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**March — 1st Quarter**

**MARILYN HARRIS—CFRW PRESIDENT**

**The future builds on the foundation of the past.**

CFRW is celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. What an exciting year. Our Board meetings are always an opportunity to connect with our old friends and meet new ones. It is an excellent opportunity to welcome our new club presidents, officers and new members and to help in finding ways to support them.

With such an anniversary, it is natural that we reflect on the past. CFRW was honored to have the first President of the National Federation of Republican Women come from Colorado, Joyce P. Arneill. We have had so many wonderful CFRW Presidents since then that have kept our organization going strong as well as the dedication of each and every one of our members. We will be honoring our past presidents as well as all of our members at our March 10-11, 2018 Spring Board Meeting.

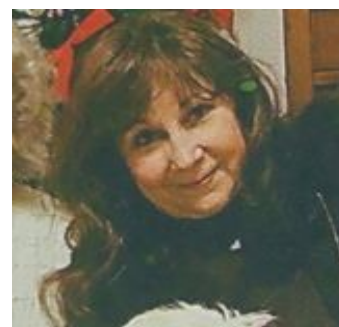
We have the honor of having NICK ADAMS be our featured speaker at our Saturday night dinner. Nick is the founder of FLAG.org and has authored several books as well as being a regular on the Fox News Channels. Nick is a dynamic speaker and a real motivator. Please do not miss this opportunity to hear him.

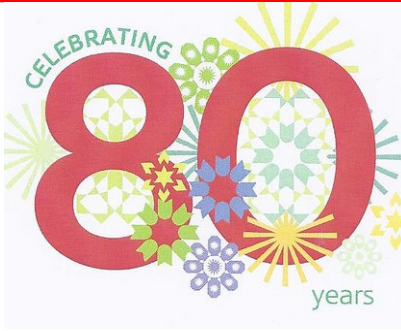
We have some helpful workshops for you at our Spring Board meeting and some speakers you may not have seen for a few years. All of them bringing messages to inform and inspire. There is something for each of us to learn and better our organization.

Our message and support from the National Federation of Republican Women is once again, UNITY. Together, as the CFRW team, we can make a difference in our counties and state elections this year. Everywhere I go in the state I hear of the great work and dedication of our CFRW members.

I truly believe that with the help of our entire CFRW membership, we make Colorado **RED** again.

Hope to see you at the Spring Board Meeting.





*The Colorado Federation of  
Republican Women  
Request your presence  
in Celebration of our  
**80th Anniversary!***

*Spring Board of Directors Meeting*

*March 10-11, 2018*

*(Exec board March 9th)*

*Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver-Southeast  
7525 E. Hampden Ave, Denver, CO 80231*

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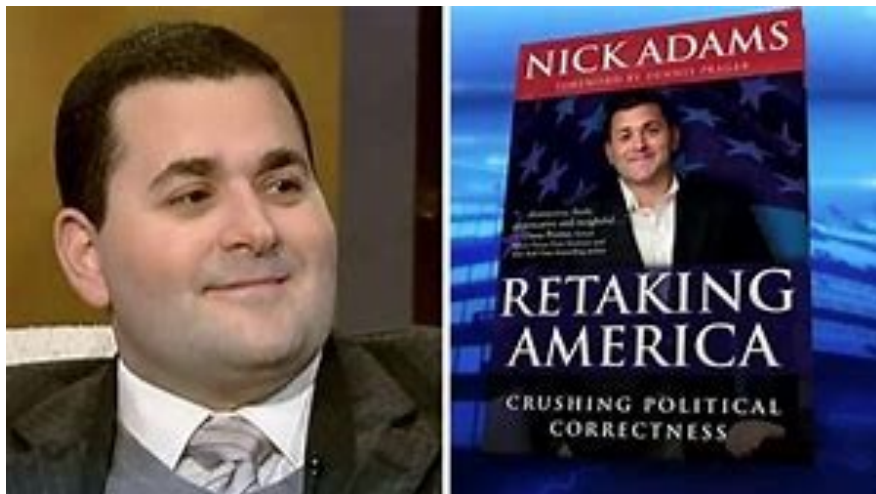
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**Spring Board of Director's Meeting is  
March 10-11, 2018**

**Embassy Suites - 7525 E. Hampden Avenue - Denver, CO 80231  
Executive Board will meet on Friday - March 9th.**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
MARCH 10, 2018**

*Nick Adams*



## *Brenda Bright, First Vice President*

As CFRW celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is a good time to reflect on our past and to look to our future. So, to the many wonderful and determined women who have led CFRW in the first 80 years, to all the women who have held CFRW offices throughout the state, to the women of each club – where would we have been without you? What we do in our present will be the legacy that those who come after us will look back on. Let us make sure that their reflection of our efforts is something that proudly echoes to them through the next 80 years as they move into the future!

In this election year we must develop a spirit of ‘UNITY’ that reaches across our state and draws together every Republican and Conservative Independent in bringing back control of our destiny by electing Republicans to every office – from City Council to the Governor’s Mansion. If we, the members of CFRW, will pull together in unity behind our candidates we can do it. In doing so we will create that legacy of Colorado that we want to leave to our children and grandchildren.

