect or injury is unable to protect their self from harm."

Animals are not covered by the law.

Thank you to our CFRW member and Cy-Fair VFD Fire Chief Amy Ramon for bringing this to our attention. To view a copy of the Act as enrolled, please visit the Legislative page on our website at www.cfrw.net.

There are a number of other new laws that go into effect September 1. Just a few which may impact you, your children and grandchildren include:

- No texting while driving (see last month's article)
- Open carry for knives, swords and machetes
- Elimination of local restrictions on ridesharing companies such as Uber and Lyft
- Lower fees for [gun] carry licenses
- Cyberbullying of persons under the age of 18 becoming a Class A Misdemeanor
- Grace periods for students without lunch money
- Restrictions on where you may fly drones
- Nondisclosure (i.e. a "second chance") for certain low-level crimes
- Prohibition of suspension as a penalty for children below third grade

You may find many news services reporting on these new laws as the "effective date" kicks in and citizens have their first experiences with these statutes. The old rule of ignorance of the law being no excuse encourages all of us to be aware of all the new legislation.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

August 21, 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 Mail check and this form to: Edith Gibson 10202 Rippling Fields Drive Houston, TX 77064		Total Amount Due: Please circle Cash or enter Check #: Date Received:
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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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