



# Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



3RD QTR - 2021



**Barbara Piper**  
President, CFRW



It is hard to believe that it is time for the third quarter Tusk Talk already and that we are getting ready for the National Federation of Republican Women conference in Orlando the end of September. Then our own Colorado Federation of Republican Women Convention is in October. There are so many Republicans across this great State that are not really aware of the strength of the Republican Women either in Colorado or across the country and how much we love and are fighting for our country. We are now over 60,000 strong. One of my goals as your President is to make Colorado Republicans aware of us. To that end, I have attended every Lincoln Day Dinner that I possibly could representing you –

I'm also attending as many of our CFRW District meetings as possible, to get to meet and know more of our members. I was invited by our State Party Chair and CFRW member Kristi Burton Brown to attend the press conference where we presented our Commitment to Colorado. I attended along with our State Party Secretary and past CFRW President Marilyn Harris.





#### 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 Fall Convention.

Annual dues: \$100.00

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*Join us for a special tea prior to our  
Saturday night dinner:  
Hats & gloves optional*

### Thank you to our 2021 Paid Centennial Club Members

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**Submitted: August 2021  
Joan Griep  
CFRW 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

**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)**

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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 Oliger**

**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 Oliger**

**CFRW District IV North  
Date: August 28, 2021  
Host Club: Longmont RW  
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**\*\* CFRW District Meetings successfully completed at the time of this report for  
TUSK TALK 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR – 2021.**



We are concerned for the next generation of Coloradans. With an **increased cost of living**, a **skyrocketing crime rate**, and an **education system that has failed our students**, *Colorado Republicans make this Commitment.*

### THE BIG THREE

#### 1 > MAKE COLORADO AFFORDABLE

We will deliver a state where middle class families can **afford their home, gas, and groceries**. We will **reverse the excessive fees, taxes, and regulations** that threaten to put the American Dream out of reach for many Coloradans.

#### 2 > PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY

We will seek to provide **better training for our officers**, work to recruit and **retain more officers, bring down the crime rate** - which under the Democrats' watch is spiraling out of control - and bring safety to our neighborhoods.

#### 3 > EXPAND EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

We will **foster greater choice for all families** and find innovative ways to ensure **funding follows students rather than being bound to systems**. We believe the one-size-fits-all system has failed our most vulnerable.

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We are committed to making Colorado a place where **a person of any background can live, work, play, visit, and raise a family**, which is why we also commit to these additional priorities moving forward.

## ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

### 4 CONSERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

We will protect Colorado's water quality and availability, properly manage our forests, and prioritize private-sector innovation to create environmentally friendly and affordable energy.

### 5 CREATE JOBS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We believe in the dignity of work. By reducing burdensome regulations, we will create an economy where small businesses flourish, struggling families get back to work, and progress and prosperity are unleashed.

### 6 END THE WAR ON RURAL COLORADO

We will protect the industries that built Colorado, support agricultural water needs, and listen to the farmers and ranchers who feed our families.

### 7 HONOR THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND PROPOSITION 117

We will protect every taxpayer's right to vote on new taxes (TABOR) and fees (Prop 117). We believe the citizens ourselves are in the best position to decide whether the government needs more of our hard-earned dollars.

### 8 BRING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY BACK TO GOVERNMENT

We will restore transparency, character, and common sense to public office.

### 9 BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES

We will create opportunities for families seeking upward mobility, will combat child poverty, and will support parents who want to pass their values on to their children. We believe that regardless of where one starts in life, we can foster opportunities for them to build a better future.

### 10 PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL

We believe in the people and their individual rights: citizens make the best choices for their communities, their children, and their American Dream.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT AT [COMMITMENT2COLORADO.COM](https://commitment2colorado.com)



Keynote speaker Pamela Benigno and CFRW District 6 Director Evie Ashmore

Elbert County Republican Women President Andrea Richardson and VP Carol Hinds  
Photos by Scottie Iverson

"The key to winning is to take action!"  
- Pamela Benigno

CFRW President and DCRW President - Barbara Piper and Colorado GOP Secretary Marilyn Harris, who is also NFRW special committee member and recently nominated for NFRW secretary

## What is Critical Race Theory and what can we do about it?

**D**ouglas County Republican Women (DCRW), Elbert County Republican Women (ECRW) and Cherry Creek Republican Women (CCRW) combined talent to co-host the 2021 Annual Meeting of District 6 (roughly corresponding to the congressional district) Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW). Throughout the meeting women were praised for their contributions to the GOP. Membership numbers are up, related CFRW President Barbara Piper. As a member of a local Republican women's club, a member is automatically



BY SCOTTIE IVERSON

a member of the state organization and the national organization which equates to 59,000 women of like minds who love their country. "We're going to take back Colorado!" said Piper. Elbert County representatives brought their monogrammed caps echoing that message as well as campaigning for real meat.

