



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



2ND QTR - 2021



Barbara Piper
President, CFRW



It was quite an honor to represent the State of Colorado at the National Federation of Republican Women Board Meeting in Alexandria. Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was our keynote speaker on Friday, and I was fortunate to have a few words with him. He could not have been more complimentary of our Senator Cory Gardner. Saturday featured Steve Forbes, chairman and editor-in-chief of Forbes Media. We also heard from National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel and commentator Katie Hopkins. The Regents Reception held at The Old Dominion Boat Club featured our own Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (and yes, she was packin').

Friday's Legislative Advocacy Boot Camp featured Senators Rand Paul (R-KY), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), freshman Congresswomen Victoria Spartz (R-IN) and Michelle Steel (R-CA) and other elected officials, as well as think tank experts Hans von Spakovsky of Heritage Foundation and Roman Buhler of Keep Nine Coalition.

Attended the Round Table of all State Presidents attending led by our own State Party Secretary Marilyn Harris who is the State President Coordinator for NFRW. It was interesting to hear from State Presidents from one end of the country to the other that we all face the same issues.

Colorado was represented by Marilyn Harris, Olivia McCaffrey (who is NFRW Americanism Chair) and myself. NFRW's convention is in September in Orlando; hope to see a lot of Coloradans there.

I am looking forward to attending the various district meetings coming up as well as Lincoln Day Dinners, but most of all our CFRW Fall Convention on October 15, 16, 17th at the Embassy Suites in Englewood. We will be electing new officers for the coming two years as well as a lot of other CFRW business. Please try to attend, we will have great speakers and a lot of fun.

Remember to keep that bicycle moving and remember what Ronald Reagan said, "Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God."



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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.

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

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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

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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**

Currently, two CFRW districts show competing dates for their meetings. We are working to avoid that and will provide an update as soon as possible.

District and Club Reports



All submissions for the 3rd Quarter must be in to Billie Nigro

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

BillieN.CORepWomen@gmail.com

District III Report **Sandra Wagner, Director**

The San Luis Valley Republican Women hosted local Alamosa attorney Jason Kelley at their monthly May meeting on May 6, 2021. Mr. Kelly is one of twelve members of the newly formed Colorado Congressional Redistricting Commission, comprised of four registered Democrats, four Republicans, and four unaffiliated members.

As a result of the 2020 Census, states may lose or gain Congressional districts based on changes in population. Because of population growth, Colorado is expected to gain an eighth Congressional district this year. The Commission will be responsible for creating the new Colorado Congressional district maps. The districts need to be as mathematically equal to the extent possible, resulting in each congressperson representing approximately 775,000 residents. The intent is to preserve the integrity of counties, cities, towns, as well as communities of interest, which could include ties to agriculture, water needs, and others. The Commission is also required to create as many politically competitive districts as possible and limit gerrymandering. There are to be twenty-one public hearings (three in each of the seven existing Congressional districts), which are expected to occur over the next several weeks and be completed by July 7. The Commission will prepare three plans to review for approval, with a completion date of December 15, 2021. In order for a plan to be approved, at least eight votes with at least two coming from the unaffiliated members of the Commission is required. Opportunities for public comment and other information may be found at <https://redistricting.colorado.gov>



DISTRICT VI

Evie Ashmore, Director

Day at the Legislature

I encouraged clubs to attend the Day at the Legislature put together by the talented and organized Boulder Republican Women (BRW) member Marty Neilson on May 3. We were able to sit in both the Senate and House galleries emphasizing how much harder we Republican women must work to take back the Legislature as the Democrats are passing bills left and right. The day was topped off with lunch at the Independence Institute. Thank you, Marty, for putting this together. This was much appreciated by members in District VI.

CFRW Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Convention

Cherry Creek Republican (CCRW) Member Jewell Hargrave and District Director VI Evie Ashmore negotiated the contract with the Embassy Suites in Centennial where our CFRW Convention will take place October 15, 16 and 17 co-hosted by CCRW, Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW) and Elbert County Republican Women (ECRW). The contract was accepted by the Board and signed by CFRW President Barbara Piper.

Save the date, ladies.

District VI Meeting

July 17 is the date of the District VI Meeting. It will be held in the Denver Metro. The meeting location will be finalized in the coming weeks. The meeting will be a joint effort by CCRW, DCRW and ECRW members. Details will be forthcoming. **Save the Date!**

DISTRICT VII

Dona Troyer, Director

District VII has two clubs –

Adams County Trumpeteers and
Jefferson County Republican Women.

