



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**

FEBRUARY 2019

MARILYN HARRIS—PRESIDENT

Please mark your calendars for MARCH 15-17, 2019. It is our annual Spring Board Meeting. It will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in the Denver Tech Center.

We have a really special meeting planned for you. The meeting will start with our fun welcome reception from 5-7 PM on Friday, March 15, 2019. Also, on Saturday, we are having special workshops for club presidents, club treasurers, district directors, fundraising and parliamentary procedures. There are a number of great speakers lined up to give you information on our state, as well as our nation. Our goal is to get everyone motivated and engaged after our tough year last year.

Additionally, we will be electing delegates to attend the Fall NFRW Convention in Indianapolis in September 27-28, 2019. We elect approximately seven delegates-at-large to attend the meeting. If you are a club president, you are already a delegate eligible to attend the meeting as a voting delegate. More details about the meeting in the next Tusk Talk.

Ranchland Republican Women and their president, Marlene Groves, is the host club for the Spring Board meeting and they have worked very hard in getting excellent room rates, etc. so to keep our costs down for our members. A big THANKS to Marlene and Ranchland Republican Women!

CFRW would like to extend a big welcome to Summit County Republican Women and their president, Garnett Payne, as our newest club to join our Federation in 2019. We are proud to have them and look forward to working with them. I attended one of their earlier meetings and it is a great group of women.

A special thanks to Julia Lindahl, who has returned as our Tusk Talk Editor, in addition to the dozens of other jobs she does for CFRW. In the future, all Tusk Talk information and reports go to: jalerp@aol.com. Thanks again, Julia.



CFRW President
Marilyn Harris



Jody Rushton
Of Texas
NFRW President



Colorado Federation of Republican Women

OFFICIAL CALL

81st Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Marilyn Harris – President

“Commitment, Action and Results”

March 16 - 17, 2019

Executive Committee Meeting and Welcome Reception

March 15, 2019

Board of Director's Meeting – March 16 - 17, 2019

Meeting Venue: Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel

7007 S. Clinton Street—Greenwood Village, CO 80112

303-799-6200




CFRW 2019 SPRING BOARD MEETING and CONVENTION

March 15 – 17, 2019

Sheraton Denver Tech Center – 7007 S. Clinton St. Greenwood Village, CO

CFRW Hotel Rate \$79 Night if booked By Mar 1st – Phone 303.799.6200



Your Name:							
Spouse/Guest Name(s):							
Address:							
Email:							
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:					
Club Name (no initials):							
Titles (if any) Club Officer:		CFRW Officer:					
FRIDAY: Mar 15, 2019		5:00/7:00 - CFRW Hospitality Rooms - Hosts Marilyn Harris (President) & Brenda Bright (1 st VP)					
Great Time To Mingle		7:00 pm - CFRW BOARD MEETING – Bierstadt Room (back behind the bar area)					
SATURDAY: Mar 16, 2019		AM Coffee & Pastries Sponsored by Sheraton Hotel & Douglas County Republican Women					
SUNDAY: Mar 17, 2019		AM Coffee & Pastries Sponsored by Sheraton Hotel & Cherry Creek Republican Women					
FULL REGISTRATION	QTY	Registration includes Saturday & Sunday Program and Lunch & Dinner on Saturday			PRICE \$99	EXTENDED PRICE	
SATURDAY LUNCH		Seared Atlantic SALMON with Citrus Beurre, Sweet Potato Corn Pure & Asparagus			GF		
		Cheese RAVIOLI, Champagne Crème, Gorgonzola, Pecan Spaghetti Squash			V		
		Lunch includes Beverage, Strawberry Spinach Salad & Flourless Chocolate Torte with Berry Sauce			V & GF		
SATURDAY DINNER		PORK Roulade, Special Bacon Stuffing, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots					
		Wild Mushroom CHICKEN Breast, Yukon Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussel Sprouts			GF		
		COUSCOUS & Quinoa Saute, Mushrooms and Cherry Tomatoes, Pesto Cream Sauce			V		
		Dinner with Beverage, House Salad, NY Style Cheesecake with Strawberry Compote			V		
Indicate Food Allergies or Special Food Needs Here:					EXTENDED PRICE		
A LA CARTE		REGISTRATION FOR MEETINGS ONLY - Attend, but NO MEALS				\$25 ea	
		LUNCH	Salmon GF	Ravioli V		\$35 ea	
		DINNER	Pork	Chicken GF	Couscous V	\$45 ea	
	All meal prices include 22% hotel service charge & 7.25% sales tax						
We will have Special Trump 2020 Wine Glasses Thanks To Stockyards Ranch Supply & Ranchland Republican Women							
	Complete This Form & With Checks Payable To CFRW Mail to CFRW c/o Ranchland RW Box 668 Parker CO 80134 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mar 1st, 2019 After March 1st - \$15 LATE FEE:					TOTAL \$ _____ Late Fee \$15 \$ _____ GRAND TOTAL \$ _____	
	For More Information Contact:						
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JOANIE GRIEP THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