I ask you all to get on board as we move forward in our present to embrace our future. Carpe Diem!

## *Julia Lindahl, Second Vice President*

Hello CFRW members! 2018, being the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CFRW, is a grand time to be a member. I hope you will celebrate with us at both our Board of Director’s meeting in March and our fall convention. Both meetings this year will be in Denver and we will look forward to having you join us for this wonderful celebration.

Memberships are being sent in and both Judith Jergensen (Treasurer) and I ask that you send her your member lists and money on a regular basis (monthly is good) so that we keep our roster with NFRW up to date. Please put mid-May on your calendars to make sure all dues have been submitted and received by May 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a crucial deadline as only names “received by” this date will be eligible to be voting delegates at our fall convention.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the name of a new, application pending club in 2018 – Ranchland Republican Women – in Elbert County. These ladies are organized and have hit the ground going strong. They have monthly meetings, forums, had an amazing soup drive in their community and are building their member and associate base. I congratulate club president Marlene Groves and her officers for the dedication and hard work they have put in to start a new club and give more ladies in their community an opportunity to be viable, enthusiastic Republican members.

I’ve seen as Handbook Chairman the struggle some of our smaller clubs have with dwindling membership and rallying their members to be enthused. Please encourage your ladies to attend our District and State meetings. Getting to know other members throughout the state will give them the opportunity to network and share ideas and bring home new ways to multiply your ranks thru speakers, community service, fundraisers and political gatherings. CFRW is about each and everyone of you that take time out of your busy schedules to be part of an exceptional group of REPUBLICAN LADIES. Your membership is vitally important to our towns and to the state of COLORADO. So don’t sit back, do nothing and complain – STAND UP and be part of the solution – lets unite and work together toward getting Republican’s elected and showing our communities we are the BEST!

## *Joanie Griep, Third Vice President*

### **CFRW District Directors, Meeting Dates and Bylaw Representatives for 2018**

**District I – District Director – Marisa Showalter  
Bylaw Rep – Sue Shannon  
District Meeting – August 18, 2018**

**District II – District Director – Theresa Watson  
Bylaw Rep – Karen Nelson  
District Meeting – April 21, 2018  
Host Club – Broomfield RW – Broomfield, Co.**

**District III North – District Director – Ruth Ehlers  
Bylaw Rep – Rose Pugliese  
District Meeting –**

**District III SE – District Director – Peggy Foley  
Bylaw Rep – Cyndy Williams  
District Meeting – June 23, 2018**

**District III SW – District Director – Mary Ann Smith  
Bylaw Rep – Pat Wainwright  
District Meeting – May 12, 2018  
Host Club – Montezuma County RW – Cortez, Co.**

**District IV N – District Director –  
Bylaw Rep –  
District Meeting –**

**District IV S – District Director –  
Bylaw Rep – Judy Reyher  
District Meeting –**

**District V – District Director – Jan Cummings  
Bylaw Rep – Judith Jergensen  
District Meeting – May 5, 2018**

**District VI – District Director – Barbara Piper  
Bylaw Rep – Laurie Rogers  
District Meeting – May 19, 2018**

**District VII – District Director – Renee Nelson  
Bylaw Rep – Robyn Cafasso  
District Meeting – August 11, 2018**



**CLUB TREASURERS  
PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

*TREASURER*  
*Judith Jergensen*

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

**Thank you** to the club treasurers who have sent their initial membership rosters, membership fees, and NFRW service fees. Your efforts help keep your clubs in good standing. You may send additional member information and their dues as you receive them.

Clubs who have not sent these initial reports are now delinquent. It is important that you submit the \$15.00 NFRW club service fee and initial member roster as soon as possible.

As a reminder, your membership roster should be typed, clearly formatted, alphabetized by last name and contain the following information:

1. The FULL name of the club, no initials
2. Club president's name and contact information
3. Treasurer's name and contact information
4. Each member's name, address, phone number, and e-mail
5. Only regular memberships are required to be reported

An excel spreadsheet works very well if you are comfortable using this format. However, well formatted text programs are also fine. Most important is clarity and inclusion of all required information. If you need help with formatting, please contact me by email or phone as listed below.

Your roster may be emailed, **but you must mail:**

1. A printed copy of your roster,
2. Your check for membership dues of \$15.00 per member, *and*
3. A separate check for the NFRW club service fee of \$15.00 per club per year.

NOTE: The CFRW convention delegate allocation for each club is based on the paid memberships as of May 30. Delegates to the NFRW convention must have been members in good standing for at least six months prior to the convention.

DONATIONS to the CFRW Scholarship Fund, and to the Dulany Woodward Educational Grant Fund may be made at any time. Mail to the CFRW Treasurer.

Treasurer's contact information:

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## *Jan Gardner, Member-at-Large, Awards*

Dear Club Presidents and District Directors,

If you do not know me, I am Jan Gardner, member of the 4 Corners Republican Women's Club (4CRW) in Cortez, CO. I have been a member of a CFRW club since the mid-90's--shortly after moving to Colorado and am currently serving as President of 4CRW. I was elected to Member-at-Large at the 2017 Fall Convention of CFRW last October. I am excited about serving all of you through CFRW.

