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## Legislation

Gail Schubot

### Omnibus Law and the IRS; Preview of Upcoming TX Legislative Session: Harvey Recovery & Public Education

Passed by Congress and signed into law by the President, the \$1.3 trillion-dollar Omnibus Law of 2018 is controversial, both, as to the total amount of spending it authorizes as well as the “trade-offs” included in order to get enough of the minority Democratic party to vote in favor and avoid a shut-down of the government. The final determining factor for the President was reported to be the impact on the military in that it provided \$61 billion dollars for national defense over 2017 levels and a 2.4% pay raise for the troops – the largest since 2010.

#### The IRS

The IRS also received increased funding under the Omnibus Bill. After years of criticism by conservatives for the “targeting” of certain nonprofits along partisan lines, inappropriate internal expenditures and generally bad behavior vis-à-vis the average taxpayer, the new law allocates \$11.4 billion dollars to the IRS which is \$320 million dollars more than last year. However, the money comes with some stipulations for the IRS to improve its operation and mechanisms to prevent abuse. Forbes Magazine recently reported these initiatives as including:

1. Employee training for dealing courteously with taxpayers.
2. Policies and procedures to keep taxpayer information confidential and protected against identity theft.
3. Adding facilities, staff and a “sufficient and effective” 1-800 help line for taxpayers.
4. Barring spending on videos unless approved in advance.
5. Barring use of funds to target U.S. citizens for exercising their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights or for regulatory scrutiny based on ideological beliefs.
6. Barring use of funds to issue regulations or rulings for determinations on section 501 (c) (4) organizations when not limited to a particular taxpayer.

## Upcoming Important Dates

April 10	CFRW General Meeting
April 19	CFRW Board Meeting
April 23	Newsletter Articles Due
April 30	Scholarship Deadline
May 8	CFRW General Meeting
May 17	CFRW Board Meeting
May 21	Newsletter Articles Due
June 12	CFRW General Meeting
June 15	TFRW Tribute Luncheon
June 21	CFRW Board Meeting
June 25	Newsletter Articles Due
July 10	CFRW General Meeting
July 19	CFRW Board Meeting
July 23	Newsletter Articles Due
June 14-16th	Texas Convention

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**Secretary**

**Linda Llewellyn**

Cy-Fair Republican Women  
Minutes for General Meeting  
March 13, 2018

Barbara Buxton, President, called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

Nancy Roberts, Membership Chair, lead the Invocation and Pledges.

Jan Ott, First VP, introduced the Speaker Darcy Mingoia of the CY-Fair ISD School Board. Darcy spoke on National, State and Local school issues.

\*The Minutes for the February Minutes were published in the newsletter and were accepted as written.

\*Micheline Hutson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s report. The balance in the checking account as of 2/28/2018 is \$14,916.35.

\*Jan Ott reported that Immigration Lawyer, Jacob Monty ,will be our speaker for April.

\*Pat Baughman, Campaign Activities Chair, announced that we would be holding Voter Registration Drives at Lone Star College on March 21,2018 and April 18,2018.

\*Barbara reminded everyone that we are collecting supplies for Camp Hope and CY-Hope.

\*Edith Gibson, Membership Chair, resigned and Nancy Roberts volunteered to serve in that position for the remainder of the year.

\*Kristen Govantes, Ways and Means Chair, resigned and Barbara asked for a volunteer to take over this position.

\*Door Prizes were awarded and Barbara adjourned the meeting at 11:52AM.

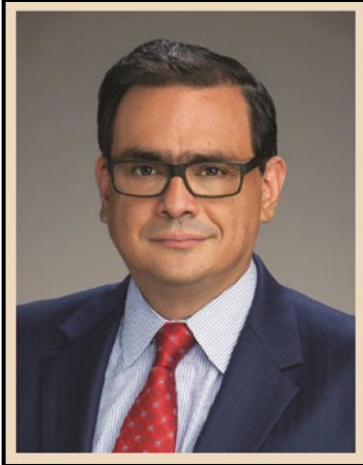
Important Dates:

- March 20,2018, Greater Houston Council
- March 22, 2018 CFRW Board Meeting, 11AM, Hearthstone  
Membership Call Party, 1 PM
- March 24, 2018 Senatorial District Convention.
- April 10,2018 General Meeting, 10:30 AM
- April 19, 2018 CFRW Board Meeting, 11 AM
- June 14-16, 2018 Republican Party of Texas Convention, San Antonio

Submitted by: Joy Gregory



*From left to right...Justice Brett Busby, Jan Ott, Barbara Buxton, and David Hagy*



## A Look at the Issues Surrounding Immigration

*Jacob "Jake" M. Monty*

For the April meeting we will welcome Jacob Monty, a long-time supporter and fundraiser for Republican office holders and candidates. He is also recognized as one of the leading immigration attorneys in the United States. Jacob Monty will give an overview on the various issues being discussed locally and in Washington surrounding immigration, DACA, the border fence, and other related issues.