2019 Nominating Committee Members

CFRW District I: Sue Johnson	CFRW District IV North: Nicole Lauck
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CFRW District II: Marty Neilson – Committee Chair	CFRW District IV South: Marlene Groves
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CFRW District III North: Linda Gregory	CFRW District V: Julia Lindahl
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CFRW District III SE: Mari Hathorn	CFRW District VI: Lilly Nunez
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CFRW District III SW: Debbie Jennings	CFRW District VII: Tamara Pierce
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May 1, 2019, is the deadline for any CFRW member interested in running as a candidate for an elected office in 2019 (CFRW President, 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) as outlined in CFRW Bylaws in the CFRW Handbook under Article V, 5.2 Qualifications, page 38. Duties of elected officers are explained in the handbook beginning with the President on page 39 under Article V at 5.5 thru 5.11, page 41.

DONA TROYER FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT

“The people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body is ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it is intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities...if the next centennial does not find us a great nation...it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces.” (quote by James A Garfield - 20th President of the United States).

These are the times that try men’s souls. As Republican women, we must actively seek opportunities to advance the Republican Principles and stay informed on issues affecting our communities. We are all part of a network of thousands of women (NFRW) whose objectives are to promote an informed electorate through political education, increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through political participation, and to encourage loyalty to the Republican Party. We invite many to join us in our effort to do the right thing.

“The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly”. (quote by Past President Dulany Woodward). We have many Committee Chairs who are committing their time, talent and treasure to promote the values of CFRW and keep our members informed. It is a pleasure to serve along with all of the women who have the same objective.

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National Federation of Republican Women

CFRW DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

DISTRICT I

August 10, 2019

Host Club—Denver Women's Republican Club

District Director—Marisa Showalter

DISTRICT II

June 1, 2019

Host Club—Larimer County RW

District Director—Theresa Watson

DISTRICT III NORTH

May 11, 2019

Host Club—Montrose County RW

District Director—Ruth Ehlers

DISTRICT III SOUTHEAST

June 15, 2019

Host Club—Bel Nor RW

District Director—Peggy Foley

DISTRICT III SOUTHWEST

May 4, 2019

Host Club—Archuleta County RW

District Director—Terri Olinger

DISTRICT IV NORTH

Date: Pending

Host Club—Pending

District Director—Joan Griep (Interim)

DISTRICT IV SOUTH

Date: Pending

Host Club: Pending

District Director—Marlene Groves

DISTRICT V

Date: May 18, 2019

Host Club—Pending

District Director—Jan Cummings

DISTRICT VI

August 17, 2019

Host Club—Cherry Creek, Douglas & Elbert County RW

District Director—Barbara Pipe

DISTRICT VII

Date—June 22, 2019

Host Club—Adams County RW

Trumpeteers

District Director—Renee Nelson

DISTRICT V DIRECTOR JAN CUMMINGS

**Save the date—May 18, 2019
CFRW 5th District meeting @Hotel Circle Elegante
2886 S. Circle Dr. Colorado Springs.**

**If you know anyone interested in joining a Republican Club in
El Paso, Chaffee, Fremont or Park Counties, contact me at:
kiowajan@gmail.com**

2019-2020 CFRW OFFICERS ELECTION

Article VI Notice of Elections, 6.1 B Elective offices, except Members-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual Convention in odd-numbered years.

