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March 2015

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dulany D. Woodward

Our year is off to a good start even with all the deadlines imposed on us during December and January. I have kept the emails buzzing, but club and membership information is necessary for our records and also for NFRW.

Early each year is the time for many officer installations, and I have had the privilege of attending many club meetings to welcome new officers. Visiting clubs throughout the state is a joy and always very informative. Our women not only guide their clubs, but many are elected officials or serve on boards in their communities. They are the grassroots leaders of our Republican Party.

Working with Brenda Bright, CFRW Member-at Large and new President of Bel Nor Republican Women, has been a delight as she puts the finishing touches on our Spring Board Meeting in Pueblo, April 17-19. Marilyn Harris, CFRW First Vice President, has been busy planning the program for the meeting. You will note that the Letter of Call is included. I hope that not only the club presidents (members of the Board) but also all members will join us that weekend in April. We will be at the Pueblo Convention Center that is down by the Arkansas River Walk and all the shops in Old Town. There will be a special event for members of the Centennial Club, so join early to allow us to accommodate everyone.

Judy Merkel, of Mountain Republican Women, agreed to chair our Day at the Legislature, and worked diligently and with creative force to provide us with an outstanding experience. By the time you read this we will have had our meetings and luncheon. Thank you to Judy and her team, as well as Senator Cory Gardner and Attorney General Cynthia Coffman for making this day possible.

We have two new members of our Executive Board. Bev McAdam, President of North Jeffco Republican Women, accepted my invitation to be our Second Vice-President. She is responsible for maintaining our membership list and keeping it up-to-date with NFRW. And Beverlee White, immediate past president of Boulder Republican Women, agreed to be our Member-at-Large for Fundraising. I know she would welcome your ideas and assistance, so if you enjoy fundraising contact Beverlee.

I truly thank these outstanding women for stepping up so graciously, and we will all enjoy working with them this year.

There is so much to talk about, but we can do that when we are together. Several of us are going to the NFRW Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. this month. Hope to bring back lots of fresh ideas.

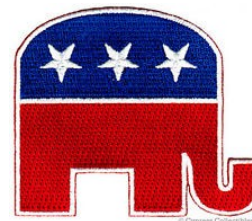
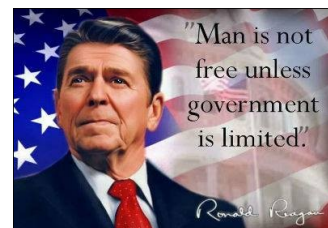
Once more, thank you for your loyalty to each other, CFRW and the Republican Party. I am grateful for each of you.

CFRW DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

District II - Gerry Gifford DD

The clubs in District II all have officers and members who are working with their county parties to motivate Republicans for 2016. We are all encouraging members to join again and to invite women to join now. The District II meeting is being hosted by Mountain Republican Women on June 13th. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a great luncheon. The Honor Flight for Northern Colorado Veterans will be held on May 3rd at the Budweiser Event Center in Loveland. As District II women we should join the send off celebration from 7:30am to 9am and thank those men and women who gave in order that we have the freedom we have today.

Gerry Gifford District Director



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This edition is being mailed to all paid members. For future editions you can elect to receive an emailed version. Please email Julia Lindahl at jalerp@aol.com to request the email version.

District III SW - Mary Ann Smith, DD

District III SW clubs are scheduling great events and speakers for 2015. All clubs are active and engaged in their communities. Specific reports from each club will give more detail. Thanks again to all club officers of District III SW. It is a pleasure to work with you and promote Republican women. I look forward to seeing everyone at the April 17-19, 2015, CFRW Spring Meeting in Pueblo, CO.

"CALL TO ACTION" COMMITTEE - Donna Rose, Chair

The last Quarter of 2014 was very busy for all of us with the election. I sent out a lot of information throughout the State on the candidates during that time, hoping to help our ladies with talking points or general information on our candidates or their opponents.

The election went well for our Party. Now we just have to make sure we do what we told the people we would do.

At this point, we must work on our membership as we have the 2016 Presidential elections coming up. They will be most important for our country and we must do all we can to help and educate people.

I will continue to send out pieces of information for everyone. I have been fortunate enough to make contact with the Republican communications offices of the House and Senate and they are sending me newsletters on the bills going through both Houses during this session. I will be forwarding that information on to the ladies.

