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President

Barbara Buxton

September 2018

The CFRW August Social and Patriotic Celebration was a great success! Delicious food and music began the evening with a huuuuge amount of mingling. Following the invocation, the Colors were presented by the Cypress Woods High School JrROTC Color Guard with everyone standing silently; and then with hands on their hearts, saying the Pledges. This was followed by the National Anthem sang by James McKeehan. Now that's an AWESOME beginning to a Patriotic Celebration!

We would like to thank our fantastic speaker, Nick Adams, Founder and CEO of FLAG (Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness) for making this event outstanding! If you would like to order any of

his books or booklets, go to www.flagusa.org.

Thanks go out to all the Cy-Fair Republican Women who donated service, food, beverages and supplies and to James for sharing his gift of music. Chief Amy Ramon was Chair of this Event and did a remarkable job.

We are also very grateful to State Representatives Dwayne Bohac, Tom Oliveron, Kevin Roberts and Mike Schofield, Sam Harless, Republican candidate for State Rep. District 126, and Former State Rep. Patricia Harless as well as CFRW Members and Friends for their donations. Darcy Mingoia with Micheline Hutson co-chaired the Auction.

CFRW is planning a day trip by bus to Festival Hill Concert Hall in Round Top, TX on October 25. If you would like to join

us, contact me.

Coming up in September, our speaker will be Elizabeth Stinsman, Director of Community Assistance Department for Harris County Precinct 4. CFRW will also be working on voter registration and getting out the vote for the November 6 General Election. Our next meeting is September 11. May we never forget! And, may our nation find a way a back to that patriotism that immediately followed.

We invite you to join us at one of our monthly meetings (the second Tuesday of most months) to meet like-minded women and get to know your elected officials and candidates. Our website, www.cfrw.net, will have program and sign-up details.



Upcoming Important Dates

Sept. 11	CFRW General Meeting
Sept. 20	CFRW Board Meeting
Sept. 24	Newsletter Articles Due
Oct. 9	CFRW General Meeting
Oct. 18	CFRW Board Meeting
Oct. 22	Newsletter Articles Due
Oct. 25	CFRW Fall Day Trip
Nov. 13	CFRW General Meeting
Dec. 16	CFRW Christmas Social





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Secretary

Linda Llewellyn

Cy-Fair Republican Women
Hearthstone Country Club

General Meeting - Tuesday, 7/10/2018

Meeting was called to order and welcome was extended to all by **Jan Ott**, 1st Vice President.

Linda Llewellyn, Secretary, offered invocation and led the pledges.

Jan Ott then introduced Officials, Candidates, and Guests.

Speaker for today was **Jacob Monty**, Immigration Attorney, who explained current situations and terms.

Secretary's report was published in the newsletter and approved as published. Treasurer **Micheline Hutson** provided printed reports on the tables. The balance in the bank as of 6/30/2018 was \$8553.52.

Pat Baughman asked that we turn in campaign hours, and she offered the printed forms on the table. For more opportunity to volunteer, Monday and Thursday nights we can man the phone bank at the Northwest Republican Office on Hwy. 249. Check the newsletter for details.

Nancy Roberts, Membership/Publicity, gave us new member forms to give to friends and family. Please invite former members and any who may be interested.

The August Social, planned by **Amy Ramon**, will be held Friday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be from FLAG, there will be a flag ceremony, heavy appetizers, wine, beer, an auction, music. Cost will be \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. To benefit candidates, we will have a blind auction, with ten wonderful items, gathered by **Darcy Mingoia**.

The Fall Day Trip to Festival Hill will be Oct. 25. Contact **Barbara Buxton**, President, for information.

September 15 there will be the **Houston Astros** game at Minute Maid Park.

Save the date for **GHC** Get Out the Vote Event. Guest speakers will be Diamonds and Silk, cost \$50. The date is August 11.

Suzanne Davis, Hospitality, provided two Door Prizes.

Meeting Adjourned

Important Dates

- Thursday, July 19 CFRW Board Meeting, 11 a.m., Hearthstone CC
- Friday, Aug. 3 August Evening Social, 7 p.m., Buxton Companies Bldg.
- Saturday, Aug. 11 Greater Houston Council Special Event
- Tuesday, Sept. 18 Greater Houston Council, Mendenhall Community Ctr, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 Day Trip to Festival Hill

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Llewellyn

CFRW Christmas Social
Sunday, December 16, 2018
6:00 - 9:00 pm



Learn About your Harris County Government

With

Elizabeth Stinsman, Director of Community Assistance Department

Harris County Precinct 4

If you live in an incorporated city you are probably familiar with the typical government structure. But, most of you live in unincorporated Harris County. So, what role does your County Commissioner have and what services are provided? Elizabeth Stinsman will be at our September meeting to educate everyone about the resources involved and how it is structured.

Elizabeth Stinsman has worked in Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle’s Community Assistance Department for the last year and a half. The Department is a vital resource to residents in Precinct 4 through outreach to neighborhood organizations and collecting resident requests for maintenance, repairs of local infrastructure, and as a liaison to other offices on behalf of constituents.

