



# Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**

DECEMBER 2015



**CFRW**

**Board of Directors**

**Spring Meeting**

**Feb. 27-28, 2015**

**Hotel Elegante'**

**Colorado Springs**

## ATTENTION

There will be bylaw revisions that will be voted on at our Fall Convention.

Please review your CFRW Bylaws and email your recommendations to incoming President Marilyn Harris at [marilyn.harris44@aol.com](mailto:marilyn.harris44@aol.com)

Deadline—March 15th



## DULANY D. WOODWARD

CFRW President

*As 2015 closes, I realize this is the last time I will address you as your president. This has been a wonderful two years in which we have worked and grown together. I recall all of the club and district meetings attended, officers installed, speeches given, parades marched in, questions answered, sorrows healed, funerals for loved ones, trips to NFRW Board Meetings in Washington, Day at the Legislature in Denver, new clubs chartered, by-laws amended, phone calls made, campaigns supported, and many miles driven.*

*CFRW is blessed with a group of women with wide-ranging talents and passions, but united in their love of our country and their dedication to insuring its continued health and progress.*

*We have just witnessed tragic events in Paris and other cities in the Middle East. While our hearts are saddened, they must also be strengthened with a firmer resolve to extinguish the evil that is present in our world. We are facing a monumental choice in 2016 for our new Commander In Chief. This is a title that we must keep foremost in our thoughts as we work toward selecting our candidate and fighting for his election. This country faces many challenges that must be healed, but the security, safety and freedom of its citizens is the first responsibility of our President. This is a time for wisdom, studied consideration, and unity when making our choice and supporting our Party.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve CFRW. It has been a privilege to represent you.*

## **Marilyn Harris—First Vice President**

Wow! What a great convention CFRW had in Durango in October. Many thanks and congratulations to Southwest Republican Women for their great hospitality and a wonderful convention. Also, thanks to all of the SW District III clubs, Archuleta County Republican Women (Pagosa Springs), Lone Cone Republican Women (Norwood), Republican Women of Montezuma County (Cortez) AND 4 Corners Republican Women's Club (Cortez) who helped and supported SWRW with the convention.

I would like to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to have served as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of CFRW for the past two years. It has been a real honor to serve with our CFRW President, Dulany Woodward, and the Executive Committee, who have so generously shared their time and talents with all of us, and all of our wonderful members. There have been so many rewarding times and how proud I am to be part of such an awesome organization.

I have learned a great deal and had the opportunity to meet so many members personally and work with them. I truly thank you.

## **Marilyn Harris Elected CFRW President for 2016**

It was my honor to be elected CFRW President for 2016-2017 at the Fall Convention in October in Durango. It is indeed an honor and privilege but it is also a great responsibility. If you were at the convention and voted for me, I thank you very much. If you were unable to be at the convention, I hope to visit each of our clubs this year and meet you personally and win your support.

I look forward to a great year and getting as many Republican elected in our great state and nationally as we can. I want to be your ears and voice for CFRW, so please keep me informed!

A special thanks to our current President, Dulany Woodward, for sharing all of her time and talents with CFRW these past two years our President. I have big shoes to fill but I look forward to the challenge and a great 2016.

Please let me hear from you if you have any suggestions for the coming year and if you or if you know of anyone who is interested in serving as a Committee Chairperson or serving on a CFRW committee. Each and every member should be on one of the CFRW committees. There is room for each and every one of us on the state level and what a great team we will make.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Sharon Sollenbarger**

Well, Ladies, it's time to say "good-by" one more time. This job has been a challenge at times but I know I am leaving it in good hands with Holly Williams. She will do a really good job keeping track of all of the CFRW finances. Again, I say thank you to all of the club treasurers and presidents that have helped me over the last two years. Without that help this job would be doubly difficult.

I need to remind you once again that any dues collected between now and December 31 are for 2016. Please hold those checks until January 1. Any earlier really messes up your books and ours for membership counts.