CFRW District 6 Director Evie Ashmore introduced the keynote speaker - Independence Institute's Director, Education Policy Center - Pamela Benigno. The former teacher is an expert in the field of education, author and co-author who speaks local-

ly and nationally and provides radio and TV commentary. She advises Republican legislators on education and educates parents. Benigno has immersed herself in a subject that is now being taught in schools - Critical Race Theory (CRT). The subject is being discussed often - even on national news shows. Benigno expressed that she saw a room full of soldiers concerned about their country and the social and emotional learning in schools. "You give me hope! Even young white children are being told they are oppressors and must see everything through a racial lens and do something about it," she said. "If you are of color, you are a victim, have not been

treated fair and just and school will help." Teachers are being trained for WOKE. Universities are educating future teachers on CRT. There is pressure for white children to admit white privilege and teachers walking students through over 100 steps of what it means. There are lots of theories. CRT has roots in Critical Theory that began in the 20s and 30s. She cited several books and more theories leading to CRT. Among them - in the 70s, it was Critical Legal Theory (influenced by Marx) at Harvard - that laws favored those who made them. One of the keys of these theories is focusing on and classifying groups. (The goal - overturning capitalism for communism.)

America was founded on individualism! The heart of Western Civilization is at risk. "Knowledge is power! Parents are standing up," she said. The answer is: "No, that's your ideology." U.S. history and civics (where CRT is inserted) are required to graduate from high school, but other subjects are coming hard and fast to fall in line with CRT. Some in this movement want Asians placed in the White category because of their academic and economic success. School board elections are critical. They are passing equity policies. Suggested resources are The Heritage Foundation, [www.SchoolChoice.org](http://www.SchoolChoice.org), [forKids.org](http://forKids.org), [kidsfirstDCSD.org](http://kidsfirstDCSD.org) or email: [pam@i2i.org](mailto:pam@i2i.org).



LEFT: Event committee members included Evie Ashmore, Jeanette Newville, Judy Bohn, Judy Allen and Jewell Hargrave



Dozens of special door prizes



FAR LEFT: Holly Kluth, candidate for Douglas County Sheriff



LEFT: 1st VP CCRW Andi Allott

RIGHT: Karen Blilie helps award door prizes



# District and Club Reports



*All submissions for the 4th  
Quarter must be in to Billie Nigro*

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**(The earlier, the better!)**



## ***CFRW Past Presidents:***

*Perry Buck*

*Marolyn Scheffel*

*Sharon Sollenbarger*

*Marty Nielson*

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***Proudly Support***

***Marilyn Harris***

***For***

***NFRW Secretary***

## **DISTRICT VI**

### **Evie Ashmore, Director**

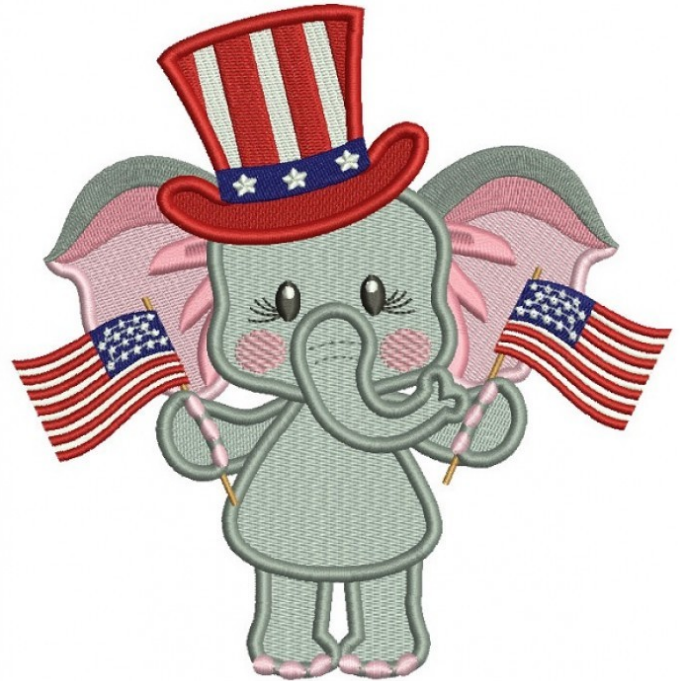
The Annual District VI Meeting drew 64 excited Republican women and men to the luncheon held on July 17 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Greenwood Village. Keynote speaker was Pam Benigo, Director Education Policy Center, Independence Institute who spoke about Critical Race Theory, CRT and what we can do about it. She explained everything is being viewed through a racial lens and white children are being told they are oppressors and must learn to atone for their whiteness. On the other hand, children of color are told they are victims. Ms. Benigo encouraged attendees to become educated and involved in what is happening in our schools.

