



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



4TH QTR - 2021



Barbara Piper
President, CFRW



Through many trials and tribulations, we are near the end of 2021. We have fought Covid 19 and the Democrats and it is difficult to say which was worse.

This is the final Tusk Talk of 2021 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those CFRW Officers both elected, appointed and honorary, Members at Large, Committee Chairs and District Directors who have served the past two years. It is because you stepped forward to serve that CFRW exists. I also want to thank those members who have stepped up and will begin serving in 2022.

As I attend meetings around the state, I have the privilege of meeting and talking with many fine women who have stepped up to serve their local club, been elected to public office or who are now candidates. They understand the importance of every office and the impact their efforts can make for their communities and our state and are willing to make the sacrifice to make that impact.

This past weekend, I attended the Chili Cook Off that the El Paso County Republican Women sponsored with former US Senator Cory Gardner and Congressman Doug Lamborn serving as judges. It was a great event with lots of fun and good food. These events don't take place without our great Republican Women putting in lots of time and hard work. As I said at that event, I believe that when we take back our state and our country, it will be these hard working, FREEDOM loving Republican Women who will be the ones responsible for that success.

We have gone through 2021 following Albert Einstein's quote "Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving." In 2022 we will add the word FREEDOM. So remember, don't stop pedaling for FREEDOM. To keep our balance, we must keep moving forward!



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Thank you for your membership and support of CFRW.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2022.
Marilyn Harris & Julia Lindahl

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**Judith Jergensen
First Vice President**



Thank you to all who attended the October CFRW Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Convention. The programs included information on redistricting and how it affects the 2022 elections, a helpful workshop on political protocol, update on the state GOP from Chairman Kristi Burton Brown, and comments from RNC Committeewoman Vera Ortegon. A very interesting presentation was given by Ben Martin, Patriotic Historian of *Our American Founding Heritage*. Sunday, we heard from many of the candidates for State and National office. We were inspired by Deborah Flora, President of Parents United, Radio Personality and National Speaker.

Sunday, we elected the following CFRW officers for 2022 – 2023:

President, Barbara Piper
1st Vice President, Judith Jergensen
2nd Vice President, Julia Lindahl
3rd Vice President, Wendy Warner
4th Vice President, Marge Klein
Secretary, Veronica Medina
Treasurer, Renee Nelson

Members-At-Large elected at the Executive Board meeting are:

Awards, Darcy Schoening
Fundraising, Juliann McPadden
Publicity, Carla Alley



Carla Alley
Renee Nelson
Barbara Piper
Judith Jergensen
Julia Lindahl
Wendy Warner
Veronica Medina
Darcy Schoening

Missing from photo:
Marge Klein
Juliann McPadden

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 2021)

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**

**CFRW
2021
DISTRICT MEETING DATES**



**CFRW District I
Date: September 11, 2021
Host Club: Denver RW
District Director: Susy Johnson**

**CFRW District II
Date: August 21, 2021
Host Club: Coal Creek RW
District Director: Olivia McCaffery**

**CFRW District III North
Date: August 21, 2021
Host Club: Mesa County RW
District Director: Alice Bumgarner**

**CFRW District III SE
Date:
Host Club:
District Director: Sandra Wagner**

**CFRW District III SW
Date: May 15, 2021 **
Host Club: Southwest RW
District Director: Terri Olinger**

**CFRW District IV North
Date: August 28, 2021
Host Club: Longmont RW
District Director: Stacey Casteel**

**CFRW District IV South
Date:
Host Club:
District Director: Vacant**

**CFRW District V
Date: TBD
Host Club:
District Director: Judith Jergensen**

**CFRW District VI
Date: July 17, 2021 **
Host Club: Cherry Creek RW, DCRW &
Elbert County RW
District Director: Evie Ashmore**

**CFRW District VII
Date: June 12, 2021 **
Host Club: Trumpeteers
Director: Dona Troyer**

**CFRW District III SW
Date: May 15, 2021 **
Host Club: Southwest RW
District Director: Terri Olinger**

*Updates for 2022 will be published in the
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2021 Colorado Federation Of Republican Women Convention



District and Club Reports



*All submissions for the 1st
Quarter 2022 must be in to Billie Nigro*

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NLT 15 February 2022
(The earlier, the better!)

