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Calendar 2010

Jan. 1: CFRW Dues due
Feb. 1: 1st quarter membership dues and service charges to NFRW
March 8: Day at the Legislature
Board meeting to be announced



Marolyn Scheffel
CFRW President

Greetings, CFRW!

I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful job you did for the convention in Colorado Springs this fall. I was pleased and believe that the convention and board meeting was successful and those of you who were involved in the planning and executing of it, did a great job. I also thank those of you who attended as members, delegates or guests. A big *thank you* to all of you for the work you have done over the past two years, not only for your individual clubs, but also for the district meetings that you held and the CFRW meetings of which you were a part. As you know, it takes all of us to get the job done and I believe we have renewed our resolve as Republican women to focus on our mission as CFRW for the 2010 and 2012 elections. We cannot relent because we have a great battle before us and it is necessary that we continue to make our voices heard for our cause and work for Republican victories.

There was a two-page article about our fall, 2009 Convention in the *Colorado Statesman* (October 30th printing), with pictures and comments from Jody, the photographer, as well as an advertisement for the CFRW. We hope this will contribute to our membership efforts in the final months of the year.

I have been involved with the Colorado Federation for more than twenty years. I have held many offices and have enjoyed the wonderful women I have met through the positions I have held. I have also held several offices at the County level, the last being Chairman of Douglas County Republicans, and I have served in the Douglas County Republican Women's club in various offices, including Club President. It has been my pleasure to serve in these areas because of the commitment to the Republican cause and the women I have met with the same resolve. **I thank you for letting me serve you for the past two years as the President of the CFRW.**

CONGRATULATIONS to all of you who were elected to serve the Colorado Federation of Republican Women for the next two years. I know you will do a wonderful job for the members and the Federation. I am a committed member of CFRW and will continue to be glad to help any way I can. I will finish out my term and help the new board get ready to take the reins on January 1, 2010. Where, oh where, did 2009 go?

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and an exciting and blessed New Year in 2010. May God bless each one of you and may God bless America.

Marolyn Scheffel, CFRW President

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Jan Cummings CFRW 1st Vice President

We had a very good Fall Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs and those, of you, that did not attend, missed lots of events and programs.

Our speakers were excellent, Marcy Morrison, Colorado Insurance Commissioner, Crista Huff, Financial Counselor, Candidates for Governor, Laurie Batten, info on Twitter, Sue Lynch, NFRW President elect. Our program for the Saturday evening banquet was John and Pamela Voehl as President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln.

Thanks to the 5th District Clubs for hosting this Convention. Now we are moving on to 2010, planning Spring Board of Directors and Fall Convention. Districts are planning their District meetings. Please plan to attend.

Lets work hard, and we will need to, to elect the right Republicans for the positions open in the coming elections.

Jan Cummings

CFRW 1st Vice President

Margaret Gramm CFRW 2nd Vice President

This has been a busy year and a great year for membership for CFRW. As of right now we have 2028 members. At the convention I said that we had 2060 members. That included the membership for a club that I had not received yet. I went ahead and added it when I announced that we had 2060 members because I expected to get that membership list in the next few days.

I appreciate your electing me for another term as 2nd Vice President. I hope that in the year of 2010 we can reach the membership of 2100. If each one of us would recruit one new member we would have a membership of 4056. Let us work real have this next year to retain our members and also to add more new members.

As you send in your new membership lists be sure to include name, mailing address, zip code + 4, telephone numbers and email information. The reason I ask for the plus 4 zip code is because it does reduce the cost of postage for the Tusk Talk. Email addresses are important because then if NFRW sending their magazine by email it will be sent to you.

I hope that all of you have a great holiday season and look forward to working for you in 2010

Julia Lindahl CFRW 4th Vice President

Thank you to the chairman of the Standing and Special Committees of CFRW that provided reports for the state convention book. This is information that I also provide in my annual report as 4th VP and details what each committee chairman has done during their term. I would like to acknowledge those ladies that provided info and ask that if you are a chairman and haven't sent me your report to please mail or email it to me prior to December 31st. Great job ladies! Julia Lindahl