Cherry Creek Republican Women, CCRW, Douglas County Republican Women, DCRW, and Elbert County Republican Women, ECRW, co-hosted the event along with District VI Director, Evie Ashmore. Generosity by these three clubs resulted in over 30 door prizes given to 30 lucky women. The Villager newspaper covered our event to follow CFRW President Barbara Piper's desire to utilize media to publicize events and encourage people to join. With this, each of the three clubs were happy to add members to their rolls at the luncheon.

CFRW President Barbara Piper spoke about CFRW and NFRW and shared the news that our very own CFRW Past President Marilyn Harris is a candidate for the NFRW Secretary. In addition to the many hats Marilyn Harris wears, she is also a newly elected State GOP Secretary part of a team of women - in fact the ONLY all-female team in the United States. We were honored to have Marilyn at our meeting who is also a NFRW Committee Member, State President Coordinator.

We were happy to have an in-person meeting this year as opposed to the zoom meeting we had last year. Everyone agreed it was nice to be around so many like-minded women!

## **District VI Con't**



## **LONE CONE RW**

**Terri Lamers, President**

The Lone Cone Republican women hosted their sixth annual Lincoln Day dinner on Saturday, August 7. Over 100 patriots listened as Marjorie Haun from Range Magazine spoke to us about the smoky haze in our skies not being related to cattle burps, but from decades of forest management neglect.

We also heard Colorado Senator Don Coram speak about getting involved with our state legislature via remote testimony. For those of us living on the western slope, remote makes testifying more accessible, especially this summer with the US Highway 50 closures and then I 70 being closed, due to mudslides.

Representative Catlin spoke about how the state has finally funded the Colorado water plan and the importance of our voices from the western slope and rural Colorado being heard at the state capital.

Congresswoman Boebert was the highlight of the evening with her high energy. She spoke about how under the Trump administration America had been energy independent and under Biden's regime we're having blackouts and skyrocketing energy prices.

Thank you to all the Lone Cone Republican women for your hard work and passion to make our events so successful. And special birthday wishes to JUDY CONDER.



## **CHERRY CREEK RW**

**Andi Allott, President**

Cherry Creek Republican Women's President, Nancy Doty, has recently resigned due to her move to Arizona. Members of CCRW wish her well as she begins to become involved in her new community. CCRW 1st Vice President, Andi Allott, will serve as president for the remainder of 2021.

Elections have consequences could not be more accurate and to the point in today's life. Members of Cherry Creek Republican Women have taken this adage to heart and are busy supporting and volunteering for local Republican candidates for city council and mayors races, school board races as well as running as candidates for those offices themselves.

CCRW members, along with co-hosts Douglas County Republican Women and Elbert County Republican Women, look forward to seeing all of you at the CFRW convention in October.



CCRW Secretary Lou Gene Wolz and former Cherry Creek President Nancy Doty

## SUMMIT COUNTY RW

Garnett Payne, President

Summit County Republican Women sponsored our first annual Constitutional Scholar Award and Scholarship, open to all graduating high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education. Earning the award was based on academic achievement, community involvement, and an essay. Students were challenged to answer: "Why did our nation's Founders choose to create a Republic instead of a pure democracy? What is the difference? How do these forms of government differ in terms of protecting individual rights and freedoms?" We awarded the scholarship to Caleb Mallory who wrote an outstanding essay, demonstrating a deep understanding of our form of government.

Our group also began a monthly book club which has been very popular and informative. Our first selection was *Fortitude* by Dan Crenshaw, followed by *Blackout* by Candace Owens and *The Blueprint: How the Democrats Won Colorado* by Adam Schrager and Rob Witwer. *Faucian Bargain* by Steve Deace and Todd Erzen, *Irresistible Revolution* by Matthew Lohmeier, and *The Long Slide* by Tucker Carlson are on our list for summer and fall reading.

