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MARILYN HARRIS—CFRW PRESIDENT

Looking back to November of last year there were high hopes.....we had a firm grip on the House, the Senate, and at last, the White House. Now we need to get the important work of the country done.

Unfortunately, things are unresolved on so many levels. There seems to be a great deal of difference between campaigning and governing. Many feel that campaign promises have not been kept and work isn't getting done with the opportunity we now have.

However, we just need to take a look at the amazing things that have happened in American since President Trump was sworn in. Justice Gorsuch was confirmed – the economy has picked up faster than anyone believed it could, manufacturing is up, the military is strengthening, illegal border crossing has been reduced and the enemies of America know we mean business....finally!

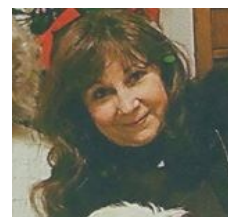
Let us stay positive and go forward with our mission and goals as strong Republican women. We need to work hard toward making Colorado RED in this coming election. WE can make a difference and make sure our candidates know the difference between campaigning and governing first hand.

Our Fall Convention in Colorado Springs will be October 14 – 15, 2017 at the Hotel Elegante. Many exciting things are planned for the weekend, beginning with a Welcome Reception on Friday, October 13th from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend and renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Registration begins Saturday morning with our usual business first, then on to our speakers, including a forum for the Republican Governor Candidates Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening we are indeed honored to have Becky Johnson, 1st VP of NFRW and Tom Tudor, who was a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He has an awesome presentation you will not want to miss.

CFRW will also have elections for our 2018-2019 term. Please come and be involved in the process and let your voices be heard.

COMMITMENT, ACTION, RESULTS!





CFRW BOARD MEETING and CONVENTION

October 14 -15, 2017

Hotel Elegante – 2886 S. Circle Drive – Colorado Springs, CO, 80906

REGISTRATION – Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Full Club Name (Please no initials): _____

Email address: _____ Are you Club President: _____

Are you a CFRW State officer: _____ Office: _____

_____ **\$110.00 Full Registration**

(Includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast)

SAT Lunch _____ Tuscan Chicken with Tomato Cream Sauce OR _____ Vegetarian

SAT Dinner _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Oven Roasted Pork Loin _____ Vegetarian

Any dietary restrictions? _____

Will you be bringing a guest/s: _____ Name/s: _____

_____ \$25.00 Saturday lunch ONLY _____ Tuscan Chicken OR _____ Vegetarian

_____ \$35.00 Saturday night dinner ONLY

_____ Chicken Marsala _____ Oven Roasted Pork Loin _____ Vegetarian

_____ \$25.00 Sunday Breakfast ONLY

_____ \$35.00 Meeting Registration only (no meals)

\$ _____ TOTAL REGISTRATION

Please make checks payable to **CFRW**.

Check No. _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE must be postmarked by OCTOBER 01, 2017

After the deadline, Registration is \$135.00 (Sorry, No exceptions).

Please make checks payable to **CFRW** and mail to: JUDY REYHER, Registration Chairman

22320 County Road 23

La Junta, CO 81050

Judy Reyher: judykay1218@hotmail.com



Hotel Reservations

Please contact the hotel directly

**Hotel Elegante
2886 Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906**

719-576-5900

Rate: \$95.00 for King Room or Queen Double Room

Reserved under: Colorado Federation of Republican Women

Reservation Deadline: October 01, 2017

Hotel Reservations:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=1782086>

Hotel offers a shuttle to and from Colorado Springs Airport

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

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—DONA TROYER MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 1279 members for the State of Colorado. With the new membership system NFRW put in place this year, it took some time to work out the details. There were a few issues with the NFRW web site to get all our membership entered before the cut off for the convention. Please submit all the information that NFRW requires for their records which is **First and Last Name, Address with Zip plus 4, a phone contact and an email (very important!!)**. NFRW uses emails to contact the membership with updates and news with the Capital Connection and other valuable information that the membership should know about. If some of your members do not have an email, would your club be willing to set up an email that can be used by NFRW? Any new members this year so far? Please send them to Judith Jergensen—Treasurer as soon as possible so they can be added to your list.

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT JUDY MERKEL

Our NFRW 39th Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, PA Sept. 14-17 is fast approaching. I am excited and very honored to be attending as a Colorado Delegate. Meeting other club members and delegates from other states is very inspirational and uplifting. A great bonding for all Colorado Delegates making lasting memories together.

