



Colorado Federation of Republican Women TUSK TALK

DECEMBER 2016—4TH QUARTER

MARILYN HARRIS—CFRW PRESIDENT

Congratulation and a heartfelt thank you to all of our CFRW and NFRW members for all of the hard work everyone did that lead to a wonderful victory on November 8, 2016. It was great to have worked alongside our Colorado GOP members, the Trump Campaign, Women for Trump and all the other groups that make this election such a success



We had numerous Republican wins in our communities, our State and our Nation. We were honored to have many of our CFRW members run for various positions. We had wins not only with our candidates but also many of the Amendment issues that we worked to defeat.

Unfortunately, we also had a few losses of some of our great leaders and our wonderful CFRW members due to the fact that they were out funded, mostly by out-of-state money trying to influence our elections.

It was my honor to speak at all of our District Meetings this year and at various club meetings. I remember telling everyone that regardless of who won the Presidential election, our Country was about to change. We are already witnessing many positive changes taking place. Our work has not ended with this election. It is actually just beginning with new goals and doing our part helping to make Colorado and America great again.

A very special thank you to our CFRW Executive Committee for all of the great work we were able to accomplish this year. Also, thanks to our great club Presidents, club officers and our committee chairmen for your service. We had a great year and we are looking forward to 2017.

Please mark your calendars for the 2017 Board of Directors Spring Board Meeting in Colorado Springs. There will be an Executive Committee Meeting on March 31, and the Board of Directors Meeting on April 1 and 2, 2017. We are already lining up some wonderful speakers and workshops. 2017 is going to be a great year so we hope to see everyone there.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—DONA TROYER

MEMBERSHIP

These are exciting times and we want to keep the momentum strong. Rosie the Bus came to Colorado and made several stops in our state. Many of our members participated in welcoming Carrie and her little travel companion (dog-Regan). As far as we know, the system is still under construction for membership. As the end of the year is approaching, get your member's dues submitted to our Treasurer, Judith Jergensen for 2017 so we may be able to get the information recorded without any problems. It gives us encouragement to continue the message of hope to **Make America Great Again!!**



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT—BRENDA BRIGHT

CFRW District Directors are the backbone of our organization and have a tremendous responsibility to the clubs in their districts. It is a demanding job, and often unheralded, as they go about their duties of disseminating information to and from their clubs and the officers of CFRW. In addition to all other duties and responsibilities they have in their communities, their employment, their homes and families, and their lives (and yes, they do have a life outside of CFRW). They do an incredible service for us and the members of our local clubs and of CFRW. Ladies of the club, please help these incredible women by stepping up and volunteering to be on the Nominating committee, or being on the By-Laws committee, or hosting your next District Meeting, or running for an office in your local clubs – there are so many ways that we can make this organization as breathtaking as the state we call home!

2017 District Meetings:

FEB 4	District 5—Colorado Springs, Hotel Elegante
APR 29	District 2 and 4
JUN 3	District 3 SW – Lone Cone RW host club - Norwood, CO Terri Oliger Nominating Comm. Rep -620 Sand Ridge Ct.
JUN 10	District 1
JUN 17	District 3 SE – By-laws committee, Brenda Bright

**If you have not already chosen a date for your 2017 District Meeting, please do so promptly. Remember, you must choose a date that is not already selected by another District.*

DEADLINES AND GUIDELINES FOR CLUB TREASURERS

JUDITH JERGENSEN—TREASURER

Club Treasurers—It is important you meet the following deadlines and report requirements.

JANUARY 1:

1. NFRW service fee, **\$15.00 per club**, mailed to CFRW Treasurer.
Send a separate check payable to CFRW and memo “club service fee.”
2. Club membership roster and dues, **\$15.00 per member**, mailed to CFRW Treasurer.

JANUARY 31:

NFRW service charge and CFRW membership dues become delinquent.