Both clubs have been holding meetings regularly since January.

We will be holding our District VII meeting on Saturday, June 12 from 11:30 – 1:30. Our Speaker will be Priscilla Rahn, Vice President of Colorado Republicans

The location will be the Old Spaghetti Factory in Westminster, 92nd & Sheridan.

We are looking forward to our annual meeting with a wonderful speaker and great food.

IN MEMORIAM

*It is always difficult saying goodbye to
someone we love and cherish.*

Jan Cummings

1937–2021

CFRW President 2010–2011

Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Jan Cummings of Florissant, Colorado, born in Farmington, Michigan, who passed away at the age of 83 on April 6, 2021.

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ECRW Secretary, Aimee Cabrera, lost her 18-year old son, Ezekiel, in a rollover car accident in May.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY RW

Olive Lurvey, President

In November of 2020, the Republican Women of Montezuma County embarked on a mission to engage and educate people in an entrepreneurial manner. We opened a gathering place at 40 East Main in Cortez, Colorado to promote the Constitution which is the foundation of our Republic. Conservative Grounds has been evolving into a dynamic presence in the downtown area as locals and tourists discover our cute little endeavor. Like any group, we depend on our volunteers to staff our shop. We operate Monday-Saturday from 9am to 2pm. The chair of the Montezuma County Republican Party lends assistance and works to facilitate cooperation between the groups.

Our primary objective is outreach, education, and conversing with patrons on critical issues facing our Republic. We operate on suggested donations for various items in our store. We have a variety of flags that have appealed to our politically minded customers. American flags, the Gadsden Flag, Back the Blue, First responders, and Military service flags are popular. So are the 1776, the 3%, and Trump flags. Bumper stickers with quotes from noted leaders are another way, patrons can express their views.

We serve Defender coffee, which is a Colorado Springs company, and usually home baked goodies are available to enjoy while browsing through articles of a conservative nature. We have books available to either sit and read or check out. Another way we engage the public and raise funds for our Club is through raffles, and participating in expos and exhibition events that are held at various nearby venues. The Montezuma County Fairgrounds usually hosts monthly events that attract a significant number of participants.



SUNRISE RW

Linda Hoyt, President

In March, SRW made its way to the Capitol for a "Day at the Legislature" sponsored by Senator Paul Lundeen and Rep. Tim Geitner. The day ended with a wonderful luncheon at the University Club attended by several of our elected officials.

Our March program featured State GOP Vice Chair candidates, Priscilla Rahn and Aleta You. Mike Callicrate of Callicrate Cattle CO, spoke on the importance of cattle ranching in Colorado along with Glenn Benjamin.

Several SRW members attended the spring meeting of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women in Colorado Springs, CO. A great time was had by all. It was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones!

Our featured speaker for April was Priscilla Rahn, the new State GOP Vice Chair.

SRW also started a Republican Women's Book Club to discuss various books, meet with like-minded individuals, build friendships and have great conversation. Our April book was "Fortitude, American Resilience in The Era of Outrage" by Dan Crenshaw.



FREMONT COUNTY LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Photos from the Fremont County Lincoln Day Dinner Saturday night, May 22nd, at the Holy Cross Abbey. Had a full house and lots of fun. Great speeches from State Party Chair Kristi Burton Brown, Congresswoman Lauren Boebert and CU Regent Heidi Ganahl.



LONE CONE RW Terri Lamers, President

SAVE THE DATE !

Lone Cone Republican Women will be hosting our 6th annual Lincoln Day Dinner. Please save the date for Saturday, August 7, 2021. We will have BBQ burgers and all the fixings. We are lining up another great line of speakers, a cash bar and a spectacular silent auction. Plan a trip to western Colorado and come spend the evening with us!

MONTROSE RW

Dianna Coram, President

Montrose Republican Women's 86th Anniversary

The idea of democracy, liberty and freedom ring true in the heart of the Uncompahgre Valley. For 86 years now, the Montrose County Republican Women have fulfilled the overwhelming need and desire of women to promote conservation ideals, as well as educating citizens of the Duties and Rights granted to All Americans.

