



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



3RD QUARTER - 2019



MARILYN HARRIS—PRESIDENT

## Victory in Unity

**UNITY-** the state of being united or joined as a whole.  
Synonyms: union, coalition, federation

Now, more than ever, we must be united. We need to be united in our homes, our communities and our nation. If we are not and we do not come together, we will not know our Nation again as we know it now. The threats of socialism by the Democrats is real. It is time to fight for liberty and come together.

We, as part of your local clubs, CFRW and NFRW are part of the largest female political organization in America and more than ever, we need to stick together, roll up our sleeves and get this battle won! We have a voice all the way to Washington and we must become engaged, activated and energized for this election season and we must start now. To start any later will be too late.

Our local candidates, our state candidates, and our national candidates are depending on us. We must support Senator Cory Gardner to be re-elected. We may not always agree with every decision or vote Senator Gardner makes but please keep the future Supreme Court nominees in mind. If we lose Senator Gardner's seat and lose the US Senate, we will lose the opportunity for the appointment of conservatives on the Supreme Court for years to come. His re-election is critical as well as President Trump's re-election.

Please save the date for our Fall Convention October 5-6, 2019 in Grand Junction. We have a great convention planned and hope you can be part of it. In addition to all of the great speakers we have, Sara Carter of Fox News will be speaking Saturday night along with Representative Scott Tipton and author Peter Wallison, former White House Counsel.

Once again, I would like to thank our great CFRW Executive Committee. We have had some tough decisions to make this year but everyone has worked together and made decisions based on what is best for CFRW to keep our goals and future strong. It has been an honor to work with each and every one of them. Additionally, I would like to give a personal thanks to our wonderful Parliamentarian, Commissioner Rose Pugliese, for her great work and support of getting the Electoral College issue on the Colorado ballot as well as to all of our members that worked so hard getting petition signatures. My heroes!

Please let us all come together for unity which equals liberty, freedom and victory in 2020!

# Colorado Federation of Republican Women



## OFFICIAL CALL

81<sup>TH</sup> Annual Board of Directors Meeting/Fall Convention  
Marilyn Harris – President

*“Women in Action”*

**OCTOBER 5 - 6, 2019**

Executive Committee Meeting and Welcome Reception  
October 4, 2019

Board Meeting/Convention – October 5-6, 2019

Meeting Venue:  
Grand Vista Hotel  
2790 Crossroads Blvd  
Grand Junction, CO 81506

# CFRW BOARD MEETING and CONVENTION

October 5-6, 2019

Grand Vista Hotel—2790 Crossroads Blvd—Grand Junction, CO 81506

## REGISTRATION – Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Club Name (Please no initials): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you Club President: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a voting delegate for the Fall Convention? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a CFRW State officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00 **Full Registration**

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

SAT Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Deli Buffet OR \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

SAT Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ London Broil OR \_\_\_\_\_ Florentine Chicken

OR \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

\_\_\_\_\_ SUN Breakfast Buffet (Included)

Will you be bringing a guest/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$19.00 Saturday lunch ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ Deli Buffet OR \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

\_\_\_\_\_ \$33.00 Saturday night dinner ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ London Broil OR \_\_\_\_\_ Florentine Chicken OR \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

\_\_\_\_\_ \$18.00 Sunday Breakfast ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Meeting Registration only (no meals)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL REGISTRATION

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION must be postmarked by September 20, 2019**

**After the deadline, Registration is \$115.00 (Sorry, No exceptions).**

**Make checks payable to CFRW and mail to:**

**Deborah Gaul-Erbish, Registration Chairman**

**928 19-1/2 Rd., Fruita, CO 81521**

**deborahgaul@msn.com—970-216-8108**

**BRENDA BRIGHT**  
**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

Hello Ladies of the club! What a great privilege it has been to serve as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President! Thank you for your support and enthusiasm as we traversed this tumultuous period. I have tried to bring speakers to our Board Meetings and Fall Conventions that would inform, educate and entertain you. From Jack Phillips, our most famous Colorado Cake Baker, to candidates, and all the way to our Opioid Forum, I hope you have gone away from our meetings with new knowledge and a greater understanding of the reasons we are all political activists.