OFFICIAL CALL
CFRW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 17-19, 2015 ** Pueblo, Colorado

Info coming soon

DUTIES OF THE CLUB TREASURER



MAINTAIN THE CLUB FINANCIAL RECORDS

Checking account
Savings account, if applicable
Monthly Treasurer's report

- ARRANGE FOR A REVIEW OF TREASURER'S RECORDS BY AN AUDITOR EACH YEAR OR AS DETERMINED BY CLUB
- PRESENT FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF YOUR CLUB ANNUALLY
- PAY AUTHORIZED BILLS AND REIMBURSEMENTS FOR CLUB EXPENDITURES
- OBSERVE DEADLINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DUES SENT TO THE **CFRW TREASURER**

The NFRW SERVICE FEE of \$15.00 **annually per club** must be submitted before JANUARY 15. **CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CFRW.**

Membership roster, with complete contact information **including email**, along with dues of \$15.00 **per member** must be submitted before JANUARY 31 and each month following for any additional members not included in the first report.

Follow-up reports should only include additional members. Do not include members previously reported.

Email reports are preferred in Excel or Word & should ONLY be sent to the CFRW TREASURER when the check is mailed. Email Address: srsollen@aol.com

Please use FULL name of club. (Please do not abbreviate)

Mailing Address: CFRW Treasurer, P.O. Box 11, Whitewater, CO 81527-9999

The CFRW Treasurer will check membership numbers with check amount sent and once verified will send on to CFRW 2nd VP for her records.

First membership report deadline: **JANUARY 31**

Membership updates sent monthly (new or renewing only)

Only REGULAR memberships, NOT Associates, are reported

Memberships after November 1 are for the following year. Submit after December 15.

Ladies, the new data base will be on line sometime in January. Until we know how it's going to work, we will continue with our current system. We will let you know when the changes go into effect and how to handle the new system. Thanks to all of you for all of your hard work.

Sharon Sollenbarger, CFRW Treasurer

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CFRW 2015 DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT I – JANUARY 10, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – BARBARA GESSLER

DISTRICT II – JUNE 13, 2015 / JUNE 6, 2015 (BACKUP DATE)

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – GERRY GIFFORD

DISTRICT III NORTH – APRIL 25, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – BARBARA ANN SMITH

DISTRICT III SOUTHWEST – JUNE 20, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – MARY ANN SMITH

DISTRICT III SOUTHEAST – MAY 23, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – SHARRIE NUNN

DISTRICT IV NORTH – TBD

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – PEGGY CAGE

DISTRICT IV SOUTH – TBD

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – JUDY REYHER

DISTRICT V – FEBRUARY 28, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – JAN CUMMINGS

DISTRICT VI – AUGUST 1, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – KARLA DIMOND

DISTRICT VII – MAY 2, 2015

DISTRICT DIRECTOR – JEANNIE REESER

District IV North and District IV South Directors, please secure a date for your district meetings and submit the dates to me as soon as possible. If a district has to move a date for their meeting, please do not select same dates that competes with another district.

I encourage District Directors and host clubs to get out “save the date” announcements to club presidents to maximize attendance and suggest that the “official call” for the meetings go out 45 days in advance of the event.

The vacancy on the CFRW Nominating Committee for District IV North has been filled.

Margaret Gramm has graciously agreed to represent her District and her contact information has been sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Joanie Griep, CFRW 3rd VP

NFRW Achievement Awards

The NFRW Club Achievement Award form for the 2014-15 cycle has been updated and can be found on the NFRW website. These forms are due June 30, 2015, for awards presented at the 2015 NFRW 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix. Using the Achievement Awards worksheet as a guide for planning club activities will produce a well-balanced club program.



Photos from Rosemarie Beall

Republican Women of Weld - WOW

Meet the 4th Thursday of the Month - 5:30 PM

Mulligan Joe's, 815 7th Street, Fort Lupton 80621

Jun. 6 - Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Dec. 11 - Christmas Party - TBD

CFRW Betty Chronic Memorial Scholarship

will be awarded this Spring to a young deserving Colorado Republican Woman. If you know someone who may be interested in applying, please contact Francie Sinton at 303-546-9821 or email fsinton81@gmail.com or go to the CFRW website; www.coloradogopwomen.org/scholarships for more details and an application. Applications must be returned to CFRW by May 1st.

