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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SHARON SOLLENBARGER

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY GREETINGS! By the time you read this, elections will all be over but the shouting. Hopefully, they will be shouts of joy...realistically we know some will be moans of sorrow. Whatever the outcome of these elections, be proud of what you all have done for the candidates and their campaigns. You have worked so hard and given so much of your time, energy, money, "blood, sweat and tears". I know that every candidate truly appreciates you and everything you have done for them and I AM SO VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!

The board has some exciting things planned for you for 2007. The spring board meeting will (tentatively) be March 17 in Greeley with District IV North hosting and Greeley RW being the lead club. Day at the Legislature has not been decided as yet...we're still looking for someone to take this on for 2007 (Any takers? Call me) District Meetings are planned (I'll try to make as many as I can) and our NFRW regional meeting will be May 5 in Kansas.

Convention in Pueblo was a rousing success thanks to all the hard work by Peggy Foley and the Bel Nor RW, Patty VanZandt and the Steel City RW and especially Briana Nuzzo. Thanks, Gals. You were super! We were able to raffle a diamond pendant from Page-Parsons Jewelers in Grand Junction and made around \$1000! That generated a lot of excitement! We are looking at the possibility of a "big-ticket" raffle for 2007. More on this later!

Remember Ladies:

Someone will always be smarter. Their house will be bigger. They will drive a better car. Their children will do better in school. And their partners will fix more things around the house. So let it go and love you and your circumstances. Think about it. The prettiest woman in the world can have an unhappy heart. And the most highly favored woman on your job may be unable to have children. The richest woman you know may have the car, the house, the clothes, but might be heartbreakingly lonely. So, love you. Love who you are right now. Tell yourself, "I am too blessed to be stressed."

"To the world you might be one person, but to one person you just might be the world" Love and Peace to you Awesome Ladies! Have a wonderful and lovely Christmas and a most prosperous and Happy New Year!

Sharon

Dulany Woodward
CFRW 4th Vice-President

It's over, and we are either celebrating or regrouping, but we are moving forward whichever way the election turned out.

Just a quick reminder as you begin the New Year and perhaps with new officers: Be certain to fill your committee chairmen positions and involve all of your members in at least one committee. That is how they make friends and do all the remarkable things your clubs accomplish.

Also, if you have not begun a Caring for Colorado project, now is the time to start thinking about it. With elections over, we have lots of extra energy to turn into good works for our neighbors. Be sure to download the NFRW Club Achievement Award form and see how you are doing.

Have a wonderful New Year...see you at Board Meeting in March.

Dulany

TREASURER, MARGARET GRAMM

Greetings from Burlington, Colorado. It is almost the end of the year and time again for the NFRW Service Fee and Membership Dues to be paid.

The NFRW Service Fee is Due the 1st of January. The Membership Dues are payable as you collect them. When you send in your Membership dues, please be sure to include the member's name, address, phone number and email. It will really help if you can send the zip code + 4. This helps cut down the cost of mailing for CFRW and also NFRW. Also, be sure to include the area code. This will also help 2nd VP Julie Lewis as she sends the Membership information to NFRW. When you send in your lists please be sure to put the **full name** of your club because there are several with the same initials. This will help eliminate any errors that may occur by putting someone in the wrong club.

This year has been a good year. It has kept me busy but that is good. I'm looking forward to serving you for another year.

The address for sending in your Service Fee and Membership Dues is CFRW, P.O. Box 605, Burlington, CO 80807.

Hope you all have a great Holiday Season.

Margaret Gramm, CFRW Treasurer

DISTRICT VII, DONA TROYER DIRECTOR

District VII has been very busy with the campaigns. Jefferson County Republican Women had a very successful Chili Supper and Candidate Rally on October 7th. Several candidates were introduced and the special speaker for the event was Bob Beauprez, Governor Candidate. Tom Tancredo was there to help with the introductions. With all the Jefferson County candidates, we were privileged to have Mike Coffman, for Secretary of State and Mark Hillman for Treasurer. Aurora Republican Women had a garage sale for their fund raiser last summer. We are all very busy participating in precinct walks for our candidates to help them get elected on November 7th. Out District VII meeting will be held again with District VI on April 28, 2007 at Hiwan Country Club in Evergreen.