Article V Officers Qualifications, Terms, Vacancies, Duties, 5.1 A The elected officers of CFRW shall be:

President	First Vice President	Second Vice President
Third Vice President	Fourth Vice President	Secretary
Treasurer		

5.2 Qualifications

Each candidate for office shall, prior to her election or appointment:

Be a registered Republican as shown by the records of her county of residence;

Be a member in good standing of CFRW and a club for a minimum of two years;

Have been a resident of Colorado for at least one year prior to her election or appointment;

Have submitted to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by postal delivery return receipt, not later than May 1 of the odd-numbered year:

- a. A letter of announcement stating the elective office sought and a full political resume;
- b. A petition containing a minimum of twenty-five signatures of CFRW members, other than members of her club, signatures having been secured by the candidate;

A letter of support from her Club President or other club officer.

Candidates for CFRW President shall have served at least one term as a CFRW Club President.

For individual officer duties, please see:

Article V, Section 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11 of the CFRW Bylaws as amended September 2014.

Nominating Committee Chairman

Marty Neilson

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HD 21 REPRESENTATIVE LOIS LANDGRAF

Of course everyone reading this issue of the Tusk Talk is well aware of the dismal campaign results and the fact that the house membership is 41 Democrats to 24 Republicans. Most of our committees are 7 D's to 4 R's. I won't go in to my opinion as to why this happened as I am sure you all have your own. Suffice it to say we are pretty irrelevant.

So far this year, as of the 21st day of the legislature, 278 bills have been introduced, with 168 House bills and 110 Senate bills. Despite Democratic control of both chambers, 110 bills have bipartisan sponsorship. Our first few weeks ran pretty smoothly and then our first controversial bill hit. HB19-1032, 'comprehensive human sexuality education' by Rep. Lontine and Senator Todd was heard in the Health and Insurance Committee on Wednesday, January 30.

I won't go into detail, as you can read the entire bill on the Colorado General Assembly website, if you haven't already. I will say this. The bill increases workload and costs for school districts that need to update comprehensive human sexuality curricula and costs the state \$1,113,034 the first year. There were over 400 parents and advocates at the Capitol to testify on the bill, most of whom were against. People filled every committee room, the halls and aisles. It was predominately parents versus NARAL and Planned Parenthood. Committee started at 1:30 pm and went until after midnight. In spite of all the people who testified against the bill it passed the committee with a vote of 7 Democrats to 4 Republicans. Of the 400 plus people who came to testify against this bill, I wonder how many voted in the last election? And I wonder when our side is going to rise up and do something about the fact that citizens wishes are being ignored by the Democrats so that they can push their pet issues through the legislature.

My free market family leave bill, HB 1058, "Income Tax Benefits For Family Leave," was killed in the finance committee on a party line vote despite having the support of 1000's of businesses and industries. This was a viable option to the bill they will run which will be a mandate on employees and employers alike. Opposition against the bill was just what you'd expect. NARAL and 9 to 5. Their testimony? My bill was biased against poor people because they didn't earn enough to put money in a family leave savings account. Somehow they will be able to afford an additional tax deduction.

With almost 1/3 of the legislators being new this session I decided to host a symposium on "Pharmaceutical Cost Drivers" during the second week of session. The cost of health care continues to be one of the top issues facing Coloradans today and one the new Governor has made a priority. And the cost of prescription drugs is always being blamed. Over 30 legislators and another 15 aides gathered to hear people representing the Pharmaceutical industries, insurance companies, pharmacy benefit managers and pharmacies talk about the supply chain and explain how the cost of pharmaceuticals are determined. I was hoping we could get to the bottom of this issue and that we would all come away with a clear understanding of what really drives the costs. We did learn about the supply chain and the role each of the entities mentioned above plays in determining costs. It was an education for all and one that will be badly needed as we see a succession of bills to help curb the growing cost of health premiums.

I am looking forward to seeing you on March 16th.



