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## Upcoming Important Dates

May 8	CFRW General Meeting
May 17	CFRW Board Meeting
May 21	Newsletter Articles Due
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 23	Newsletter Articles Due
August 3	CFRW Evening Social

## President

## Barbara Buxton

May 2018

So this is what spring is like! How delightful! What a gentle entrance into summer – not the usual so called winter and then 95 degrees well before Memorial Day. Well, who knows, it could get there and higher by then. Anyway, I'm enjoying this day!

Cy-Fair Republican Women have been so fortunate to have some very informative programs this year and we would like to thank our speakers: Amy Ramon, Fire Chief, Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept., Texas State Rep. Dwayne Bohac, Darcy Mingoia, Cy-Fair ISD School Board, Judge Jeff Williams, JP - Precinct 5-Place 2, David Hagy, Central Texas Partners (Bullet Train) and Justice Brett Busby, 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals. As a previous CFRW President, Mary Moss, used to say; "I learn something at every meeting".

Coming up May 8 during our regular monthly meeting will be our candidate forum for the run-off election held this month. Participants are Michelle Fraga, Richard Risinger (candidates for 295<sup>th</sup> Civil Court Judge) and Jeff Williams (candidate for

Justice of Peace, Precinct 5 and Place 2). We will also hear from a representative from the Cy Hope Organization which is one of the charitable groups CFRW supports. You can get details about the meeting and sign up on line at [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net).

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair, was selected by our members to be an Honoree at the TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon held June 15 at the Republican Party of Texas Convention in San Antonio. Congratulations to Gail for being recognized as an integral part of CFRW. Following tradition, the current President, yours truly, will be the other 2018 Honoree.

We are so blessed to have members who are leaders in our community and it is always nice when they are recognized for their efforts and accomplishments. CFRW member, Darcy Mingoia, was honored at the 2018 Northwest Harris County Go Red For Women Luncheon for her many years of service benefitting women and their families through the American Heart Association. Well done, Darcy!

Dear members and friends, it is time to double down and get out the vote for your candidates in the Uniform Election on May 5 and the Run-off Election on May 22. This will be good practice for the General Election in November when every Republican vote is needed to keep our great state of Texas "RED"!

Finally, it's time for me to say good-bye to a very great woman, Barbara Bush. I'm not much of a groupie for any person or group of people, but Barbara Bush was the exception. She captured my attention and admiration so many years ago and never lost her luster. Thank you, dear lady, for sharing your family and for your own service to benefit people around the world. Farewell and rest in peace.

Barbara Buxton





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**Secretary**

**Linda Llewellyn**

**April 10, 2018 – General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Buxton.  
 Joy Gregory offered the prayer and led the pledges.  
 Barbara then introduced Guests, Candidates and Elected Officials.  
 Jan Ott introduced our speakers: Amy Ramon, Cy-Fair VFD Fire Chief and Texas State Rep. Dwayne Bohac.

**Business Meeting**

Secretary Linda Llewellyn’s report was accepted as published.  
 Treasurer Micheline Hutson provided written copies of her report.  
 A proposed change to the CFRW Standing Rule #25 was voted on and passed to read:

**25. At the TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon, it is customary for the current President to be the honoree. Additional honorees may be chosen as permissible by TFRW guidelines.**

At the **2018** biennial TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon we will honor our current president, Barbara Buxton, and Gail Schubot.

The social in August will be held at Barbara’s office, with members volunteering to bring snacks. There will be more information later. The May program be a candidate forum for the Run-Off Election.

There is on-going collection for Cy-Hope, reported by Linda McKeegan.

Nancy Roberts reminded us to bring our friends to meetings, and speak to former members to renew.

Pat Baughman reports that the Scholarship applications are due April 30, and the application is on the website.

Darcy Mingoia has agreed to chair the Ways and Means Committee. Representing Kevin Roberts, Darcy has announced Kevin’s cell phone number, 832-466-3009, and invites us to contact him with questions we may have.

In May we will vote on approval of By-Laws Changes.

Suzanne Davis provided two door prizes.

Early voting for the Uniform Elections will be held April 23-May 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Election Day will be Saturday, May 5.