According to my predecessor, all Clubs have received a "Club Handbook" at or since the Fall Convention--this notebook is to be "traveling" so if you are a new club president and the prior president has not passed it on to you, ask her about it! In this notebook, are the NFRW awards forms both for state and clubs--I received my club's notebook. The first section is for State awards, so skip over that section for now. The second section is where we want to concentrate: some of these awards are designed for clubs, individual members or for the state to achieve, so you will want to review them and pick which guidelines you want to use. This notebook has the forms for the 2016-2017 awards year in them--but don't be too fast to toss them yet! The current year's forms will not be available & on the NFRW website until Spring...so use these old forms as a guide and get started collecting data to submit for an award! Although any one of the awards may change a little, I would anticipate that there would not be major changes from one year to the next.

### Overview of Awards:

**Club Achievement Award:** At first glance, it looks overwhelming because it is 9 pages long! But, at closer look, just read down the pages, record the number of points for things your club has completed in the given 2-year period, total them and BOOM--you've qualified for an award!! But be sure to mail your application into our State President by the deadline (usually June first)! Then, she signs off and mails it to NFRW.

**Campaign Volunteer Award:** Again, a 2-year reporting period, you need to keep track of campaign-related volunteer hours. There is a written policy as to what can be counted, The easiest way for members to keep track would be to record on/in their calendar/day-tracker/etc., and then report monthly to a designated club member for tracking. Again, this award needs to be reported to the State President by June 1st to qualify. This one is for club & state at the National level...at the individual level within our state, I hope to work on an award for the individual with the most campaign volunteer hours. I hope to have information on that at the Spring Board Meeting in March.

**Membership Incentive Awards:** This one is a one-year award for clubs and members that recruit the most members--and this one has some **ca\$h** awards as well! Your membership chair could easily keep track of this one, fill out the application and send to the State President by June 1st. There are 4 categories to consider so check it out and apply! This one has individual, club and state levels of award.

**Caring for America Award:** This is also a one-year award and one you can identify and be credited for your community service--there are even some ideas on a page in this section! Again, due to our State President by June 1st. This one, at the National level is designed to award the club and State levels. Perhaps we can design something at the State level to award an individual...I will see!

Behind the awards, are the guidelines for 2 scholarships and an internship. Please read through these--they are probably pretty competitive to receive, but if you or someone you know would qualify to submit an application for consideration, you don't know unless you try!

I think it is safe to say we all know we all do a LOT of campaign volunteering, community service and do our best to recruit members...and although we do not do it for the recognition, it is nice to be recognized once in a while. It is CFRW's 80th Anniversary, let's consider 2018 the year to **roar**--let NFRW hear from the Colorado Republican Women via our submissions that document all we do and have done!

I look forward to working with you on Awards. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help. I also look forward to seeing you at the spring meeting in March! Bring questions if you have them and we will try to answer them--if we don't know the answers, we will get them!

By the way, **this is a new email address for me, so please save it!**

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## *Barbara Piper, District Director, District VI*

All of the Clubs in District VI are off to a great start and anticipate having a successful 2018.

**Cherry Creek Republican Women** had George Brauchler speak in January as DA and also as candidate for Attorney General. They also had some beautiful calendars they sold as a fundraiser that pictured many models from their Vintage Fashion Show. In February Wayne Williams spoke on the November election and what effect the new laws will have.

**Douglas County Republican Women** heard from State Party Chair, Jeff Hays in January he gave us a good education on what the RNC and State Party are doing, and instilled in us that we have a lot of work to do and every volunteer counts. In February we look forward to having John Voehl who is a great Lincoln impersonator speak on Lincoln. On February 27<sup>th</sup>, they will be hosting a Gubernatorial Forum.

**Elbert County Republican Women** invited me as their District Director to come in January and install their officers for 2018. Marsha Haeflein DCRW President went with me and we had a very nice time visiting with the Elbert County ladies. They even had a number of their commissioners show up to the evening meeting, great to see that support for them.

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## *Jan Cummings, District Director, District 5*

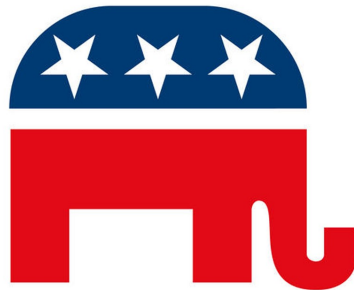
The Clubs in the 5th District, those that have had meetings in January and February (some Clubs meet later in February, so they have had just a January meeting) have had Candidates for State Offices and Candidates for local Offices.

The 5th District meeting will be held May 5, 2018 at the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort, Buena Vista. All are welcome.

## *Marisa Showalter, District Director, District One*

Denver Republican Women selected Streets Hope ([www.streetshope.org](http://www.streetshope.org)) as our adopted non-profit for 2018. Last September's meeting featured its director, Caroline McKinnon as well as a representative from the Attorney General's office on human trafficking. This spring, in addition to bringing in candidates for members to get to know, we are assisting the Denver County GOP organization with the assembly of Caucus packets for 351 precincts and will host the coffee booth as a fundraiser at the Denver County GOP Assembly.

