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- Jan. 19: Organizational meeting for new officers—from 1-4 Parker Library
- Jan. 19: Budget meeting 4:00
- March 10: Tusk Talk deadline
- Spring Board meeting TBA
- May 30: State Dinner
- May 31: State Convention

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Sharon Sollenbarger
CFRW President

WELL, GALS, this is it! We're on the downhill side of 2007 and my term as your president. To all of you who missed convention in Colorado Springs...you missed a good one! The hotel was super..new management and all kinds of good food. The gals from El Paso County RW and their president Joanne Colt did an outstanding job! And, of course, Jo Mitchell and Jan Cummings were the "hostesses with the mostesses"!

HB1074 was cussed and discussed and I hope some of the confusion was cleared up. Again, any questions, please call or email Kelly Weist. A request for an opinion from the SOS office has been made and we will let you know the results as soon as we hear from Secretary Coffman.

2008 is looming ever closer and with it comes a huge battle! No matter who the candidate is for ANY office, if she/he has an "R" after her/his name, get behind them....physically, emotionally and financially! They

don't have to fit your definition of a "perfect" candidate. They undoubtedly won't...but just because you don't agree with their stand on one issue, don't count them out. When they get to city council, county commission, school board, Denver or DC, that "R" will make a difference. Think of the alternative...and if that doesn't scare you, nothing will!

In 2008, if we can put aside our differences in personalities, in attitudes and in outlooks and come together as one, we can win. But it will take ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER! We have no choice! Again...THINK OF THE ALTERNATIVE.

Thanks again for allowing me to represent you for the last 2 years. I hope I will make you proud of me on the national level and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Please take care, travel safe and God Bless You.

With Love, *Sharon*

At the NNFW Convention in Palm Springs, CA our own CFRW President Sharon Sollenbarger was elected to the office of NFRW 3rd Vice President!

Congratulations Sharon!

Marolyn Scheffel CFRW 1st Vice President

Thank you so much for electing me to be your President of CFRW. I look forward to working together toward our mission, to grow our membership, to support Republican leadership and candidates, and to educate ourselves to be informed zealots for the Republican way.

I love the CFRW and the women who make it a great organization. It IS a great organization because of the passion, commitment, dedication, and just plain hard work. In expanding and educating our membership we can move the Republican agenda forward. Like you, I'm involved because I care about the direction of our nation. We know that as Thomas Jefferson said, "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Freedom"....we are facing a challenge in our nation's history that requires increasing vigilance on our part. We face a challenge of democratic leadership in both of our houses in Congress, both in our state and in Washington D.C.

How we respond to this challenge will determine the kind of judges that are appointed, the legislation that is passed, and how the issues related to our national security are framed. What is at stake here is our freedom, our way of life and the kind of world we leave for the children and grandchildren. Colorado Federation of Republican Women is poised to make a difference. Women have always been in the frontlines for change and have a pulse on the heartbeat of America. I look forward to working with you over the next two years to make a difference in our state and nation---working together, we can contribute to a future that is worthy of our children and grandchildren and honors the sacrifices of our forefathers and our current freedom fighters around the globe.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President, Let's move forward together and in unity!

Marolyn Scheffel CFRW 1st Vice President,
& President Elect

PETITION TO DR. DOBSON

At the recent annual CFRW Convention, it was brought to our attention that Dr. Dobson of Focus on the Family was threatening to form or support a third party and its candidate. The CFRW convention delegates and attendees were very upset with this news and wrote a petition to Dr. Dobson requesting that he not support a third party due to the disastrous consequences to our country. The petition and letter have been sent but a reply had not yet been

Margaret Gramm CFRW Treasurer

This will be the last article that I will be writing as Treasurer for CFRW. It has been a pleasure serving the Federation. I want to thank all of you for your help during the last two years.

The membership reports and the NFRW Service Fees are coming due again. They will be sent to our new Treasurer, Dona Troyer. Remember, the NFRW Service fees are due on January 1st. When you send in your membership fees, be sure to include

- ◆ the entire name of your club (here are many clubs with the same initials and it is easy to confuse them.
- ◆ include the name,
- ◆ address,
- ◆ phone number,
- ◆ email address for each of the members.
- ◆ include the last four numbers of the zip code

This saves money for NFRW and CFRW when they do mailings to the members. Also, be sure to include the area code for the telephone numbers.

