



Tusk Talk



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Calendar 2007

- Sept 26-30: NFRW Convention, Palm Springs, CA
- Oct 12-14: CFRW Annual Convention, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs
- **NOVEMBER 1: TUSK TALK DEADLINE**

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Sharon Sollenbarger
CFRW President

LADIES, I write this with a heavy heart! Our own Judith Jergensen is moving to the other side of the world...literally! By the time you read this, Judith will be getting ready to join her husband in UlaanBaatar, Mongolia! Our best wishes and love go with you, Judith. You will truly be missed. Please keep in touch!

CFRW convention will be October 12-13 & 14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Sheraton) in Colorado Springs. Plans are already taking shape for an enjoyable and interesting time for everyone. There will be excellent speakers, an image workshop for anyone looking at running for any elective office from church to congress, the Razzle Dazzle Road Show, lots of information, fun, networking and socializing with friends. We have many important issues to discuss and we'll also be electing new CFRW officers for 2008-2009. Plan on attending. Rates are reasonable.

Our Colorado page to the NFRW convention is Jessica VanSuchtelen of Highlands Ranch. She is a junior at

Mountain Vista High School. Jessica is following in older sister Danielle's footsteps! Danielle was our page in 2005 in Nashville. Thanks to Bobbie Chiles and South Platte RW for their nomination...again! You gals raise 'em right!! (If any of you, as a club or individually, would like to help Jessica with her expenses, contact Bobbie Chiles)

NFRW convention will be in Palm Springs, CA on Sept. 27-30. If you haven't registered, you still can at the NFRW website, www.nfrw.org. I would love to have you there and have your support. A big THANK YOU to all of you, individually and clubs, that have contributed funds for my campaign as NFRW 3rd VP! This has been and is a fun, exciting experience! I look forward to representing you at the national level.

Since this will be the last "Mailed" Tusk Talk of the year, I want to say Thank You to all of you for allowing me to serve as your president. I've tried to visit as many of you as I could and make as many district meetings as possible. I have loved you all and appreciated everything that you do for CFRW and the Republican Party. As I've said before...you are among the most dedicated, energetic, smart women I have ever met. It has been an honor to be your president. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!

Sharon

Marolyn Scheffel CFRW 1st Vice President

HELLO, CFRW MEMBERS. I trust that all of you are planning to attend the October Convention in Colorado Springs. It will be a worthwhile meeting and a time of fellowship, entertainment, and information. I enjoy planning programs and getting speakers and I believe that we have had some very good speakers with good content. My goal is always to provide informative programs and at the same time to plan meetings that are enjoyable, and I believe we continue to do that. Many of you have recommended speakers and brought some very important information that we all appreciated being aware of, such groups like "COMFORT CLOTHING". Our meetings are both educational, informative and with the goal of equipping our membership in the Republican agenda, regarding candidates, policies and laws. I asked for a survey at our last meeting regarding the one day Board Meeting, and you responded well and gave me a good idea of what we are all looking for. Thank you! This convention will be both entertaining and informative. We will address such questions as "What is going on in the House of Representatives?", "How about the Department of Education?", and, "How do we as citizens at home prepare for a possible terrorist attack?" Have you read *BUFFALOED*? Our Saturday night dinner speaker, a politically incorrect author will tell us all about it. I look forward to seeing you October 12, 13, and 14, 2007 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Margaret Gramm CFRW Treasurer

Greetings from eastern Colorado. Summer is almost over and we will soon be back into our usual routines. As you collect your dues and send them to me, please be sure that you include the entire club name. We have several clubs with the same initials and when the roster is not marked with the entire name a mistake could easily be made. This membership roster is forwarded on to the 2nd Vice President so she can enter the name in the NFRW data base and also the CFRW data base. We need the name of the member, their mailing address, telephone number and their email address. Be sure to include your zip codes. If you know the last four digits of the zip code, please include this also. This does help cut down the cost of the postage for NFRW and CFRW. Please be sure to include your telephone area code.

It has been great serving as your Treasurer the last two years. It has been a lot of hard work and sometimes very late hours were needed to get everything done. If at any time you have a question, don't hesitate to call or email me and I will try to get you an answer.