Marisa Showalter CFRW District 1 Director President, Denver Women's Republican Club Email: [mjshowalter@outlook.com](mailto:mjshowalter@outlook.com) Phone: 303.250.1596



## *Mary Ann Smith, District Director, III Southwest*

District III SW Clubs all have been busy renewing members and obtaining new members. Each Club has a good lineup of speakers and/or events for 2018. We are all busy in our personal lives, but all still find those minutes and hours to donate to our respective Clubs and CFRW. We are committed to the electing Republicans to the upcoming 2018 elections, including Governor of Colorado.

Thanks to all District III SW Clubs for their involvement and support.

Mary Ann Smith

Mary Ann Smith, CFRW District Director, III SW  
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Pagosa Springs, CO 81147  
970-731-2392 or 970-302-5290

## *Peggy Foley, District Director, District III Southeast*

District III Southeast only has two (2) clubs in our District. Bel Nor Republican Women in Pueblo and San Luis Valley Republican Women in Alamosa.

The San Luis club does not meet in January and held their first meeting the first Thursday in February. They are graciously hosting the District III Southeast District Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Alamosa. More details to follow. The Bel Nor officers plan to attend their March meeting (weather permitting).

The Bel Nor club held their membership luncheon on January 20, 2018. The officers encourages current member to bring guests and potential members. In February the club had a local candidate, Zach Swearingen, who is running for County Commissioner, Brita Horn who is running for State Treasurer, and Greg Lopez, running for Governor.

For the Americanism Project for 2018, Bel Nor will participate in the Military and Veteran's Stand Down organized by Posada and held at the First Presbyterian Church. Each month the members will be asked to bring certain items for donation to this event. It is for all homeless Veterans and Military people and a portion is open to the public.

The Pueblo County Republican Party Assembly will be on March 17, 2018 and the Bel Nor club will be selling food items as a fundraiser for you the club. 719-369-2089 [peggyhfoley@gmail.com](mailto:peggyhfoley@gmail.com)

*Congratulations C.F.R.W*

**ON 80 YEARS OF BEING A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS FOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN, REPUBLICAN, CANDIDATES AND REPUBLICAN IDEALS.**



## *Lois Landgraf, Legislative Chairwoman*

January 10<sup>th</sup> was the opening day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the 71<sup>st</sup> general assembly. And since then things have been hopping.

As of January 28, there had been 145 bills introduced in the House and 105 in the Senate. Everything from the allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater to flush your toilet to bills for veteran's services and human trafficking. One bill that will be of interest to all of you is SB 18-061, a Grantham-Sonnenberg, Lawrence-Landgraf bill that will reduce the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.43%.

Representative Liston has made it his mission to stand up front every day and report on the positive impact the Trump tax cuts are having on Colorado. This "fresh off the news" information isn't all that well received by the Dems. (too bad!)

In case you are wondering, the sexual harassment issue seems to have quieted down. There is training going on but no one has been voted out of town. There doesn't seem to be a new process in place for reporting such egregious behavior. Nothing seems to have really changed other than people being a little more guarded in their behavior and lots of questions (jokes?) as to whether that hug constitutes harassment.

The biggest debate at the Capitol is on transportation. The big issue with transportation isn't about the number of lanes to be added or to toll or not to toll, the big debate is how to pay for it. There are those at the Capitol who believe there is money in the budget to cover our transportation needs. And there are those who believe the real answer lies in raising taxes. There are also people in the middle who think asking our citizens for permission to procure bonds, without raising taxes, is the real solution. Senate bill 1 does exactly that. **SB18-001, Transportation Infrastructure Funding** requires the transportation commission to submit a ballot question to the voters at the November 2018 general election. If approved, this bill will authorize the state, with no increase in any taxes, to issue additional transportation revenue anticipation notes for the purpose of addressing critical priority transportation needs and it would require ten percent of state sales and use tax net revenue to be credited to the state highway fund for the purpose of repaying any notes issued and funding transportation projects. This bill will pass in the Senate. The question is, will it pass in the House.

This promises to be a hectic, busy year. It's an election year! A lot of things will be done for the wrong reasons. Hopefully, some will be done for the right.

If you have questions about anything that is happening at the Capitol, feel free to call me at 719-963-4773 or email:

## *Billie Nigro, Sunshine Committee Chair*

Please email me at: if you have a club member you would like a card sent to.  
**billie2004@consultant.com**



## *Sharon Sollenbarger, Bylaws Committee Chair*

Bylaws are one of those things that make just about everybody groan, BUT...they are definitely a necessary requirement for an organization to function in an orderly and reasonable manner.

So, Ladies, it's that time again. If you know of any errors or contradictions in the CFRW bylaws that need to be corrected or you wish to submit a change, please put it in writing including the section and paragraph number(s) and your rationale for the change. Then get it to your district bylaws committee member, your district director, or me, bylaws chair, **by March 15.** We will also be happy to get them at the CFRW Spring Board in Denver.

The committee will review all the submissions, combine similar items, and present the changes for ratification at the CFRW fall BOD and Convention.