The Republican National Committee (RNC) held our Winter Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico from January 23 to January 25, 2019. The meeting was focused on electing members to leadership roles, including the Chair, Co-chair and the other leadership positions. (excerpts from full report)

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING:

- During the 2018 election cycle, the RNC raised a record breaking \$316 million and outspent the Democratic National Committee (DNC) by \$147 million.
- During the 2018 election cycle, the RNC raised a record breaking \$316 million and closed with \$27 million cash-on-hand. The RNC still maintains **zero debt**.
 - o In the same period, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) was outspent by \$147 million and only have \$10 million cash-on-hand. The DNC also currently carries a debt of \$3.0 million.
 - o A few quick facts about the RNC's fundraising in 2018:
 - o We invested \$275 million in our ground game.
 - o Online donations raised \$44 million, which constitute 464% more than 2016.
 - o There were 175,000 new online donors who donated over \$12 million.
 - o We gained over 700,000 new followers over our social media platforms.
 - o We received \$195,102,548 million dollars in earned media at the national and regional level.
- The above numbers helped us to gain 2 extra seats in the US Senate and minimized our losses in the US House. Even though the GOP lost 40 seats, we need to place that number into context. Not only did 44 members retire at the same time, but more importantly, we were able to slow down a historical trend that most Presidents see in their first mid-term election. For example, during President Obama's first cycle, he lost 6 seats in the Senate and 63 in the House. So, by comparison, we did great!
 - o Current count for the US Congress is:
 - ✦ Senate: 53 GOP and 47 DEM
 - ✦ House: 199 GOP and 235 DEM
- The 2019 budget was set to \$144.5 million dollars.

GENERAL SESSION:

- Chairperson Ronna McDaniel report was, as usual, very impressive, as it focused on the incredible fundraising that took place during the 2018 cycle.
- She announced the launch of Project GROW: Growing Republican Organizations to Win. This program is designed to help state parties win elections using RNC resources by not only sharing data, but also in fundraising efforts and ground operations.
- She highlighted the strength of the nation's economy and accomplishments.
 - o Wages are up 3.2% since the previous year.
 - o Unemployment is the lowest for Hispanics and Blacks
 - o 4 million new jobs have been created.
 - o A new trade deal was finalized with Canada and Mexico.
 - o The First Step Act was signed to reform our broken criminal justice system.
 - o US withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal.
 - o NATO members have paid over \$1 billion extra for defense due to President Trump's insistence on the necessity of other members paying their fair share.

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She mentioned how Speaker Pelosi has shown no concern for the furloughed workers, nor a willingness to negotiate on the need for enhanced border security and an updated immigration system.

Here is my take-home message:

The RNC is in great hands with Ronna McDaniel, her leadership team and the dedicated staff. From the top to the bottom, they are all incredible professionals who are committed to the RNC vision, conservative principles, and President Trump's message. They are all willing to work extremely hard to make this nation the best in the world and away from the disastrous ideas of the DNC. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

I am constantly reminded of how special it is to be a Republican. As a Hispanic/Latina woman who legally immigrated to this great nation of ours, I support President Trump's efforts to gain funding for enhanced border security (and yes, that includes funds for a wall). Law-abiding citizens, including many Hispanics, want an organized immigration system that allows those who will meaningfully contribute to this country and prevent those who will hide in the shadows and siphon off tax-supported resources. Just as my family, along with many others, has a fence in our backyard and a lock on our front-door so we can control who comes in or not, President Trump wants the same for our country.

Once again, I want to thank each of you for allowing me to represent you at the RNC. It is a great honor and privilege to represent Colorado as 1 of the 168 members.

SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN RACHEL BLAKE—PRESIDENT

The year 2018 ended on a high note with books being donated to young children in need. We have remained steadfast in doing this monthly. Christmas donations were also given to military families at Fort Carson. The SRW Christmas Party included a wonderful potluck, great music and White Elephant Gift Exchange.

To kick off the new year, SRW member Holly Williams, was sworn in as El Paso County Commissioner District 1 on January 8, 2019, as was Associate SRW member, Cami Bremer District 5. Congratulations ladies!