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This has been a busy summer full of family, parades, picnics and District Meetings. We've heard from a variety of very interesting speakers, and had the chance to get reacquainted with many of our members, and meet many new ones. There were a number of visitors at the District Meetings. This is a great way to introduce prospective members to CFRW.

With Fall on the way, we should all feel energized to move forward promoting our Republican ideals, and educating ourselves about our country; it's institutions and our role as Americans.

Put your committees to work; educating, reaching out, caring, righting misconceptions, speaking up, recruiting, and supporting what is good in America. We have so much to be grateful for. Let us be the guardians of all we have been given, so as to pass it on for generations to come.

Looking forward to the NFRW Convention in Palm Springs, where we will elect our State President, Sharon, as NFRW 3rd Vice President.

See you all at our Convention in Colorado Springs in October !

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New Website Information

CFRW Website: www.cologopwomen.org
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OFFICIAL CALL

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

69th ANNUAL CONVENTION & Fall Board of Directors Meeting
OCTOBER 12, 13, & 14, 2007
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

2866 Circle Dr., COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906 719-576-5900

Be **INFORMED**...So that you are **INSPIRED**...
 To become **INVOLVED**

Sharon Sollenbarger, CFRW President

Hosted By:

El Paso County Republican Women

Chairmen: Jan Cummings & Jo Mitchell

Registration: Jan Cummings Credentials: Judy Bashline

Republican Women in Government: Elected and Appointed

It is vitally important for women to serve in the government. Elected or appointed, both are important. There is lots of work being done and decisions being made which need our input.

As the eyes and ears of our Community, State and Federal governments we have the everyday knowledge and experience to make life better for all. As most of you know, I lost my beloved Friend and Husband in 2006 which put me out of commission for a while. I appreciate all the concern, prayers and kindness. THANK YOU ALL and, yes, life does go on. It's hard, but here we go.

This is my first report recognizing the importance of serving and the benefits of having women in the government. Only members of the Federation are included on this list.

Mesa County and Grand Junction

Elected:

Janet Roland Mesa County Commissioner

Bonnie Beckstein, City Council

Linda Romer Todd, City Council

Janice Rich, Mesa County Clerk and Recorder

Monika Todd, Mesa County Treasurer

Barbara Brewer, Mesa County Assessor

Appointed:

Jacque Stafford, Commissioner of Civil Rights State of Colorado

Jacque Stafford, Ute Water Conservancy District Board Member

Douglas County

Elected:

Kelsey M. Alexander Chairwoman Douglas County Republicans

Melanie Worley, Douglas County Commissioner

Teri Cox, Douglas County Assessor

Sharon Jones, Douglas County Treasurer

Kristine Turner, Douglas County School Board

Carole Chambers, 18th Judicial District Attorney

Archuleta County

Robin Shiro Archuleta County Commissioner

Karen Pryor, Archuleta County Assessor

LaPlata County

Kelly Hotter, LaPlata County Commissioner

Linda Daley, LaPlata County Clerk and Recorder

Montezuma County

Carol Tullis Montezuma Clerk and Recorder

Terri Wheeler, Montezuma HUD Director

Submitted by Jacque Stafford

District III South East Carol Belt, Director

District III S. E. held their meeting May 19th at The Inn of the Rio Grande in Alamosa. The meeting was hosted by the San Luis Valley Republican Women. There were approximately 40 ladies and 1 gentleman in attendance. The meal was wonderful, the table decorations, goodie bags and door prizes were outstanding.

Our speakers were Perry Buck, Vice Chair of the State Republican Party, and Major Patty Robertson, a veteran who served two tours in Iraq. She was very informative regarding the Muslims we are fighting. If you are looking for a dynamic speaker we would suggest Patty.

All six clubs in the district were represented. Thanks to SLVRW President Fran Janzen and her ladies for everything that they did to make our meeting a success.

District IV North Florence Halley, Director

It was a fun and educational time at "Old Town" in Burlington on June 16th, when the Kit Carson County Republican Women hosted the District IV North meeting.

Attendees convened at the "Old Town Church" for the morning meeting with District Director Florence Halley presiding and Margaret Gramm, State Treasurer, extending a welcome to CFRW President Sharon Sollenbarger, Second Vice-President Julie Lewis, Third Vice President Jan Cummings, Fourth Vice-President Dulany Woodward, State Ethics Chairman Jo Mitchell, Vice Chair of the Colorado Republican Party Perry Buck, and Republican Women from four counties within the District.