Your membership roster should be typed, clearly formatted, and must contain the following information:

1. The FULL club name, no initials
2. Club president’s name and contact information
3. Each member’s name, address, phone number, and e-mail address
4. Only regular memberships are reported.

Mail a copy of the club roster, your check for membership dues, and a separate check for the NFRW club service charge to:

Judith Jergensen

CFRW Treasurer

P.O. Box 64050

Colorado Springs, CO 80962-4050

Contact Judith with questions at 719-495-3736, or jejergens@aol.com

E-mail a copy of your roster to CFRW 2nd V.P. Dona Troyer, donatroyer@gmail.com

Phone contact for Dona, 303-716-1156.

As new members are added, send member information and dues to CFRW Treasurer, and e-mail a copy to CFRW 2nd Vice-President, Dona Troyer. Information and dues for new members who join in November or December should be held until the January report.

DISTRICT III SW DIRECTOR

MARY ANN SMITH

What an exciting election night November 8, 2016! Thanks to all in District III SW who worked on the election in so many positions. Your hard work and commitment is the best. I know all are exhausted and in some cases disappointed all Republican races were not victorious. We did make a difference and have changed the Republican election landscape.

Please remember to encourage your Club new and renewal members to submit their checks in early 2017. It makes a difference on how many Colorado delegates are allowed for the NFRW Convention in 2017. It is time to maximize your membership. 2017 is important at the National level.

Note the CFRW Spring Meeting is set March 31 – April 2, 2017, at the Hotel Elegante Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please remind your members to mark their calendars.

The District III SW District Meeting is set Saturday, June 3, 2017, in Norwood, Colorado, with Lone Cone Republican Women hosting. Mark your calendars. Please encourage all members to attend this District meeting. It is Lone Cone Republican Women's first district meeting since its Club's Charter was issued. More news on the time and location will be provided.

Warmest Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas Wishes to All.

DISTRICT V DIRECTOR

DR SHARRON CLARK

!!CONGRATULATIONS!! District V Republican Women worked diligently electing candidates, including our own Rep. Terri Carver, Colorado State House. Club members trained volunteers, walked precincts, called voters, donated food, raised funds for PACs and County GOP Headquarters, for distribution to local candidates. Club speakers presented information on all the ballot initiatives, soundly defeating Amendment 69!

A big THANK YOU to all who made the September CFRW BOD and Convention a success. The speakers roused and inspired the attendees to amazing achievements.

District V Republican Women attended and volunteered at rallies and fundraisers for President Elect Donald J. Trump and Vice President Elect Mike Pence. We stood strong for hours to catch a glimpse of our national candidates. We are elated at the outcome!! Republican women will help Make America Great Again during the next four years.

We are all saddened at the loss of two associate members, Clyde Mitchell, husband of Jo Mitchell, and Joe Wilson, husband of Ruth Wilson. God comfort their families

Our Republican Women have not gone into hibernation since the successful election, November brings a focus on Education, local justice and PE Trump's focus on Law and Order. Check DV club web sites for Holiday and Christmas Parties and pot luck events. Enjoy celebrating Inauguration Day in January--we've waited eight long years! February 4, 2017 is the District V meeting at the Hotel Elegante.

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CFRW Sunshine Chairman—Jan Cummings

*As your CFRW Sunshine Chairman I have mailed 27
Sympathy Cards, Thinking of You cards and/or Get Well
Cards since October 31st.*

*If you have someone in your Club you would like a card
mailed, let me know. My email address
is kiowajan@gmail.com*

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| DEC 26 | Club Officer List & Meeting Info due to President Harris
(President Harris must report this info to by NFRW 1-1-17) |
| JAN 1 | \$15.00 NFRW Service Fee to CFRW Treasurer DUE |
| JAN 31 | Club membership list/dues to CFRW Treasurer DUE |
| FEB 15 | Tusk Talk (1st Qtr) info due to Editor Julia Lindahl |
| APR 1-2 | CFRW BOD Meeting—Colorado Springs |

Save the Date!