Americanism – Susan Malone

Awards – Florence Halley

Bylaws – Jo Mitchell

Cap Alert - Cathy Percefull

Centennial Club – Jo Mitchell

Credentials – Joan Griep

Education – Debora Scheffel

Handbook – Margaret Gramm

Leadership – Dulany Woodward

Membership – Margaret Gramm

Programs – Jan Cummings

Protocol – Mary Rouse

Women in Government – Carole Hoover

Jo Mitchell, Ethics Chairman

Thanks to Nancy Meadows and all of the Members from the 5th District for all of your help, decorations, door prizes, rolls and coffee and the lovely "goody Bags". It was a nice Convention, a few hitches, but not many. Thanks to my partner, Jan Cummings. We work together very well, and we are still speaking! (We were earlier today!)--No, just kidding; we have fun, and we are very careful with expenses. Thanks also to the staff of Crowne Plaza Hotel; they are just wonderful to work with! Congratulations to the new Officers and particularly the new President, Jan Cummings.

Ladies, Please Remember--Communication is most important to get anything accomplished and finished in good fashion! Please refrain from Nasty E-Mails! which get nothing done! Phone calls relay your message in a much better manner and tone! Let us all try loving and respecting each other--Life is so short! Best Wishes to All, and to All -- A Happy Thanksgiving! Adios & 30--

Dona Troyer CFRW Treasurer

The new dues for 2010 are \$15.00 per member. \$10.00 is forwarded to NFRW and CFRW's dues are still \$5.00 per member. The NFRW club fee of \$15.00 is due by January 1, 2010 made payable to CFRW. The Convention was very successful. The forum for the Governor candidates was very well done and as voters we are able to determine the best for our state. The silent auction brought in over \$1,400.00 which helps cover our convention expenses. The No Ball Ball brought in over \$700.00 which paid for the expenses of printing and mailing. I'm

Dulany Woodward, Leadership Chair.

The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.

This is a time to reflect on our past actions and anticipate and plan for our future, both for CFRW and our clubs. Whether you have new officers or those continuing their work, I urge you to plan a retreat time to plan your goals and ideas for the next one or two years. We are at a critical juncture and our clubs and leaders need to become extremely pro active in the fight for our country and its principles and ideals. Set your course, know your candidates and issues, train your members, and encourage your women to run for office. Be fearless, be informed, and be connected.

There are many ways to communicate with your members and those in CFRW, NFRW and other organizations. Use email, websites, Facebook, Ning, or any of the other social networking groups. Learn about Twitter and use it. Wherever you live; front range, eastern plains, small mountain communities, western slope, all the terms we use to describe, and many times, separate, our organization, we are still one, and can feel a true sisterhood with each other if we make a small effort. This is the time to join arms in our fight. Let us learn not only from our Colorado women, but Republican women leaders around the country. Colorado needs to be Red again, and you are the ones to make it so. At the RNC Women's Summit in Denver we heard that women are now the majority of voters in every state. We are no longer a minority, we are the ones to make things happen and take the lead. And no one does it better than Republican women.

Laurie Marks, a member of LCRW and **Larry Carillo**, an associate member, are two of the new class of the Leadership of the Rockies. Congratulations! If there are others please let us know so they too can be recognized.

Have a great two years. It is always a privilege to serve CFRW.

Lily Nunez, RNC Update

The Regional Women's Summit, sponsored by the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Colorado Republican Party, took place yesterday, November 14, 2009, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The event was a huge success! We had over 500 RSVPs. Attendees came from all over Colorado and from some of our 16 Western states. Everyone who attended agreed it was an enthusiastic crowd who appeared ready and eager to go to work and elect more Republicans to office, particularly women. Many CRFW ladies were in the crowd, as well as candidates and campaign representatives.

Some of the morning speakers included U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AL), U. S. Congresswoman Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), and Dana Perino, Fox News Contributor and former White House Press Secretary. Workshop Sessions were held in the afternoon on Campaign Training, Communications Training, and New Media Training. The RNC is sponsoring these Women's Summits around the country. The next one is scheduled to be held in Ohio in February 2010.

At the 2009 RNC summer meeting which took place in San Diego, CA, I was elected to serve on the RNC Site Selection Committee. This is an important committee and the members select the city where we will hold the 2012 Republican National Convention. Two RNC representatives are elected from each of our four regions. There are eight of us who have a vote. I attended our first meeting on November 10th in Washington, DC. We interviewed members of the host committees from some of the cities who have submitted bids for the 2012 Republican National Convention. We will be meeting again with the host committees of the cities that submit their bids in the coming weeks. The deadline for accepting bids by the RNC is January 15, 2010. It is a very interesting process. I will keep you posted!