I hope that all of you have a great holiday season

Margaret Gramm

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ELECTION RESULTS

69th ANNUAL CONVENTION & Fall Board of Directors Meeting Was held OCTOBER 12, 13, & 14, 2007

The following officers were elected:

President—Marolyn Scheffel
1st VP Jan Cummings
2nd VP Margaret Gramm
3rd VP Henri Stone
4th VP Julia Lindahl
Secretary Robin Schiro
Treasurer Dona Troyer
Member at large Communications—Sharon Adams
Member at large Fundraising—Margie Martinez
Member at large Awards — Florence Halley

Congratulations to our new officers!

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We all have a big mission ahead of us. Unite, Work Together, and defeat the Democrats!

Communications has been very interesting, I appreciate the support I received last year recovering from the auto accident, the women who believed in me that I would still do the job

Communication is so vital and bring back the programs from NFRW, not to mention getting out the CFRW goals proved to be vital in education and setting a better presence in our communities. "Thank You" clubs who stepped up to the plate and supported the project I chair for the NFRW. Project

"Operation We Care" has proved successful. It makes a difference with our troops, the future of Iraq and Afghanistan when we show the love in us to better those countries and honor those who serve this country.

"Thank you all for letting me serve you the past four years on the executive board." I have thought it to be an honor and privilege, and have found it to be very rewarding to serve you all. I am available for any help anyone needs and I will be praying for you all. God Bless America and the Republican Party.
Lyn Sanchez



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**District IV North
Florence Halley, Director
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As the end of 2007 draws near and we recall the years' events, we conclude that it has been a busy year for District IV North, and all of CFRW.

The Larimer County and Longmont Republican Women have been busy supporting Republicans with their club meetings and wonderful speakers. The Greeley Republican Women hosted a successful Spring Board Meeting for CFRW, and The Kit Carson County women hosted our District Meeting in June.

We were visible at the recent State Convention with Linda Schaal from Kit Carson County providing entertainment, Margaret Gramm being elected as CFRW's 2nd Vice President, Perry Buck as the new Director for District IV North, Margie Martinez and Florence Halley appointed as Members at Large, Carol Hoover as a member of the Nominating Committee and Florence Halley as a member of the By-Laws Committee.

The Yuma County Republican Women recently hosted a steak dinner for the Republicans in the area with good attendance and Henri Stone was their speaker.

It was with great sadness that we received word of the death of Ruth Hughey, President of the Longmont Republican Women, and we extend Best Wishes and support for the members and Peggy Cage as she takes over the President's duties.

With my term as District Director expiring January 1, 2008, I extend my thanks to the CFRW Officers and all of the Republican Women of District IV North, for making this a fun and learning experience. My Best Wishes to Perry Buck, and a reminder to Treasurer's that Dues and Service Charges are DUE January 1, 2008.

Florence

**District VII
(Aurora Republican Women &
Jefferson County Republican Women)**

We held our district meeting at the convention held in Colorado Springs on October 13, 2007 to elect a new District Director for the 7th District.

We had four delegates from each of the clubs for a total of eight at our meeting.

We elected Sharron Zancanelli from Jefferson County Republican Women to replace me as District Director. Each of the two clubs in the 7th District is active in their respective communities with fund raisers for their clubs and holding regular meetings to support our Republican candidates and bring awareness to the issues that affect us. We volunteer to serve in our community to bring support to charitable organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Dona Troyer

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Margaret Gramm, Handbook Chair

It is time again to start thinking about the new handbook for 2008. I need all of the new information by the middle of January, 200. This allows time to get it to the printer and ensure we have copies by the Board Meeting.

Please provide me with:

- President's name
- mailing address,
- phone number,
- email address.

The address is used to mail Tusk Talk copies and all official calls for meetings. I also need to know when and where your club meets. We include this information so if someone is visiting in your area they could attend your meetings.

Send the information to me, and also to our President, Treasurer, 3rd Vice President, and your District Director.

It is also helpful if we receive a list of all your officers. We will really need the contact information for each club's treasurer to ensure we are able to get reports from them for HB 1074.

Hope you all have a great holiday season

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Margaret Gramm

The Eagle and CFRW

Since 1782, the *Bald Eagle* has been the symbol of our country's freedoms, spirit, and pursuit of excellence.

It wasn't everyone's first choice, but it has proved to be a worthy emblem that inspires us all.

At nearby Chatfield Reservoir one can view them. On Memorial Day I walked the area and was in awe of an eagle flying effortlessly within feet of me. For a moment there was no sound. How appropriate on that day to see something that grand.

