



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



1ST QTR - 2021



Barbara Piper
President, CFRW



We have, thanks to the Colorado Springs Republican Women, who have volunteered to host our CFRW Spring Board Meeting, a date and a location. We will be meeting April 9-11, 2021 at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs. We will be sending out more information on the meeting in the near future.

If you have suggestions for ByLaw Amendments/Changes, those must be submitted by March 15th. Send them to me at bpiper1111@aol.com and to Judith Jergensen at jejergens@aol.com

On Sunday morning, April 11th, we will be electing delegates to the NFRW Convention to be held September 23-25th, in Orlando. Please remember if you are a Club President, you are automatically a delegate, so let us leave those delegate positions for those without an automatic position.

The NFRW Spring Board Meeting has been rescheduled to May 13-15th at the Westin in Alexandria. We will be getting more information soon.

I was honored to have as one of my first duties as CFRW President to be able to install the new officers for the Republican Women of Weld County. Their speaker was their Republican Sheriff Steve Reams. At times like these, it is always great to hear from our first responders.

I know we are all down with what is happening in Washington now, but we are going to borrow a quote from Albert Einstein to follow, "Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving." Even though we feel right now it is all uphill, we must stay informed, work together, and continue to promote our Republican Values. We are going to all keep our balance and move that (Republican) bicycle forward.



CFRW CENTENNIAL CLUB

This is your invitation to join the 2021 CFRW CENTENNIAL CLUB.

The Centennial Club is devoted to supporting CFRW in all areas of the organization where needed.

There are always extra perks and fun activities exclusively for our members. We hope you will consider joining and being a part of a special group within CFRW that shows extra support for our club.

We hope to see you at a special reception for members of the CENTENNIAL CLUB at our CFRW Spring Board Meeting.

Annual dues: \$100.00

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CFRW 2021 Handbook Information to:

**CFRW Officers, District Directors,
Committee Chairmen & Club Presidents**

**Please check your 2020 Handbook and verify your
information to see if it is correct -
or you need to make changes.**

Deadline for Changes & Ad Payments —MARCH 10

Send new information or confirm previous - to:

Julia Lindahl

Handbook Chairman

via email: jalerp@aol.com

**I will acknowledge your email, so if you don't see that within 24 hours
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Please consider making a donation so that CFRW can build its coffers to help support candidates in the 2022 election.

An individual may donate up to \$50 per calendar year.

Julia Lindahl—Chairman
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TAMARA PIERCE
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
MEMBERSHIP



REMINDER

You may only be a Regular/Full Member of ONE CFRW CLUB.

You may be an Associate Member of as many clubs as you wish.

Please make sure you only join ONE CLUB with a FULL MEMBERSHIP

Tamara Pierce

2nd VP—Membership (thru 2020)

President: Ann Shockett

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National Federation of Republican Women

NFRW BENEFITS:

For just \$20.00 in annual national dues, a member receives or has access to:

A robust national website and member database management system that connects the entire Federation and provides key membership services, including administrative access and capabilities at the club level.

The NFRW's electronic communications, including the weekly and monthly newsletters and political briefings, and free or nominally priced publications like the Leader's Guide, Membership Handbook, Legislative Advocacy Manual, and outreach/recruitment materials.

The Member Center, a private online network on the NFRW web site available to members only. The Member Center includes a member directory and the Digital Resource Library, which features committee and issue-related resources and materials, general organizational publications and forms, event information, graphics, and more.

Assistance in creating new clubs, launching or updating a state or club web site, and other membership services.

Sample materials, multimedia and resources that assist states and clubs with public relations and fundraising efforts, membership recruitment, campaign and issue advocacy programs, meeting planning, literacy and armed services initiatives, leadership development, community service, and more.

Campaign Management Schools, Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol, and other programs, workshops and seminars that offer members the opportunity to meet national Republican leaders, discuss key issues, and develop leadership and professional skills.

Networking opportunities and the ability to meet and develop relationships with women from across the country through online discussion forums and national events such as the biennial convention and annual board meetings. NFRW's national events include interactive workshops, exciting speakers, and informative programs and discussions.

Representation in Washington, D.C., including the services of a professional staff and maintenance of NFRW headquarters – located in Alexandria, Virginia, a few miles from Capitol Hill.

**CFRW THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
2021
Joan Griep**



Renewed hope in a New Year. That's my mantra for 2021. We have all missed being together and I am encouraged by the news that CFRW is moving forward with plans for an in person Spring Board Meeting in 2021.