District III SE
Sandra Wagner, Director

Movin' on – Together!

The annual meeting of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), District III SE, was held on October 7, 2021, in Alamosa, Colorado. The meeting was hosted by the San Luis Valley Republican Women (SLVRW), under the direction of President Mari Hathorn. The theme of the meeting was designed to reflect the dire situation our precious country is in, but acknowledging that together we can move forward to better days under responsible GOP leadership.

Guest speakers included:

Barbara Piper, President of the CFRW, who kindly drove all the way from Denver, and addressed the meeting with a heartfelt and passionate presentation about the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Convention and the essential role of Republican women across the country
and

Marilyn Harris, recently elected secretary of the NFRW for 2022-2023, is currently serving as secretary of the State of Colorado Republican Central Committee, the county chairwoman of the Archuleta County Central Committee, and is the state president coordinator for the NFRW. Marilyn seemed to have her magic in full swing, as she was stopped for speeding on her way over from Pagosa Springs, but talked her way into not receiving a ticket.

District III, Con't

Barbara Piper presented a copy of the original SLVRW Charter to SLVRW President Mari Hathorn, and a scarf she brought from the NFRW Convention that she donated as a door prize.

Clarice Navarro, District Director for Representative Lauren Boebert, from Colorado's Third Congressional District, also attended and updated the group on the legislator's recent activities.

The National Anthem was sung by guest Corliss Crabtree, who also led the group in a closing rendition of America the Beautiful.



L-R: NFRW Secretary Marilyn Harris, JoAnne Morgan/SLVRW Member, winner of the NFRW scarf, and CFRW President Barbara Piper.



The national anthem led by guest Corliss Crabtree (left). Also pictured are SLVRW President Mari Hathorn (center) and CFRW President Barbara Piper (right).

DISTRICT VI
Evie Ashmore, Director

District 6 including Cherry Creek Republican Women, CCRW, Douglas County Republican Women, DCRW and Elbert County Republican Women, ECRW were pleased to host the 83rd Annual Convention and Board of Directors Meeting October 15-17 at the Embassy Suites. The members of these clubs came together and provided valuable help to make the convention possible. The well attended Convention brought members all over the State of Colorado to Centennial for a jam packed 2days.

Under Barbara Piper's leadership, the convention provided many inspiring speakers as well a networking opportunity. District 6 was happy to be a host and hope the attendees enjoyed it.

CCRW and DCRW clubs do not meet during the summer and resumed programs in September. CCRW saw John Kellner, District Attorney for 18th Judicial District speak on the recent court case where he obtained a conviction. October brought Heidi Ganahl, CU Regent, where she enlightened the group on the happenings at CU since the switch of control from Republican to Democrat. DCRW had Alan Philip speak about redistricting maps as they are near final approval.

This will be my final Tusk Talk submission as District 6 Director. Judy Allen from DCRW was elected at the District Meeting and will assume her role January 1. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as District 6 Director and know that Judy Allen will do an excellent job.

MESA COUNTY RW
Alice Bumgarner, President



Mesa County Republican Women 2022 officers:

Treasurer, Joan Kelsey
Secretary, Deborah Erbsch
3rd VP Fund Raising, Cookie Lockhart
2nd VP Membership, Carla Alley
1st Vice President Programs, Linda Gregory
President, Alice Bumgarner
Bonnita Wallace is our new chaplain.

The Mesa County Republican Women helped with the Silent Auction at the Lincoln Day Dinner on July 24. Congresswoman Lauren Boebert spoke along with Jim Jordan. Excellent time with good earnings from the silent auction.