Leading into our upcoming Fall Convention in Grand Junction, we have tried to bring speakers to it that will not only outline some of the concerns we face as Republicans on the national stage, but also those that will address problems within our state. Truly, Ladies, this Fall Convention will be worth ‘*the price of admission*’! Our host committee and executive committee members have worked diligently to provide a top of the line event for you.

I hope to see you all there as we welcome Sara Carter, Fox News Contributor; Heidi Ganahl, CU Regent; Peter Wallison, author and former White House counsel; Scott Tipton, CD3 Representative; Janice Rich, HD65 Representative; Lori Piotrowski, NFRW Literacy Chair and author; Amy Oliver Cooke, Tabor Coalition and Independence Institute; Debbie Healy, Regional Director of Development Family Resource Council; members of the Colorado GOP executive staff; and we might even have a few surprises up our sleeve!

<b>CFRW MEMBER LEGISLATORS</b>		
HD 20	Terri Carver	Colorado Springs RW
HD 21	Lois Landgraf	El Paso County RW
HD 38	Susan Beckman	Cherry Creek RW
HD 44	Kim Ransom	Douglas County RW
HD 49	Perry Buck	Greeley RW
HD 55	Janice Rich	Mesa County RW
HD 63	Lori Saine	RW of Weld County
HD 64	Kimmi Lewis	Otero County RW
SD 23	Vickie Marble	Broomfield, Larimer, & Weld Counties

**JULIA LINDAHL**  
**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**  
**MEMBERSHIP**



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**National Federation of Republican Women**

**NFRW BENEFITS:**

**For just \$10.00 in annual national dues, a member receives or has access to:**

A robust national website and member database management system that connects the entire Federation and provides key membership services, including administrative access and capabilities at the club level.

The NFRW's electronic communications, including the weekly and monthly newsletters and political briefings, and free or nominally priced publications like the Leader's Guide, Membership Handbook, Legislative Advocacy Manual, and outreach/recruitment materials.

The Member Center, a private online network on the NFRW web site available to members only. The Member Center includes a member directory and the Digital Resource Library, which features committee and issue-related resources and materials, general organizational publications and forms, event information, graphics, and more.

Assistance in creating new clubs, launching or updating a state or club web site, and other membership services.

Sample materials, multimedia and resources that assist states and clubs with public relations and fundraising efforts, membership recruitment, campaign and issue advocacy programs, meeting planning, literacy and armed services initiatives, leadership development, community service, and more.

Campaign Management Schools, Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol, and other programs, workshops and seminars that offer members the opportunity to meet national Republican leaders, discuss key issues, and develop leadership and professional skills.

Networking opportunities and the ability to meet and develop relationships with women from across the country through online discussion forums and national events such as the biennial convention and annual board meetings. NFRW's national events include interactive workshops, exciting speakers, and informative programs and discussions.

Representation in Washington, D.C., including the services of a professional staff and maintenance of NFRW headquarters – located in Alexandria, Virginia, a few miles from Capitol Hill.

**JOAN GRIEP**  
**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**  
**CFRW DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

All District Meetings, with the exception of District VI, have been completed. By the time we all meet for the 81<sup>st</sup> CFRW Annual Fall Convention, the District VI Meeting with our stellar Colorado Senator, Cory Gardner, will have occurred. Way to go CFRW District Directors! For the second year in a row every district scheduled, planned and produced a meeting that promoted an informed membership and electorate through education and activities; and increased the effectiveness of women in good government through political involvement. Objectives met.

As we head towards the CFRW Annual Fall Convention, please be mindful that districts will be meeting on Saturday afternoon to complete the following objectives for year 2020:

District clubs will schedule a date for district meetings. The election of District Directors will take place and members will be selected to serve on the CFRW Bylaw Committee.

District Directors play a major role in the CFRW community. They act as a liaison between clubs located within the district, the CFRW President and the CFRW Third Vice President. They keep club presidents connected with important information and deadlines pertinent to CFRW and NFRW. They also foster and facilitate cohesiveness amongst clubs in the district by providing a platform for producing an annual district meeting. If you want to become more involved in CFRW and the 2020 election; the District Director position is a great way to do just that. It can be a very engaging and positive experience.

I sincerely want to thank all of the 2018-2019 CFRW District Directors that have served. I have had a very fulfilling journey in this position working many, many years with countless wonderful dedicated and talented women. I've made lifelong treasured friendships and there is no better reward than that. See you at the Fall Convention!!!