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New Website Information

CFRW Website: www.cologopwomen.org

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District IV, North Perry Buck, Director

This will be my last report for District IV North and what a pleasure it has been to serve as your Director! Most of the current information on District IV North is in the CFRW annual convention book so I will not repeat the information. I would like to congratulate Maria Secrest as your new District IV North Director, Maria will do a terrific job! I have known Maria for several years and know how capable she is in whatever job she sets her mind on doing. Presently Maria serves as Greeley's City Councilwoman, a true conservative Republican – yeah!

Congratulations to all the CFRW officers for a terrific convention especially the ladies in El Paso County, everything went very well and I appreciate all the work they did to make the convention a success! I would also like to thank Marolyn Scheffel for her incredible leadership for the last two years I am sure her position was not easy and very time consuming. Congratulations to Jan Cummings and her new officers on their election, we are ready to support you on your direction for the next two years!!!

The Republican National Committee hosted a Women's Summit on Saturday in Denver. The Summit was very informative in regards to the peoples "buyer's remorse" for what we presently are dealing with in government. 2010 will be critical for all of our CFRW members to step up and keep the momentum going to reverse every government office to a strong conservative that represents our Republican values. The pendulum is swinging my friends and the tide will be turning to RED. On a personal note I am humbled to receive your vote of confidence for 1st Vice President and am very grateful! Now let us all get to work and move the state of Colorado back to RED!!!

CFRW 2010 Annual Convention

It is official: the five clubs of CFRW's District Six will be the hostesses of the 2010 annual convention of CFRW. The event will be held from October 7th through the 10th at the Marriott Denver South at 10345 Park Meadows Drive, Littleton, 80124.

Bobbie Chiles, President of the South Platte Republican Women and CFRW District Six Director, and Mary Frangis, President of the Elbert County Republican Women are the principal chairmen of the convention. They are ably assisted by Co-Chairmen Tanne Blackburn, President of the Douglas County Republican Women; Kathryn Isenberger, President of the Mountain Republican Women; and Rochelle Chiles, CFRW Member-at-Large in charge of fundraising and First Vice-President of SPRW.

District VI Bobbie Chiles Director

The Sixth District of CFRW was well represented at the convention in Colorado Springs. Douglas County Republican Women, Elbert County Republican Women, Mountain Republican Women, and South Platte Republican Women all had full delegations in attendance on both Saturday and

Sunday. Cherry Creek Republican Women had a partial delegation at the session on Sunday morning. Those delegates with whom I had a conversation reported very favorably on the convention.

At the District Six meeting on Saturday afternoon, I was elected by acclamation to a full term. A brief discussion about the hosting of the 2010 CFRW Convention was held. All of these ladies are most enthusiastic about handling this project and reported that their club members are sharing their views. The bid sheets were given to the women and received their full support.

I have attended meetings of the Douglas County Republican Women, the Elbert County Republican Women, the Mountain Republican Women and the South Platte Republican Women. My next goal is to attend a meeting of the Cherry Creek Republican Women. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as the District Six Director and I look forward to learning from each club and sharing the information with the other clubs.

2010 Day At The Legislature Bobbie Chiles

The annual CFRW Day At The Legislature will be held on Monday, March 8th. Members, hopefully, dressed in red will meet in a conference room in the State Capitol at 8 A. M. to hear from the Republican Legislators. They will then attend sessions in the State Senate and the State House of Representatives. Next, will be the traditional photo op on the west steps of the Capitol. Lunch will be served in the Denver Consistory, 14th Ave. and Grant St. beginning at 11:45. Further details on this event will be sent to CFRW Club Presidents by February 1st.

Bobbie Chiles, President of the South Platte Republican Women and CFRW District VI Director, is the chairman. You may contact her at 303-793-0165 or by email at BandNChiles5455@msn.com

Thank you for the lovely pin you gave me at the fall CFRW Convention and Board meeting. As you know, it is an "Ann Hand" designed pin--the eagle with spread wings, in gold, with the pearl drop. It is beautiful and I will wear it proudly and recall the work we did together these past two years.

Thank you again, so much. I have enjoyed serving as your President these past two years and look forward to continuing to be a part of the impact we have as Republican women in influencing the political landscape in Colorado and our nation.

God bless you.

