



Cy-Fair Republican Women Newsletter



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Cy-Fair Bids Farewell to 2015

The end of the year has come and with it is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of our organization. One of the most fun jobs I've had this year is recapping our group's activities. Let's take a look and see how we fared:

We've had some super guest speakers and filled our meeting rooms with members and guests. We've added new members every month.

We attended Legislative Day in Austin and learned so much about how TFRW transacts business. We made friends from all over Texas.

We had a great Field Trip to the George Bush Library in Dallas and shared a special time getting to know our members. The Adolphus Hotel was beautiful and our time together was priceless.

We celebrated our 10 year Anniversary with a festive time and a visit from the Lt. Governor. All of our Presidents attended and we received congratulations from all over the state and as far away as Washington, D.C.

Our Grassroots number was recognized as the # 1 club in the state for percentage of members.

We attended the National Convention and the State Convention and brought home awards in several categories. We made friends from all over the USA.

Our Campaign Hours grew and grew and we're proud to say we're among some of the highest contributors.

We had an outstanding High Heels and High Tea Luncheon and made the largest profit per date. Talented members gave their time and talents to our Republican cause. Attendees were talking for weeks afterwards.

Our August Social was fun and informing. We learned about the Legal system and how it works. We have plans to visit the Texas Supreme Court in the Spring.

We closed our year's activities with a great Christmas Social where we enjoyed each other's company and was introduced to Rep. Bohac and Kay Clinton's wonderful new Christmas book.

To say that this was a successful year is "putting it mildly" as the old-timers say. I was honored to be the President of such a dedicated and talented group of wonderful women. I look forward to another year of working toward the Republican goals with my friends, adding to our members and sharing the victory of a new President. God Bless Each and every member and your family.

Merry Christmas! See you next year. :)

Devon Anderson Harris County District Attorney



As your District Attorney, I am a prosecutor, personally prosecuting cop killers; an administrator, overseeing 600 lawyers, investigators and support staff; and Chief Law Enforcement Officer for Harris County, enforcing the laws and crafting criminal justice policy for the third largest county in America.

I was appointed District Attorney in September 2013, following the passing of District Attorney Mike Anderson, my late husband. I was elected in 2014. Prior to my appointment, I had a long career of fighting for justice and prosecuting criminals. I spent 12 years as a prosecutor working at this office trying some of the worst

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**2015 - 2016
CFRW Executive Officers**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Speaker: Michele Samuelson

Tuesday, January 12th

10:30 am til 1:00 pm

(You must make your reservations by Tuesday, January 5th)

****No-shows will be billed****

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criminals preying on our community. I also served four years as a State District Court judge hearing felony criminal cases. After leaving the bench, I spent four years handling criminal defense matters in private practice. This background gives me a truly unique perspective.

In addition to my role as a public servant, the most important role I play is mom to my two children. Like most doting parents, my children are my pride and joy, and I will protect them at all costs. Perhaps, that's why I have a particular passion for prosecuting crimes against the children of Harris County.

One of the most disturbing crimes is the Online Solicitation of Minors. Investigators who do undercover work to combat these criminals can get online — via computer, tablet, or mobile device — and have hundreds of hits from predators within minutes. Earlier this year, during spring break, my office was involved in a sting operation with Houston Police Department in which 12 different men showed up to a “play date” planned through online communication with an officer posing as a 13-year-old girl. All were arrested and are being prosecuted.

Two disturbing factors emerged from this sting. First was what these predators brought with them to meet up with their teenager: drugs, candy, condoms and even a gun. The other disturbing factor was the background of the men who showed. They were employed men with no criminal history. These sick individuals do not have a typical stereotype- which makes them harder to detect.

Every parent should know – children are not safe to roam the Internet without supervision. Predators are looking to lure them. Know what your child is viewing online and teach them the dangers of interacting with people they do not know.

Another dangerous problem infiltrating our neighborhoods that is a bit more recognizable are Game Rooms. These are generally housed in strip centers with very basic signs that simply say “GAME ROOM.” Although these “alleged businesses” seem innocent, these locations are hotbeds of criminal activity. From gambling and armed robbery to capital murder,

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Do you Tweet or Twitter?!

Michele Samuelson: SOCIAL MEDIA FOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

(Bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone.)

Do you want to learn more about how to be effective on social media? Our program this month is designed to help Republican Women overcome hesitations about using social media as a political tool. This presentation will provide you with a basic knowledge of social media history, effective use, and best practices. Bring a laptop, tablet or smart phone if you would like to get first-hand tips for using Facebook and Twitter!

Michele Samuelson is serving a second term on the board of the Texas Federation of Republican Women, representing Travis and Bastrop Counties. She is also chairman of the TFRW Online Media Committee and Secretary for the Travis County Republican Party. Michele is a freelance political communications consultant, working with Republican candidates and doing grassroots outreach and issue advocacy. She enjoys traveling around Texas. Michele and her husband Randy live in northwest Austin with their daughter Annalise. **Michele is a dynamo! You will not want to miss her presentation.**

Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson

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these Game Rooms attract the very worst criminals. A corner store could have gambling devices in the back room, just blocks from our homes.