Take care all of you and if travel for the holidays is in your plans, please travel safe. With love and hugs,

**Joanie Griep**  
**CFRW Third Vice President**

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## **DISTRICT I Director—Barbara Gessler**

In September while I was in Michigan training with a seeing eye dog Barbara Fallon emailed me about the Blue Bow Campaign. When I returned home I surprised Barbara with 2 blue bows and told her to raffle them off at the Denver Women's Republican Club for donations to buy more ribbon. Barbara received \$49 & I started making bows. I decided we needed publicity so called the television stations and a week later I was on tv making bows. As a result, about 250 bows later, the 'Blue Bow Campaign' has taken off. Beverly White asked how to make bows and had a work shop for the Boulder RW. Marisa Showalter passed out bows at her church and is hoping her ladies church guild will have a work shop. Joanie Griep called that the Broomfield club would like to have a work shop because their guest speaker is the new Broomfield Police Chief. Joan picked up about 42 bows and a very large bow for the Police Station. It will be a wonderful surprise for the Broomfield Police Chief.

It is uncertain where the Blue Bow Campaign started but it is going strong in New York, Ohio, Illinois, and now in Colorado. The Bows are given away free to anyone who will put them on their porch, door or on tree in their front yard so when a police officer drives by he will see that we support their efforts and that every bow is a prayer for their safety. It is my goal to have every neighborhood in Colorado filled with Blue Bows.

On January 9, 2016 it is Law Enforcement Day. It is my plan to have a large rally in front of our capital with a Blue Bow banner and lots of people and Blue Bows to let the world know that we support our Law Enforcement Officers.

## **District III SW Director - Mary Ann Smith**

Thanks to all who attended the CFRW Convention in Durango. A very special thanks to Southwest Republican Women for an excellent job, as well as, to Archuleta County Republican Women, 4 Corners Republican Women, Lone Cone Republican Women, and Republican Women of Montezuma County for aiding. Thanks to those CFRW members making the drive to Durango. We know you now have an appreciation for our drive to the Front Range.

District III SW clubs are already preparing programs for 2016. Be on the lookout for special speakers as dates are confirmed and published to CFRW members. 2016 will be an amazing year for CFRW and its members. We are focused on electing Republicans!

Best wishes to all CFRW members during Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for.

## **District V Director—Jan Cummings**

The Clubs in the 5<sup>th</sup> District are: Collegiate Peaks RW; Colorado Springs RW, El Paso County RW; Park County RW; Royal Gorge and Sunrise RW.

All the Clubs, even though they take a break three months in the summer, they still have fundraisers to raise monies to support strong Republican candidates running for office.

In Tusk Talk the Presidents of 5<sup>th</sup> District Clubs have given reports, please read to see what their fundraisers and special events have been during the year.

The Club members work many hours to support Republican candidates. A big THANK YOU to all that give their time and energy

I would also like to give Joanie Griep a THANK YOU, she has been an excellent 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

It has been my pleasure to work with you all as your District Director.

# CFRW Handbook Information

Your club information **MUST BE** emailed to  
Handbook Chairman—Julia Lindahl

**TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN January 15th**  
**(The sooner you get then in the better chance of placement :)**

Info—Club name spelled out  
Presidents contact info—address, email, phone #'s  
Meeting date, location, time, contact info

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## CLUB TREASURER INFO

Just a reminder that the NFRW Service Charge of \$15 per club is due on January 1, 2016. Also, please remember that individual club member dues are \$15 to CFRW. All checks should be made out to CFRW and mailed to our PO Box at CFRW, PO Box 64050, Colorado Springs, CO 80962. I am looking forward to working with all the Club Treasurers. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [hollywilliams@outlook.com](mailto:hollywilliams@outlook.com), or call or send a text message to 719-385-0722.

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**DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

DCRW was well represented at the CFRW Fall Convention with six delegates where we all enjoyed the wonderful events/venues so ably organized by the SW Republican Women - what a fantastic Convention!! Many thanks to all who put in so much time and talent to make this a memorable time. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for 2016-2017.

We continue to present educational/informative programs for our members. In September District Attorney George Brauchler, lead prosecutor on the Aurora Theater shooting, gave us inside information on what happened in this horrific case. October saw Professor Shaul Gabbay giving us a riveting insider's view of the U.S. and Middle East. In November we will host our CO Secretary of State Wayne Williams.

