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## Upcoming Important Dates

Feb. 6th	GHC Nuts & Bolts
Feb. 13th	CFRW General Meeting
Feb. 21st	GOP VDVR Class
Feb. 22nd	CFRW Board Meeting
Feb. 23rd	Go Texan Day
Feb. 26th	Newsletter Articles Due
March 6th	Primary Election
March 13th	CFRW General Meeting
March 22nd	CFRW Board Meeting
March 22-24	NFRW Board Meeting
March 26th	Newsletter Articles Due
April 10th	CFRW General Meeting
April 19th	CFRW Board Meeting
April 23rd	Newsletter Articles Due
June 14-16th	Texas Convention

## President

February 2018

What a great January meeting! Thank you David Hagy for discussing the high speed rail plans from Houston to Dallas. People who take that route regularly should certainly benefit as well as occasional travelers who can just enjoy letting someone else do the driving.

Our second speaker was Justice Brett Busby, 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals. He tutored us on how to vet judicial candidates as they cannot always answer the same questions as other candidates. This lesson came at a very opportune time! We must return our qualified judges to office and the information he shared should help us determine who meets the standard.

Do you know who you are going to vote for in the 2018 Republican Primary? Do you know who the candidates are? Do you know when and where to vote? Are you new to our area and need to register? These questions must be answered soon because March 6 is

Election Day for the Texas Republican Primary. To have the best possible candidates to run in the November General Election, we must choose the best of the best running in the Primary.

Be cautious of "pay to play" endorsement mailers! Attend local candidate forums so that you hear answers to the questions asked. Go to the candidates' websites and read their resumes and how they stand on issues. Attend Cy-Fair Republican Women Meetings and talk to politically active people about their knowledge of each candidate. Check the candidate's voting record if they have one! After you make an informed decision, share with your family, friends and neighbors and then take yourself and a few others to the polls on March 6. You can also vote early at numerous locations or by mail if you qualify. Go to [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) to get details.

At the February meeting, CFRW will have copies of early voting locations and

## Barbara Buxton

other helpful election information. You can sign up for the meeting at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net).

Below is the process that you follow to be part of the state platform adoption body and to choose our state party leaders:

There will be a Precinct Convention on March 6 at each polling location immediately after the polls close. In order to attend your Senatorial District Convention on March 24, you need to attend this Precinct Convention and get on the delegate list. At the Senatorial District Convention (these are held in various area locations which are determined by the Senate District you vote in), the delegates to the Texas Republican Party Convention will be chosen. The 2018 RPT Convention will be in San Antonio in June.

Let's get informed and get out the vote!

Barbara Buxton



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**Secretary**

**Linda Llewellyn**

**General Meeting Minutes**

Cy-Fair Republican Women  
Hearthstone Country Club  
General Meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2018

President Barbara Buxton called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.  
Barbara Buxton welcomed all attendees.  
Suzanne Davis led us in invocation and pledges.  
Barbara Buxton introduced Guests and Elected Officials.

First Vice President Jan Ott introduced the speakers. The first speaker David Hagy, spoke of the high speed rail connecting Houston and Dallas, an investor-owned project. This project is proposed to begin in 2019, with 4-5 years in construction. For more information, go to [TexasCentral.com](http://TexasCentral.com)

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Our second speaker was Justice Brett Busby, 14th Court of Appeals, who offered some of the questions we could ask of a candidate for the court. Ask: Why are you seeking this office? What do you consider the role of a judge to be? What values guide you? What is your record? Check [HBA.org](http://HBA.org)

We should be looking for predictability, stability, justice, respect for individual rights.

**Business Meeting**

Secretary's report- Published in newsletter-approved. Linda Llewellyn  
Treasurer Micheline Hutson provided copies of the treasurer's report.  
Balance as of 12/31/17 is \$8,541.040.

The speaker for February will be Jay Guerro.

Please bring items for Caring for America. Camp Hope and Cy Hope. Needed items were previously listed in email.  
Edith Gibson reminded us that membership renewals are due at this time.

Gail Schubot announced the gift of dictionaries for third graders at Walker Elementary, and awards for essay winners for fifth graders, will be January 26, at noon.

There is a vacancy in the office of Chaplain. Please contact Barbara if you have any interest in serving.

The Greater Houston Council is presenting the Nuts 'n Bolts Workshop, Tuesday, February 20.

Suzanne Davis provided two Door Prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02

**Important Dates:**

- Thursday, Jan. 18                      CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone CC 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 22                        Newsletter Article Deadline
- Saturday, Jan. 27                       TFRW Leadership Conference, Georgetown TX for information, [TFRW.org](http://TFRW.org)
- Tuesday, Feb. 13                        CFRW General Meeting and Luncheon
- Tuesday, Feb. 20                        Greater Houston Council Nuts 'n Bolts Workshop - (This date has changed to Feb.6th)
- Tuesday, March 6                        Republican Primary Election

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Llewellyn

## Join us at the next meeting to hear the latest inside scoop about what is happening in the United States Senate.

Our speaker in February will be Jay Guerrero, the Regional Director for Texas' Senior Senator and Majority Whip, Senator John Cornyn.

Jay Guerrero is an important part of the Senator's team that is working for Texans. He established the Southeast Texas office which manages a region of 24 counties along the Texas Gulf coast and stretches from Beaumont to Victoria and east of College Station to Galveston. The region encompasses over seven million of the senator's constituents including the large urban areas of Houston, Galveston, Beaumont and Victoria and important entities such as the Texas Medical Center, the Port of Houston and the Johnson Space Center as well as one of the world's largest concentrations of refineries.