For over two decades, Jake Monty has successfully practiced at the intersection of immigration, labor, and employment laws. He is a nationally recognized authority on issues facing employers with large Hispanic workforces. He has written two books on this important topic. He has been interviewed by major media outlets such as Fox News, CNN, and MSNBC regarding national immigration concerns. For over a decade he has advised the New York Yankees on immigration matters.

Jake has held presidential and gubernatorial appointments to the University of Houston Board of Regents, the Texas Private Security Board, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the National Hispanic Advisory Council for Trump, the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, and the North American Development Bank. He is also active in civic and professional leadership.

## Membership

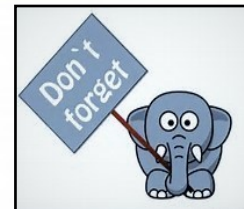
**Nancy Roberts**

Did you know that our CFRW Active membership number determines how many Delegates we can send to the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention? If you haven't renewed, please do so today. Everyone can help by inviting friends and neighbors to our meetings. Talk to those you know and give them a CFRW business card. Meeting information is printed on the front of the card and our values are outlined on the back of the card.

Republican women can make our voices heard in Austin and in Washington DC. Help us to lead the charge for our Conservative Values in Texas. **KEEP TEXAS RED!**

Nancy Roberts

Membership Chair



At our April meeting, CFRW will nominate and elect two members to be our Honorees at the Texas Federation of Republican Women Tribute to Women Luncheon which will be held on Friday, June 15 at the 2018 Republican Party of Texas Convention in San Antonio.

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### Hurricane Disaster Relief

The Omnibus Law also funds the FEMA disaster relief account for a total of \$7.9 billion dollars, with \$249.2 million marked for pre-disaster mitigation grants.

Over the six months since Hurricane Harvey, and prior to passage of the Omnibus Law, the Texas Senate reported about \$2.1 billion dollars in federal (FEMA) and state funds have gone toward recovery efforts in southeast Texas and that another \$5.1 billion will be needed to meet needs for the remainder of this fiscal year.

In a recent Senate Panel Hearing, Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson noted that the continued costs associated with Harvey “are adding up and are going to have a major impact on our budget”, and Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath noted how the strain is affecting public education:

1. More than 1.5 million public school students lived in hurricane-affected areas, and many did not return to the same schools after the hurricane; 95 thousand students were displaced by the storms. Since state funding of schools is based on attendance, Texas will send almost \$100 million dollars to districts who lost student populations in order to maintain funding levels.
2. In addition, reduced property values from the storm damage will result in reduced property tax revenue for at least the next budget cycle and which revenue makes up most of school district funding. This loss is estimated as potentially approaching \$750,000 million dollars for the next year.

While no final determination as to assistance will occur until the Texas Legislature reconvenes, the Texas Senate Finance Committee and Texas House Appropriations Committee are already considering the problem and how to integrate help into the next budget.

Unlike the federal government, the State of Texas operates by way of a balanced budget, spending no more than what it receives in revenues. However, this has not resulted in panic or pessimism. In addressing the upcoming school-funding-in-response-to-Harvey situation, Senator Nelson was quoted as saying “In speaking with other legislators, in speaking with our governor and Lt. Governor, I think you’re going to see a very sympathetic legislature to the needs of those students in the districts that have been affected. We want those students to be taken care of, we want them to continue to learn” she said. “I won’t speak for the next Legislature, but my sense is that we’re going to take care of those kids.”

[Reminder that the activity of the Texas Legislative Committees in these periods between Legislative Sessions are accessible and reported at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).]

*Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair*

*March 26, 2018*





**Cy-Fair Republican Women-Educational Scholarship (CFRW)  
2018 High School Graduate Requirements**

Each Applicant:

- Must be a woman with U.S. Citizenship, resident of Texas for at least two (2) years
- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must be registered to vote
- Must have at least a B Grade Point Average

Directions:

- All applications must be printed or typed; add pages as necessary.
- Submit a one-page essay explaining why she is seeking the CFRW Scholarship and include any plans to participate in future Republican activities.
- 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 at a Republican sponsored event. The other letter should include a statement of moral and ethical standing as it relates to her character from adult personal references (teachers, clergy, scout leaders, employers, etc.)
- An unofficial copy of her most recent transcript. An official transcript will be required of all finalists.

Recipients should be prepared to provide photo and personal information, including identification as required and publicity release upon selection.

A copy of the application can be found attached to this newsletter email or on our website. The completed application should be mailed or emailed by April 30, 2018 to:

Cy-Fair Republican Women  
Pat Baughman, Scholarship Committee  
9111 Belton Bend Court  
Cypress TX 77433

baughmantx@yahoo.com  
832-675-0100

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Left:  
*Micheline Hutson attending annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) held in Maryland, February 2018*



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2018 Membership Application

DATE:		<i>OFFICE USE:</i> <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? YES:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO:</b> <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>Total Amount Due:</b>	
<b>Mail check and this form to:</b>		Please circle Cash or enter Check #:	
<b>Nancy Roberts</b>		Date Received:	
<b>16542 Village Dr</b>			
<b>Jersey Village, TX 77040</b>			
For more information regarding membership, please contact: Nancy Roberts, 713-466-4199, Nancyroberts004@att.net			
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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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