A huge thanks goes out to CFRW District Directors and host clubs that were able to either complete district meetings in person or produce the meetings virtually in 2020. Six out of ten districts is not a bad track record with the challenges of COVID and government regulations.

Our wonderful CFRW District Directors act as a communication liaison between clubs located within their district, the CFRW President and CFRW Third Vice President. With the 2021 Spring Board meeting on the horizon, it is more imperative than ever to maintain close contact with club presidents. Now is a good time to pick up the phone and call club presidents. Keep in mind that club leadership may have changed in 2021 and be prepared to get current up to date contact information on a new club president if that is the case.

Engage and encourage club presidents to attend the CFRW 2021 Spring Board Meeting. Once they attend a CFRW meeting and become engaged, membership grows for our state federation and local clubs.

Some reminders about what occurs at the CFRW 2021 Spring Board Meeting:

District clubs and Directors will set dates for District Meetings in 2021.

District clubs and Directors will select names for the CFRW Nominating Committee.

CFRW members in good standing shall have the opportunity to run for delegate-at-large positions to attend the NFRW 41st Biennial Convention, September 23-26, 2021 in Orlando, Florida.

Announcement of CFRW elective offices that shall be open for election at the CFRW Annual Fall Convention.

Finally, a brief note about our National Federation (NFRW). As women, this organization is our voice for us in Washington D.C. Their website is chock full of valuable information that District Directors, Club Presidents and every CFRW member can access just by simply setting up an account and password. There are live virtual programs that members can register and participate in. The NFRW 2021 "On the Issues Series" with featured Republican speakers is definitely worth your attention and time. The NFRW Program Committee has launched virtual "monthly bite size training sessions" for clubs giving guidance on membership and meetings. I really encourage CFRW members to read NFRW President, Ann Schockett's article on "Women Aren't Buying the Vision of America Democrats are Selling" and NFRW Membership Chair, Barb Ellerbrook's article "What Membership in the NFRW Means to ME." Visit NFRW at <https://www.nfrw.org>

District and Club Reports



All submissions for the 2nd Quarter must be in to Billie Nigro

NLT 15 May 2021
(The earlier, the better!)

BillieN.CORepWomen@gmail.com

District II Report **Olivia McCaffrey, Director**

District II was able to hold their District Meeting in late summer in Silverthorne. It was hosted by Summit Count RW who did an outstanding job. The meeting was well attended. Due to COVID-19, I was not able to visit other clubs, but hope to rectify this in the coming year. Since they no longer have a District Director, I will also be helping out the Greeley RW meeting with their board of Directors and speaking to the club in March.

Despite the restrictions of COVID-19, this district has been active:

- Broomfield RW's outreach program donated sixty pounds of food were collected and donated to FISH plus \$70 in contributions. They also filled three bags of school supplies for Precious Child.
- Summit County RW held a successful Lincoln Day dinner, added members almost monthly, Americanism team initiated a scholarship contest for high school seniors, created a weekly ad series highlighting the Bill of Rights, and much more.
- Larimer County RW held their annual ice cream social in the backyard of Secretary Olivia McCaffrey July. January of 2021, they held their first Zoom meeting which was well attended and will continue them until warmer weather will allow them to meet outdoors again.
- Boulder RW were able to meet sporadically during the pandemic. They did hold their Summer Social with 125 in attendance.
- Coal Creek RW – no report

DISTRICT VI

Evie Ashmore, Director

One of President Barbara Piper's goal is to increase membership in CFRW. One avenue to pursue is placing articles in newspapers. I am pleased that The Villager Newspaper has featured District VI with articles about Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW), Cherry Creek Republican Women (CCRW) and CFRW District VI. DCRW article covered the November Zoom meeting with Father Theron Walker. The CCRW featured an in-person meeting with Steffan Tubbs speaking about his documentary "Denver in Decay".

Lastly, the District VI Zoom Meeting held in November had Michael Fields, Executive Director of Colorado Rising and his take on the election. Coverage was incredibly positive talking about CFRW and the importance of our clubs.

CCRW will begin meeting in person in February. DCRW have been meeting via zoom and Elbert County Republican Women, ECRW have been meeting in person.