Marolyn E. Scheffel, President

PHOTO GALLERY



El Paso Co Women's Rep. Club was well represented by 1 to r standing: Lois Landgraf, president, Joanne Colt, Sharon Adams, Clyde Mitchell, Sharron Clarke, Nancy Meadows, Jayne Sullivan and Jo Mitchell. Sitting 1 to r: Fran DiOrio, Marlene Nixon, Mary Bradfield and Cornelia Minister.



J.J. Ament, candidate for Colorado State Treasurer speaks at the Boulder Republican Women's Club



Eagle County Republican Women



Cara Russell, Collegiate Peaks RWF President presents a check to the Buena Vista high school government class.



Betty Chronic presenting Karen Schneider the Boulder Republican W Big Elephant Award

CPRWF officers, Judy McKinley, Kathi Kier, Cara Russell, Dulany Woodward and Millie Meardon with NFRW Gold Local Achievement Award.



Rest In Peace, Mr. Republican

Hal Shroyer's passed away last month at the age of 88. His life was celebrated on Saturday October 24, 2009 in Thornton Colorado. Hal was the husband of Maxine Shroyer for whom the "Maxine Shroyer Caring for Colorado Award" is named. Hal, known as Mr. Republican was a much admired yet very determined gentleman who will be remembered for his integrity as well as his long stories. It is due largely in part to him that we have photos on our drivers licenses. The Adams County Trumpeteers sent the Elephant symbol wreath show below to his service in honor and appreciation of his service to our party. The floral design was created by Betty Jean Beall, long time florist and President of the Trumpeteers. The ribbon said "Mr. Republican".



In Loving Memory of Harold Bowman "Hal" Shroyer

BORN
February 1st, 1921
Peru, Indiana

DIED
October 16th, 2009
Denver, Colorado

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Saturday, October 24, 2009
Ten O'clock in the Morning
Horan and McConaty Family Chapel
9998 Grant Street
Thornton, Colorado

Led by
Mort Marks

Services Conclude at the Chapel

*A reception in Hal's honor
will follow the services in the Horan &
McConaty Reception Center.*

CLUB NEWS

| Aurora Republican Women | Boulder Republican Women |
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| <p>This past July we held our annual picnic and political day in conjunction with Aurora Republican Forum. The picnic was held at General's Park at Fitzsimons, the former Army complex in Aurora. U.S. Congressman Mike Coffman was one of the speakers. Our club also held a silent auction as a fund raiser to support our projects during this time.</p> <p>One of our community outreach projects this fall was Reach Out and Read. This program trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children who are six months to five years of age at pediatric check-ups. ARW delivered 95 books to the Reach Out and Read office to be delivered to participating physicians. This is a nationwide program and advocated by former First Lady Laura Bush.</p> | <p>Boulder County Republican Chairman, Scott Starin told the 43 members and guests attending the September cocktail party of his expectations for the future. He is putting a strong bold face to the Republican core values that were so eloquently put forth by Reagan. We were also pleased to hear from local candidates.</p> <p>In October James Garcia, Executive Director of the Colorado Republican Committee, requested our members do voter registration drives. James explained the necessity and the requirements. Beverlee White and Penny Dalton offered to train our members and direct this project.</p> <p>2010 officers elected: President - Frances Sinton, 1st VP - Mary Schweitzer, 2nd VP Lois Bjerke, Secretary – Jamie James, and Treasurer – Beverlee White. Karen Schneider was honored with the Big Elephant Award for her outstanding commitment to BRW. Candidate for Colorado Treasurer, J.J. Ament, introduced himself to the membership.</p> <p>New member, Barbara Vogel a Blue Star Mother of a son serving in Afghanistan, collected donations for life saving high tech medical supplies which she will ship to US Marine Patrols in Afghanistan. For more information: bvogel802@aol.com Gerry Gifford chairs our "Support the Troops" effort and regularly sends packages to the troops. BRW continues to support and members assist member Linda Trumble at "Sew Much Comfort" creating adaptive clothing for soldiers who are recovering from injuries.</p> <p>Several members have been actively attending tea party and health care related events, as well as making many phone calls to members of congress.</p> |
| Collegiate Peaks Republican Women | Jefferson County Republican Women |
| <p>CPRWF has been busy with the annual September Apple Fest and the annual Lasagna Dinner for the High School Government class in October. Proceeds from our bake sale at Apple Fest funds our scholarship grants. The sponsorship of the Lasagna Dinner raised over \$2,000 to aid the Government class in attending either Colorado Closeup in Denver or Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>CFRW was very proud to receive NFRW's Gold Local Achievement Award at the convention in October. It takes a lot of dedication by members to reach that goal.</p> <p>Jeff Crank, who had just returned from the <i>Defending the American Dream Summit</i> in D.C. was our speaker in October and Lynn Sanchez gave a great talk re Veterans and Military needs in November. We're trying a new venue for the Christmas Party in December and are encouraging all CPRWF members to enjoy baking for the cookie swap.</p> <p>Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas to all!</p> | <p>Sends Congratulations to President Elect Jan Cummings, and the new CFRW Board. Thank you to outgoing President Marolyn Scheffel for her attendance at our various functions this year.</p> <p>In October we held our annual chili dinner and silent auction fundraiser. Candidates for State Offices as well as local offices spoke to the group attending. Our November meeting will feature Scott Gessler as our speaker. We plan to have a Christmas luncheon on Dec 5th. We will start our evening meetings again in January.</p> |

