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President

Barbara Buxton

June Article

First, let me thank the candidates who participated in our forum at the May meeting – Justice Jeff Williams, Richard Risinger and Michelle Fraga. We appreciate your service and dedication.

From the May 22 Primary Run-Off Election, we now have our final list of Republican Candidates for the November 6 General Election. Dan Crenshaw is the Republican Candidate for U. S. Representative, Congressional District 2. Michelle Fraga will be the judicial candidate for the Texas 295th District Court. Jeff Williams is the candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5, Place 2. You can find a complete list of all Harris County candidates at harrisvotes.com.

CFRW welcomes State Senator Paul Bettencourt as our guest speaker for our June 12 meeting. He always has loads of information to share so plan to attend and bring a neighbor, friend or relative.

Jacob Monty, recognized immigration attorney, will speak at the July 10 meeting.

Coming up Friday, August 3 is our Annual August Social. This year we have a special evening planned for you with an awesome speaker, Australian born Nick Adams, who gives a great presentation on his experience with American Exceptionalism. Watch for more details in the newsletters and on the website and invite your spouse and friends to this fun evening.

Also, watch for an email with information about the next CFRW After-Hours C.H.A.T.

Soon, we will all be enjoying our summer vacations and visits with family. CFRW never shuts down so bring your visitors to a meeting and let's get acquainted!

Barbara Buxton

Upcoming Important Dates

June 12	CFRW General Meeting
June 14-16	Texas Convention
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 20-21	TFRW Board Meeting
July 23	Newsletter Articles Due
August 3	CFRW Evening Social
Sept. 11	CFRW General Meeting
Sept. 20	CFRW Board Meeting
Sept. 24	Newsletter Articles Due





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Secretary

Linda Llewellyn

Cy-Fair Republican Women
Hearthstone Country Club
General Meeting, May 8, 2018

President **Barbara Buxton** called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending.

Nancy Roberts gave the invocation and led us in the pledges.

Barbara Buxton introduced guests, candidates, and elected officials.

First Vice President **Jan Ott** introduced the speakers. Run-off candidates Michelle Fraga, Jeff Williams, and Richard Risinger each told us about their platforms and their qualifications.

Linda Rucker, representative from Cy Hope, one of our charities, spoke to us about their organization and goals.

Business Meeting

Secretary **Linda Llewellyn's** minutes for the April meeting were published in the newsletter.

They were approved as published.

Treasurer **Micheline Hutson** provided copies of her report on tables. Balance as of 3/31/2018 is \$8542.81.

The By-Laws Committee is made up of **Micheline Hutson**, Chair, **Clarisa Fether** and **Alice Gullett**. To consider any changes, a quorum of 20% must be present for any amendments made. That requirement was met.

Nancy Roberts proposed that where the by-laws say "club" it be changed to "organization."

Seconded by **Suzanne Davis**, this motion passed.

Joy Gregory proposed that the term "executive committee" be changed to "executive board." **Jan Ott** seconded this proposal which passed.

Pat Baughman asked that we turn in our campaign hours, which includes planning and volunteering, not merely travel.

Caring for America chair **Linda McKeegan** will accept donations for Cy Hope and Camp Hope.

Membership chair **Nancy Roberts** asked that we invite old members to consider rejoining, and invite our neighbors to meetings.

Scholarship Committee chair **Pat Baughman** reported that no applications have been submitted. Maybe Cy-Hope organization should be made aware of the existence of the scholarship opportunity.

Darcy Mingoia reported that she has a limited number of Cy-Fair Bling tee shirts for \$30.

The **August Social** will be Friday, August 3, 7 p.m., cost \$25, with wine and appetizers included, at Buxton Companies, 9346 Telge Road, 77095. The speaker will be Nick Adams,

Founder and Executive Director, Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG)

Suzanne Davis, Hospitality chair, presented two door prizes.

If reservations for lunch are late, you will be put on a waiting list.

Meeting adjourned.

Important dates:

Thursday, May 17 CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 22 Run-off election—**VOTE**

Tuesday, June 12 CFRW General Meeting/Lunch, Hearthstone, 10:30 a.m.

June 14-16 Republican Party of Texas Convention, San Antonio

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Llewellyn



Join Us for an Opportunity to Meet and Hear from your State Senator

- Senator Paul Bettencourt

First elected to the Senate in 2014, Paul Bettencourt represents Senate District 7, which includes portions of Harris County. He previously served 10 years as the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, where he introduced “Smart Government” at the Harris County Tax Office and developed a customer service-driven organization. His team created the first major online property tax payment system and the first county tax office website with online automotive registration in Texas. (His motto was “Get on-line, not in-line.”)

In his first legislative session, Senator Bettencourt served as the chief Senate sponsor on 25 bills that the Legislature approved, including his amendment to SB 1760 that requires a 60% supermajority within a taxing jurisdiction to increase property taxes and has already prevented Dallas ISD from imposing a \$100 million tax increase on its taxpayers. Senator Bettencourt also led the passage of the Andrea Sloan “Right to Try” bill, which allows terminally ill Texas patients access to drugs still in the FDA approval pipeline, and SB 1004, which expanded dual credit opportunities in Harris County.

During the previous interim session, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick appointed Senator Bettencourt to serve as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief. Senator Bettencourt also serves on the Senate Finance, Education, and Higher Education committees, and is the Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Most recently, he was appointed Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform, as well as the Senate Select Committee on Government Reform, and was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Republican Caucus.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Senator Bettencourt is also a radio and television personality.



Left: CFRW President Barbara Buxton attending Salute to Ted Poe Event



Right: CFRW Tribute to Women Honorees Gail Schubot and Barbara Buxton

What is GHCFRW?