2017 Board of Directors Meeting

April 1-2, 2017

March 31-Executive Board

Hotel Elegante
Colorado Springs, CO

Join in the fun and enthusiasm
for our newly elected

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT

Donald J. Trump

Start planning now for:

- ⇒ Silent Auction Items
- ⇒ Vendor Table Sales
- ⇒ Renew your Centennial Club Membership
- ⇒ Increased membership

We hope to have Registration at \$100

HERE'S THE NEWS

OUR PRESIDENT ELECT & FAMILY



BROOMFIELD REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Katrina Hamrick - President

We have taken back our country! Thank goodness we will not have another four or eight years of the same disastrous policies.

The Broomfield Republican Women continue to stay busy!

Broomfield Days was September 17th and we marched in the parade with our candidates and had a booth at the event where we spoke with our friends and neighbors, promoted our candidates and handed out hundreds of red helium balloons with the GOP logo to the kids.

We had a jewelry, scarves and purses sale at our September 19th luncheon and raised \$528!

Our November luncheon on November 14th featured Jason Hebrard from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation who spoke about identity theft and fraud. Our December luncheon is December 12th and we will be installing new officers. Our luncheons are at 11:30am at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield.

We worked hard throughout the summer and fall supporting all of our local, state and national candidates. In conjunction with the county party, we made phone calls and walked door to door talking with our neighbors about the election and working on getting out the vote!



CENTENNIAL REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Jacque Stafford—President



Centennial Republican Women with Host and US Senate Candidate Darryl Glenn

CHERRY CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN Andi Allott—President

Cherry Creek Republican Women wish to congratulate the following CCRW members who were victorious in their races for elective office in 2016: Congressman Mike Coffman, District Attorney George Brauchler, Sen. Jack Tate, Rep. Cole Wist, Rep.-Elect Susan Beckman and Arapahoe County Commissioners-Elect Kathleen Conti and Jeff Baker. For all of our members who were candidates and who invested so much of their time, treasure and energy, our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your commitment and courage to take a stand for good government.

Members of Cherry Creek Republican Women **-as individuals** - spent their summer and fall hosting fundraisers for members of our club who were candidates and raised a total of **\$25,000** to assist them. Although it was hard work and very labor intensive, our endeavors were very worthwhile.

Our warmest wishes to CFRW members for a happy and prosperous Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and for a great 2017 beginning with the inauguration of President Donald Trump!



Election Day 2016 pictures Arapahoe County GOP Chair Joy Hoffman and Arapahoe County GOP Secretary Jamie Wollman supporting our President-Elect Donald Trump

COLORADO SPRINGS RW Vickie Tonkins—President

I do not know about you all but I am glad to see this long election season come to an end. I am also glad to see that our new President Elect is Donald J. Trump and not... the other candidate. As we all know, the end of the election is only the beginning of the work that needs to be done. It is now the time to work diligently within our clubs to make sure we are still engaged in the wonderful Republic we call America.

The Colorado Springs Republican Women's Club will continue to make sure that our members are educated on the things happening locally, state wide, and nationally. We are looking to line up great speakers for the 2017 meeting year.

I have a request of all of you. That request, which many of you are already a part of, is to make sure we keep our new president and vice president in our prayers. They have an enormous task ahead of them and we need to make sure we hold up their arms. My specific prayers are for them to have the wisdom and courage to do all they have pledged to do to ***Make America Great Again.***

God bless you all and
God please continue to bless America!



Nov. 15th Meeting on Situational Awareness with speakers, member Lana Fore and El Paso County Sheriff Officers Lt. Cheryl Peck & Sgt. Gail French.

SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Terry Hindmarsh—President

Sunrise members have been working tirelessly donating their time and treasure to elect Republicans. They have been interviewed by the BBC, volunteered, walked, given training classes, scheduled presidential campaign speakers, helped at rallies, written editorials, and earnestly prayed for America. In God's mercy, we now cheer for President-Elect Donald Trump!