Criteria for application:

1. Must be at least 18 or older and a Registered Colorado Republican Woman.
2. Must be a full-time or part-time student.
3. Must demonstrate an involvement in the Republican Party and there must be an indication of continued involvement.
4. The National Accreditation Association must accredit the educational institution.

Not limited to a Colorado college/university (i.e. applicant can be attending an out-of-state college)

CFRW FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

Last year, CFRW created a Financial Aid Program. The program is designed to assist CFRW members, who demonstrate a financial need, be able to attend Republican sponsored events such as CFRW and NFRW meetings, Leadership Program of the Rockies, RNC events, Lincoln Club, Capitol Club, Colorado Assembly, etc. The aid can only be awarded one time per year to an individual and can not be used for Republican Fundraising or campaign events. Only a limited number of scholarships will be available per year.

NEW COLORADO HOUSE LEADERSHIP ELECTED

On February 2, 2015 Representatives Lawrence and Buck were elected to new House GOP leadership positions.

The House GOP held an election to replace former Assistant House Minority Leader Libby Szabo, who left the state legislature after she was appointed as a Jefferson County Commissioner last week. Representative Polly Lawrence (R-Roxborough Park), who previously served as the caucus whip, was unanimously elected Assistant Minority Leader, and Representative Perry Buck (R-Windsor) was elected caucus whip following the vacancy left by Lawrence.

Adams County Republican Women / TRUMPETEERS

ACRW just keeps rolling along as members shared an idea for outreach to the police. Mary Bevard was telling us about the poor perception concerning the police. The Trumpeteers began brain storming on how to show our support within the community. Mrs. Bevard implanted the seeds of an appreciation idea. BOD began by taking up a collection in one of the local churches and we also gained a donation from the board. After collecting the funds, we decided on our course of action. A goody basket



stuffed with munchies from pretzels to potato chips to chocolate coins to Cracker Jacks. Our idea began to mushroom. Soon we had enough monies and munchies for several service organizations. One of the deliveries went to the Adams County Sheriff's Department. Let me tell you how surprised they were... actually, shocked. What fun we had visiting with them! It was our way of say: "We support you." "Be safe out there." "We care about you." See the photo. It turned out to be not just a nice idea but a great service project.

Ruth Hillesheim-President.



Cherry Creek Republican Women

Creek Republican Women wish CFRW and members of all CFRW clubs a very successful 2015 club year.

Our 61st year has started with a successful and on-going membership drive aided by excellent programs and meaningful community service projects

Congratulations to Cherry Creek members Joy Hoffman, Jay Ledbetter and Jamie Wollman who were re-elected officers of the Arapahoe County Republican Party at our recent organization meeting.

The CCRW Board is busy formulating plans for special events during this year. Please stay tuned!

Cherry Creek RW member Joy Hoffman, pictured with U.S. Representative Mike Coffman, was recently re-elected Chair of the Arapahoe County Republican Party.

Collegiate Peaks Republican Women's Forum

The Collegiate Peaks Republican Women's Forum is off to a great start this year. We have 24 dues paying members as of Feb 3rd. We started a new fundraiser last year and are going to have our 2nd Annual No Fundraiser Fundraiser. Everyone pays \$20 to get in the door and brings an appetizer. We encourage everyone to bring a guest or 2. It was very successful last year and is a great time to socialize and introduce new people from the community to our group. We will be having a booth at the 4th of July Art in the Park. We will be passing out American flags and selling water for \$1. Local candidates will be encouraged to come during the day and talk to the public. We will be giving out a 1,000 CPRWF Scholarship in May to a young lady here in Chaffee County and honoring her and her mother at our June meeting. We meet the first Tuesday every month.



Picture after Installation of Officers in January, present were Dulany Woodward, President, CFRW; Gale Shaw, Secretary, Deb Kuennen, Treasurer, Margaret Slavish, President, Cherri Williams, 2nd Vice President, Jan Cummings, District Director, and Nancy Rem, 1st Vice President

Longmont Republican Women

We began October with a dynamic young man and Denver's next generation conservative radio host, Jimmy Sengenberger, as our guest speaker. He delivered a message of hope and enthusiasm. We also had several speakers, in October, which spoke to our members about the upcoming propositions and issues, state, county and city.

Rebekah Brown, another young Republican with Heritage Action for America, was our speaker at our November meeting. She spoke on and demonstrated how "To Hold Congress Accountable." It was a motivating talk. Also, Betty Swenson, LRW member and former Colorado State Representative, held the group spellbound as she told "My Republican Story."