Our Annual Silent/Live Auction was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> where, for the first time, we held it in the evening. We had a great turnout for the delicious buffet and Logan Wilson giving an inspirational presentation as Captain John Paul Jones – “I have not yet begun to fight!” Of course, the reason for the evening was the Auctions where, through the generosity of those who donated items and those who purchased them, we were able to bring in over \$6,300 from the Auction; DCRW will now bring that up to \$8K which will be divided between the House and Senate Legislative Funds.

Visit our website for info on meetings/events, newsletters, etc.; Facebook at Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW); and Twitter at DCRW1. [www.dcrw.org](http://www.dcrw.org)



## CSRW 2016-2017 Officers

**President—Marilyn Harris**

**1st VP—Joan Griep**

**2nd VP—Dona Troyer**

**3rd VP—Brenda Bright**

**4th VP—Judy Merkel**

**Secretary—Marsha Haeflein**

**Treasurer—Holly Williams**

## Members At Large:

**Awards—Sandra Foote**

**Fundraising—Beverlee White**

**Publicity—Pat Wainwright**

## TUSK TALK GUIDELINES

This edition is being mailed to all 2015 paid members  
that have been mailed to CFRW Treasurer  
Sharon Sollenbarger.

### NEXT DEADLINE - FEB 15, 2016

#### Please follow these guidelines—THANK YOU

- Please use Font—Times New Roman—12 point
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- Send report as a Word Doc & not as a pdf
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Marty Neilson,  
CFRW Past President,  
has been tapped by State  
GOP Party Chairman,  
Steve House,  
to serve as the new  
Party Treasurer.

Congratulations to  
Marty.

We wish you great  
success in this new  
position.

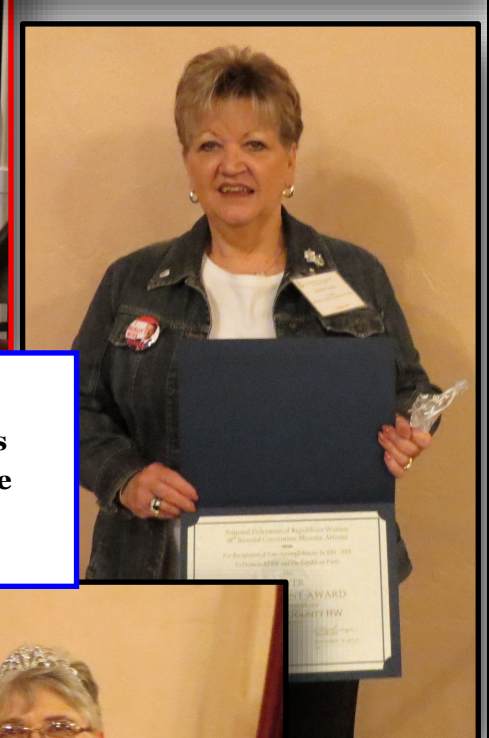




Lilly Nunez—Colorado Committee Woman, Ryann Peterson - Youngest precinct person, NFRW Carrie Almond & Becky Johnson—Marilyn Harris & Dulany Woodward—Past Presidents: Jacque Stafford, Jan Cummings, Marty Neilson, Dulany Woodward (outgoing) & Sharon Sollenbarger.







**AWARD WINNERS**  
**Collegiate Peaks, Denver RW, Douglas County RW, President Dulany with the NFRW Betty Heitman Achievement Award for CSRW & Bel Nor RW**





## MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

For the fourth quarter of 2015, Mesa County Republican Women have been busy with monthly luncheons, parades, debates, and the District 51 School Board election.

September's luncheon was highlighted by a visit from Colorado Sec. of State, Wayne Williams. He spoke about the election process, internet voting, and what his job entails. Later in the month, some of our members joined Mesa County Republicans and marched in the Fruita Fall Festival.

Our October meeting's speaker was Dan Rubenstein, Mesa County's Assistant DA. He spoke about letting non-violent offenders out of jail and rehabbing them instead. Also, this month, several of our members traveled to Durango to attend the CFRW Fall Meeting. It was an interesting and informative weekend.

In November, Joyce Rankin (3rd CD), of the State Board of Education, attended our luncheon and spoke about quality of education in Colorado. She is currently replacing Marsha Neal who had to step down for health reasons.