Sharon Sollenbarger  
Bylaws Chair  
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## *Cyndy Williams, Web Master*

Ladies,

Thank you for being patient with the website as all the details were being worked out. We are now ready to move forward with updating and with current events. You can now register and pay for events on-line through our site for your convenience. If you would like to have information regarding your club added or updated, please utilize the form located on the front page of the website. You will need to include all information and submit to Cyndy Williams at [cwilliamshomes@gmail.com](mailto:cwilliamshomes@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

If you have a special community event that you have participated in that displays club involvement, please take pictures or even video and send it to me along with a detailed description as I would love to showcase your club. If you have something coming up and you would like it to be put on the calendar, please let me know via the form and I will get it on for you. Please remember that I will need at least a week to get items onto the web. Thank you in advance for your participation. I look forward to an event filled year.

Cyndy Williams  
Bel Nor Republican Women,  
CFRW Web Master  
719-252-8380

## *Mesa County Republican Women*

Our Mesa County Republican Women/Mesa County Republicans annual Christmas party was a great success. An entertaining and creative Christmas music program was presented by Palisade High School's "Popular Acclaim" choral group. We took up a donation for their upcoming trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in NYC.

Sex trafficking and what is being done about it in Mesa County was the subject of our January luncheon. Melissa Lytle, Executive Director of Western Slope Center for Children and Tom Acker, founding member of Western Slope Against Trafficking gave the presentation.

February's program featured Victor Mitchell, one of Colorado's gubernatorial candidates. He was very interesting and well received.

Our members, who are also precinct people, are busy receiving caucus training and getting ready for the Precinct Caucuses held March 6. Deb Gaul, who is also our secretary, is leading the training.

MCRW's president, Ruth Ehlers, has recently been selected to be the Director of District 3, North.



## *Bel Nor Republican Women*

Bel Nor started our new year off with our annual Membership Meeting and set the bar high for 2018. Treasurer candidate, Brita Horn, Pueblo County Commissioner candidate, Zach Swearingen, and Governor candidate, Greg Lopez were the speakers at our meeting. During this election year, Bel Nor will continue to provide a forum for candidates. When our members have a chance to hear from a variety of candidates, they are much more likely to make an informed decision when they fill out their ballots in November.

Our speakers for February were Justin Everett, Treasurer candidate and Brian Cotter, Pueblo County Coroner. Our Coroner spoke about 'A Day In The Life...'! Freely admitting that he and his office cannot solve crimes in under 60 minutes like popular TV shows (think NCIS) do, they do more than scene investigation and transport of decedents! Quite an entertaining evening. In March we will have George Brauchler, candidate for Colorado Attorney General.

The Ladies of Bel Nor are gearing up for our caucuses and our county assembly. Many of our members are involved as precinct chairs and volunteer in a variety of ways to help promote the grassroots of our political system. Caucus is where we first find our voice and is the vehicle that drives all further political movement in Colorado.



## *Montrose County Republican Women*

Montrose community members and organizations were honored during the first Montrose County Civic Award ceremony recently. 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: **Local Art and Culture**-Pat and Bob Brown were honored for currently trying to keep and maintain the bronze statues on Main Street. **Local Cancer Support**-Francie Smiles has spent more than two decades working to support and comfort those facing cancer. **Higher Education**-Dee Coram accepted and discussed the thousands of dollars raised on behalf of Kit Faragher killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11 for scholarships. **International and Cultural Education**-President of PNG Tribal Foundation, Gary GT Bustin is honored for supplying medical aid, health, education and stopping gender-based violence against women of Papua, New Guinea. **Local Food Bank**-Green Cupboard proceeds go to our local Sharing Ministries Food Bank. **Historical Education**-The "West End Sisters" are involved in numerous ventures in the West End of Montrose County that promote tourism and help visitors. **Protection and Service**-The Montrose County Sheriff's Posse volunteer countless hours to the Sheriff's office whenever they need help. **Veteran Support**-Gary Gratton helps with carved canes for the veterans. **Voice of the Valley**- We recently lost a beloved and long time radio host, Jim Kerschner. He was best known for his support of veterans for "Operation Sweet tooth" on KUBC -AM. by Donna Rose, Publisher of Newsletter



## *4 Corners Republican Women*

### **Happy New Year from the 4 Corners Republican Women**

What a wonderful first year our President has enjoyed, despite the constant criticism he has had to endure. And now we are already embarking on the mid-term election cycle! It seems that we only just finished the 2016 elections! As with across the state, we have several local races as well as the state and federal seats that are up for election/re-election. Our club has had local Republican candidates attend our meetings as guest speakers. Many of us will be helping our Central Committee with manning booths this coming year at the various venues: Ag Expo, Home and Garden, 2 Gun Shows, the county fair. The Central Committee hopes to open a campaign headquarters earlier than usual this year—before the Primaries—to help get the information out to the public.

Our Central Committee is being more involved in helping to elect conservatives to the non-partisan boards in our county. Several of our Women helped in this effort—last fall we saw a few more conservatives be elected to 2 of the 3 local school boards. This is a new approach for the Central Committee but seems to have been well received. So many of our local non-partisan boards have tipped very liberal so this effort is helping to bring back a balance.

**Please note:** Our club now meets at a new location as of the first of the year: Please write in your handbook when you get it: Shiloh Steakhouse, 5 S. Veach St., Cortez. Same day and time.