Meeting Adjourned

**Important Dates:**

- Friday, April, April 13      TFRW Board of Directors Meeting, Austin
- Thursday, April 19      CFRW Board Meeting, Hearthstone CC, 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, April 23      Newsletter Articles Due
- Monday, April 30      Scholarship Application Deadline
- Tuesday, May 1      Greater Houston Council, 9:30 a.m., Trini Mendenhall Community Center
- Tuesday, May 8      CFRW General Meeting, Hearthstone CC, 10:30 a.m.
- June 14-16      Republican Party of Texas Convention, San Antonio

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Llewellyn

## The Primaries Are Not Over!

Join us to hear from candidates in the runoff election.

**Election Day – May 22**

**Early Voting – begins May 14**

The candidates in the Republican Primary Runoff Election for District Judge of the 295<sup>th</sup> District and those for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5 have been invited to speak at our May meeting. These are important elections! Be sure to attend so that you may make an informed decision.

As always, all candidates for contested races have been invited. The following candidates have confirmed that they will attend.

District Judge, 295<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Fraga and Richard Risinger

Justice of the Peace, Precinct t, Place 2 – Judge Jeff Williams

## Learn more about Cy-Hope



Cy-Hope is an area organization founded in order to help at-risk children in the Cy-Fair area. Linda Rucker will join us to tell the story of the important work and partnering that Cy-Hope is doing to help bring hope and make a positive impact in our community by helping at-risk children become educated and productive citizens.

Linda holds a Bachelor’s in Business/Marketing from the University of Texas at Austin. She started her career working for Andersen Consulting, eventually moving into a marketing and training role for two technology companies. Linda helped run her husband’s IT consulting company while staying home with their two young children. She also held many volunteer roles in their Cy-Fair ISD schools, at Foundry United Methodist Church, and in the community. She continues to volunteer with her kids for Cy-Hope, but has also taken on the role of expanding Cy-Hope’s voice in Cy-Fair as part of the community outreach team and as a grant writer.



***Evening Social***  
***August 3, 2018***

***Speaker***  
***Nick Adams from FLAG***

***(Details announced soon)***



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.

## Higher and Higher: Opioids, Marijuana, the Space Program and Pending Federal Legislation

Three issues with great economic impact and potentially even greater affect on the national identity are being dealt with by our current Congress and is worth monitoring:

OPIOIDS: Now ranked as the deadliest drug overdose epidemic in U.S. history, the Omnibus Law of 2018 provides for an additional \$3.3 billion dollars to address the crisis. With those funds divided among a number of federal agencies, Congress' response to the opioid problem includes initiatives for:

- addiction research (including addressing underlying mental health issues)
- development of preventative measures (as to addiction and also overdose)
- implementation of addiction treatment and
- prevention and prosecution of criminal activity.

While the 2018 Omnibus Law continues to be criticized for its overall amount of spending, there is also criticism that despite good intentions, the amount of funds allocated to opioids is simply insufficient to overcome the size of the problem. There are also arguments as to whether there is a sufficiently organized strategy to effectively confront the many facets of the crisis. To that end, over fifty-plus bills are pending in the House alone with specific opioid-related proposed programs.

Acknowledgement of the opioid problem, and commitment to action has been generally bipartisan, but implementation of specific actions as funded by the Federal Government, and whether those actions will curtail the situation is yet to be determined.

MARIJUANA: In January 2018, Attorney General Sessions rescinded the "Cole Memorandum", a Dept. of Justice policy statement issued in 2013 during the Obama Administration and which had provided that due to limited resources, the federal government would not enforce its prohibition against marijuana in states that had legalized its use in some form. (I.e., AG Sessions announced that the Dept. of Justice would now enforce federal law as it relates to the prosecution of offenses related to marijuana.)

However, the "Rohrabacher-Farr" (or "Rohrabacher-Blumenauer") Amendment originally passed by Congress in 2014, and which prohibits the Justice Dept. from spending funds to interfere with the implementation of state medical marijuana law was included in the Omnibus Law of 2018 and therefore remains in place at least until September 2018. (The provision must be renewed annually.)

In the meanwhile, approximately thirty states now permit at least some use of marijuana. The majority allow use of marijuana for medical purposes. In addition, approximately eight states also allow recreational marijuana use. And more states are expected to take up some form of legalizing or expanding legalization of marijuana over the next year.