At our CFRW Summer Executive Board Meeting, several new Committee Chairmen were congratulated for stepping up and willing to serve CFRW. As follows are our new Committee Chairmen:

Call to Action – Barb Neville

Legislative – Lois Landgraf

Scholarship – Cheri Eby

Centennial Club – Jan Cummings

Protocol – Jacque Stafford

Small Donor Committee – Julia Lindahl

As my By-Laws 4th VP assigned duty, I ask that each CFRW Committee Chairman please submit to me a report of your committee, and your committee actions by October 1, 2017. I am required to forward a copy to President Marilyn Harris, and include a copy of your report for our October 14, 15, 2017 Fall Convention Booklet. THANKING EACH OF YOU IN ADVANCE. I hope you are making plans to attend this fall convention.

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THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

JOANIE GRIEP

We're right around the corner to being at the 79th CFRW Annual Board of Directors Meeting/Fall Convention. An exciting program has been planned for attendees in addition to the plethora of candidates who stop by to win your support in 2018. NFRW 1st Vice President, Becky Johnson will be with us on Saturday night for dinner and Colorado GOP National Committeewoman, Vera Ortegon joins us for breakfast Sunday morning. As always, it is a pleasure to host these outstanding women and get updates about the good things that are going on in Washington D.C. that the media refuses to cover. Please remember to thank them for their service to our conservative causes.

In addition to what was mentioned above, our Saturday luncheon will be joined by a panel of passionate people from the "Lens of Liberty Citizenship Initiative." While some clubs have heard their message, many have not. Their message of building citizenship, defending freedom, one neighborhood at a time, must get into the hands of all Coloradans. At this forum, Lens of Liberty will provide the means and the materials for clubs to inform and educate the electorate in your cities, counties and schools. CFRW strongly supports this initiative because "citizenship is the essential ingredient in freedom, yet so many Americans have forgotten what it means." Lens of Liberty provides a new beginning for that understanding – "a reminder that freedom doesn't start in the White House, it starts in your house."

Saturday night, CFRW is proud to introduce to you "Tom Tudor Speaks!" Mr. Tudor has been a distinguished speaker for 25 years presenting a moving and informative narration of our nations most hallowed ground: Arlington National Cemetery. Mr. Tudor served as a sentinel, then relief commander at Arlington's

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He is a past President of the Society of the Honor Guard and is a member of the board. His credentials are stellar and his presentation is one you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Join CFRW and be a part of the largest political women's organization in the state of Colorado who will play a major role in making Colorado Great Again in 2018!



CFRW BOARD MEETING and CONVENTION
April 22-23, 2017
Colorado Springs, CO

PROTOCOL WORKSHOP—Pat Wainwright

Order of Introductions

President introduces herself	State Office Holders
Invocation (God before country)	Governor
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America	Lt. Governor
	Attorney General
	Secretary of State
	Treasurer
President introduces club officers	State Senators
Vice presidents	State Representatives
Treasurer	University of Colorado Board of Regents
Secretary	State Board of Education
Immediate past president	
Past presidents	County Office Holders
	County Commissioners
Colorado Federation of Republican Women	County Treasurer
Officers	County Clerk and Recorder
President	County Assessor
Other state officers which may be present	Sheriff
Vice presidents	Surveyor
Treasurer	
Secretary	Municipal
Members-at-large	Mayor
District Directors	City Council
Past presidents	
	If desired recognize:
National Federation of Republican Women	Visiting presidents of other clubs
President	Special guests
Vice Presidents	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Any other NFRW officers	
Past presidents	
National Office Holders	
National Committee Woman	
(if a National Committee Man is present the one elected first is introduced first)	
U.S. Senators	
U.S. Representatives	

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MEMBER-AT-LARGE-FUNDRAISING

BEVERLEE WHITE

Fundraising for CFRW has centered on the Live and Silent Auctions at the Spring Executive Meeting and the Fall Convention. Vendor tables at the same events add to the amount of money raised.

Ads solicited for the Spring Meeting Handbook and the Fall Convention Booklet cover the expense of printing and distributing the booklets.

At District Meetings, occasionally Silent and Live Auctions are held to benefit the clubs and CFRW.

The fundraising goal for the 2017 Fall Convention is \$1600.00. This is a 40% increase over the funds raised at the Spring Meeting (\$1158.00).