The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women is an umbrella group of 40 Republican Women's Clubs in 14 Texas Counties. Formed in 1962, GHCFRW supports, educates and motivates Republican women to run for elected office, become activists and advocates for conservative issues and to make a difference. Annual dues are \$30.00 per club. Club Presidents and one appointed delegate have voting privileges.

Meetings are bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, excepting June, July and August; permanently in the heart of Spring Branch at Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road.

In pursuit of educating and motivating Republican women to run for elected office, May's meeting presented "Republican Women on the Frontline". Kristin Bays, judicial candidate for 284th District Court (Montgomery County) Melanie Bush, President of Conroe ISD school

board and candidate for Montgomery County Treasurer, Sophia Mafrige, candidate for 164th Civil District Court of Harris County and Cindy Siegel, four-time Bellaire Mayor discussed experiences of campaigning for office. These successful women shared valuable tips to overcome campaign challenges and barriers.

After the GHC meeting, the Harris County Republican Party provided lunch for all attendees. During this lunch HCRP Staff and Club Repre-

sentatives discussed coordination efforts on three items 1) Campaigns 2) County Area Offices and 3) Voter Registrations.

Please plan to attend September 18, 2018 meeting with TFRW President Karen Newton. Then, at the November 20, 2018 meeting, Toni Anne Dashiell, Republican National Committeewoman will discuss the movement to eliminate the Electoral College.

Micheline Hutson

Ways & Means

Darcy Mingoia

Please reserve Friday, August 3, beginning at 7 pm, for the club's August Social. We have quite the event planned for that evening and you will not want to miss it.

Nick Adams, Founder & CEO of FLAG, Foundation for Liberty & American Greatness, is our guest speaker and this amazing young man, born and raised in Australia, will share his unique perspective of the American Dream.

In addition to the program we will hold a blind silent auction of special and unique items donated by our local legislators and other friends. You will want to invite spouse, family and friends to join you for this inspiring evening. The cost is only \$25 and includes the program, delicious food, non-alcoholic beverages and wine. The location is Buxton Companies, 9346 Telge Road, Houston, TX 77095.

Darcy Mingoia



Nick Adams

The Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (**FLAG**) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and providing high-quality civics education that informs students and families about the greatness of America and the power of the American Dream.

Securing Our Schools

In the aftermath of the Parkland School (Florida) school shooting on February 14 of this year, Congressman Michael McCaul, the House Homeland Security Committee Chairman, with twelve Republican cosponsors, introduced on May 9, HR5731 *“To require the Department of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to secure elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education from acts of terrorism, active shooters and other Homeland Security threats and for other purposes.”*

The text of the bill hasn’t yet been officially published, but the measure tragically received further attention following the Santa Fe Texas school shooting of May 18. The bill has been referred to the Homeland Security Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Education and Workforce Committee for their consideration.

HR5731:

- Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide strategy for securing schools which includes coordination with state and local government;

- Makes clear that the grants available through the State Homeland Security Grant Program and Urban Area Security Initiative may be used for school security including school planning, training, exercises, information sharing and target hardening;

- Establishes an Office of Academic engagement to serve as liaison and outreach between Homeland Security and educational institutions.

The grant clarification referred to above would, in fact, amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 as would a stipulation in the bill that the grants *“may not be used for the provision to any person of a firearm or training in the use of a firearm.”*

The proposed legislation highlights the vulnerability of the nation’s education institutions and is being described as an initiative to make America’s school safety a national security priority. Its progress can be followed at www.congress.gov.

At the state level, Governor Abbott, in his remarks immediately following the Santa Fe incident, indicated that in addition to action by the executive branch action which is most immediately commencing with round tables and other public hearings, the State could expect the Texas State Legislature to address school security when it convenes in its next Session.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

May 21, 2018





Cy-Fair Republican Women

About Us

Cy-Fair Republican Women was founded in the summer of 2005 when several ladies in the northwest area of Houston met to determine if there was enough interest in our area to form a much needed Republican Women's group. We met, we agreed, and we got to work.

OUR MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of most months. We meet at Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood Rd, Houston, TX 77095 at 10:30am. Lunch is optional, but please RSVP no later than the Tuesday immediately prior to the meeting date.

OUR OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- To promote an informed electorate through political education
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation
- To facilitate cooperation among Republican Women's Organizations
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections
- To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees

WE ARE REPUBLICAN BECAUSE

We believe the right of every individual to achieve the best that is within him, as long as he respects the rights of others, is the source of our Nation's strength.

Government exists to protect the freedom of opportunity in which each individual's creative ability can flourish.

The government activities should be limited to those things which people cannot do at all, or cannot do so well for themselves.

The most effective government is government closest to the people.

Those who cannot provide for themselves should be assisted by both government and society, but that every effort should be made to help them become self-supporting productive citizens with pride in their independence.

Equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity belong to all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex and national origin.

The preservation of our Nation and the security of our citizens depend upon the Constitution, the laws, and the courts, and that respect for them is the responsibility of every individual.

Government is accountable for maintaining sound money and response economy. Individual rights, liberties and properties are continually eroded when citizens are oppressed by excessive taxation, inflation, government waste and over-regulation.

Government is responsible for national defense and that only a strong America can remain a free America.

It is absolutely essential to maintain a strong national defense posture in order that we may, at all times, negotiate from a position of strength, not weakness, in our continuing efforts toward world peace and friendship.

These concepts are the foundation of our national strength and that the REPUBLICAN PARTY, which is committed to their preservation, is the party of today and the PARTY OF THE FUTURE.

IF YOU AGREE VOTE REPUBLICAN!



Cy-Fair Republican Women

2018 Membership Application

DATE:		<i>OFFICE USE:</i> <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		Total Amount Due:	
Mail check and this form to:		Please circle Cash or enter Check #:	
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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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