Our January program featured Derrick Wilburn, the Executive Director of Conservatives of All Color Internship Program, who shared his program to bring young African American interns to Washington D.C. to serve with Republican members of Congress. Rep. Susan Beckman- HD 38 discussed the "Democrat Plan" in the 2018 Election. Wendy Miller, Greg Lopez and Brenda Stokes spoke on #Decide Colorado.



Candidates for State GOP Chairman, current Vice Chair Sherrie Gibson, along with Rep. Susan Beckman – HD 38, shared their vision for the future of the Colorado GOP.

SRW Associate member Charlie Ehler and SRW member Wendy Miller, candidates for El Paso County GOP Chairmanship members, spoke along with various other candidates for Vice Chairman and City Council-at-Large.

February concluded with the SRW Day at the Legislature hosted by Senator Bob Gardner and House District 14 Representative Shane Sandridge. Our ladies took a tour of the Capital, attended committee meetings and had lunch with GOP Legislators at the University Club.

Pictured: Holly Williams with husband Wayne.

**LARIMER COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
NANCY HUNTER—PRESIDENT**

The Larimer County Republican Women (LCRW) have been on a roll since the fall with exciting meetings and activities. We congratulate our winning candidates and wish them success as they begin their new terms in office.

The LCRW will host the District 2 luncheon in June. We look forward to everyone joining us for a great speaker and lunch.

In October, we had an interesting program about Colorado Amendments Y and Z. These amendments will allow independent commissions to draw electoral districts for legislative districts.

Congressman Tom Tancredo was our November speaker. He provided an election results analysis and discussed just what happened in Colorado.

In December, we heard from outgoing State Senator Kevin Lundberg. He discussed his legislative accomplishments and his future role as the Executive Director of the Republican Study Committee of Colorado. We will miss Kevin's leadership in the state legislature, but we know he will continue to have an important role in shaping the republican message.

Our January speaker was long time Larimer County activist Dan Betts. He provided us with an informative analysis of Larimer County Election results and voting patterns.

Our Veterans Appreciation Mug program continues to be a smashing success. Our dedicated team of "Muggers" prepare and deliver 125 mugs containing personal hygiene items to the VA Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN
JANE MEAGHER—PRESIDENT**

The last BRW meeting of 2018 was held on December 18 at Lake Valley Golf Club. The snowy mountain view & festive decorations put us in the Christmas spirit. Newly elected officers for 2019 were sworn in: Jane Meagher – President, Noelle Lopez – 1st V.P., Jane Rubinstein – 2nd V.P., Karyn Whitcomb – Treasurer, and Elisabeth Nelson – Secretary. By-laws chairman, Francie Sinton presented the by-law changes for a vote. Marty Neilson was presented with the "Big Elephant Award" for her dedication and tireless work to Boulder Republican Women in so many capacities. Some BRW members told of their experience placing Christmas wreaths on graves at Ft Logan and the beautiful ceremony that took place.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Stephen Presser at BRW's January 15th meeting held at the Boulder Cork. His topic: The Threat to Trump and the Rule of Law. Dr Presser is a supporter of President Trump and a Visiting Scholar with CU Conservative Thought and Policy. He is a leading American legal historian and renowned professor of Constitutional Law.

January 16th several BRW members attended the presentation of protective gear from Shield616 to fifty-eight local sheriff deputies. BRW raised money to purchase gear to protect first responders. It was a wonderful opportunity for BRW to support the Boulder County Sheriff's Department. Part of the ongoing community-based moral support is to send emails and cards of encouragement to the two deputies that our club sponsors. Please keep these deputies in your prayers.

Please join us at Legislative Day, March 18th!

LeMoine Dowd, Boulder RW Communications Chairman
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LONGMONT REPUBLICAN WOMEN BETH SELPH - PRESIDENT

This has been a busy and changing time for Longmont Republican Women. In January, Beverly Stokes resigned as President due to family health matters. So, to fill the vacancy and make necessary adjustments, the following members were voted into office at a meeting held in January: Beth Selph (President), Colette McDonald (Vice President), Diana Wartburg (Second Vice President), and Sandra O'Grady (Treasurer). The Secretary position remains open and we are actively searching for someone to fill that vacancy. Joan Griep (3rd Vice President, CFRW) was very kind to attend our Membership Meeting on January 17th to perform the swearing in, see photo below.