At the federal level, in 2017, legislation was introduced in Congress where it remains pending to end the federal prohibition of marijuana by removing marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act (HR 1227).

Movement by both the states and the federal government are moving along paths which are could influence each other. Political candidates and their parties may weigh in on the issue as we approach the November 2018 elections. In the meanwhile, the issue of legalizing marijuana may be influenced by other subjects being debated including illegal drugs, immigration, border security, and issues surrounding legal drugs including opioids as discussed above.



Harris County Republican Party New Headquarters

HCRP moved into new offices during April. Surprisingly, it's an easy drive. Turning right onto Mitchelldale shortly after the Hwy 290 West 34th exit puts you in the parking lot. The grand opening was April 21, 2018.

Seen in the crowd were our own Jan and Bill Ott, along with many local elected officials and candidates. The computer and broadcasting facilities are very impressive along with the offices and conference areas. Most of all,

there is a large meeting area for the Quarterly Executive Meetings. The Harris County GOP is well-equipped to counter the so-called Democrat "Blue Wave" and keep Harris County Red. This is a wonderful resource

for Republican candidates, activists, elected officials as well as Precinct Chairs and Election workers. Hope to see you there soon.



Micheline Hutson at the HCRP Grand Opening



Jan and Bill Ott at the HCRP Grand Opening

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SPACE POLICY: President Donald Trump signed a new Space Policy Directive in December 2019 calling for a human return to the Moon followed by missions to Mars and beyond and which incorporates private sector partners as part of the overall plan.

In addition, and after seven and a half months since he was nominated by President Trump, Jim Bridenstine was confirmed only several days ago and sworn in today (April 23, 2018) as Administrator of NASA by the Senate in a split among party lines. Bridenstine had been a Representative from Oklahoma before accepting this position.

And with 20.7 Billion dollars included for space in the 2018 Omnibus Law, NASA would seem to now have the directive, an Administrator and funding available to go "light speed ahead". Specific authorization of NASA's programs (H.R. 5303) along with a dozen or more other space-related bills are now working through committee for approval by Congress.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

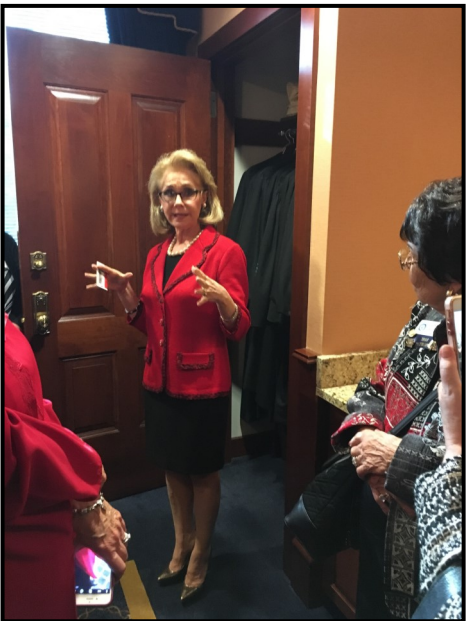
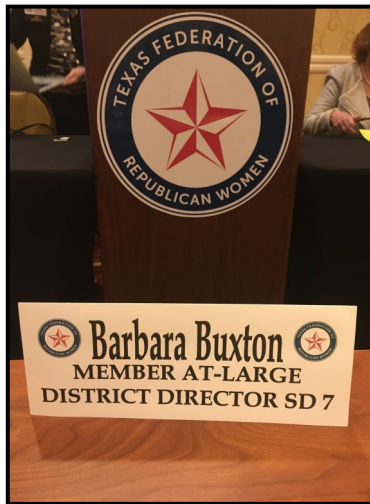
April 23, 2018

# TFRW Board Meeting and Patron Event Touring Texas Supreme Court



*Left from top to bottom:*

*Barbara Buxton  
Theresa Kosmoski  
Glynnis Chester  
Justice Debra Lehrmann*



*Right from top to bottom:*

*Jan Ott  
Sylvia Gartner  
Mina Fitting  
Barbara Buxton*







# 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:	
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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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