In August we held our District 3N meeting and speakers were our conservative school board candidates and Congresswoman Lauren Boebert. CFRW President Barbara Piper, Marilyn Harris, our Colorado Republican Party Secretary both spoke.

September 11, 2021 we had a barbeque and ice cream social. We had the school board candidates speak and all candidates were there to answer questions about their campaigns. We had great attendance.

OTERO COUNTY RW
Lynette Ramirez, President

The Otero County Republican Women's group was re-activated in summer of 2019 after being inactive for a number of years.

In 2020, despite COVID, we held a very successful ABC's of Voting Series which was created to inform the public about issues in the Colorado legislature and bills that were going to affect all Coloradoans. We had several guest speakers who talked about educational bills and how the public school system has been undermined and moved away from Godly values. We also had a few speakers come to talk about how bills are introduced, voted on, etc. in the legislature so we have a better understanding of how laws come to be.

Being able to maintain and grow our organization was one of our top priorities after re-activating the club and we have met that goal. We have also worked in conjunction with the local GOP and hope to do so again this year.

Fundraising is our immediate goal for 2021 to help sustain our activities that will continue to educate the public about Colorado politics. OCRW also hosted HD 47 Representative Stephanie Luck in July to give the community an update on the 2021 Legislative Session.



RW OF WELD
Gillian K. Smith, President

2021 was a busy year for the Republican Women of Weld (WOW). On February 25, 2021 we hosted a forum for the State GOP Chair candidates. The event was well attended and moderated by Alan Philp, the Regional Political Director for the RNC.

In June, we hosted our annual event called Wine, Cigars, Government and the Blues. Many candidates for various State and local offices were there to offer brief comments and mingle with the crowd to discuss issues in more detail.

Our group had representation at both the Spring and Fall Colorado Federation of Women (CFRW) Conventions. In August, District 4 had a meeting in Longmont with the new District Director, Stacey Casteel. At the Fall convention, WOW co-founder and current Treasurer, Marge Klein was elected to the CFRW board as 4th VP.

WOW will host a Gubernatorial Forum on January 6, 2022. In February, WOW will host a US Senate forum and in March one for CD8 (Colorado's newest District). All will be at the Fort Lupton Recreation Center and all will be moderated by Dick Wadhams, a respected Republican political consultant and former Chair of the Colorado Republican Party.



Trapper Day

Gillian Smith - President
Marge Klein, Treasurer
Heather Edmiston, Secretary

CHAFFEE COUNTY RW

Bea Harnish, President

The fall quarter has been busy for the Chaffee County Republican Women. We rotate our meetings between Buena Vista, in the northern part of the county, and Salida, which is in the southern part of the county.

In September, we met in Salida and heard from three conservative women who were running for school board in Salida. While they did not win in November, they made a good showing, and we hope to help other candidates in the future. Ron Hanks, our state representative, spoke to us on a number of issues, including election integrity, the primary "opt-out" issue, and the problem of many workers in Chaffee County who are losing their jobs due to the governor's vaccine mandate.

Our meeting in October was in Buena Vista, and was a lunch meeting, during which Beth Ritchie, the director of A21 in Chaffee County, spoke to us about human trafficking in our county. A number of CCRW members participated in the A21 "Walk for Hope" on October 16 in Salida. We also heard from a number of Buena Vista school board candidates.

In November, we met at the Salida Public Library, where we ate pizza and discussed a variety of topics, ranging from alternate energy vs. fossil fuels to the Salida school board elections and how to better help conservative candidates in the future.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas luncheon on Pearl Harbor Day, so our featured speakers will be a 100 year old veteran who was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and a neighbor of our president Bea Harnish, who escaped from East Germany after World War II. Our club always makes a donation to a local charity from funds donated by our members at the Christmas luncheon. This year, we will donate to "Mini-Blessings", a local organization that uses miniature horses to help local special needs children.