Thanks to all of you, CFRW fundraising works. It is fun, it builds teamwork, and above all, it's a success story.



Colorado Federation of Republican Women

Small Donor Committee—Donation Requirements

By INDIVIDUALS—Max of \$50 per calendar year

Checks are to be made out to: **CFRW Small Donor Committee**

% Julia Lindahl—PO Box 7604—Colorado Springs, CO 80933

Questions: Call Julia at 719-494-7129

HERE'S THE NEWS

SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Terry Hindmarsh—President

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Pictured above is the Sunrise Team assembling the Independence Day float, designed by Sandra Banks. for the 2017 Monument Parade. Left to right are Erna Haring, Judith Jergensen, Ruth Wilson, Missy Ward, Donna McPherson, Chuck Holte, Pat Holte, and Tawanna Holmes. The theme was “Planes, trains, and automobiles moving America forward”. The float featured big beautiful flags, an airplane and pilot, racecar and driver, train wheels, and an engineer.

The well-attended annual Sunrise Political Picnic was held at Fox Run Regional Park on June 17th. We sang patriotic songs accompanied on keyboard by Rachel Blake and Tawanna Holmes. We were honored to hear from many elected officials and candidates, enjoyed a delicious pot luck picnic on the beautiful summer day.

Members attended the El Paso County GOP Picnic at Commissioner Mark Waller’s home and provided dozens of fabulous cookies for the “Best Cookies Competition” and sale.

Sunrise ladies and gentlemen volunteered their time manning the County Fair GOP Booth. And we have two tables reserved for the Lincoln Day Dinner.

We are pleased to commend and encourage several of our members who are running for or holding office by making phone calls and coordinating meet and greet parties.

LARIMER COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Nancy Hunter—President

Larimer Republican Women are having a busy summer. In May we had CU Regents Sue Sharkey and Heidi Ganahl as speakers. We enjoyed hearing about their accomplishments.

In June LCRW held our annual picnic at the home of Vicki Wagner & Mike Farley. It was a wonderful evening as we heard from gubernatorial candidates Victor Mitchell and Joann Silva and from State Senator Kevin Lundberg. Our annual ice cream social was on Sunday, July 16 (National Ice Cream Day) at the home of Dick and Sue Rehg. Our speakers included gubernatorial candidate County Commissioner Lew Gaiter, State Senator Kevin Lundberg and State Representative Perry Buck.

We are in the fourth year of our Veterans Appreciation Project (VAP). Our members meet every other month to assemble mugs containing personal hygiene items for veterans at the VA Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. We deliver approximately 125 mugs each time. We also support current military members by contributing to the Soldiers Angels project holiday package mailing.

MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Ruth Ehlers—President

Despite a hot summer in Grand Junction, Mesa County Republican Women have been keeping busy. We are volunteering at the Mesa County Republicans' booth at the Farmers' Market on Main Street and attending MCR's social functions and luncheons, as well as our own.

In June, we invited Dan Thurlow, District 55 Representative, to speak at our luncheon. He gave a good talk about what is happening in Denver and the last legislative session.

The 4th of July Parade was a big success! Some of our members helped assemble the float and then had fun handing out little flags to the children. Others rode on the big float or carried signs. We were well received with lots of applause!

This past week, our luncheon featured State Treasurer, Walker Stapleton. He spoke about the finances of our state (not good) and the financial condition of PERA (even worse). He has worked hard to try and fix the fiscal situation, but has been frustrated by the current state administration and governor doing little to help.

So, we are looking forward to an interesting fall and the School Board elections and ballot issues. Always something going on over here.



BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Theresa Watson—President

Boulder Republican Women had a Barbeque Blast June 13th at the home of Susie & Ron Littmann. The view of the mountains was only surpassed by Susie's amazing gardens. We had a great time celebrating the fifth month in office of our Republican President, Donald Trump. A life size cut out photo of President Trump joined the festivities.

July 29th several Boulder Republican Women joined the Boulder County Republican entry in the Boulder County Fair Parade. We were accompanied by our only elected Republican in Boulder County, Tim Neville. Once again, we celebrated the election of President Donald Trump!

You are welcome to join us at our September 19th lunch when our keynote speaker will be Ross Kaminsky. He hosts "The Ross Kaminsky Show" on Denver's TalkRadio 630 KHOW. He should be very entertaining and Conservative with a capital C!