Dona Troyer
District VII Director

CFRW HANDBOOK CHAIRMAN MARGARET GRAMM

It is nearing the time for getting the new Handbook put together. Please send the information to me as soon as possible.

The **information needed for the Handbook is:** full club name; club president's name, address, phone number, and e-mail; and the location, time, and day of your meetings. You may send the whole roster of officers if you prefer, but I only require the information on the president. This information also needs to be sent to the CFRW President, 3rd Vice President, and your District Director. I need this information from every club even if the President is the same one as last year. If I don't hear from a club I will be calling to be sure that the information I have is correct. The sooner I can get the information the easier it will be for me to get the information compiled and ready to go to the printer so that we have our Handbooks by the Spring Board Meeting.

You can either email or send the information to me by mail. My email address is raymond041@centurytel.net and the mailing address is 225 So. 16th Street, Burlington, CO 80807-2302.

Wishing you all a good holiday season.

Margaret Gramm, Handbook Chairman

PRIMER OF POLITICS

I would like to thank all the Presidents and members who helped make this year's Primer such a success. I certainly hope many new potential voters as well as those who are seasoned, received some beneficial information. With all the hoopla in this year's election, I hope the extra information came in handy.

Sincerely,

Beth Isern Chairman
Marian Fairbank Co-Chairman

SPRING 2007 BOARD MEETING

Ladies, it looks like Spring Board will be March 16 & 17, 2007, in Greeley at the Best Western Regency Inn. Will have further details soon. The Executive meeting will be the night of the 16th and there will be an all day board meeting on the 17th. I think we can get everything done. Let's try it!

Sharon

NEEDED!!

We are still looking for Day at the Legislature chairman and host club(s) for '07 convention. Please consider volunteering and helping make our Federation activities successful. For more information, contact President Sollenbarger

AIR FORCE ACADEMY K-9 UNIT

Hello Ladies!

I know how busy all of you have been with the campaigning and elections. However, I want to remind you of a cause that continues to need your support and funds. It is the Air Force Academy K-9 Unit.

These military working dogs are just amazing. Many of you may remember the demonstrations they have given at CFRW, and several of your clubs have invited them for functions of your own. Let's do it again!

I recently had the pleasure of running into Roxy again. She is a four year old Belgian

Malinois that visited us at the Colorado Springs Board Meeting. She has been to Afghanistan, along with her trainer. They have both returned safely and are recertified in explosives and patrol. She has supported the President, the Vice President, and numerous dignitaries, and she loves beef jerky!

How much fun to have them visit your club and tell of their duty in Iraq.

The Government pays for the food, transportation and training. However, these dogs have the same needs as our loveable companions at home. Special leashes, collars, and toys are just a few of the supplies needed.

Two years ago CFRW donated enough for them to have special heat release devices installed in their transportation. Their gratitude was from the heart. These dogs are very loved and respected.

Since the Air Force can not accept money, please send a check made out to "Ray Allen". This is the supply store in Colorado Springs. If you send them to me, I will make sure to deliver them. Better yet – give me a call for Chris Jakubin's phone number at the Academy and let him line up a demonstration or program for your club (or any organization). What a great community project for points with NFRW & CFRW!

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SPECIAL BOOK REVIEW

Ladies, I wouldn't ordinarily do this but I think you might enjoy this book. I got it as an advance copy. Sharon

I've just received "Red State of Mind: How a Catfish Queen Reject Became a Liberty Belle," by new author Nancy French and wanted to tell you about it.

The book follows Nancy from her rural Tennessee home to her new surroundings in New York, where she realizes there's more to the red state/blue state divide than grits versus bagels. While in the liberal northeast, Nancy defies recycling police, stands down MoveOn.org, and shames her daughter's public school for deleting "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. The book is a collection of her hilarious misadventures, with a little poignancy added for good measure.