District Director Reminder: Please bring your District Director Handbooks with you. I'll have important updates for the 2020-2021 term. The books are CFRW property and should be made available to turn over to the next District Director at the fall convention.

**CFRW Small Donor Committee**

Please consider making a donation so that CFRW can build its coffers to help support candidates in the 2020 election.

An individual may donate up to \$50 per calendar year.

THANK YOU for donations in 2019

Kerry Froese \* Joan Griep \* Marilyn Harris \* Julia Lindahl

Vicki Pearson \* Angel Saunders \* Patricia Springer

Julia Lindahl—Chairman—[jalerp@aol.com](mailto:jalerp@aol.com)

**JAN CUMMINGS**  
**DISTRICT V DIRECTOR**

District V, led by Jan Cummings, held it's meeting on June 29th at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs.

Featured speaker was El Paso County Sheriff Bill Elder, who along with Commander Joe Roybal, with the El Paso County Detention Center, shared information on our jail.

HD 20 Representative Terri Carver was also in attendance and gave an update on the past legislative session.

CFRW candidates for 2020-21 office are Brenda Bright—Candidate for President, Joan Griep—Candidate for 3rd VP & and Wendy Warner—Candidate for Secretary were introduced.



**CFRW District V Meeting—CFRW Officers**

**Julia Lindahl—2nd VP**

**Brenda Bright—1st VP**

**Judith Jergensen—Treasurer**

**Wendy Warner—Secretary**

**Joan Griep—3rd VP**

**Jan Cummings—District V Director**

**CFRW Small Donor Committee**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**If \$50—Please include Employer** \_\_\_\_\_

**And Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Julia Lindahl—Small Donor Committee**

**PO Box 7604, Colorado Springs, CO 80933-7604**

## ARMED SERVICES

Lilly Nunez—Chairman



Big Bags (.99) (below) filled with twin sheet set, set of towels, shower curtain, liner & hooks, pillow, bath mat and a huggable stuffed animal. (lightweight twin spread)

Small bags—pictured above: coffee cup, tea bags, hot chocolate packets, toilet paper, toothbrush & paste, hand lotion, small hand sanitizer, bottle of water, hard candy, chap stick and any other small goodies!



**See Lilly & Julia at the fall Convention. We will have a table and would appreciate your donations and/or contributions to our Veteran's project for the single enlisted ladies that are returning from deployment from Afghanistan, Iraq & Syria. (at Fort Carson) and living in the barracks.**



Pictured are part of 50 bags recently donated by Julia Lindahl, with donations from members of Colorado Springs RW. Tote bags donated by President Harris. See list of items you can bring to Convention listed above.

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# Women

## — FOR TRUMP —

2020

### CENTENNIAL CLUB

**Jackie Tugwell—Chairman**



Hello CFRW members! My name is Jackie Tugwell and I am the new Centennial Club chairwoman. I want to thank all members who have joined or re-joined for the 2019 year. CFRW appreciates your dedication and support.

Membership is only \$100 per year to join. Please feel free to contact me at [jtugwellRRW@gmail.com](mailto:jtugwellRRW@gmail.com) if you would like an application. We would love to see you at the CFRW fall convention where we will be celebrating all Centennial Club members at our Centennial Reception.

Below is a list of our current 2019 Centennial Club members. Thank you for your support!

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Carolyn Barlock</b>  | <b>Jerry Jergensen</b>  | <b>Kaye Seale</b>         |
| <b>Brenda Bright</b>    | <b>Judith Jergensen</b> | <b>Karen Shipper</b>      |
| <b>Jan Cummings</b>     | <b>Elaine Johnson</b>   | <b>Marisa Showalter</b>   |
| <b>Jean Daviet</b>      | <b>Julia Lindahl</b>    | <b>Francie Sinton</b>     |
| <b>Ruth Ehlers</b>      | <b>Veronica Medina</b>  | <b>Pat Springer</b>       |
| <b>Tamara Farah</b>     | <b>Olivia McCaffrey</b> | <b>Mary Steen</b>         |
| <b>Sheryl Fernandez</b> | <b>Marty Neilson</b>    | <b>Donna Troyer</b>       |
| <b>Gerry Gifford</b>    | <b>Renee Nelson</b>     | <b>Jacqueline Tugwell</b> |
| <b>Joan Griep</b>       | <b>Lilly Nunez</b>      | <b>Madison Tugwell</b>    |
| <b>Marlene Groves</b>   | <b>Terri Olinger</b>    | <b>Pat Wainwright</b>     |
| <b>Marilyn Harris</b>   | <b>Tamara Pierce</b>    | <b>Wendy Warner</b>       |
| <b>Joy Hoffman</b>      | <b>Rose Pugliese</b>    | <b>Theresa Watson</b>     |
| <b>Tawana Holmes</b>    | <b>Marie Rossmiller</b> |                           |