Elizabeth is a native Houstonian who grew up in the Jersey Village area and currently lives in Houston with her husband and their yellow lab. She has extensive experience in community networking and customer relations with residents of the Greater Houston Area. In her free time she stays busy volunteering with a local non-profit mentoring at-risk youth within her community, serving in her church, and cheering on her favorite Houston sports teams.

Denise Corliss and Bretagne



On this anniversary of 9/11 we have a special program with Denise Corliss and a presentation about her Search and Rescue work at Ground Zero with her search dog, Bretagne. Bretagne was Corliss’ first disaster search dog, and their first deployment together took them to the twisted pile of steel beams, concrete and ash where the World Trade Center once stood. Bretagne also served the Cy-Fair volunteer Fire Department, the Texas Task Force 1 and a certified FEMA disaster search dog. She also went to College Station to meet former president George H.W. Bush. Bretagne was the last surviving dog from the 9/11 search efforts and has now been memorialized with a statue in Cypress.

Denise is a firefighter who has trained several search and rescue dogs. She has been deployed time and again to major disasters to search for victims. Denise is a volunteer who spends hundreds of hours as a FEMA-certified search worker. She and her current dog, Taser, took two weeks’ time off from her job as an electrical engineer to travel to Rockport, Ingleside and other devastated Texas communities for search and rescue in those hard hit areas after Harvey.

You won’t want to miss this special program.

Greater Houston Council Get Out the Vote Event

CFRW members attended this great event August 11, 2018. The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women presented a spectacular luncheon featuring Diamond and Silk, as keynote speakers. In addition, with the theme of “Energized and Unified – Victory 2018” GHC presented three forums:

How Republicans Can Effectively Combat Fake News by State Senator Paul Bettencourt and Jacquie Baly.

How to Connect with the Millennial Voter by Congressional Candidate District 2, retired Lt. Commander Dan Crenshaw and two leaders of Houston Young Republicans, James Rains and Kathleen Osborne

Importance of 2018 Election by Steve Munisteri, former Chairman of Texas GOP.

Diamond and Silk broke away from the “Chit Chat Tour” to tell of their battle with political correctness and discrimination on social media. These champions of Republican ideals urged everyone to stand up fearlessly and fight against the oncoming blue wave pushed by mainstream and social media. Otherwise, we will lose our great republic. All speakers emphasized this election is critical to hold the House of Representatives and widen our majority in the Senate supporting President Trump and his agenda. We must “Keep America Great”!

CFRW members attending were: Jan Ott, Rita Parrish, Barbara Buxton, Clarissa Fether, Gail Schubot, Nancy Roberts, Linda Llewellyn and Micheline Hutson.



Paul Bettencourt & Jacqui Baly



CFRW Table



Steve Munisteri



Diamond & Silk



Dan Crenshaw



Clarissa Fether

Governor Abbott and Bail Reform: The Damon Allen Act

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2017, in the afternoon, Texas DPS State Trooper Damon Allen made a routine traffic stop along I-45 near Waco. He was a 15-year veteran, married to Kasey Allen and father to three children.

As Officer Allen walked back to his patrol car, he was allegedly shot in the back and killed by the driver he had stopped, Dabrett Black. Dabrett Black, had prior convictions and additional charges pending against him, but because the Justice of the Peace before whom he most recently appeared, was not aware of the suspect's history, Black's bail was set at a low \$15,500, resulting in him being back out on the street that Thanksgiving day.

While there are many components related to the current discussion on "Bail Reform", a judge's lack of information and limited ability to consider special circumstances and set the amount of bail accordingly are some of the obstacles they face in determining whether to allow someone who is accused of a crime bail and under what circumstances and for what monetary amount. While there is support for protecting the community against violent offenders, opposition to more stringent laws raise issues concerning how to keep the rules fair for poorer individuals charged with crimes they may or may not have committed. Another concern is what to do about non-violent offenders and whether they should be treated differently.

In this instance Officer Allen's widow, Kasey, got involved and petitioned the Governor for action. Governor Abbott credits her with the proposals he announced on August 7, 2018. On that day, Governor Abbott announced he will ask the Texas House of Representatives to consider adopting legislation based upon his proposals when they next convene in January 2019.

The Governor has presented four main measures within a proposal he has titled "The Damon Allen Act":

1. "Safety First". Let judges consider a defendant's entire criminal history and the safety of the community, including its law enforcement personnel, when determining whether to allow, and how much to set as bail.
2. "Judge Qualifications". Require that bail in cases involving felonies or sexual offenses and assault only be determined by District Court judges and not judges or magistrates of lower courts.
3. "Increased Information". Establish a statewide case management system so that any records and information that may exist concerning a defendant are readily available to any judge who may be considering bail for that defendant.
4. "Repeat Offenders". Require extra steps for allowing bail for defendants still being supervised for prior criminal conduct such as requiring notice to any other agencies supervising the defendant that they are being considered for bail in connection with another offense.

With this initiative coming from the Governor's Office, expect to see an early bill encompassing his proposals. And it is expected that Kasey Allen will continue to be actively involved in the process.

Gail Schubot, CFRW Legislative Chair

August 19, 2018




**Cy-Fair
 Republican Women
 August Social &
 Patriotic Celebration**





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2018 Membership Application

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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"/>	
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<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas Legislature

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<http://www.sos.state.tx.us> - Texas Secretary of State Web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments

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