BOULDER RW

Jane Meagher, President

Boulder Republican Women closed the summer with a Friends & Family BBQ Blast at the beautiful farm of Sydney Keith on Sept 18th.

On September 21st, Joni Inman, Executive Director of the Colorado Women's Alliance (CWA), spoke to our lunch at our new venue, Boulder – American Legion. CWA supports research, education, and advocacy in areas of concern to women voters.

BCR is supporting two charities this year:

BOULDER PREGNANCY RESOURCE
CENTER - BRW Baby Bottle Blessing
Campaign

and

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS programs to assist
our veterans

October 19, Activists Extraordinaire topic had two of our own who told us about their activism and engagement on various local issues. Tara Menza is a local community activist who wants to ensure her children's freedoms are protected for tomorrow. She advocates in her local school district for parental choice and fights against the Marxist permeation of critical race theory in the district's curriculum. Katie Lehr is a dyed in the wool conservative. She is only taking applications for the game of life from fellow conservatives.

EL PASO COUNTY RW

Candi Boyer, President

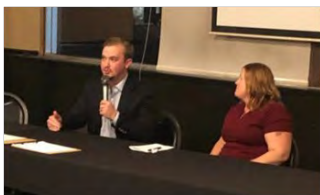
Our September meeting gave us a chance to support school board candidates in races across Colorado Springs and Fountain by hosting a panel. Some of our members worked as Election Judges in the November election of those same school board races. There were also members that worked on Candidate Committees to help get them elected.



We attended the Fall CFRW Convention and enjoyed fellowship with women from across the state. We heard speakers encouraging our participation in our communities to back our Republican principles and beliefs.



October's speakers, Daniel Fenlason and Cassandra Sebastian, related their experiences on the 2nd Amendment.



We hosted 3 tables for the **CENTENNIAL DINNER**



1st Annual Chili Cookoff



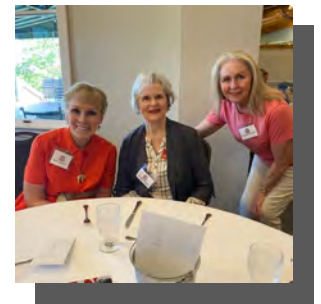
DOUGLAS COUNTY RW

Barbara Piper President

After our summer break, we started our fall meetings hearing from former House Speaker Frank McNulty, in September, explaining to us the repercussions of the Opt In – Opt Out. It was very informative with a lot of our members not knowing prior to hearing from Frank what would happen if each option won.

In October, we heard from Alan Philip on the new redistricting map. It's always interesting to find out who is going to be affected by the new district line drawings.

At our November meeting, we will be hearing from former US Senator Cory Gardner. Everyone is most interested in hearing from the Senator. We have a full house with a waiting list.



SUNRISE RW

Linda Hoyt, President

In September, our SRW annual "Fun" Raiser entitled "Freedom, Opportunity and Responsibility" was a smashing success with a sold-out crowd! Our guest speaker was the Honorable Mark Hillman who served two terms in the Colorado Senate and was Colorado State Treasurer. SRW had a "Moment of Remembrance" for Cheri Ofner, a friend to all.

In October, SRW members attended the CFRW fall convention in Centennial, CO. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to the CFRW Board Members from SRW, Judith Jergensen, Juliann McPadden, Rose Pugliese and Darcy Schoening.

Congratulations also goes out to Darcy Schoening who was appointed as a Monument Council Trustee!

Throughout the fall, SRW members vigorously continued to "Get Out the Vote" for the School Board election. Calls were made and hundreds of doors were knocked on. A huge thank you goes out to all of our members for their support. Congratulations to our newly elected School Board candidates with a special shoutout to our very own Sandra Bankes!!!

Members also stayed busy attending charity events, the Capitol Club luncheons, a reception for Mike Pompeo sponsored by the Honorable Doug Lamborn, the State Republican Centennial Dinner and getting petitions signed.