Joyce Meyers (Enjoying Everyday Life) has this to say about eagles 'Eagles are magnificent birds . . . The characteristics of *eagles* gives us an example to pattern our lives after. The *eagle* is brave, strong, resourceful, and loyal. Its deep-set eyes symbolize wisdom and clear vision.'

She compares the *eagle* to other birds, like chickens: "The *chicken* seems afraid of life itself. You never see a chicken flying; they just flap their wings — a whole lot of action but not many results. They are fearful, and when a storm comes, they run toward the chicken house, flapping and clucking all the way, in a big hurry to huddle in fear with all the other chickens.

She asks "What about the *magpie*? This bird is an overly aggressive bully who is selfish and arrogant. In fact, the *magpie* is so harsh in the way it treats others, it drives other birds away by its very nature."

How about "The *kookaburra* is always having fun. To her, life is one big party. This bird seems to take nothing seriously and is not sensitive to the needs or feelings of others."

And: "There are *peacocks* that are flashy and showy and full of pride. And finally, there are crows, dirty little birds of destruction. They bother *eagles* the most."

While some embrace diversity as healthy, I have seen "bird diversity" in CFRW and it is unhealthy.

Let the chickens scratch in the dirt. There is an election to win.

For the future good of CFRW, I wish all to rise as eagles, inspiring and leading.



Carol Alexander
CFRW Secretary

Republican Women in Government

Republican Women never cease to amaze me, the smallest clubs are most times The worker bee's aren't they? But that doesn't mean all of you aren't trying.

FROM Republican Women's club of Montezuma County: Sherry Dyess County Treasurer, Pam Suckla is the State Board of Education, President Landis Porter is Presidential Appointee (George W. Bush) to Colorado Farm Services Agency Committee Division of USDA. Jan Gardner is appointed by Gov. Owens to the 22nd Judicial

District Performance Commission and also Secretary of the Montezuma County Central Committee. Pat Degagne-Rule, Treasurer of Montezuma Central Committee and Several members serving as Precinct co-chairs: Judi Lichliter, Marie Romero-Ireton, Karen Bohn, Bobbi Black and Sue Scott and Jan Gardner added the County is all RED! How about that!!!! From El Paso County Republican Women: El Paso County Commissioner

Sallie Clark, El Paso County Treasurer Sandra Damron, Colorado Springs City Council Margaret Radford. and City Council Jan Martin.

I know this is a short list but what I received from Clubs the reporting is starting to catch on and I can see clubs getting excited to be included; we just need more time.

Thanks to all who shared GO FOR IT; we are training and running for office! That's one of our purpose's.

Jacque Stafford chair of Republicans in Government

CLUB NEWS

BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

After a pleasant summer off, our group got together for a beautiful fall cocktail party with CU President Hank Brown as our guest speaker. President Brown gave an inspiring talk about the differences between Democrats and Republicans. He reminded us to be true to our beliefs in the coming election. We started our membership drive for the 2008 year and have already gotten over 60 renewals. We continue this drive through December, but of course, always accept anyone joining at any time!

October brought us Colorado Republican Chairman Dick Wadhams, who again inspired us to be firm in our beliefs as Republicans, and encouraged those of us in Boulder to get involved and realize that we can have an impact on the elections. If you have the need for a speaker who will inspire you, consider having Dick come to one of your meetings!

Our November meeting will feature Dan Caplis, and we are all really excited to hear what he has to say. He will be speaking about Jessica's Law and other problems confronting Republicans in Colorado. At this meeting we will present our gathered toys to the "Toys for Tots" campaign.

We will have a Christmas cocktail party in December and install our new officers and then get down to business on the upcoming election year.

In the past year we have continued to support our troops with care packages, are still knitting helmet liners, and supporting "Toys for Tots". We made a substantial donation to the CFRW Scholarship fund, and recently donated 139 dictionaries to Casey Middle School as part of the NFRW literacy campaign.

On that final note, I would like to share with you one of the thank you notes we received from the students. It says it all.

"Dear Republican Women, I thank you for the wonderful dictionaries you gave us. We needed, you gave, and we thank you. They are very nice dictionaries, spanky crisp and NEW. I have never had my own dictionary before, and I will put this one to good use. Although "Republican Women" is not in my dictionary, it is planted in my mind forever. Sincerely, Nichola

Lee O'Donnell, President

COLORADO SPRINGS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Colorado Springs Republican Women have been very busy this year participating in both very successful Women Helping Women events that were held in April and October. We received the Victoria Buckley award at the CFRW State convention and the Caring For America award at the NFRW convention.