University of Colorado Regent Heidi Ganahl will be our speaker at a dinner on October 17th at the Colorado National Golf Club near Erie. Heidi should have a lot to tell about CU. She serves on several committees and Chairman of the Finance & Budget committee. She is also a passionate entrepreneur and works with several groups to promote free enterprise. Some meetings are at the White House.

November 14th the Americhicks, Molly & Kim will speak. They should be as much fun as educational.

Their radio show is on KDMT 1690 AM radio. Looking forward to an amazing fall with Boulder Republican Women.

Boulder County Fair Parade. Marty Neilson and LeMoine Dowd wearing Trump hats. We are standing in front of a World War II era Deuce and a Half truck borrowed by Peg Cage from the Audie Murphy museum to serve as the focus for the BCR entry.



BEL NOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Brenda Bright—President

The Bel Nor Republican Women's club has been on summer hiatus, but that has not stopped us from being active, engaged, and hardworking club members. Our District III SE meeting was held in June and saw members from the San Luis Valley RW joining the Bel Nor Ladies, and guests, in hearing from the 2018 Governor candidates who had filed with the SOS - those that could attend. As Pueblo County went RED for Trump in the election, we had the distinct honor of having candidates rearrange their schedules so they could share the day with us! Those who attended were: George Brauchler, Lew Gaiter, Victor Mitchell, Doug Robinson and Joanne Silva. Justin Everett, candidate for Colorado State Treasurer also spoke to us. What a great group of patriots they all are! The elections of 2018 are so terribly important to the future of our party, our state and all Coloradans that Bel Nor will be working overtime to turn our state RED!

To that end, we are working with the state fair GOP Booth, State Fair Parades, Pack the Truth (a young Republican group on the CSU-P campus), individual candidates, our Pueblo County Republican party, and churches and community groups. Our determined members amass so many public service community hours and political hours – you have to wonder when they sleep!

I am term-limited as the President of this wonderful group of Ladies and it has been such an honor to have served them for four years. I am sure that whoever takes over will continue to build on our successes, just as I built on the successes of those officers that came before me. Ladies of the Club – I salute you and your marvelous works of charity and patriotism!

CHERRY CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Andi Allott—President

Cherry Creek Republican Women hosted their traditional Garden Party in honor and in gratitude of their members at the end of June. The event was lovely and the weather mostly cooperated.

CCRW members are now gearing up for the fourth biennial Vintage Fashion Show and Silent Auction which will be held on October 21, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel located at I-225 & Parker Road. The event will feature vintage fashions which include the elegant,

the unique and "what were we thinking," dating from the Victorian Era to the 1980's. The silent auction will feature varied gifts, including Trump Inaugural pins, as well as a beautiful patriotic quilt.

For additional information regarding Cherry Creek's Vintage Fashion Show, please call Andi at 303-755-3368. We hope to see you there.



Congressman Mike Coffman and Scottie Iverson are pictured at the Cherry Creek RW Summer Garden Party



COLORADO SPRINGS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Vickie Tonkins—President

A new season of campaigns, walking and knocking on doors, and seeing new candidates almost every day is upon us. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to work and elect a new conservative republican Governor.

As the president of Colorado Springs Republican Women's Club (CSRW), I am always talking to our members and telling them how important it is to be involved in the political process. It is easy to sit back and complain but until you get in the fray, and are putting some skin in the game, you have no idea what truly goes on. Two officers of our club, who are always involved, have taken it a step further and are helping Representative Terry Carver as her Aides. I am so proud of Julia Lindahl and Jeanie Stutts-Blucher for getting in the fight for our liberties. As the leader of any club or group, one must lead by example. With that said, I too have gotten in the fray. I am an official candidate for County Commissioner District 5. I covet your prayers, your support, and yes, your money as I enter this campaign.

As we all know, elections have consequences so it is very important that we vet candidates, do not be afraid to ask the hard questions and once elected, hold their feet to the fire to do the right thing. Some say, you do not have very much experience in running for office. I did run for City Council in 2015, and my response is, you do not need to have much experience to do the right thing. You just do the right thing.

It is my desire to see our city, our state, and our federal government come back to our Constitution and be the great Republic our founding fathers intended. It is time to put off the lies of the left that Republicans are racist and speak up for who we are. We cannot continue to walk in fear of the potential backlash.