LRW opted not to have a December meeting and have a Christmas Party instead. The Party was great fun. Maureen Denig, LRW Parliamentarian, graciously hosted the event at her home. Guests included Congressman Ken Buck, Boulder County Republican Chairman, Ellyn Hilliard and former Congressional candidate, George Leing.

We always have excellent guest speakers and buffets. All Republicans are invited to join us. We meet on the third Thursday of the month from August – May. Check our website for information about whether the meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

(www.longmontrepublicanwomen.org) Our meeting place is the Plaza Event Center in Longmont. For more information please contact Rebekah Vicknair at 720-934-8802 or president@longmontrepublicanwomen.org.

Check us out on Facebook or Twitter at [@Longrepub_women](https://www.facebook.com/Longrepub_women).



Left to right, Judy Marchino, former president Vicki Wyatt-Davison and Jane Tipton at Christmas Party.

Southwest Republican Women

After an amazing line up of speakers in 2014 from Debora Georgatos to Toni Anne Dashiell, we wanted to start this year off with the theme...Taking the Lead! We have grown our club over the last year and have become a more recognized force in the community. We would like to take 2015 as the opportunity to Engage our community and the younger generation of voters in order to Take the Lead for 2016. As an organization, SWRW has worked tirelessly on campaigns, engaging the young voters, volunteering in the community and raising donations for the Albuquerque Veterans hospital. It is hard to believe that March is around the corner and we are already off to an amazing start with campaigns for City Council Elections and growing our committees for SWRW to help increase our reach around the county. Our President has started a new committee she likes to call the Watch Committee. This committee will have a presence around the community at City Council meetings, County Commissioner Meetings and any other event that we need to disseminate information to SWRW members. We have accomplished so much in Colorado over the last election cycle, but we must keep that momentum going and Take the Lead in 2016!

Ginny Chambers - President



Ginny & Senator Cory Gardner

Douglas County Republican Women

www.dcrw.org

DCRW had a busy and successful 2014 and we're all gearing up for 2015 and then the Presidential election in 2016! We attended the great Fall Convention . . . Congrats to 1st VP Marilyn Harris and ALL the Committee for hosting such a successful event!

We held our annual Silent/Live Auction in September where we raised over \$7,200 and then added add'l monies so we were able to donate \$4,500 to BOTH the CO House and Senate this year to help in getting Republicans elected! We're still supporting Praying Hands Ranches in their therapeutic riding program specifically for veterans through our Military Project.

In October we hosted AG candidate Cynthia Coffman who spoke on Human Trafficking and in November we heard from Helen Raleigh outlining her family's struggles under Chinese communism and her fight to become a U.S. citizen. January saw us enthralled with Laura Carno and her great media work done during the last election and, in February, Amy Oliver Cooke updated us on the oil/gas/fracking in CO. Jon Caldera from the Independence Institute will entertain us in March! We host many great speakers and events to educate, inform and inspire our members!

Please visit our website at www.dcrw.org to learn about our future events, see our newsletters, or to sign up for lunch. Follow us on Facebook at Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW); and follow us on Twitter at DCRW1. Help us to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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El Paso County Republican Women

EPCRW started 2015 with Jan Cummings swearing in new officers at our January meeting. They are (L→R in photo) Mary Bradfield, Treasurer; Janet Huffor, Secretary; Sarah Britain Jack, 2nd VP; Becky Fuller, 1st VP; and Marsha Brewer, President. New At-Large members are Pam Barnett and Susan Dahlby. Check out our new website at www.epcrw.com.



Using the words of CFRW Awards Chair, Sandi Foote, who is also an EPCRW member, the mantra of our officer team will be “**invite, involve, inform**”. We want to continually be **inviting** new members, and **invite** all members and non-members to contribute to our Patriotic Women’s Small Donor Fund. We’ve had a great start with 14 new members since November, and \$700 added to our Small Donor Fund in January!

We plan for EPCRW to be **involved** in various community activities throughout the year. Not everyone can participate in everything, but if we provide a variety of activities to choose from, we hope to get members more **involved**. We’re starting with a booth at Manitou Springs’ Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo Cook-off on February 14th. Pam Barnett is a southern girl and is leading the troops for this fun Mardi Gras event!