We had a wonderful summer garden party at the home of MaryLou Vaughn to promote new membership, which was successful and also a lot of fun. We have had many interesting speakers such as, Amy Lathen, who is running for El Paso County Commissioner, Marsha Looper, one of our Colo. State Representatives, and Debra Burton, an advocate for a program called Character First, which she is trying to introduce into schools and various public arenas.

In November, our speaker was State Senator, Dave Schultheis. He discussed his bill on illegal immigration that he is trying to pass in the legislature, and also informing us on other important issues being currently discussed, that will make a big impact on all Coloradans'.

We will be finishing out the year with our annual Christmas dinner party at Julia Lindahl's.

Julia was the CFRW District V Director, and was recently elected as 4th Vice President of CFRW.

Congratulations to our own Julia!!!

Nancy Price-Weddle, 1st VP CSRW

JEFFERSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN (Wheatridge)

That was a great convention that El Paso County Republican Women organized.

I enjoyed Friday Night at the Art Exhibits. It was a pleasure meeting you gals.

Congratulations to all the new officers. Especially excited for our members Dona Troyer the new Treasurer and Sharron Zancanelli the New District VII Director.

We started Fall off with our 48th annual Chili Dinner and although attendance wasn't as good as usual in part due to the World Series, we did ok.

We have a lot of Elephant Jewelry and Lapel Pins to sell. If you still need to get those little exchange gifts or stocking stuffers, let me know. (303) 234-1872.

Our speaker at our Nov. was John Suthers, Attorney General.

In December we will have our Christmas Potluck.

Happy Holidays to Everyone
Bernice Merkl

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PURCHASED
YOUR CFRW PIN, CONTACT YOUR
CLUB PRESIDENT**



Dates and Plan from Marolyn Scheffel, President Elect:

Chairmen from the Standing Committees, Special Committees, elected officers, District Directors, members at large, honorary officers and appointive officers *please set aside Jan. 19 from 1:00 to 4:00* to meet so we can plan and strategize for 2008. This meeting will be held at the Parker Library. We can discuss who does what, get to know each other, and plan our strategy for the coming year. There will be a budget meeting following this meeting.

The State Dinner has been changed Friday night May 30th and the State Convention will be held on the 31st of May at the new Broomfield Event center. Some but not all of the Congressional Districts will be held at the Westin Hotel in Westminster.

The Spring Board meeting will be announced later.



June Frink, CFRW Sunshine Chair.

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CFRW BYLAWS CHANGES

The Bylaws Committee recommended changes to the Bylaws; following is the outcome.

Article II. Objectives. Section 2.1 F: To assure the neutrality of CFRW elected officers and unit presidents who shall not support nor oppose any candidate in a Republican Primary or intra-party race. ***Insert: To support and to encourage CFRW members to run for elective office.*** Rationale: Present statement takes away free speech and rights of members. Women should be encouraged to run for office, not discouraged because their own CFRW members can't support them. **This did not pass**

Article V. Officers – Qualifications – Terms – Vacancies – Duties:

Section 5.1.A. The elective officers of CFRW shall be: **10:** Secretary of Technology. Rationale: The Secretary of Technology should not be an elective officer of CFRW, but an appointment of the President. **Passed**

Section 5.1.B. Add: B.4. Secretary of Technology. Rationale: The Secretary of Technology should be an appointment of the President as it is necessary to find someone with the background and knowledge to handle the website. **Passed**

Section 5.2.A.2. Be a member in good standing of CFRW and a unit for at least one year; ***Insert: two years*** ***Add: and have served as an officer in some capacity in that unit for at least one term;*** Rationale: Any person wishing to run for state office should be familiar with the operation of the organization and its units and have been an active participant prior to their running for state office. **Passed**

Section 5.2.A. Add: 5. Candidates for CFRW president shall have served at least one term as a CFRW unit president. Rationale: Serving as a unit president gives the candidate a better understanding of the organization. **Passed**