Prior to his position with Senator Cornyn, Jay worked at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University where he managed programs surrounding world leaders such as Secretary James A. Baker III, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Nelson Mandela, and the King and Queen of Jordan, to name a few. He also has worked with City of Houston Councilman Orlando Sanchez, the Chancellor of the University of Houston System and in the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate.

Jay will be updating you on what the Senator is doing to represent you in the U. S. Senate. Please join us for this informative presentation.



*(During 2018, when the Texas Legislature is not in session, we hope to focus on some of the legislation being considered by the United States Congress which may be of interest to our CFRW members.)*

**Final Amendment to Tax Reform Law Benefits Children’s Education**

By way of background, “529 Plans” refer to the portion of the U.S. Tax Code which provides for the establishment of “qualified tuition programs” which permit families to invest money in accounts which can grow tax-free for school tuition and other educational expenses. For example, Texas offers two 529 plan programs: The Texas Tuition Promise Fund and the Texas College Savings Plan.

Up until the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed, these

tax incentives were limited to college-level education. In December 2017, an amendment was filed to the Senate’s version of the tax reform bill which provides for the expansion of 529 plans to also cover public, private and religious K-12 elementary and secondary school programs. The amendment was passed and ultimately incorporated into the new law. (It should be noted that the amendment originally sought to also cover homeschool students but

was not successful in this regard.) The measure was observed as “helping working class and middle-income families save and prepare for their children’s educational expenses.”

Up to \$10,000 per year of savings from qualified plans may be spent for children in the K-12 grade categories. The section of The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act addressing 529 Qualified Tuition Programs follows this article. Any adjustments to the existing Texas 529 plan programs to take into account the

new law have not yet occurred and should be monitored.

As many of us continue to work on our personal and family goals for 2018 and beyond – and the budgeting to make them happen – the expanded 529 plan programs give us the added advantage of a new tool and resource.

*Gail Schubot,  
CFRW Legislative Chair  
January 22, 2018*



**Membership**

**Edith Gibson**

**Membership**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2018! We are happy that you have chosen membership in Cy-Fair Republican Women. If you have not renewed, for your convenience you will find an application at the back of this newsletter, or you may download a copy of the form from our website: [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net).

Won’t you please take the time to fill this out and return it with your check to the address on the bottom of the form, or bring it with you to the next CFRW meeting.

Cy-Fair Republican Women will continue to provide a forum for individuals to discuss, learn about and become involved in

important, current issues. Share information about CFRW with your friends, family and neighbors and invite them to come with you at an upcoming meeting.

Excerpt from The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

**SEC. 11032. 529 ACCOUNT FUNDING FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL. —

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 529(c) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) TREATMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TUITION. —Any reference in this subsection to the term ‘qualified higher education expense’ shall include a reference to expenses for tuition in connection with enrollment or attendance at an elementary or secondary public, private, or religious school.”.

(2) LIMITATION.—Section 529(e)(3)(A) is amended by adding at the end the following: “The amount of cash distributions from all qualified tuition programs described in subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii) with respect to a beneficiary during any taxable year shall, in the aggregate, include not more than \$10,000 in expenses described in subsection (c)(7) incurred during the taxable year.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE. — The amendments made by this section shall apply to distributions made after December 31, 2017.

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**Treasurer**

**Micheline Hutson**

Welcome to 2018, Election Year! It’s an exciting time for all Republican activists. While we are paying close attention to the Primary (March 6, 2018), please remember our short time restrictions for Texas Ethics Commission Reporting. Please be prompt in submit-

ting expenses for reimbursement - at least a few days before the report must be filed. Filing an amended late report is very serious. Thanks for your cooperation and let’s concentrate on Get Out the Vote efforts this primary cycle.

**Expenses Acquired From:**

**Report Must Be Filed By:**

January 1 - January 25

February 5

January 26 - February 24

February 26

February 25 - May 12

May 14



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.



## A Note from Caleb Cote' - Harris County GOP



### Fellow Conservatives:

The Primary Election is less than two months away! On March 6<sup>th</sup> we must show out at the polls to select our representatives for November. It is important to be informed voters up and down the ticket. For a list of candidates and their desired seat, visit [http://www.harriscountygop.com/2018\\_republican\\_candidates](http://www.harriscountygop.com/2018_republican_candidates).

As this important event crawls closer, the need for Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrars increases. At the NW Satellite office, we will have a VDVR class on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Taking the 1-hour class allows you to officially help people register their new address for the purposes of voting. Your certification must be renewed every two years. To RSVP for this event, email [caleb.cote@harriscountygop.com](mailto:caleb.cote@harriscountygop.com) with how many people will attend, so that the instructors can bring enough materials.

We hope to see as many people as possible at this event!

Caleb Cote'

NW Field Representative-Harris County GOP

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# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## 2018 Membership Application

DATE:

OFFICE USE:  IN PERSON  MAIL/ EMAIL

**PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME:**

<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: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/></b>
Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?</b>

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE RPT GRASSROOTS CLUB?**

Yes  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: *(Computer skills, presentation/speaking, meeting/event planning, etc.)*

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:
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For more information regarding membership, please contact: Edith Gibson at 832-724-6133 or egib@sbcglobal.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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