"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 tis Constitution for the United States of America." The Constitution of the United States

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

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Jan Cummings

As your CFRW Sunshine Chairman from January 1 thru August 15th, I have mailed 11 Sympathy Cards and 11 Get Well Cards and 2 Thinking of You Cards.

Please email me at: kiowajan@gmail.com, if you have a club member you would like a card sent to.



DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Marsha Haeflein—President

With summer fast coming to an end, DCRW is gearing up for the 2018 mid-term elections. It is going to be an extremely important election year with Colorado electing a new Governor and Treasurer; additionally, national attention is trained on the Douglas County School Board election this November! We all have our work cut out for us so it's going to be a busy, busy time. Our Republican principles are on the line and we all have to step up to help turn Colorado **RED!**

While we took the summer off by not having official luncheon meetings, that didn't mean that we weren't involved in all the parades, picnics, breakfasts, etc., to keep us connected with our Republican elected official and candidates . . . and do we have a number of candidates with some still waiting to announce! Carefully vet the candidates, make an educated choice, and then support him/her with your time, talent, and treasure!

Due to the numerous political activities this year, we are again having our "Non-Auction Auction" instead of our regular Silent/Live Auction to support our CO House and Senate candidates. No mess, no fuss . . . just donate to help our Republicans get elected!

We have great programs lined up for the remainder of this year: The CELL in September on domestic terrorism and SOS Wayne Williams in October! All are welcome to join us! Go to our website for complete information.

We are looking forward to a great Fall Convention – hope to see you there!

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IN MEMORIAM—Barbara Murray Philips

Barbara was born December 10, 1926 in the small iron ore mining town of Eveleth, Minnesota, famous for producing many talented hockey players. She passed away peacefully with family by her side in Cumming, Georgia on June 22, 2017.

She was elected a Republican Member of the Colorado House of Representatives, District 17 (1985-1990). She served as a Republican Precinct Committeewoman 1974-1990's; was elected President of the Pikes Peak Republican Woman's Roundtable 1994-1998, President of the El Paso County Republican Women (EPCRW) 2002-2006, and Vice-Chairwoman of the Colorado Republican Party 1997-1999. She was elected numerous times as a delegate to state, congressional, judicial, and national conventions, chairing the Republican State Convention in 1996. She was active on many campaigns. Barbara was the sponsor of a House Bill to make English the official language of Colorado and chairwomen of the subsequent ballot initiative that successfully passed in 1988. Barbara and other volunteers collected over 100,000 petition signatures, a record number for a time when petitioners were not paid. She also had an active role on the opposing side of "No on 6", a proposed tax increase.

**CENTENNIAL CLUB
JAN CUMMINGS—CHAIRMAN**

A reception for Centennial members was held at the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. The following are 2017 members.

Brenda Bright, Sharron Clark, Jan Cummings, Jean Daviet, Sandra Foote, Gerry Gifford Joan Griep, Marilyn Harris, Judith Jergensen, Elaine Johnson, Julia Lindahl, Judy Merkel, Karen Mill, Marty Neilson, Karen Nelson, Renee Nelson, Lilly Nunez, Judy Reyher, Marisa Showalter, Patricia Springer, Sharon Sollenbarger, Jacque Stafford, Dona Troyer, Pat Wainwright, Theresa Watson, Beverlee White and

**Honorary Member—NFRW President
Carrie Almond**

Thanks to all who have joined for 2017! I hope that past members will rejoin and look forward to new members for 2018 – our 80th Anniversary year.

It is a great help to CFRW; as the monies from memberships help if an expense, not budgeted, needs to be paid. For the past 16 years monies from the memberships have been a great financial benefit to CFRW.

**Reception will be held in the Gold Camp Room
October 14, 2017 - 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.
Look forward to having you join us.**

If you wish to join, mail your \$100.00 check to me, Jan Cummings, P.O. Box 524, Florissant, CO 80816-0524. Or, join at the reception. Please note on your check the year you are joining.

If you did not receive your 2017 bar, (or any other year) please see me at Convention. Thank you.

**CFRW Candidates
2018-2019 Term**

President

* Marilyn Harris

1st VP – Programs

* Brenda Bright

* Judy Merkel

2nd VP - Membership

* Julia Lindahl

3rd VP - District Directors

* Jan Cummings

Joan Griep

**4th VP - Standing &
Special Committees**

* Dona Troyer

Secretary

* Wendy Warner

Treasurer

* Judith Jergensen

* Applied thru Nominating Committee