Game Room cash drives an underground cash economy where prostitution and drug dealers prey. Violent criminals target these establishments for robbery often times killing the clerks and security guards who are brought in to guard the large sums of money coming in and out of the building.

Historically, most of the prosecutions of these businesses were against the low-level clerks and store attendants. Now, my office is working with some of the highest trained experts in money laundering, to go after the business owners. In partnership with local law enforcement officers, we are doing elaborate undercover operations to dismantle these businesses as well as take down their owners. There are no winners in these Game Rooms, and my office is doing everything possible to shut these operations down.

Illegal drugs continue to be an issue in our community. Families are destroyed, young lives are wasted, and the cost of prosecution and incarceration is daunting.

The drugs being sold to today's youth are not the same ones that existed a generation ago. They are dramatically more potent and dangerous. Often they are synthetically modified and produced in garage labs where there are no controls. Each batch may vary wildly in strength, meaning one child dies and another experiences a new found high.

During the 2015 Texas Legislative Session, I made it one my top priorities to get legislation passed targeting synthetic drugs. Now, we have a better chance at going after those who alter drugs and kill our children.

I also created a First Chance Intervention Program to help people who have never been in trouble with the law have an opportunity to avoid prosecution if they are caught for the first time with a small amount of marijuana (2 ounces or less). If they successfully complete this program, they avoid all charges and can avoid a criminal record and a misdemeanor conviction. Our goal is to keep these individuals from entering the revolving door of the criminal justice system.

These are just some of the dangers facing today's youth here in Harris County. I am fully committed to working tirelessly to ensure we are constantly ahead of criminals and their new tactics, so that our children can grow up in safe neighborhoods.





Merry Christmas Y'all! **By Texas Representative Dwayne Bohac**

It was, indeed, a pleasure for Kay Clinton and me to attend the CFRW Christmas Party at Black Horse Golf Club on December 6th. We were especially honored that we were given time to read excerpts from our new book, "*Merry Christmas, Y'all... Texas Style!*"

The book was a result of the passage of my bill - HB 308 - during the 2013 Legislative Session. HB 308 gave government entities and more pointedly, public schools, the assurance that they could say "Merry Christmas" and have Christmas displays, parties, pageants, gift exchanges and the like on school property. (To read more about HB 308, please visit www.merrychristmasyall.com/.)

It is my desire to keep the topic current and reinforce the ground gained through HB308. This book is the next step along the journey to restore some sense of sanity to our culture today regarding the acknowledgment of Christmas by governmental entities, especially public schools in Texas.

The essence of *MERRY CHRISTMAS, Y'ALL...TEXAS STYLE!*:

For those ages 9 to 90, *Merry Christmas, Y'all* is a fun, witty little Christmas book that blends Texas pop culture, Texas history, Texas politics, and of course, Christmas...Texas Style! In this book, you'll be treated to exactly what Santa sees and does as he visits the Great State of Texas--we hear it's his favorite! This book highlights 16 stops along the way.

Not your traditional Christmas book, it doesn't take itself too seriously and, in fact, has enough innuendo and nuances that you will find yourself looking for the hidden meanings or references throughout the book. You'll find little known—and well known—historical references, as well other surprises and subjects including Johnny Football, HEB, Pappasito's, Southwest Airlines, "green" gifts, soccer balls, "Thee University", The University, Aggieland, other colleges, and the like...and did we mention George Strait? It is pure Texas! This little treasure of "things Texas" incorporates enough conversational nuggets that I am sure you will be telling your friends about it!

Politics, pop culture, history and Christmas put to poetic verse with a touch of Texas swing! "*Merry Christmas, Y'all*" is bound to be a favorite of yours this - and every - Christmas Season.

To read excerpts from the book, and/or to purchase copies of this book, please visit www.merrychristmasyall.com/.





CFRW CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - DECEMBER 6TH, 2015



Special Guests: Kay Clinton and Rep Dwayne Bohac





2015 Year in Pictures





Cy-Fair Republican Women

2016 Membership Application



DATE: _____ OFFICE USE: IN PERSON MAIL/ EMAIL

PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION	PUBLISH IN DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Home Address: _____	Cell Number: _____
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Position Title: _____	Spouse Name: _____
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Cell: <input type="checkbox"/> Work: <input type="checkbox"/> Home: <input type="checkbox"/> Email: <input type="checkbox"/>	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

CFRW REFERRALS – WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO KNOW ABOUT US?					
Name	Email Address	Tel #:	Newsletter by Email:		Relationship to New Member
			Y	N	
			Y	N	

MEMBER TYPE				
Name Badge Order	<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 (Active member of which Rep. Women's club?)	<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.)

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 Please circle Cash or enter Check #:
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<http://www.ghcfrwpac.org> - Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> - Texas Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.thomas.loc.gov> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day

<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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