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**MARTY NEILSON - CHAIRMAN**

August 14, 2019

The 2019 CFRW Nominating Committee by unanimous consent and vote presents the following candidates for CFRW Officers 2020-2021 to be voted at 2019 CFRW Convention October 2019:

<b>President</b>	<b>Brenda Bright - Bel Nor RW</b>
<b>First Vice President</b>	<b>Barbara Piper – Douglas County RW</b>
<b>Second Vice President</b>	<b>Judy Reyher – Otero RW</b>
<b>Third Vice President</b>	<b>Joan Griep – Broomfield RW</b>
<b>Fourth Vice President</b>	<b>Timme Pearson – Royal Gorge RW</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Wendy Warner – Denver RW</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Open</b>

Regards,

Marty Neilson District II

Chairman CFRW Nominating Committee

Voting:

Sue Johnson District I

Ruth Ehlers District III North

Mari Hathorn District III SE

Debbie Jennings District III SW

Karen Shipper District IV South

Julia Lindahl District V

Lilly Nunez District VI

Tamara Pierce District VII

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

**BILLIE NIGRO—CHAIRMAN**

Cards Sent:

4 Get Well

1 Thinking of You

2 Sympathy—Cherry Creek members



Please email Billie if you would like a card sent to a club member. Include "CSRW Sunshine Request" in the Subject Line so she knows not to discard it.

**billien1945@gmail.com**

## SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN RACHEL BLAKE—PRESIDENT

Our May program featured Rep. Terri Carver and Sen. Dennis Hisey who gave us “Updates on Critical Legislation in the House & Senate.” Monument Mayor Don Wilson and SRW member Carrie Geitner spoke on the progress of the National Popular Vote petition process. The movement has gone from grassroots to prairie fire. The last speaker introduced was Bob Tocarciuc of the Recall Polis.com organization. More than 632,000 valid signatures are required for a recall to proceed. The petition is currently in progress with many members carrying petitions in El Paso County.

Our June event included the “Make America Great Again” Picnic. A great time was had by all.

July concluded with SRW celebrating a spectacular Independence Day. We participated in the Monument Parade themed Pioneer Days. God Bless the USA.



**CHAFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
**ERIN GODONIS—PRESIDENT**

Chaffee County Republican Women (formerly Collegiate Peaks RW) do not have club meetings in summer, but we have been busy supporting the Central Committee in every way we can. We have been involved in parades and Republican information booths. Also, we helped collect over 2,000 signatures for the petition that allows voters to choose between National Popular Vote or Electoral College when choosing a President. The petition to recall Governor Polis also has some volunteers collecting signatures.

Our new “business card” has been designed to give contact and meeting information about the County Central Committee as well as CCRW. We will be having meetings starting in September that include a location in the southern part of the county with the goal of adding more members from that area to our rolls. It is our hope to have those ready for Gold Rush Days in Buena Vista where we will have a booth.

The club will be instrumental in helping host a meet and greet September 14 where unaffiliated voters and fellow Republicans can get better acquainted and start planning for the 2020 campaign.



**MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN**  
**DIANA CORAM—PRESIDENT**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2019 has been a busy time for Republicans in general. In the Montrose area, we have been signing the “Popular Vote” petitions and the “Jared Polis” petitions. We are done with the Popular Vote and going strong with the Polis petitions.

The picture enclosed with this article shows the primary officers of the Montrose Republican Women. We are very lucky to also have visiting this meeting day – our U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman, Scott Tipton, Our 6<sup>th</sup> State District Senator Don Coram and our 58<sup>th</sup> District State Rep. Marc Catlin. They keep our ladies group up to date on everything going on. During this time, Congressman Tipton was talking about the renaming of the



Montrose Post Office after a fallen police officer, David Knickterknecht, which was done in August in a public ceremony. We also had a long time Republican woman friend who is moving back to Arizona due to poor health to be with her family. Congressman Tipton also enjoyed saying goodbye, and wishing her well.