We have some very exciting upcoming events, including Professor William B. Allen, who currently serves as a Visiting Professor in Conservative Thought and Policy at the University of Colorado. He last spoke with us in November and was asked to present an encore on "Freedom-Foundation of the Republic." Professor Allen will be speaking at the February 21st Membership Meeting, 6:15 pm, IHop Restaurant. Reservations can be made thru our website.

Two other upcoming events to make note of: 1] Mayor Brian Bagley (Longmont Mayor) will be speaking at our Membership Meeting, which will be a luncheon held on March 21st beginning at 11:15 AM at IHop Restaurant. More information can be found on our website. 2) A series of W.I.N. Talks will be held at the BCR office the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month, from 6:30-8pm, beginning February 18th. During this time, we will be discussing how to communicate using truth and fact vs. emotion and conjecture.

We are excited about facing the challenges head on in the upcoming year. The 2019/2020 focus is to encourage membership and involvement.



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Deputy Jeff George, Theresa Watson, Noelle Lopez, Gerry Gifford, and Kay Seale at the presentation of the Shield616 protective gear to Boulder County Sheriffs deputies.

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN DIANNA CORAM—PRESIDENT

Montrose community members and organizations were honored for the 2nd year in a row recently at the Montrose County Civic Awards ceremony. Hosted by Montrose County Republican Women, nine local volunteers and service organizations were chosen because of their hard work, passion, dedication and tenacity to help people in need.

Receiving awards: **Helping west end of Montrose County**-Adam and Robbi Murdie for their efforts delivering needed items were congratulated. **Volunteer time and talent**-Ed Ulibarri was thanked for volunteering to various organizations. **Foster parenting**-Sandy Longmore was thanked for the years she spent as foster mother to 150 children. **Going beyond duties as Coroner**-Dr. Tom Canfield was thanked as an



advocate for the deceased as well as suicides and drug prevention. **Feeding the homeless**-Jeremiah Quintin of Christ's Kitchen was thanked for feeding the homeless and giving solace and camaraderie. **Installing flag poles**-Bill Babel was thanked for using his retirement pay to install flag poles. **People against child abuse**-Bikers Against Child Abuse were thanked for going to court with abused children. They use their strength, appearance and love to advocate for them. **"Rosie the riveter"**-Betty Hayes has spent a lifetime in service to America and her community including helping build B-24 bombers during WWII. **Best volunteer of all**-Our own President, Dianna Coram has volunteered anywhere she was needed as well as being very politically active.

by Donna Rose, Publisher of Newsletter/Tusk Talk

ARCHULETA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN CAROL MELLBERG—PRESIDENT

Plans are being made to host the CFRW District III Southwest meeting. If you have never been to a "high tea", you won't want to miss this event. Guns and Roses High Tea will be on May 4th in beautiful Pagosa Springs. Amanda Sanders from the NRA will be our speaker along with patriotic songs by our girls' choir. Tickets are only \$15.00. Reservations can be made by contacting Sandy Artzberger at sandy@memtreatment.com 970-731-0913. Everyone is invited.

In February we heard about the many struggles our local veterans are dealing with. We collected 12 boxes of food for our "Vets for Vets" organization to distribute to local veterans.

March, David Kelley will present a legislative update on Heritage's strategy to get Republicans united around a conservative agenda.

We meet at noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Boss Hogg's in Pagosa Springs.

ROYAL GORGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

TIMME PEARSON—PRESIDENT



Fremont County Royal Gorge Republican Women sponsored on January 17th, 2019 a “ Community Forum on Opioid, Meth and Heroin, inviting a panel composed of: Fremont County Commissioner Chairman, Dwayne McFall, Canon City Pro-Tem Mayor Ashley Smith, Fremont County 11th Judicial District Attorney, Fremont County Under Sheriff Derick Ervine, Canon City Police Department Operation’s Commander Robert Hill, Jason Callan, Re-2 Safety and Truancy Director and Special Guest Speaker, Mr. Brad Hearon, a former Meth user who shared his profound story about addiction and recovery. The Forum received positive support from across Fremont County with attendance by over 150 community members. The Forum gave those attending the opportunity to hear the Panel Members as well as being able to ask their own questions regarding how the Opioid, Meth and Heroin crisis is affecting Fremont County.