Eagle County Republican Women

Greetings from Eagle County, we have had a terrific year! I would like to thank CFRW for providing the basic support, as well as my awesome club officers who have dedicated themselves to the needs of this group so that it could grow and thrive in 2009. All of our events and meetings this year centered around these three goals:

- *Increasing Membership
- *Informing ourselves and others
- *Involvement in our community (politically, volunteering etc.)

At the beginning of the year we had less than 10 members, as of November 2009, our membership has more than doubled, and we couldn't be more pleased! We may be a small group of women at the moment, but we are strong in heart and resolve to keep increasing our membership by striving to bring a friend to every function. Our special focus includes reaching out to College age women, moms, and Hispanic women.

In regards to our monthly luncheon meetings, we have enjoyed learning about how to incorporate Facebook, Twitter and Linked In, as well as hearing from Lily Nunez-National Committeewomen, and Claudia Alexander-Eagle County Commissioner Candidate. Our evening events consisted of a joint meeting with the Pitkin CO. Republicans to hear Ken Buck speak, our annual Lincoln Day Dinner, and a night of learning and activities centered on 'reaching out' with our conservative/positive message.

Our members have attended 2 Tea Parties in Summit County, and have returned with determination and energy! We will be silent no more!

More recently, we have seen the start of a 912 group in our county, which is exciting to be a part of, and have decided as a club to organize a service project this winter in support of our troops abroad.

We meet once every other month for a luncheon meeting, and then on the months in between our luncheon meetings, we have an evening event. We have found this schedule to be successful in encouraging those who work or have spouses or friends who would like to attend to be a part of our club.

As we come to the close of 2009, we are thankful for the progress we have made and look forward to 2010 with hope and anticipation. We will work hard to help turn our County and the State of Colorado "Red" again!

South Platte Republican Women

Rochelle Chiles, First Vice-President of SPRW, was elected a Member-At-Large in charge of fundraising at the CFRW Convention in Colorado Springs. Bobbie Chiles, President of SPRW, was elected Sixth District Director at the convention. Karla Dimond, an associate member of SPRW, was elected Secretary of CFRW. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to these ladies as they serve for two years in their respective positions.

Danielle VanSuchtelen, a member of SPRW, was honored on Saturday at the convention. She earned and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by CFRW. Danielle is a junior at the University of Denver.

Members and guests had a wonderful Christmas celebration on December 3rd enjoying dinner together and exchanging "White Elephant" gifts. The toys and books to be given to the children attending the Kids' Kampus in Ordway, Colorado, were gathered. Bobbie Chiles and Rochelle Chiles took the Christmas gifts to the school/day care center on December 11th.

Members are now volunteering for various candidates and looking forward to a fantastic year in 2010 for the club and the Republican Party.

Sunrise Republican Women

SRW will be having election of officers for 2010 on November 21st. They will be Linda Shannon, president; Sandra Bankes, First Vice-President; Jacqueline Brokelman, Second Vice-President; Erna Haring, Secretary, and Donna Burkhead, Treasurer. Our speaker will be Jacek Popiel, local author, historian and international businessman. His talk will be entitled: "Republican Party: 1854-1860 - To the top in six years...and what we can learn from it." In December we will again enjoy our annual white elephant gift exchange and pot luck Christmas Party at Otis and Wendy Habert's in Falcon, and in January our guest speaker will be Scott McInnis, candidate for governor. At this Christmas time of gift giving I am reminded that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."...to "whosoever believeth in Him." "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

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