In October, we elected and installed our new Secretary, Sonya Rose. Ballot issues were on the programs for both the September and October General Meetings with speakers former Senator Greg Brophy, Commissioner Sallie Clark, Kelly Sloan, El Paso GOP Chairman Jeff Hays, District Attorney Dan May, former Commissioner Peggy Littleton, Sean Walsh, Debbie Chavez with Colorado Family Action, College Republicans Kaitlin Cameron and Brandon Leiser, and Dede Laugesen for the Trump Campaign.

In November, District Attorney Dan May and Sheriff Bill Elder informed members about the increase in crime in Colorado Springs. Steve Durham from the State Board of Education, spoke about upcoming changes in Colorado education.

Sunrise raised and donated funds to Shield 616, continues to collect for LifeNet Pregnancy Center, and supports Fort Carson Soldiers' with Christmas gift cards.

In December, Sunrise members fellowship at the Annual Christmas Pot Luck. We meet in Monument at the Woodmoor Barn sharing songs, stories, music, gifts, and a delicious meal.

Sonya Rose, Tawanna Holmes, Sandra Bankes,
Judith Jergensen Interviewed by BBC News Producer
Irene Chang and Talk Show Host Dan Damon



MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Sue Benjamin—President

Mesa County Republican Women put in many hours, days and weeks this fall at our local Victory Office helping elect Donald Trump, Scott Tipton and other Republicans to office or back to office. Trump's win was fantastic and reflected his huge rally turnout at Grand Junction's airport in October. In the election, Mesa County turned out for Trump by 64%!

In October, Grand Junction's Mayor Pro Tem, Marty Chazen, spoke to our luncheon about why Grand Junction is tightening its belt and laying off people. Lack of energy business and the resulting reduction in tax revenues are mainly to blame. Also this month, our local "Deplorables" group staged a Women for Trump rally on one of Grand Junction's main streets. It was fun and generated a lot of publicity.

November's luncheon featured Bonnie Peterson, former head of Club Twenty and Executive Director of Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado. We heard about problems with state and federal agencies over endangered species, energy, etc. and how these situations are being resolved.

Our Christmas meeting will be highlighted by the very talented Central High School Madrigal Singers. Always a fun time, this year end event is held jointly with Mesa County Republicans. As well as celebrating the Christmas Season, we'll be celebrating Trump winning the White House!

COLLEGIATE PEAKS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

Margaret Slavish—President

This fall we would like to honor one of our members Millie Meardon. She was selected by the Chaffee County Republican's as the recipient of the Nancy O'Connor Award. The Award was presented at the Lincoln Day Dinner on May 14. The recipient is chosen because of outstanding service to the Republican Party and to Chaffee County.

Millie's contributions began more than 30 years ago when she joined our Republican women's group. She has served as CPRWF's president several times, District 5 Director and state Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. In the early 80's she and Dulany Woodward co-founded the Buena Vista Apple Fest, which annually provides funds for our local scholarship. This year our apple pie sales exceeded \$900, and Millie was right there at the front table.

We thank her for her love of this party, and bringing so many new faces to our meetings. She also wanted us to know her great grand daughter was born the day of the LDD, and wore an elephant outfit this Halloween.



BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Boulder Republican Women are celebrating the election of President Donald Trump! He was never far from our thoughts these past few months.

BRW hosted the "Huuugely" successful Boulder County Republican Summer Social on August 20th. Every campaign season BRW organizes the entire event and it is "Amazing!" Our Master of Ceremonies was former Secretary of State, Scott Gessler. Our keynote speaker was Congressman Ken Buck who lives in Weld County and represents a small part of Boulder County. Ken put the crowd of 200 in a very good mood when he asked us to look east. We all turned our heads and Ken quipped, "I want you to see Weld County to remind you what freedom looks like."