We also faced the growing challenge of critical race theory being taught in Summit County Schools. Following a joint meeting with Summit County Republicans in which we addressed the indoctrination of our youth, a group was formed to monitor events, attend school board meetings, and keep the public informed as much as possible. We have found that this important issue crosses political lines and that parents and community members in general are

## BOULDER RW

Jane Meagher, President

BRW women were busy all summer! May 18<sup>th</sup> the Boulder Republican Women's lunch speaker was CO GOP Chairman, Kristi Burton Brown. Kristi shared elements of the Colorado Republican Party's plan, "Contract with Colorado". She's optimistic that the plan can help win back the house and senate.

One of BRW's designated charities was highlighted at the lunch when BRW President Jane Meagher introduced the Executive Director of The Pregnancy Resource Center to provide an overview of their services.

Many BRW members organized and assisted with several projects: May 19<sup>th</sup> a luncheon for The Boulder Police Department and May 22<sup>nd</sup> a Blood Drive.

June 25<sup>th</sup> BRW members and spouses enjoyed an ATF (not in that order) Happy Hour. It was both fun and informative.

July 31<sup>st</sup> BRW members assisted with snacks and apps for the Lincoln Event.



BRW board members are "Packing mugs for Vets" to take to the Veterans Hospital as soon as they open to visitors after Covid. Jane Meagher, Anya Kirvan, Gerry Gifford, LeMoine Dowd, and Marty Neilson. Photo by Beverlee White

## DOUGLAS COUNTY RW

Barbara Piper President

We do not meet during the summer. Our next meeting will be in September. In August, we decided to host a picnic with The Lincoln Club of Colorado and what a success it was! We had 180 paid reservations, so decided to make my report photos from our picnic.



## DOUGLAS COUNTY RW

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## SUNRISE RW

Linda Hoyt, President

SRW had an action-packed summer starting with our members meeting Congresswoman Kat Cammack and Congressman August Pfluger.



June brought our "Old Fashion Republican Picnic." It was great to see over 75 Patriots gather together! The day was filled with smiles all around!



July was exciting as members participated in the July 4 Monument Parade themed "Honoring Our Heroes." Our float won the Most Creative ribbon! The parade was followed by a wonderful BBQ.



## SUNRISE RW (Con't)

We also participated in the El Paso County Fair. Members volunteered throughout the week.



In addition, members attended a scholarship event at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs and Denim Days at the Pioneer Museum. Members also participated in the Black Forest Festival. Our Book Club remains active. The next book is "Slanted" by Sharyl Attkisson. Please contact Sandy Shakes for information, 719-210-8168.



Please save the date of Saturday, September 25, 2021 for our annual "Fun" Raiser. It will be at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs starting at 5:30pm. Please contact Juliann McPadden, at 361-816-0635/[russellmcpadden@yahoo.com](mailto:russellmcpadden@yahoo.com) for reservations and information.

**BROOMFIELD RW**  
**Mary Dambman, President**

60th Anniversary event

CFRW members from at least a dozen clubs celebrated the 60th Anniversary of Broomfield Republican Women, hosted by Linda and Eric Feigel. Attendees sipped adult beverages (wine) from etched souvenir glasses before a catered light supper. Special guest was past CFRW President and NFRW Secretary candidate Marilyn Harris.

Chartered in 1960, BRW looks forward to the next sixty years as a CFRW/NFRW member! Marilyn Harris' spirited remarks ensure continuing success for all Federation members!

Hurray for Madam NFRW Secretary!



Mary Dambman, BRW President  
Linda Feigel, BRW Secretary  
Marilyn Harris, NFRW Secretary Candidate

**COLORADO SPRINGS RW**  
**Vickie Tonkins, President**

CSRW President & El Paso County GOP Chairman, Vickie Tonkins, hosted our 2021 Lincoln Day Dinner with "The Best Ever" informative & entertaining speaker – Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene. It was a "SOLD OUT CROWD". CSRW sold 3 tables with members, associates and guests. We were blessed to have our current CFRW President, Barbara Piper & Past Presidents, Marilyn Harris (GOP State Secretary) & Marty Neilson, joining us at our tables.



Vickie Tonkins, Marty Nielsen  
Marilyn Harris, Barbara Piper



Julia Lindahl, Jeanie Stutts-Blucher  
Marilyn Harris, Barbara Piper

*"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time." Maya Angelou*

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