## *Boulder Republican Women*

Boulder Republican Women's November 14<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting keynote speakers were KDMT Radio's "Americhicks", Molly Vogt & Kim Monson informing us of their D Day trip to Normandy with four WWII vets and a project to preserve veteran's stories. It was the perfect program to follow on the heels of Veteran's Day.

The December 12<sup>th</sup> BRW meeting was a lovely Christmas lunch at Lake Valley Golf Club where the officers for 2018 were installed. We also collected wool socks and mittens for homeless vets. We donated 32 pairs of socks, 32 caps, and gloves for veterans in need. Gerry and Doug Gifford delivered them to The VA Hospital in Denver before Christmas.

BRW kicked off 2018 on January 16<sup>th</sup> with the keynote speaker, Robert Kaufman, PHD, a political scientist and Pepperdine University professor, specializing in American foreign policy. He is currently serving as the 5<sup>th</sup> Visiting Scholar in CU Boulder's Conservative Thought & Policy Program. He spoke about the American Foreign Policy under Trump. It was very interesting to hear his perspective. At this meeting we collected candy and cards to send to the troops for Valentine's Day.



Theresa Watson, President  
Diana Petrak, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs  
Pam Reinhard, Secretary  
Joan Griep, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of CFRW installed our officers  
Jane Meagher, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership  
Marty Neilson, Treasurer  
LeMoine Dowd  
Communications Chairman  
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## *Colorado Springs Republican Women*

Hi everyone,

El Paso County has gone through a great loss this month with the death of Sheriff Detective Micha Flick. He was a man who sacrificed himself to save the lives of his fellow officers. He leaves behind a wife and 7-year-old twins. Rachel Flick, Micha's wife, stated, *"We have a cultural epidemic of the lack of respect for law enforcement and authority."* It is time for us to come together with law enforcement and eradicate this disrespect. Please keep his family and our community in your prayers.

We have elections coming up and it is important we all engage. While I know that the Governor's race is in the forefront of our minds, we must remember there are other races in our State that will help the next Republican Governor. I hope that we encourage our members to support local Republicans that stand for our Constitution and will not waver from our Republican Platform. Many of our clubs are having those running for office come and speak so the members can know where the candidates stand on the issues important to us. I just want to say this is very important; it may have something to do with the fact that I am a candidate for County Commissioner District 5.

Elected officials need to be reminded that we, the citizens, are the ones in charge and the elected officials serve at the will of the people. We can vote them in as well as vote them out. Let us be diligent in vetting candidates to make sure they are the Constitutional candidates we need running our cities, our counties, our State, and our country.

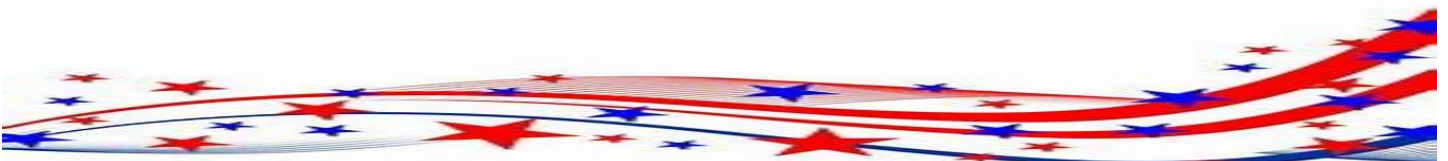
***"We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."*** *The Constitution of the United States*

God bless you all and God please continue to bless America! Vickie Tonkins—President

## *Royal Gorge Republican Women*

Royal Gorge Republican Women's Club has been involved in providing Republican Candidates with the opportunity to present their respective platforms through the hosting of "Meet and Greet Candidate forums before the upcoming caucus on March 6<sup>th</sup>. RGRW WILL BE CELEBRATING 58 YEARS AS A CHARTER CLUB ON MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>...

As CFRW members may remember, RGRW is a sponsor of both K-9 Rescue Mission and the War Dog Memorial, thus it is with a heavy heart that we are reporting the passing of two of our beloved War Dogs, Boss and Canto whom everyone got to meet at a previous Conference. Boss, born, trained and served most of his life in Kuwait, got to be with Ruby and her family for almost 14 years (Golden Retriever). While Canto, considered one of the Army's star Patrol and Explosive Detector's Dogs (remember Larry) had to be euthanized because of a service related disorder. Please keep Ruby, her family and Larry in your prayers...



## Colorado Federation of Republican Women

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### ARCHULETA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

*Carol Mellberg President*

As the new year is beginning our club is looking to make a difference in Archuleta County. To quote one of our members, “We are a government of the people by the people. The government fails when people fail to be involved. “

In January we sent out a survey asking our members what they wanted from our club and what do they want to do for our community. We were very thankful to our speaker, Victor Mitchell, for coming to discuss his qualifications for Governor and his plans for health care in Colorado.

In February, in keeping with our “Share the Love” campaign, we honored the veterans at our local extended care center by bringing them gifts of love. We were pleased to have retired Air Force Vet, Greg Lopez come speak about his vision for the future of our state and conservative values as he runs for Governor.