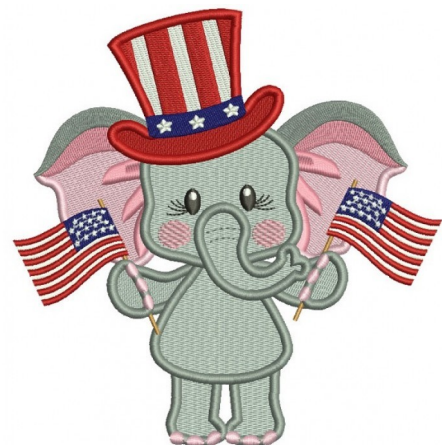


DISTRICT VII

Dona Troyer, Director

This has been a very unusual year for all of us. The year of cancellations and meeting alternatives. We were able to have the District meeting on June 27th at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the patio. There were about 25 in attendance. Our speaker was Greg Lopez, our candidate for Governor for 2022. He had a great message and encouraged us to keep on our course to get our State back and support what we stand for, Smaller Government and LIBERTY!

Adams County Trumpeteers celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 1st with a celebration on Colorado Day. **Jefferson County Republican Women** held several meetings by Zoom due to the shut down but are back to meeting in person. JCRW plans to have the 62nd Annual Chili Dinner on October 24th with a chili cook-off. There will be a silent auction and a special Trump Quilt made by one of the members to be auctioned off as well.



MONTROSE COUNTY RW

By Donna Rose

Times have been dark and difficult recently for the U.S and the Republican Party. In reality, not a lot of good things are going on for anyone. In 2018, the President of Montrose Republican Women decided it was time to begin recognizing one of her own ladies yearly for all the work they do and have done with the group.

She decided that doing it for 2020 would have a lot of meaning for the group as we have all been so busy. So her pick is our 2nd Vice President, Cheri Whiteford. Cheri's primary job to begin with was being in charge of buying/selling of Republican jewelry. Because it was a Presidential election year, we added hats, flags and masks to the items we were selling.

She did such a good job with the jewelry that she was put in charge of the Scholarship Committee as the previous person who held that position had become ill. Since Cheri is a retired teacher, she was a very good fit for this position. In 2010, Montrose Republican Woman began giving one scholarship yearly to a senior girl in Montrose County. In 2018, we began giving 2 scholarships yearly. Cheri made sure that all Montrose County School entities had the applications for our scholarships.

We received 6 applications for our scholarships and the Committee picked two fantastic girls. One girl was from Montrose and the other girl was from Nucla-Naturita.



Center – Cheri Whiteford, 2020 Member of the Year

Left – Roena Frank, Chaplain

Right – Kerri Catlin, 1st Vice President

SUNRISE RW

Linda Hoyt, President

The year 2020 ended on a high note, despite all the COVID challenges. Our annual Christmas donations were given to Wreaths Across America and military families at Fort Carson. Donations help make the season brighter for our soldiers and their families. Checks were presented to James Kilpatrick at Fort Carson by Cleo Allgood and Pat Holte (pictured below).

Congratulations to newly elected DA; Michael Allen and County Commissioners; Carrie Geitner, Stan VanderWerf and Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. All were sworn into office on January 11, 2021.

Our January program featured County Commissioners Holly Williams and Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. who updated us on County government issues. El Paso County receives \$275 tax revenue per citizen and runs one of the most efficient metro counties in Colorado. The Commissioners also discussed the role of the local Board of Health in the COVID pandemic. Democrats in the legislature may introduce a bill that would remove County Commissioners from these Boards of Health – taking away the local accountability to County Commissioners. Senator Paul Lundeen updated us on Recovery (health, jobs, economy, children - COVID slide), Restoration (voices of the people, choices, policies, laws), Bills (concurrent enrollment, public education choice, 1st amendment, medical marijuana challenges), Election results (additional Republicans elected, spotlight on fair elections) and Uniting as a party with strong principles, constitution and scripture.

February will conclude with our annual SRW Day at the Legislature hosted by Senator Paul Lundeen and House Representative Tim Geithner.



SUMMIT COUNTRY RW

Garnett Payne, President

Summit County Republican Women are fired up and looking forward!

Though 2020 is gladly in our rearview window, we are proud of what we accomplished and are happy to report that we have boomeranged into the new year with new ideas, new members and a renewed commitment to our mission.

We're taking a fresh approach to 2021. Our monthly meetings have evolved in several ways.

-We began the new year with a hybrid format, offering a Zoom option for our out of state and traveling members or others who aren't yet comfortable with an in person gathering. Many of our local members are hosting the meetings at their homes and everyone pitches in with refreshments.

-We started a new format this year, having members sign up to be responsible for the monthly meetings. We're making our business meetings more concise, and doing more committee work outside of the monthly meetings to keep the meetings more concise, interesting and fun. We're looking forward to a diverse slate of programs.