MCRW and MCR have been attending various debate parties at members' homes or restaurants. These are fun and informative get-togethers. We also marched together in the Veterans' Day Parade in Grand Junction. People loved the little flags we passed out and applauded us a lot!

Quite a few of our members were involved with the School Board election. Some were out on street corners with signs and some were election judges at polling places. We like helping the Mesa County Elections Dept., even though the results weren't to our liking.

Early in December is our annual MCR/MCRW "Cup O'Cheer" Christmas luncheon. Entertainment will be the Central High School's excellent choral group singing all kinds of Christmas music for us.



## SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

SRW members send prayers to all affected by World-wide Islamic Terrorism—such disregard for civilization and human life. Americans must be vigilant wherever we travel, protecting ourselves, loved ones, and our country. Thanksgiving is just around the corner—we are grateful for blessings given by our Founders, Framers and Patriots.

In September, 2nd VP Tawanna Holmes, and Pres. Sharron Clark attended National Federation of Republican Women's 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ. SRW earned NFRW Club GOLD Achievement Award, presented by Pres. Dulany Woodward in Durango at the October Board Meeting. Holly Williams is CFRW Treasurer-elect. Judith Jergensen is CFRW Credentials Chair and District 5 Bylaws Committeewoman. Dr. Sharron Clark was elected CFRW District 5 Chair.

In September, Alex Johnson spoke about El Paso County history and how it became Republican. Tom Binnings, Co-Chair of Pikes Peak Energy Network, spoke about energy independence, "fracking," and "The case for Domestic Oil & Gas Production" in October. November's meeting will feature Angela Dougan, "Shackled by Debt." SRW members supported El Paso GOP events including several debate parties.

SRW members joined Colorado NSDAR chapters, donating pillows and bedding for single soldiers returning from overseas deployment. Cleo Algood will be collecting donations for "Wreaths Across America" (wreaths are placed at National Cemeteries.) Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and Christmas are approaching, SRW will provide gift cards for Ft. Carson commissary and local stores. Join us December 5 Christmas/Chanukah Party and "White Elephant" gift sharing!

DR. SHARRON CLARK, PRESIDENT



## CHERRY CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Congratulations to the following Cherry Creek Republican members who were elected to city council seats: Francoise Bergan, Bob LeGare, Charlie Richardson and Bob Roth in Aurora; Ken Lucas, Carrie Penalzoza and Stephanie Piko in Centennial; Laurett Barrentine, Joe Jefferson and Rita Russell in Englewood and Freda Miklin in Greenwood Village. Congratulations also to Joe Jefferson who was selected by members to the Englewood City Council as Mayor and to Ron Rakowsky who was re-elected Mayor of Greenwood Village.



Warmest wishes from Cherry Creek republican Women to all in CFRW for a bountiful Thanksgiving, a meaningful Hanukkah and Christmas and for a prosperous and successful Republican 2016.

Winning Cherry Creek City Council Candidates include Freda Miklin of Greenwood Village and Bob LeGare and Francoise Bergan of Aurora

## BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

September 15<sup>th</sup> found BRW members and friends enjoying a beautiful evening pot luck dinner at the lovely home of member Ashley & Jeff Waters. Laura Carno, founder of I Am Created Equal was the speaker. She helped to recall Senator John Morse and helped send Mark Udall home with her Udall Lied campaign. We loved what she had to say. "Sew Much Comfort" representative, Linda Trumble, encouraged us to help provide adaptive clothing for wounded warriors.

October 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Boulder Cork the speaker, Jenny Langness, of Real Choices in Boulder. She described how her non-profit Christian organization serves women and couples by providing free medical services related to unexpected pregnancies, education and counselling on sexual health, alternative pregnancy options, and new parent support for the first two years of a baby's life – all in a safe, non-judgmental environment. They always need volunteers and baby item donations. [www.RealChoicesPartners.org](http://www.RealChoicesPartners.org) BRW members brought donations for "Sew Much Comfort".

It was very exciting to have the GOP Presidential Debate in Boulder on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Many members of BRW volunteered and attended. Several members of BRW attended the CPAC Boot Camp training prior to the debate. Wow was that motivating!

Pictured on November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day the donations from BRW members were distributed to veterans at the VA Hospital.

LeMoine Dowd, Communications Chairman





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