BRW members participated in the Louisville Labor Day Parade. There was a life size cardboard cutout of Mr. Trump riding in a convertible. The crowd on the sidewalk loved it. Even kids recognized Mr. Trump and pointed to his likeness with glee.

The two Republican candidates for Boulder County Commissioner positions were our September speakers. Kevin Sipple and Paul Danish ran very good campaigns but were both unsuccessful in "The People's Republic of Boulder".



Gerry & Doug Gifford, Francie Bosley,
Jane Meagher. Picture by Beverlee White

October's speaker was Debbie Brown, Director & founder of the Colorado Women's Alliance. She spoke of connecting with women in this election. November's speaker was Vera Orregon who filled us in on everything related to her job as Colorado's National Committeewoman. November 11th BRW members delivered to veterans the gifts collected at our meetings.

Rallies, fundraisers, honk & wave, phone calls, precinct walking, and prayers. We all felt a part of the Beautiful Trump victory.
LeMoine Dowd, Communications Chairman

ARCHULETA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Mary Stokes—President

Six of our club members traveled to Westminster in September to attend the CFRW meeting in Westminster. It was good to see other Republican women and hear motivating speakers and learn updates from candidates. It was time well spent.

In October we sponsored a showing of Dinesh D'Souza's "Hillary's America". Our little town of Pagosa Springs was not on the producer's list for showing when the movie was released in July, we worked very hard to bring it here. Our goal was to attract people in our county who normally don't hear our conservative message. We invited many candidates who were given time before the movie to speak. They welcomed guests as they entered and greeted them again on the way out. Our expenses were theater rental, advertising, and movie license. We didn't charge admission and sold out all of our DVD copies of the movie, so the event only cost us \$150!! AND the house was packed!!! It was obvious that the message was received when attendees stood at the end and gave a resounding standing ovation.

At our November meeting the Pagosa Springs mayor and town manager updated us on a proposed bridge project. Emotions ran high with questions regarding transparency and need. Our meetings always allow for lively exchanges of opinion which makes for great attendance.



SOUTHWEST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Sharla Dyar—President

Southwest Republican Women have had quite a year! From our 1st Vice President Leetra Jurkens pulling together wonderful, inspiring programs to our Treasurer, Cheri Eby directing us in developing a strategic plan to move us forward. To the hard work of our 2nd Vice President Terri Olinger working countless hours on local campaigns with her husband and Central Committee Chair, Travis Olinger. You would certainly recognize our secretary Nora Montgomery and her husband Mike and their big red truck that was the perfect entry for the multiple parades held in LaPlata County. Our past president, Carolyn Plested kept things rolling as the fundraising chair for J Paul Brown. All these people, along with additional members of our club and our community, did more behind the scenes and with countless hours than could be recognized here.

As we close an election cycle and begin a new year we are encouraged and dedicated to making LaPlata County great again.

SWRW Board: Sharla Dyar, Leetra Jurkens, Terri Olinger, Cheri Eby, Nora Montgomery, and Carolyn Plested.



4 CORNERS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Jan Gardner—President

The 4 Corners Republican Women worked hard assisting the Central Committee to man the GOP headquarters. We are all celebrating 'Republican Wins'—especially the presidential election! In our county (Montezuma) we elected all republicans and defeated the amendments, but unfortunately it did not bear out statewide.

We have had good speakers recently and have been reviewing & discussing a "better way agenda" and through the process, we are learning a lot! We are also signing Christmas cards and will be sending them to a non-profit that send them out with care packages. We have been doing Christmas longer than we have been chartered! We started supporting our troops in this manner the Christmas before we were chartered!

We will be electing 2 new officers at our November meeting—President and Secretary. We are also looking forward to a few new members!

The riots and unrest that is reportedly a result of Donald J. Trump winning is disturbing to us. Although we may be 'fighting' each other during the campaigns, now that the elections are over, we ALL—Republicans (including the 'never-Trumpers'), Dems, and all minor parties—need to put partisanship aside and all move forward into a future that will make America Great Again!