-We're transitioning away from Facebook to a blog. We have a talented Marketing team who has created a safer forum for us to share and converse with one another.

-We're also launching a book club. Our first selection is "Fortitude: Resilience in the Age of Outrage" by Dan Crenshaw.

-Last fall we established our first scholarship to honor a Summit County high school graduate. We have four essays to review and will be honoring the recipient with a \$1000 award later in the Spring.

-We continue to grow our membership, with every meeting. One highlight of the 2020 challenges has been the inclusion of our part-time resident members virtually.

Contact us at info@summitgopwomen.org for more information.

BROOMFIELD RW

Mary Dambman, President

Broomfield RW began 2021 with an in-person meeting, election and installation of new officers, and a new committee!

We initiated our new Military Affairs Committee by signing Valentines for veterans and including mini-boxes of candy to be sent to a veterans home in the metro-area.

After three months without meetings, we eagerly enjoyed hearing from Greg Lopez, candidate for Governor in 2022.



2021 Officers

Mary Dambman, President; Linda Feigel, Secretary; Robin Cunningham, First Vice President; Mary Halbert, Treasurer

CHERRY CREEK RW

Nancy Doty, President

While our State continues to be under restrictive COVID mandates, CCRW has been working behind the scenes to build a better and more vibrant Republican organization to promote our elected officials, candidates and conservative values.

We were not able to have in-person luncheon meetings in December and January. However, restrictions were lessened in February and we held a luncheon on Feb. 9th featuring Dick Wadhams, political consultant and analyst. Members enthusiastically received his message on the future of the Colorado Republican Party and how to prepare for the Democrats upcoming legislative agenda now that they have control of the Governorship, State House and State Senate.

The By-laws Committee drafted new by-laws and standing rules for CCRW which will be voted on at our March in-person meeting. Our by-laws have not been updated since 2001, so this was determined to be a priority in 2021.

We are looking forward to our March luncheon meeting featuring Janice Rich, State Representative, who is also the Republican Caucus Minority Leader. She will be updating us on what to expect with proposed 2021 legislation.

While we now have a new president who seems to be divisive, our goal is to always be inclusive to everyone who supports our Republican values regardless of race, religion or gender. Now is the time to concentrate on the future and make a difference in the future of our community, state and country. We'll do this by promoting political education and discussion in our community to anyone open to information.

Cherry Creek RW—Feb 9 2021 Meeting



Dick Wadhams,
Political
Consultant and
Analyst



Nancy Doty,
President



WELD COUNTY RW
Gillian Smith, President

On Thursday evening February 25th the Republican women of Weld hosted a Colorado state Republican Chairman Forum. The event was held at Ben's Brick Oven Pizza in Hudson, moderated by Alan Philp, which also created the informative and outstanding questions for the candidates. All of the five candidates in this race participated. Kristi Burton-Brown, Scott Gessler, Jonathan Lockwood, Rich Mancuso and Casper Stockham. At times, the night was filled with fireworks, but with the help of Weld County's "Top Cop" Sheriff Steve Reams as the Timekeeper, the event stayed right on track. You may watch the video of the live streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/womenofweld/>



Republican Women of Weld Officers
(left-right)
Secretary-Heather Edmiston
Treasurer-Marge Klein
Vice President-Tammy Klein



DOUGLAS COUNTY RW

Barbara Piper President

We were so hoping we could start off the new year with an in-person meeting, but that was not in the cards. We did, however, have a great Zoom meeting, hearing from the 18th Judicial District's newly elected Republican DA, John Kellner. One in five Coloradans call District 18 home. He spoke about the remarkably close election and having to wait for the recount before being declared the winner. He reported a 51% increase as of November of 2020 in auto burglaries, many times items left in the auto and visible from the outside lead to these burglaries and urged people to if possible, leave cars in the garage; if that is not possible to not leave items in the car and to keep vehicles locked.

We are so excited for our February meeting, because we are getting to have an in-person meeting and it is looking like attendance is going to be rather good. We will be hearing from Ben Martin, who humbly considers himself a Patriotic Historian of our American Founding Heritage. One of his important goals throughout life has been to share with others, what he has learned about our amazing American Founding Heritage & Founding Principles, so that others may also be inspired by the priceless gifts given to us, and to the world, by our matchless Founding Fathers!