BROOMFIELD REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MELODIE STOREY - PRESIDENT

Broomfield Republican Women and Boulder Republican Women held a summer social at the Dowd's Ranch in Longmont. Rick Fernandez was Master of Ceremonies and candidates participated in Q & A presentation of their campaign platforms, etc. BRW also held a Sea’s Candy fundraiser in December. BRW kicked off our Membership Drive in October for 2019 through mid- February. BRW has been collecting word search/ coloring books and colored pencils for our Veterans at the VA. BRW also collected nonperishable items for our local food bank F.I.S.H. BRW is providing a \$500 scholarship to a local High School Senior.

Currently, we have 55 members (six are new members) and 20 associate members, totaling 75. That is an increase in membership of 11%! Our ladies are also getting excited for our new conservative women Book Club meeting to be held in the evenings, allowing working Republican women to be more involved.

BYLAW RECOMMENDATIONS

SHARON SOLLENBARGER—CHAIRMAN

Any changes or suggestions for Bylaws or Standing/Special Rules needs to be to the Bylaw Committee in writing, including rationale, by March 15. Since that is our BOD meeting weekend, Sharon will accept written submissions, including rationale, at that meeting. srsollen@aol.com

MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

ALICE BUMGARNER—PRESIDENT

Since the ground hog didn't see his shadow, we supposedly will have an early spring. Here, in Grand Junction, we are more than ready. City Council elections are approaching, too, and we are gearing up for them.

Our joint MCR/MCRW Christmas luncheon was fun with the Sweet Adeline's providing Christmas music for our enjoyment. The winner of our Republican Woman of the Year award was announced and she is Deborah Erbsch. She has done a lot for the Republican party in Mesa County from holding board positions to election work to helping out where ever needed and much more.

At our January meeting, the new board members were sworn in. In addition, winners of the political and community volunteer work hours were announced. Each lady won a plant. The speaker was Robin Brown, Executive Director of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, who gave a very interesting summary of the Grand Junction economy. She talked about what is going on locally to improve Grand Junction businesses and encourage new ones to move here.

In February, our luncheon program was presented by a group of Grand Junction leaders. They spoke on the City of Grand Junction transportation and safety needs. These proposals will require tax increases and will be on the April ballot.

2019 is off to a good start for Mesa County Republican Women. We have an enthusiastic new board and new members joining us!

Sue Benjamin

RANCHLAND REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MARLENE GROVES—PRESIDENT

RRW had a busy 2018 and ended it with a party where we gathered to celebrate not only Christmas and Hanukkah, but our 1st Anniversary. We extended our event to members and non-members, and as a result we gained a few like minded members.

We did not meet in January, but did have our January Canned Soup Drive; a community event of gathering cans of soup, along with other canned and non-perishable foods for our local area food banks. We brought in approximately 500 units (food items) and delivered them to four different food banks which were grateful for the help.

Our February meeting was regular business and annual reports, where we focused on task sharing for the upcoming Spring Board Meeting, which Ranchland is hosting March 15-17 at the Sheraton DTC Hotel.

We look forward to spending time with our Republican Women family soon and hope each club is off to a good start of retaining members, recruiting new members, and helping to work to better position Republican's prior to the 2020 election.

Please visit our website—www.RanchlandRepublicanWomen.org—to see more club events.

VETERAN'S PROJECT

ASSISTING RETURNING WOMEN SOLDIERS

I have been assisting returning military the past few years in conjunction with a retired military friend Tom Miller. Those military returning from deployment are not furnished with some basic necessities and can use our assistance. Most in need are the single soldiers coming back (at all hours of the day & night) and will be housed in the barracks at Ft. Carson. The simple pleasure of a pillow & towels is not provided. The pictured bags include pillow, pillow case, set of towels, roll of toilet paper and a stuffed animal (for hugs). The small goodie bags include a coffee cup, hot chocolate or tea bags, lotion, water, hand sanitizer, tissues, cough drops, etc. – little goodies to welcome them home from overseas deployment. Since the return flights are huge, I am concentrating on the returning women. The pictured bags are for 18 women returned 2-19-19 and will provide them knowledge that their service is greatly appreciated. I have included a small card with our club Facebook page & website, along with my contact information, should they like to respond.