We have been busy with 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and County Fair parade as well.

Submitted by Donna Rose, Publisher of monthly Newsletter & Tusk Talk

## **GREELEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PAT BOHLENDER—PRESIDENT**

Our new meeting time and format has really been a factor in increasing our membership. We are currently at 78 members and 23 associates. And they are getting involved carrying petitions and joining in group discussions such as WIN (Women Impacting the Nation). We "...will not go quietly into the night..." as the political and cultural landscape of our state is stolen from us.

Our board and Joanie Griep did a great job putting together the District IV meeting. The program included brief updates about activities in the state to address various political concerns from the following: Debbie Healy - Family Research Council (sex ed yikes); Amy Everette -- Wall of Prayer (God is listening); Joanie Griep: WINGS OF HOPE, Colorado Consortium.

The main program dealt with the opioid crisis and began with guest speaker Brad Hearon a living (through the grace of God) example of a road into and out of addiction. This was followed by an update on what is happening in our own back yard by a panel forum of professionals including Sheriff Steve Reams, Weld County; Commander Steve Black, Weld County Drug Task Force; Robyn Cafasso, Sr. Deputy DA 17th JD; and Dr Mark Wallace, M.D., MPH. A very informative and somewhat frightening program.



Panel, Speakers, and Board Members at District IV meeting.



**COLORADO SPRINGS  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
VICKIE TONKINS—PRESIDENT**

Hello CFRW,

The summer has flown by and what a busy season. From ballot issues to a number of recalls, I believe the Democrats may be getting the message *we will not stop fighting*.

Colorado Springs Republican Women have been working diligently over the last quarter. In June our new State GOP Vice-Chair, Kristi Burton Brown shared with us the many things the State Party has in store for the future. The State GOP is visiting all the county leadership in order to work to get us all on the same page for 2020. They are speaking with county chairs to find out what they need to be successful in their counties and for the 2020 campaign.

We had a Garage Sale to raise money for our small donor committee and was very successful in raising funds for Republican Candidates. We must elect true Republican Candidates in 2020 and by working together, we will.

Our club is keenly aware, though none of us likes the idea; it takes money to be able to run a successful campaign. While this should never be the only focus, it is a part of the process. CSRW had our 3rd annual Fundraising Ice Cream Social and we had a full house. We had our current El Paso County District Attorney, Dan May, share with us some of the successes as well as failures of his office.

*“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

**Mark "Oz" Geist, Hero of Benghazi -  
Guest Speaker**

**Oct. 9 (Wed.), 6-8 p.m.**

**UCCS - Ent Center for the Arts**

As your CU Regent representing Colorado's 5th congressional district, I offer exciting news--and delivery on a promise that I made on social media earlier this year! Chance Hill

The event led to the making of the film "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi."

Mark speaks throughout the country--but this will be his first speaking engagement ever on a college campus!

Registration details to follow in September (or before). Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. But mark your calendars now! Seating is limited.

## BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN JANE MEAGHER—PRESIDENT

May 21<sup>st</sup> we heard a “New Vision for the Colorado GOP” from our BRW lunch speaker at the Boulder Cork, Steve House, former Colorado Republican Party Chairman and Adams County Republican Party Chairman. He will be the Chief Operating Officer of the state Republican Party for newly elected 2019 Chairman, Ken Buck. Steve has spent 35 years in healthcare in a variety of roles and continues to consult with hospitals nationwide. He is currently working on prison reform and helping the homeless.

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Boulder Republican Women hosted a Barbecue Blast for members at Sydney Keith’s beautiful farm. We had traditional Red, White and Blue Western decorations, down-home potluck dishes, & BBQ. No program, just fun and games were enjoyed by all. Delicious food and a beautiful setting to visit with old friends and become acquainted with new like minded folks.

LeMoine Dowd, Boulder Republican Women Communications Chairman  
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Top Left—Marty Neilson & Bottom Left—Beverlee White

Boulder Republican Women Barbecue Blast on Thursday, June 13th



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