In April 1936, Montrose Women, in a grassroots movement, created a Republican Club devoted to the cause of freedom. Two years later, the Republican National Committee organized these clubs, numbering in the hundreds nationwide, to establish the National Federation of Republican Women. With other Colorado Clubs, Montrose Republican Women became one of the first 11 chartered members of the NFRW. These Montrose founding members were instrumental in bringing political issues affecting the community to the forefront of State and National representatives. With these efforts, MFRW now stands as a financially independent organization (nfrw.org).

Current and past presidents of the Republican Women, (Dianna Coram and Donna Rose) express that passion is what has made this Chapter survive for 86 years. "It is due to the fact our women see the need to be involved locally."



CHERRY CREEK RW
Nancy Doty, President

Cherry Creek Republican Women (CCRW) has been fortunate for the past several months in that we are able to have in-person luncheon meetings and providing excellent information and speakers for our members.

In April, David Flaherty, CEO of Magellan Strategies, a public opinion survey research firm was our guest speaker. For fifteen years, he has managed voter opinion polling and research projects for local governments, special districts, public policy groups and Republican candidates. Mr. Flaherty provided findings from a February survey of Colorado voters and insights while looking ahead to the 2022 mid-term elections. Several candidates/members for the upcoming municipal 2021 elections took advantage to learn what to expect in their local elections.

We were thrilled to have Kristi Burton Brown, newly elected Republican State Party Chair, as our featured speaker in May. She discussed her priorities in advancing the Republican Party in Colorado including: focusing on local issues to attract swing voters, reforming the party's communications strategy and exposing the Democrats' agenda. In addition, she will ensure our candidates have the resources and training necessary to win.

We had members participate in the Legislative Day at the Capitol on May 3rd. Members were excited to be part of a larger group supporting our Republican Legislators. They found the opportunity to be worth-while and informative. They enthusiastically look forward to participating in this type of event again in the future.

Our June meeting will focus on supporting our candidates campaigning for municipal and school boards positions. Stephanie Piko, Mayor of Centennial, will be our featured speaker. Members will have an opportunity meet candidates and get involved in local campaigns.

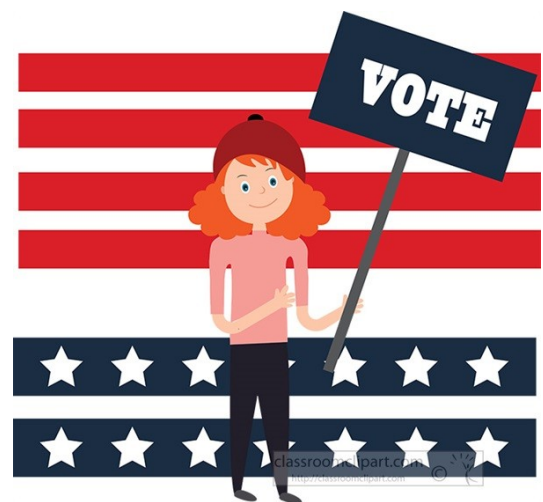
Evie Ashmore is busy planning the agenda and location for the District VI Annual meeting to be held mid-summer in Arapahoe County. She is working with several members/volunteers who join Evie ensuring a successful meeting.

Cherry Creek RW (Con't)

Our goal for 2021 and beyond is always to concentrate on the future and make a difference in the future of our community, state and country. We do this by promoting our Republican candidates and values, political education and getting involved in our community. We remain a strong Republican presence and resource in Arapahoe County and beyond!



David Flaherty (CEO Magellan Strategies)
John Kellner (District Attorney)
Nancy Doty (CCRW President)



BOULDER RW
Jane Meagher, President

May 3rd a “Day at the Legislature” was organized by BRW’s Legislative Liaison, Marty Neilson and attended by 28 members of CFRW from clubs in Boulder, Broomfield, Cherry Creek, Coal Creek, Douglas County, Longmont, and Summit County. 17 Legislators were treated to lunch.

The women in red jackets were undaunted by the cold, rainy weather as they converged on the Colorado Capitol and gathered in the senate and house galleries to hear the debates and observe the legislative process. Our traditional picture was taken with the Republican legislators on the capitol steps.

Lunch with the legislators was held at the Independence Institute. Delicious box lunches were enjoyed from “Hands of Thyme” in Parker. BRW President, Jane Meagher, officiated. Chris Holbert, Senate Minority Leader, explained how we could most effectively communicate with ALL legislators about legislation that was important to us. We realized how lucky we are to have Representative Kim Ransom, as she told us the challenges of her job on the Joint Budget Committee.