We appreciate the time and effort it takes candidates in this year’s election to drive down to Pagosa Springs to meet with us and allow us to get to know them on a personal level. This makes us the most informed voters that we can be.

We will be concentrating on local issues in March concerning a new mental health care facility here in Pagosa Springs and hearing about local tax issues. At our March caucus meetings we plan to make everyone at every precinct aware of our club and the need to get involved.

In April we look forward to trying something new by having our meeting in the evening with a potluck dinner. We are excited about another way to socialize with the ladies as we have fun and strategize how to work together to “Make America Great Again”.



## Longmont Republican Women

Some LRW members are now involved in preparations for the Boulder County Republicans' Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. We are also involved with the upcoming Caucus.

In December 2017, we elected new officers. Also in December, we held our annual Christmas Party. It was a great success with many elected officials, members and guests.

We put on a monthly book club, studying such books as *They Must Be Stopped* and *Dare to Drive*. We also screen films occasionally. Often, the author is present or, present by phone or SKYPE. Currently, we are studying *The Constitution 101*, produced by Hillsdale College.

Of course, we continue to have monthly luncheon and evening meetings with great speakers, such as Debbie Healy of the Family Research Council, located in Washington D.C.

**Our meeting location has changed.** We now meet at the Moose Lodge, 2210 Pratt Street in Longmont. Please check our website for times. [www.longmontrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.longmontrepublicanwomen.org) You can also follow us on Facebook.

Debbie Healy of Family Research Council



Photo: Ranchland Republican Women: L is RRW President Marlene Groves, R is RRW Member and Pines & Plains Library Administrator; both are looking over about 1/2 of the overall yield from the Canned Soup Drive. For more information on RRW, please visit



## *Mountain Republic Women's Club*

After a Christmas break from our meetings so we could relax and be with our families and activities of the season we started January with our lively, fun and fundraising meeting. This meeting was for our "Tims" in our Black & White Glitter Night with very special lighting on the ceiling of the room, black tablecloths and lighted centerpieces as the decor to set the mood. The mood for installing the 2018 Officers for Mountain Republican Women's Club but mainly to fundraising for our "Tims".

Dist. II CFRW Director Theresa Watson who is also President of Boulder Republican Women came a great distance to install the 2018 Officers for Mountain Republican Women's Club. President - S. "Dee" Oltmans. 1st VP and Treasurer - Kathryn Isenberger, 3rd VP Communications - Dede Wagner, 4th VP Membership - Delores Kopp, Secretary/Invocation Tanya Ashworth.

Tanya Ashworth creatively set the theme of the Black & White Glitter Night while Dede & Peter Wagner set up a very creative and fun Jeopardy game that had the two "Tims" heading the two teams in fun-filled evening of answers to the questions. Along with the game we were also encouraging people to donate directly to our candidates quite successfully. Wildgame/ Rendezvous provided various tasty selections of hors d'oeuvres which was paid by MRWC for the attendees.

Tim Leonard State Representative HD25 and Tim Neville State Senator District 16 are our "Tims" that we are encouraging all to re-elect since they are truly representing our are tirelessly.

So please, if you are in our area or know voters in our area - come, attend our lively meetings and be greeted by our members who eager to be active, curious about how our government spends our money, keeps us safe and respects our faith, privacy, 2nd Amendment rights and our private property. So MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN and don't back down.

Sally Oltmans  
[dso674@wispertel.net](mailto:dso674@wispertel.net)

## *Ranchland Republican Women*

On Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Ranchland Republican Women (club application pending) had our first organizing meeting and in December we had a lovely Christmas celebration. In between we found 40 unserved and enthusiastic Republican members to join our efforts and kicked off January 2018 with our first community service project – a Canned Soup Drive since January was national soup month. We are proud to report we collected 1,000 units of canned food (mostly soup) and we have shared the same with our 5 area Food Banks.

Our slogan is “Conservatives who Care about Community and Country”; and we do try to put positive energy and efforts towards both. We are finding the blend in our area is attracting more positive minded people who were intimidated by a politics only focus, but are open to join and learn when there is a balance of politics and people just doing good things.

We are a new (applied) club, and extend our gratitude for the embrace of CFRW President Marilyn Harris, and the more local support from 2VP Julia Lindahl. We are very excited for 2018 with many programs and projects planned; *and we are thrilled to help CFRW & NFRW in any way we can!*

## *Sunrise Republican Women*



website: [www.coloradosrw.com](http://www.coloradosrw.com) and find us on Facebook

President Terry Hindmarsh 719-649-7353 [srwpresident2016@gmail.com](mailto:srwpresident2016@gmail.com)

Sunrise Board Members gathered in February to plan our next events. Left to right top row are Rachel Meyer, Ruth Wilson, Rachel Blake, Judith Jergensen, Pat Holte, bottom row, Terry Hindmarsh, Sandra Banks, and Gail Yancey.

At the well-attended January Meeting, Jan Cummings, District 5 Director, installed our newest officers Secretary Rachel Meyer and Assistant Treasurer Juliann McPadden. Jan “re-enlisted continuing officers, President Terry Hindmarsh, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Sandra Banks, PhD., 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Ruth Wilson, and Treasurer Holly Williams. As president, I value working with these amazing and capable ladies.