Section 5.3 TERMS. Amend by the **striking out** the entire section and **substituting** the following: A. Officers except Members-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual Convention held in odd-numbered years and assume office January 1 of the following even-numbered year; B. Members-at-Large, elected by the Board of Directors at their meeting held at the time of the Annual Convention held in the odd-numbered years and assume office January 1 of the following even-numbered year; C. The term of office for elected officers is two years, or until her successor has been elected and takes office. Any officer may succeed herself for one term; D. Any officer may be elected to a different office than that of her current term; E. Any officer, after fulfilling her original two terms, may, after a lapse of one two year term, serve again in the same office; F. Any part of a term in excess of one year shall be considered a full term. Rationale: To clarify Section and change terms. One term has proven to be too short. If the current officer wishes to continue in the position, she should be allowed to run for another term. NOTE: District Directors are elected officers. **Passed**

Section 5.5.F. Retain, with the approval of the Executive Committee, a Certified Public Accountant who shall conduct the external review and who shall not be a member of CFRW; ***Insert: qualified Auditor.*** Rationale: a qualified Auditor is a better choice and usually costs much less. **Did not pass**

Section 5.9 Duties of Fourth Vice President Add: F. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President. Rationale: The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. However, it is not possible for one person to be involved in every committee. Assignment to a Vice President when needed is helpful. **Passed**

Section 5.18 Duties of Parliamentarian Strike out subsection 5.18.A. ***Insert: This person must be qualified and well versed in the practice and study of parliamentary law, have taught the subject and/or conducted workshops on the sub-***

ject. Rationale: As long as the person has the working knowledge to assist the President and members of the group, it is not necessary they hold membership in NAP or AIP, and as a result the services will cost less.

Section 5.18.D. Serve as Chairman of the CFRW Bylaws Committee. **Strike out entirely.** Rationale: The Parliamentarian should not serve as chairman of any committee, but only serve as an advisor to the President or assist unit presidents or members in parliamentary procedure and review bylaws submitted by newly formed clubs. **Passed**

Article VI. OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 6.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE 6.2.D. Nominate one or more candidates for each office. Rationale: The nominating committee will review all documents and nominate the person they feel should fill the position. All other members who wish to run for the office may be nominated from the floor. **Did not pass**

Section 6.3 NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR 6.3.B. The candidates submit to the Committee a petition of endorsement for that office signed by a minimum of twenty members of units other her unit. **Insert: than** between other and her. **Passed**

Article VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 8.1 MEMBERSHIP 8.1.A. Voting membership shall be: 1. Elective Officers; 2. District Directors; 3. Members-at-Large; 4. Immediate Past President. (Number 3 becomes 2, number 4 becomes 3.) Rationale: The Executive Committee is too large and cumbersome. Traditionally the Executive Committee of any organization is made up of only the elected officers voted by and representing the entire society. The District Directors are represented on the Executive Committee with a vote by the 3rd Vice President. **Did not pass**

Section 8.2 Quorum The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be eight members, two of whom shall be the CFRW President and Secretary. **Insert: five** **Did not pass**

Section 8.4 Meetings 8.4.A. Required: **Strike out** entire text of subsection A. **Insert: Required: The Executive Committee will meet at least twice a year at the Call of the President.** Rationale: Meetings should be when they best meet the needs of the Organization, i.e.: to approve a budget, Committee Chairmen or in an emergency.

Section 8.4 Meetings Add: 8.4.D. In an emergency, the Executive Committee is authorized to cancel any CFRW meeting by a majority vote. Rationale: Situations do occur when a meeting is impossible or dangerous and the Committee should have the authority to cancel. **Passed and added "1 meeting shall be in the 1st quarter".**

Article X. ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

After the heading, **Add: The Colorado Federation of Republican Women shall meet annually, TO: Provide workshops, seminars, and political education; TO: Hear reports and act upon Resolutions; TO: Meet Candidates of the Republican Party and to foster support of the Party; TO: Biennially elect officers.** Rationale: To better explain the purpose of the Annual Convention.

Section 10.1. CFRW Annual Conventions 10.1.A. In odd-numbered years, the Executive Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors, at its meeting within the first quarter, a bid for the time and place for the following year's Annual Convention. Rationale: Editorial **Passed**

Article XII. BYLAW AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 12.1 Amendments These bylaws may be amended: **A.** Proposed amendments have been submitted to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee not later than March 1 of the Annual Convention year; **Insert: March 15** **Passed**

SPECIAL RULES

1. OFFICER TRANSITION PROCEDURES Add: E. The newly elected Officers of CFRW shall be authorized to begin preparations for the incoming term, immediately, following their September election. Rationale: The Officers do not officially take office until January. There are times it is necessary to approve contracts for spring meetings and they do not have the authorization to do this.