Submitted by: LeMoine Dowd, Boulder Republican Women Communications Chairman

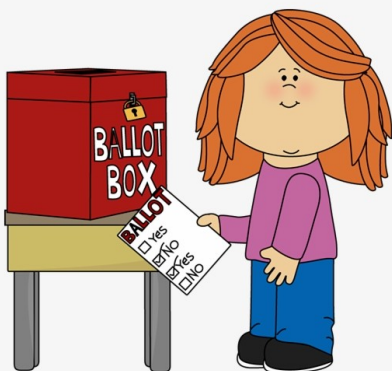
CHAFFEE COUNTY RW
Bea Harnish, President

Greetings from the mountains of central Colorado!

We had our first in-person meeting in April, where everyone enjoyed talking face to face. We voted to award a \$500 college scholarship to a deserving Chaffee County Republican young lady, even though we had only \$293 in our scholarship fund. However, by the next day, through the generosity of several of our members, we had \$1,000 in our scholarship fund! We will award this scholarship at our June lunch meeting.

Our May meeting took place in Poncha Springs at a local restaurant, the Thai Mini Cafe. The cafe is usually closed on Tuesdays, but the owner graciously opened it for our meeting. We ate delicious Thai food, and listened to a presentation about Turning Point USA, an organization that educates students about conservative principles, and empowers them to communicate effectively with fellow students. Diane Reynolds, a new CCRW member, is working to establish a chapter of Turning Point USA in Chaffee County.

Also in May, we were able to take a group of women to the Capitol in Denver. We met with our Representative, Ron Hanks, who briefed us on his work, and then gave us a tour of the Capitol building. Ron and his fellow Republicans are in a very tough position, as the Democrats have a huge majority. Ron encouraged us to send emails supporting Republican sponsored bills to the Democrats in the House.



DOUGLAS COUNTY RW

Barbara Piper President

If it isn't Covid it is the weather—our March meeting was cancelled because of snow.

We were able to have an in-person meeting in April. Helen Raleigh, a recognized American entrepreneur, writer and speaker was our guest speaker on 'America's Strategy to Confront China' and she spoke to a full house. We had to turn people away!

For our May meeting, we are looking forward to getting a full report from all three of our County Commissioners, Lora Thomas, Abe Laydon and George Teal.

We take a summer recess in June, July and August, so September will be our next meeting.



Barbara Piper, Speaker Helen Raleigh, Associate Member Father Theron Walker, Aldis Sides, Former DCRW President

GREELEY RW

Terry Gillard , President

Greeley Republican Women joined together with Keep Colorado Free and Open and People's Rights to host a Patriot Picnic on May 1st in Greeley, CO. The picnic was a "bring your own lunch and celebrate freedom" kind of gathering. With approximately 70 people in attendance, we were pleased to see familiar faces and to greet new ones. Patriots from all over Colorado joined in on the festivities.

We saluted our flag with the National Anthem (Sung by our own Amber Cecil) and the Pledge of Allegiance (Lead by all the children in attendance). People spoke, shared stories, promoted Patriot businesses and just enjoyed being together AND mask-less! "What a wonderful way for our neighbors to come together and celebrate unity in defending our rights as citizens of Colorado and this great nation!", said Stacey Casteel, District 4 North Chair.

Keep Colorado Free and Open and People's Rights are two groups dedicated to educating others about their unalienable rights so that they know when they are being infringed and to take action when our elected officials are doing just that! These two groups are making waves throughout Northern Colorado and we are so happy to get to be a part of it!



Greeley Republican Women (From Left to Right)
Former President – Terry Gillard
4th VP – Mary Frame
Treasurer – Amber Cecil
2nd VP/District 4 North Chair – Stacey Casteel
Secretary – Micki Holladay
3rd VP – Amanda Lehmann.

SOUTHWEST RW
Terri Oliger, President



What a busy 1st quarter we've had! We hosted our District III SW meeting here in Durango on May 15th. Our speaker was our new GOP Chair of the State, Kristi Burton Brown.

We also started hosting our luncheons at our local, recently remodeled VFW. Everyone really seems to enjoy it and we feel like it's helping bring a little extra advertisement for the VFW.

We were very proud to have received the award for most new membership in 2020 at the CFRW Spring Board Meeting. We will keep working on adding members to our wonderful club! As we start our summer, I am so thankful for this moisture we've been receiving here in SW Colorado. I pray we have more as we enter the driest month of the year.