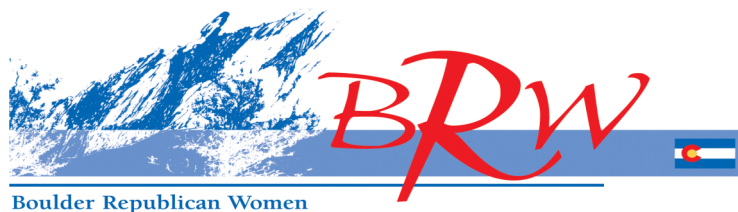
This is a project we could extend to CFRW for our Armed Services Committee. Individuals or clubs could help sponsor these gift bags with either monetary or actual items. I shop the Kohl's towel & pillow sales (coupons, discount, Kohl's dollars) and recently purchased 6 sets of towels & 6 pillows for around \$50. Dollar Tree is a great resource for the small bag items like toothbrush, tissue, hand sanitizer, cough drops, gift bags, hot chocolate, etc.

If you would like to participate you can bring items or donations to our Spring BOD meeting, March 15-17th. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Legislative Day

Monday, March 18, 2019

- 8:00 am** **Gather- Coffee & Pastries**
 Room 603 State Services Building, 1525 Sherman Street
 Directly across street from Capitol
- 8:00-9:30 am** **Welcome**
 Senate Caucus Chair Vicki Marble
 Senate Minority Whip Ray Scott
 House Caucus Chair Lori Saine
 House Minority Whip Perry Buck
- 10:00-10:45 am** **Gallery, Senate and House**
- 11:00- 11:30 am** **Group Picture**
 On steps inside Capitol, First Floor
- 12:30** **Luncheon Registration: Room 603 State Services Building**
- 12:30 pm** **Program begins**
 Welcome: BRW President Jane Meagher
 Speakers: Senate Minority Leader Chris Holbert
 House Minority Leader Patrick Neville

*** * * Remember to wear your red outfit * * ***
Marty Neilson, 303-747-2159, marty5539@gmail.com,
Mail payment: 363 Riverside Dr, Lyons, CO 80540

Clip form and return for registration

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City/Zip _____
Number of tickets @\$25.00 _____ Total enclosed \$ _____
Club name _____

Only individuals with prepaid reservations will be seated.
Reservation must be received no later than March 14, 2019



CLUB PRESIDENT ALTERNATE FORM

I, (name) _____

President of (club) _____

Hereby designate (Alternate's name) _____

to be my official Alternate at the 2019 Spring Board Meeting of the
Colorado Federation of Republican Women on March 16-17, 2019.

Signature of Club President _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Phone _____

ALTERNATE FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN

Julia Lindahl, Credentials Chairman

P.O. Box 7604

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PLEASE POSTMARK NO LATER THAN March 1, 2019

After this date, ALTERATE FORMS must be brought to the meeting and delivered prior to
the Call to Order of the meeting. .

Note: ONLY CLUB PRESIDENTS are entitled to have a Club Alternate Form. The delegate
must be from your Club and cannot already have a voting position on the CFRW Board.

CFRW Board of Director's Meeting

Hotel Reservations

Please contact the hotel directly

Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel

7007 S Clinton St - Greenwood Village, CO 80112

303-799-6200

Rate: \$79.00 for King Room or Queen Double Room

Reserved under: Colorado Federation of Republican Women

Reservation Deadline: **March 01, 2019**

Any questions or problems, please contact
marilynharris44@aol.com or 970-749-4499

Welcome Reception

Sheraton Denver Tech Center

Friday, March 15, 2019 ** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Come help us kickoff the CFRW Spring Board Meeting

Hors D'oeuvres, Fun & Door Prizes

Sponsored by

Marilyn Harris, President and Brenda Bright, 1st Vice President

Room Numbers to be Posted



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