Happy Thanksgiving!

JEFFERSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We had a very exciting Chili Dinner and celebration for our 90th Anniversary. We had very good speakers – Former Senator John Andrews, Dr. Jill Vecchio and a surprise speaker – Former Governor Jan Brewer from Arizona. Our 1st VP of Membership, Renee Nelson, decorated a cake with our logo to help celebrate our milestone. We had several members furnish other baked desserts which always is a big plus along with the chili that we serve. We had a silent auction that was very successful and helped with the fund raiser for Jeffco Republicans and candidates.

The attendance was not what we were expecting because there were a lot of other events that conflicted with ours. In all, we thought it was an event that the community looks forward to since we have been planning and serving for over 58 years at the Jeffco Fairgrounds. Now we are looking forward to electing new officers for 2017-2018 and increasing our membership.

Dona Troyer, Treasurer



REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF MONTEZUMA COUNTY

Rosemarie Beall—President

Wow, what a busy year it has been. Though our Group is small, we are here to stay. We had meetings on issues affecting this community and the State of Colorado. A booth at several Fairs also helped us to keep the Community informed.

We gained two young mothers as members as well as Millennials and Seniors--all of us have something to offer. It feels especially wonderful , to be mentoring and encouraging the new generation.



It was my privilege to take 3 newbie Delegates to the Republican Convention. At times I just got awed watching them soak it all in. Recently some of us went to the Trump Rally in Grand Junction - it was an awesome experience and we knew then--He would WIN.

Our new president (I am term-limited out) is also of a younger Generation and am happy to hand over the reigns.

Photos from CFRW and NFRW and other GOP events can be seen on my site photographicdelights.org under GOP. You may print or share any you wish for no charge.

IN MEMORY OF CLYDE L. MITCHELL

MARCH 20, 1928 – OCTOBER 13, 2016

CLYDE AND JO WERE MARRIED NOVEMBER 15, 1947 IN RATON, NEW MEXICO.

*CLYDE WAS IN REAL ESTATE FOR 61 YEARS AND INVOLVED
IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SINCE 1950.*

HE WAS ALSO AN ELKS LODGE LIFETIME MEMBER.

*A GATHERING OF REMEMBRANCE WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 29TH AT THE
MYRON STRATTON HOME WHERE THEY RESIDED FOR FOUR YEARS.*

*HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JO, SON ROHN, WIFE NANCY
AND GRANDDAUGHTER MARY, HUSBAND JIM.*

CLYDE HAD MANY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, HE WILL BE MISSED.

HIS FRIEND, JAN CUMMINGS

DEADLINES: FEB 15 – MAY 15 – AUG 15 – NOV 15

GUIDELINES:

- Please use Times New Roman—12 pt
- 250 words & 1 photo (max)
- Send report as a Word document & not as a pdf
- Photos work best if sent as an Attachment - please use photo with good contrast
- On email Subject Line include: Tusk Talk & your club name, chairman and/or officer report written out
- Include your contact info—Name & Phone #
- I will respond within 48 hours with an acknowledgement.
If not acknowledged - please email or call me.
- The earlier you submit your article the best chance for it to be included in the newsletter. We are limited to amount of pages for publication. Once I have filled my allotted space any additional articles/photos will be returned or saved for the next edition.

Thank you!

Julia Lindahl—jalaerp@aol.com—719-494-7129

ATTENTION ALL 2016
CFRW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Thank you for serving as Chairman of your committee for 2016.

Please Note: All NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN will be appointed for 2017.

If you are interested in remaining as chairman of your committee, please contact President Marilyn Harris **PRIOR TO DECEMBER 15, 2016.** After 12-15-16 she will be reassigning chairmen to those committees she has not heard back from.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a chairman or serving on a committee, please contact Marilyn.

Again, thank you for your service.

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