Former assistant to President George W. Bush, Mary Matalin, said, "If the 'Star Spangled Banner' gives you chill bumps, Nancy French is your perfect tour guide across this great land." Kathryn Jean Lopez, of National Review Online said, "You'll enjoy Nancy French. Hers is a delightful story..."

The book is available at bookstores everywhere, and on Amazon, by following this link:

<http://www.amazon.com/Red-State-Mind-Catfish-Liberty/dp/1931722889?tag2=nancyfrench-20>

Nancy's author website is www.NancyFrench.com <<http://www.NancyFrench.com>> , where you can read her National Review Online interview and the first chapter for free. This might be the perfect gift for your favorite Republicans this Christmas!

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN JUNE FRINK

A message of condolence was sent to Judith Jergensen following the death of her father.

Please send information on ill or bereaved members to junefrink@bresnan.net

ADAMS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN – AKA TRUMPETEERS

As we get closer to Election Day, I thought I would let you know what our members are doing to help our Candidates and to GOTV.

KC Jones is managing the campaign of Rick O'Donnell (7th Congressional District, currently held by Bob Beauprez).

Holly Hansen is managing for Luis Alvarez (Senate District 24).

Rebecca Lefebvre is managing for John Lefebvre (re-election to Adams County Treasurer. Madge Paraghamian - scheduler for Fred Ramirez (Adams County Sheriff)

Mary Dambman - Victory 2006 Chair for Adams County and chief coordinator of volunteers

Maura Schneider - Phone Captain for Adams County Victory 2006

Bea Johnson - Coordinator for Beauprez Districts 13 & 22

Carol Prince - Coordinator for Beauprez District 9

Wanda Barnes - Coordinator for Beauprez District 20

Joyce Beatty - Office Manager at Adams County Headquarters, working for all Republican candidates. Joyce is an exceptional volunteer.

Betty Beall and Nancy Thompson - All Star Volunteers

Many of these ladies are members of "Women for Rick O'Donnell" in addition to volunteering at our phone banks, mailing projects, and knocking on doors.

More of our faithful phone callers and mailing staffers:

Ginny Ayars, Gayle Bandimere, Mary Bevard, Arlene Blumer, Frances Buck, Barbara Fitzgerald, Jan Hurtt, Marcia Johnson, Joan Macklefresh, Dorothy Nickerson, Faye Parker, Michelle Schneider and Carol Wolff.

Submitted By Faye Parker

BEL NOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN (BNRW)

We were pleased to host the Colorado Federation of Republican Women State Convention the last weekend in September. We co-hosted the event with the Steel City Republican Women and we had great speakers, great food and wonderful entertainment. BNRW won first place for a medium size club for our newsletter and our history book – we are very proud of our members who helped us accomplish this.

The club hosted a candidate forum at the October meeting and some of the club members were active on State and local campaigns and volunteered at the Republican headquarters.

This year we placed seven (7) books from the NFRW recommended list in a local high school as part of our Mamie Eisenhower Library Project and plan to place books in more schools in 2007.

Our installation of officers ceremony will be held November 16th and Carol Belt, CFRW District III Southeast Director will swear in the new officers.

Peggy Foley
President

COLLEGIATE PEAKS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

After our summer sabbatical we have had a busy fall. In September we took part in "Apple Fest", selling pies and manning the cake walk. This is an annual event where we are able to raise money for scholarships.

In October we provided the annual lasagna dinner to raise money for the high school government class to attend Colorado CloseUp in Denver and/or Presidential Classroom in Washington D.C. Both events were very successful.

And of course, during all of this fall our members have been volunteering and supporting Republican candidates for office. November will also be our month to elect our new Board Members.

A big thank you goes out to our retiring Board Members: Millie Meardon, President; Wanda Mann, 1st V.P.; Didi Hildebrand, 2nd V.P.; Barb Lundgren, Secretary and Connie Robb, Treasurer.