DA John Kellner
18th Judicial District

LONGMONT RW

Tara Menza, President

The Longmont Republican Women are starting to gather together again after a long Covid hiatus. In December we installed a new president and reinstalled our VP, Treasurer, and Secretary for another term. Our new president, Tara Menza, comes to LRW with energy and motivation to grow our chapter and ensure our conservative voice is heard throughout our community. She comes to the group with several new ideas. One, increase our community reach, impact, and involvement; two, find new ways to deliver our message to include new social media forum outreach; three, substantially grow our membership! In a time when our message needs to be heard, what a better way than to grow our group and get out into our community. Our group is excited to get out and stand up for our Republican Values!



Tara Menza, President
Bev Stokes, Vice President
Twila Barrett, Secretary
Sandy O'Grady, Treasurer

ELBERT COUNTY RW
Andrea Richardson, President

The Elbert County RW work closely in partnership with the Elbert County Republican, Executive and Central Committee, in order to drive Conservative and right-leaning voters to our party while retaining our current membership. We foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party, and we strongly believe in the three-pronged value system it embodies which is FAITH, FAMILY and FREEDOM supported by a Constitutional Republic.

Each year the ECRW host a non-partisan, patriotic essay contest for middle school and high school students which includes homeschool and charter school students. After witnessing the blatant censorship of Republicans, Conservatives, and Trump Supporters over the past several months (and years) the ECRW has pointedly chosen the following topic for Elbert County middle school and high school students to examine:

Discuss the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and whether it is as relevant today as it was over 200 years ago. Explain what the words mean to you.

Winners from our high school and middle school will present their essays to the audience of our Elbert County Lincoln Day Dinner. First through fourth place winners will be recipients of cash prizes including a \$1000 Rathbun Scholarship graciously provided to the high school winner upon registration of their first year of college or technical school. Our aim is to reach out to the youth of our communities and get their young minds thinking and learning about our Constitution and what makes our country the greatest above all others.

We fundraise annually through the sale of our hats titled, "Make Colorado Colorado Again." The ladies meet every fourth Wednesday at the American Legion Post 82 in Elizabeth, CO – 7:00 p.m. If you would like to support our scholarship program and essay contest you can buy a hat at www.elbertcountyrepublicanwomen.com.

LARIMER COUNTY RW
Nancy Hunter, President

Larimer County GOP Women continue with our never ending quest to be a dynamic organization & offer great programs to our members. We are meeting now by using Zoom technology.

In January, our members heard a great post election analysis presented by Dan Betts, staff member for US Senator Cory Gardner. Dan is good at number crunching and provided us useful information.

Former district attorney, George Brachler, was our February speaker. He discussed the future of the GOP at a state and national level. He certainly gave us hope that all is not lost.

Several of our members attended the virtual county GOP central committee meeting in early February. We congratulate our new chairman, Ron Weinman & look forward to working with him and the new executive board.

We're making plans to return to in person meetings in late spring to summer time. We look forward to seeing everyone in person once again.

ELBERT COUNTY RW PHOTOS



MESA COUNTY RW
Alice Bumgarner, President

MCRW had a great 4th quarter with a lot of action on working on getting our candidates elected. Our teams helped the following successful candidates:

Lauren Boebert, 3rd Congressional District
Janet Rowland, Mesa County Commissioner
Janice Rich, State Representative House District 55,
Cody Davis, Mesa County Commissioner
Matt Soper, House District 54

We met in person in October 2020 to help direct our efforts to the candidates but were unable to meet in person November and December. Below is a picture of Janice Rich, House District 55, Carla Alley and Alice Bumgarner, President walking to give voter information to 75+ homes.



COLORADO SPRINGS RW

Vickie Tonkins, President
Submitted by Julia Lindahl, Treasurer

Greetings CFRW! Colorado Springs RW have been ACTIVE and RECRUITING MEMBERS. We met on a regular basis in 2020 and are off to a wonderful start in 2021 – 10 new members in December, 3 in January and several new members and associates at our February meeting. There was a full house in Feb. with nine Republican City Council candidates. After our El Paso County Organizational Meeting, where our wonderful club president, Vickie Tonkins was RE-ELECTED as County Chair I polled our membership to see how involved our members are in the local party. 2 County Officers (Chair & Secretary), 4 Bonus Members, 5 House District Leaders, 9 Precinct Leaders, one member who is a Legislative Aide, and a members who is a candidate for City Council! We are looking forward to hosting the Spring Board of Directors Meeting in April and hope you'll join us for an informative meeting being planned by our State President, Barbara Piper!

Vickie & Kristi Burton
-Brown
at our GOP
Meeting Feb. 6, 2021





CFRW Tusk Talk
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