The January program included candidate for Governor, Walker Stapleton, Sheriff Bill Elder, seeking re-election, and Lindy Havens of Restore Innocence ([www.restoreinnocence.org](http://www.restoreinnocence.org)), who gave a very engaging talk about her organization which helps survivors of human trafficking in Colorado.

The annual Day at the Legislature is February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are sponsored by Senator Bob Gardner, Rep. Larry Liston and Rep. Lois Landgraf. A luncheon follows at the grand University Club with our local legislators. We look forward to candid updates and good conversation.

Please join us at Colorado Technical University, Colorado Springs, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., for the March 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Sunrise members are very involved in candidate campaigns, precinct training sessions, raising funds, and GOP volunteering.



## *Collegiate Peaks Republican Women*

Collegiate Peaks Club has started the new year with a new slate of officers: Jacki Sobczak as President, Karen Farber as First Vice President, Pam Callaway as Second Vice President, Bea Harnish as Secretary, and Bonnie Mausbach returning as Treasurer.

Many of us are involved in creating a successful Lincoln Day Dinner scheduled for February 17 at Mt. Princeton Inn and Spa. This is the largest fundraiser for our party in the year and we're hoping for two-hundred attendees to enjoy the several speakers who are candidates for state and local offices.

We had the pleasure of meeting Victor Mitchell at our last meeting. He is a candidate for Colorado Governor.



## *Southwest Republican Women*

2018 should be a very exciting year. There will be a gubernatorial race with some great candidates running. SWRW has elected a new board. Our new board includes myself, Terri Oliger, President, Velbeth Jones, 1st VP, Tonya Edwards McKnight, Treasurer and Kalisa Maloney, 2nd VP. Sharla Dyar and Leetra Jurkens and their talents will certainly be missed, but I'm sure glad to have Sharla onboard as past President. Thanks to Velbeth, we have a great line up of speakers for 2018. Our monthly luncheons are held on the third Tuesday of the the month at the Doubletree Hotel. 11:30 mix and mingle and 12:00 luncheon and speaker. If you are ever in Durango during that time, we would for you to join us!

Terri Oliger, President (970) 749-8546, [toliger1@hotmail.com](mailto:toliger1@hotmail.com)





## *Lone Cone Republican Women*

Lone Cone Republican Women had many successful summer time potluck picnic lunch meetings. We found this time slot allowed many busy women to attend and enjoy an informational and productive meeting and a delicious lunch.

We supported our fellow Republican Women in Texas after the floods with a \$250.00 donation.

In September we won first place with our "Elvis" themed parade entry. Thank you to Associate Member Ron Gabbet for being such a good sport! He had all the moves and had to fight off many swooning fans!

Please mark your calendars for our 3rd annual Lincoln Day Dinner. Friday, March 2, 2018 at The Livery in Norwood, CO at 6:00 pm. Guests will enjoy a BBQ brisket dinner with all the trimmings. Guest speaker will be Candace Joice. Candace is the Education Director at iEmpathize, a non-profit committed to eradicating child exploitation. She volunteered with iEmpathize for three years before joining the team full-time in 2013. Candace fuses together pedagogy, academic and social research, curriculum development, and media production to increase the impact of iE's education-based programs for youth. She is also available to deliver trainings and workshops regarding human trafficking and exploitation prevention for groups such as educators, parents, youth, community organizations, and social workers. She co-created iEmpathize's exploitation prevention program for teens, The Empower Youth Program, now used in over 20 states and in Mexico

Ticket are \$30 or 2 for \$50 please contact Terri at 970-327-0271 for more info. Or send payment to Judy Conder, POB 732, Norwood, CO 81423



Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW)  
The Dulany Woodward Educational Grant Application

The CFRW "Dulany Woodward Educational Grant" is administered by CFRW in the following manner:

- A. The CFRW Dulany Woodward Educational Grant is administered by the voting members of the CFRW Executive Committee. The CFRW President appoints the Chairman.
- B. The criterion is established by the Grant Committee and is inscribed on the application.
- C. The Chairman is responsible for:
  - 1. Distribution and receipt of applications;
  - 2. Conducting meetings for application review;
  - 3. Reporting the recommendations to the President for notification by the President to the Executive Committee and recipient (s); and
  - 4. Keeping the names of the applicants confidential.
- D. CFRW does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or national origin in the awarding of the Financial Aid Program.

The Criteria for the CFRW "Dulany Woodward Educational Grant" Applicants are as follows:

- 1. Must be an active member of a CFRW Club
- 2. Must demonstrate an involvement in the Republican Party and there must be an indication of continued involvement.
- 3. Be awarded only one time per year with a maximum amount of \$100
- 4. Cannot be used for Republican Fundraising or campaign events
- 5. This program is limited to Republican sponsored events such as CFRW and NFRW meetings, Leadership Program of the Rockies, Republican National Committee events, Lincoln Club, Capitol Club, Colorado Assembly cost, etc.
- 6. Application must be submitted at least 30 days prior to event.

All information in this application is considered confidential and shall be treated as such.

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NAME OF CFRW CLUB YOU ARE A MEMBER OF:

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WHY DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND THIS EVENT AND HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT FROM IT:

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