And we all plan to be at the Republican victory parties after November 7th!

Joanne Robinson 719/395-8755

Eagle County Republican Women

The newly formed Eagle County Republican Women met on October 18th at the Gas House Restaurant to listen to Lt. Governor candidate Janet Rowland. She is a current commissioner in Mesa County and a great speaker.

ECRW also elected Jackie Allen Benson of Gypsum to fill out the remainder of vice-president Diane Hutchinson's term. Diane has moved to California. We appreciate Diane's hard work and look forward to Jackie's filling the position of program chairwoman. Jackie Allen Benson was our September speaker. She is an ex-marine and was nominated by Governor Owens as one of the 10 most outstanding women on the Western Slope. Jackie is an excellent speaker with an incredible resume dealing with how to handle difficult social issues through the private enterprise system.

There was discussion and approval of starting a program of candidate development in Eagle County. We determined that we would select candidates from the only Town election, Avon Town Council, to assist with voter education for these candidates. The group also voted to assist the Eagle County Republican Party in mailing a sample ballot to prospective voters. We donated \$3,000. to the Eagle County Republican Party for the 2006 election cycle.

The next meeting of the ECRW will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ali Hasan in Beaver Creek on the evening of November 1st. Dr. Hasan is a member of the \$250,000.00 club that supports President Bush. He is also an advisor on Middle Eastern and Pakistani affairs. Ali Hasan, his son, founded the Muslim American Society and Muslims for Bush. He will be speaking about Islam in America, Iraq and Pakistan. The ECRW will support the Veteran's Dinner/Dance on November 20th in Vail to raise funds for the new Freedom Park Memorial.

MOUNTAIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Mountain Republican Women's Club in Evergreen is finishing out the year with a small flurry of activities. We have donated gently used ladies business clothing to the New Images Program at Red Rocks Community College. Our Outreach Chairman, Joy Young, has taken the first installment over and they were gratefully received. That will continue until the end of November. Joy Young has also taken new books to a female correctional facility in nearby Lakewood--the Betty Marler Center. Also, at our November meeting we will collect non-perishable food for donation to two food banks here in Evergreen.

Our speaker in October was Jan Graham, who is giving us a book report on "Londonistan"--contrasting it with "Mortal Danger." We hope to have a speaker from Ridgeview Academy in November. We have no meeting in December in favor of our Christmas party which will be Dec. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 25857 Silverhorn Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Our installation of new officers will be at our January meeting, January 25th, at 6:00 p.m. at Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen.

This has been a wonderful year, full of growth for me. It has been my sheer joy to have worked along-side the 4 other officers of our Club this year. Rarely does one meet such capable, reliable, cheerful, humorous, and beautiful women. Taking on this Presidency has not left me where it found me. I am far better off, and I am grateful to our great Club for trusting me with this important job.

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SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

A CNN news team showed up at our September meeting! They interviewed Senator Lamborn and me, and filmed the first half hour of our meeting -- including our skit spoofing Hillary Clinton. Unfortunately, the skit was edited out of the finished piece! Our speaker was Janet Rowland, our beloved candidate for Lt. Governor.

Since one of our goals is to educate, our October meeting featured Senator Doug Lamborn, County Commissioner Douglas Bruce, and Colorado Springs City Councilman Randy Purvis speaking on the Amendments and Referendums.

Our November meeting will highlight Tom Doyle sharing with us the situation in the Middle East. He's currently in Israel, so our information will be very up to date!

In December we're looking forward to our annual Christmas sharing brunch and white elephant (of course) gift exchange. This event strengthens our friendships and our resolve.

Our members are working hard to get Republicans elected. We truly have a slate of outstanding candidates we're proud to support. By the time this is published we will know which victories we have celebrated.

Plato said, "The penalty that good men pay for not being interested in politics is to be governed by men worse than themselves."

Definitely interested in politics,
Karla Kroeker, President