CHERRY CREEK RW

Andi Allott, President

Cherry Creek Republican Women have enjoyed a very informative group of speakers this fall which has included District Attorney John Kellner of Colorado's 18th Judicial District, CU Regent Heidi Ganahl and former Colorado State Senator Greg Brophy. CFRW President Barbara Piper will install.

Best wishes to all CFRW members for the CCRW's 2022-23 officers in December.

Best wishes to all CFRW members for the happiest of holidays and for a spectacular and winning 2022.



Joan Beninati
with the glitzy
Abe Lincoln
table centerpiece

Stephanie Piko
Re-elected Mayor,
Centennial, CO



ARCHULETA COUNTY RW

Veronica Medina, President

Where did the year go? ACRW has been very busy this year with monthly community projects such as such as care boxes for Vets4Vets, 400 meals for Loaves & Fishes, Adopt a Road Program, collected items for Homeless Vets - Stand Down and participated in the 4th of July parade.

Veronica Medina attended NFRW in Florida and 3 of the ACRW board members were able to attend the CFRW convention in Denver.

We look forward to a wonderful 2022 and will continue to encourage and motivate our community.



GREELEY RW

Terry Gillard, President

Pizza, Trivia and Freedom!

The Greeley Republican Women hosted a Constitution Day celebration on September 17th at the Greeley Pizza Company, a local Patriot-owned business. Associate member and Constitution loving Pastor, Steven Grant, gave us some important information and reminders about our Constitutional rights and freedoms!

Afterward, teams fought it out for prizes in our Constitution and American civics trivia game! Do you know when the Revolutionary War ended? How about the first state to enter into the union on December 12, 1787? **Answers below

Members and guests also participated in "Most Patriotic Dress" contest and our winner was Greeley Planning Commissioner and GRW member, Louisa Andersen! Louisa also just ran for City Council in the November 2nd election.

We had a wonderful time celebrating our Constitution and our freedom!

***The Revolutionary War ended September 3, 1783. The first state to enter the union was Delaware.*



COLORADO SPRINGS RW

Vickie Tonkins, President

What a great Fall Convention we had in Denver in October. I was happy that we had 7 delegates from our club in attendance.

We elected new CFRW officers, heard from great candidates running for State as well as Federal offices. It was a thrill, as well as a surprising honor, that our club won the **Mary Lane** award for having the most volunteer hours in the entire state. To know that we will have the Silver Bowl for an entire year is humbling and gratifying. CSRW worked hard to help candidates as well as the El Paso County GOP get out the vote and elect conservative candidates that will stand for us well.

CSRW, elected new officers at our November meeting and I am excited to have another 2 years to work with some of the most amazing women in all of Colorado. In January, I set a goal for our club to double our thirty members to sixty by the end of the year. We surpassed our goal in September and we are growing our membership monthly. We have already set a new goal and we are well on our way to meet the challenge. I look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Convention, hopefully in an area of Colorado we have not visited before.



Laurel Anne Flahive, Jeannie Stutts-Blucher, Rebecca Keltie, Vicki & Rex Tonkins, Barbara Osborne



Speaker Shawn Smith & Elizabeth Lupia



Vicki & Rex Tonkins



Marilyn Harris

LONE CONE RW

Terri Lamers, President

Republican Women were honored to once again participate in Norwood's Pioneer Day parade and celebration, a cherished tradition of 85 years that honors the homesteading heritage of Wright's Mesa.

This year's theme was Neighbors Helping Neighbors and we based our float on the children's character Daniel Tiger, a follow on of Mister Rogers TV show that was centered around being a good friend and a good neighbor. In addition to tossing candy, we also handed out Daniel Tiger and Mr. Roger's "Won't You Be My Neighbor" books to the younger children. It was a fun and positive way to celebrate the spirit of community.

We now look forward to participating in the town's Noel Night parade and celebration in early December.



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