Have a great summer!

EL PASO COUNTY RW
Joan Lucia-Treese, President

El Paso County Republican Women are going strong and growing! We had a great meeting for City Council candidates that packed the house at Valley-Hi Grill & Pub. We are also working on a voting registration campaign with other groups joining our efforts. In recognition of Law Enforcement Month (May), we have representatives from Colorado Springs Police, Fountain Police, and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office speaking about how we can support law enforcement efforts in El Paso County.

EPCRW meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Valley Hi Grill & Pub located at 610 Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, 80910. Our meeting starts promptly at 6 PM. Since Valley-Hi does not charge us for their meeting place, many of us meet at 5 PM to order from their tasty menu. If you have any questions, please contact us on our Facebook page:

[\(20+\) El Paso County Republican Women | Facebook.](#)

LARIMER COUNTY RW
Nancy Hunter, President

Larimer County Women continue to go strong despite weather & Covid 19!!

Our March meeting was a Zoom meeting due to the large snow storm. Sheriff Justin Smith was our speaker. He gave an interesting talk about how proposed legislation would impact crime in northern Colorado.

In April, at long last, we had our first in-person meeting & had great attendance. State Senator Rob Woodward was our speaker. Olivia McCaffrey also gave a report on the Spring board meeting.

In May we heard from a group of Larimer Republicans about their recent trip to the state capitol where they took part in hearings. Olivia McCaffrey had a report on the spring NFRW board meeting.



MESA COUNTY RW

Alice Bumgarner, President

Due to an uptick in COVID-19, we didn't meet in January or February but had a Zoom meeting for our March monthly meeting introducing city council candidates and having a question and answer period.

We also had a great "Meat In Day" in March to protest Governor Polis' "Meat Out Day". We had a barbeque with hamburgers and hotdogs and raised \$1600 to help us educate and inform our membership and community. Janie VanWinkle, President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, spoke and brought information about the PAUSE act that will end our farmers and ranchers' way of life in Colorado.

JANIE VANWINKLE

Janie is a lifelong beef producer in western Colorado. Growing up in the Unaweep Canyon and later on the Dolores River between Gateway and Uravan, she learned about land, livestock, and water from an early age while living in very rural areas.

Janie and her husband, Howard, currently own and manage 550 head of cattle in Mesa County. Dean, their son, will be a senior at Kansas State University this Fall where he is majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis on production management.

The VanWinkles have a Forest Service permit on the Uncompahgre and a BLM permit between Whitewater and Palisade at the base of the Grand Mesa. Working cooperatively with the City of Grand Junction, They lease two ranches owned by the City of Whitewater. They own and manage several other agricultural properties around the Grand Valley.

Howard and Janie are active in the community, both having been 4-H leaders and involved in the program in Mesa County. Janie is on the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce Board, Western CO Community College Agriculture Advisory Board, and serves on the Grand Valley Power Board. She was recently elected to serve as President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.



Joan Kelsey, Treasurer; Deborah Erbsch, Secretary; Cookie Lockhart, 3rd Vice President Fund Raising; Carla Alley, 2nd Vice President Membership; Linda Gregory, 1st Vice President Programs; and Alice Bumgarner, President.

COLORADO SPRINGS RW

Vickie Tonkins, President

We have gotten through all our county and state elections and prior to the election we had asked Kristi Burton Brown to be our May speaker. She is such a humble person and said she may not win so did we still want her to speak. We wanted her to speak either way because we know she cares about our state as well as our party. It is wonderful to see three strong women leading the State GOP.

The thing that is impactful in having an all-female leadership team is I believe they have the correct direction and vision for our party. Not to slight our men, but I believe you all know what I mean. Women's groups lead the way for get out the vote and most activities in the Republican Party.

The new team has the goal of sitting down with each County Chair and they are well on their way. This team is not going to shy away from tackling issues and stating who we are as Republicans instead of continuing to allow the Democrats to set the narrative as to who we are. Kristi stated, "Republicans care about what is right...Democrats care about getting power."

I am excited about the next two years with the leadership we have in place for our state as well as our 64 counties. Whatever county you are in, I hope you will get your clubs activated and engaged with the county GOP as well as the state GOP with your time, talent, and treasure.

Republican Women, we must keep fighting to sustain our Republic because America is the last bastion, other than Israel, who fights for freedom in our world.

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



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