Finally, we want our members to be well **informed** about local and state issues, as well as about candidates. Becky Fuller and Sarah Jack put together on-target programs for our members. January was Clarissa Arellano Thomae, “Looking back...2014 Elections”. February 16th, will be a Colorado Springs mayoral candidate forum. Come be our guest!

Marsha Brewer - President

Colorado Springs Republican Women

We’re proud to have women of action. Member Terri Carver was elected as House District 20 Representative and has hit the ground full speed. Here she is testifying at the Carson Strong meeting. Also in attendance was member Jeanie Stutts-Blucher.



Jeanie, along with Dr. Mary Zennett, traveled to Denver to testify on the HB1066 (Rep. Joshi Bill). We’re proud to announce that our President Kanda Calef is a candidate for City Council and is quite a community activist. Member Laura Carno (I Am Created Equal) speaks to groups throughout Colorado. Both Kanda & Amy Mitchell are new El Paso County GOP Bonus members. Many other members are precinct leaders & active in our community. We have started out the year with educational programs - both with Mayor and City Council candidate forums. In March our speaker will be Steve Durham, newly elected to the State Board of Education & learn how they are pushing back on Common Core and in April Sheriff Elder will give us an update on “the first 90 days”. We’re looking forward to having several members attending the CFRW Day at the Legislature and visiting with our elected representatives.

Montrose County Republican Women

The end of 2014 was very busy for all of us. We had a very good election and succeeded in getting most of our candidates in office. Now we need to look forward to 2016, increase our membership and do all we can to help get our chosen people elected.

Also for Thanksgiving (Veterans Day) and Christmas parties, we invited some of our veterans and possible new members to join our buffets. We heard some of our veterans tell stories of when they were in WWII. In December we also picked and elected our Officers for 2015-2016.



In January of 2015, CFRW President Dulaney Woodward came to our meeting and swore in our new officers. From right to left they are: Dianna Coram, President; Donna Rose, 1st VP; Cherie Whiteford, 2nd VP and Nancy Malone, Treasurer. Nancy Medlock, Secretary was not available for photo. They are being sworn by our CFRW President, Dulaney Woodward. We were very appreciative of her coming to Montrose for the swearing-in.

For the month of February, our program was done by the Honorable Judge John W. Nelson-retired who spoke to us about the "Crime stoppers Program." Our March meeting will be done by Montrose County Sheriff Rick Dunlap. (continued next column)

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Montrose County Republican Women will be hosting the District IIIN meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Bridges in Montrose. More information will be forthcoming.

Dianna Coram, President and
Donna Rose, Communications Director

Archuleta County Republican Women

Greetings from Pagosa Springs. Our January meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm so we installed our new slate of officers at our February meeting. Marilyn Harris, CFRW 1st VP, installed Mary Stokes, president; Sandy Artzberger, 1st VP; Martha Peacock, 2nd VP; Marlys Nelson, Secretary; and Carol Mellberg, Treasurer. We enjoyed hearing from Archuleta County Sheriff Rich Valdez and from Pagosa Springs Mayor Don Volger in March.

Our programs for the first half of the year will focus on public safety, the local economy, welfare-to-work programs, and how we can support these efforts as we embrace job growth in our community.

If you are in our beautiful part of the state please join us at noon at The View Restaurant on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Mary Stokes - President acrwpagosa@gmail.com

Installation of Officers: L to R

Mary Stokes, Sandy Artzberger, Martha Peacock, Marlys Nelson, Carol Mellberg



Republican Women of Montezuma County

Instead of telling you, what we have accomplished, which is always a work in progress, I want to help us all remember, **why we are 'REPUBLICAN WOMEN'**.

**** We want to be a part of what is going on- we want to not just change the present- but also the future. Ladies- we cannot accomplish this by silence or complacency. ** We must educate ourselves and those around us. We **must use the freedom of speech, we have in this country.** ** We must condemn EVIL and promote the Good. ** We must find men and women in our areas, whom we can entrust our welfare to and then encourage them to run THE RACE. ** We can make a difference, you and I - but **we must** believe that and **reach out to those around us**, not only with criticism-but with help and encouragement. ** **Ladies, we have a voice, let us use it to promote what the Republican Party stands for and spread the news, that it is the Voice of the People!****

Photos are from the CFRW Convention 2014, all photos can be viewed at

<http://www.photographicdelights.org/organize/GOP-1/Republican-Women-of-Montezuma/2014-CFRW-Convention>

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