The invocation was given by CFRW Chaplain Henri Stone, who was also the Guest Speaker. Entertainment was by Linda Schaal, who gave a regal solo of the Star Spangle Banner. A special welcome was extended to the Yuma County Republican Women, who continue to be active members of CFRW and dedicated supporters of the Republican Party.

Following the meeting, a fried chicken dinner was served in the "Old Town Saloon", where we were entertained by Can-Can Dancers, and given a History of Burlington and its current economy. This was followed by cake and ice cream in celebration of the 75th reunion of the Kit Carson Republican Women.

For those who desired, there were tours of Old Town, and for others, there was a horse drawn wagon for transportation to the Unique and Beautiful Carrousel. To add to the festivities, we were joined by some of our elected officials at the Ribbon Cutting for The New Carrousel Museum.

WHAT A DAY!!! And a special thanks to Margaret and her ladies.

District VI, BJ Anthony, Director District VII, Dona Troyer, Director

District VI and VII held a joint district meeting in June. What a great success, thanks to the fantastic participation. Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder Pam Anderson spoke with passion, conviction, humor and a great depth of knowledge.

Renee Nelson, Jefferson County GOP Chair addressed the often asked question "What does the County Party do with the donations?" Her very concise and clear explanation was a real eye opener for many of us. The cost of just the caucuses is amazing. We were also delighted with Donna Jack's beautiful patriotic music. The clubs from both Districts gave delightful door prizes. Something new and popular: we bought Sportsman's warehouse gift cards as door prizes for the men.

We were honored to have Jackie Tancredo in attendance.

OTHER DISTRICT NEWS:

-We are delighted that Jessica Van Suchtelen of South Platte RW has been chosen to be a page at the National convention. This is the third time SPRW has had a page chosen from their club!

-Kelsey Alexander resigned as president of Douglas County RW to be elected Douglas County GOP Chair. Kelsey did a great job and we are excited about her new position. Aldis Sides is now doing a wonderful job as president of the very active DCRW.

-Cindy Acree resigned as president of Cherry Creek RW to pursue her Senate campaign. Andi Allott is again in that familiar presidency and doing a great job. What an interesting club.

-Due to the tireless efforts of Lori Reed and past president Zella Upton, Littleton RW has a wonderful new president, Laurette Barrentine and a bright future. (Note: Lori's daughter is in the USO and works in the same building as NFRW headquarters).

-Chemo Caps for Kids is a continuing success story. Lorelee Alemanni, Mountain R W, delivered about 65 Summer caps which her company sewed and donated. I was asked by Children's Hospital to hold the Winter caps until late Fall, as they have no storage space but the need will be great. A huge special thanks to Greeley RW and Margie Martinez. They sent a HUGE box of beautifully made caps with lovely personal notes. Unfortunately, the need for these caps is never filled. This is a great project for Republican Women to be involved with. Contact BJ Anthony, Wanthony@frii.com

--Lastly, thanks again to Lisa Rizzo and Mountain RW for hosting our District meeting.

Submitted by BJ Anthony
and Dona Troyer



Operation We Care

"Operation We Care" asks for soccer balls, air pumps, and shoes.

American soldiers brought the game of soccer to the Iraqi children. Since then, soccer balls and beanie babies have literally saved our soldiers' lives on numerous occasions. Because of the soldiers' generosity, the Iraqi children have warned our military of insurgents, bombs, traps, etc..

Now Iraqi children want to be just like our soldiers and wear sunglasses. The soldiers have made a huge impact on the future of Iraq through the country's youth. The children are the future of Iraq. Our support will help with the outcome and the future for all.

CH (CPT) Kevin Wainwright is the son of a Federation mother. Kevin is serving his second tour in Iraq, first with the Army Guard and now as Regular Army. Kevin is chaplain to over 700 soldiers. His call to the Federation is for soccer balls and pumps (1 for every 10 balls), and they will take shoes any size, new or used. For more information, Kevin has a web site: www.warhorsechaplain.blogspot.com. Click on WALL OF BLESSINGS to track the support boxes you send. Be sure to include your club or state federation name and don't forget your state. You'll be able to see on the wall of Blessings your club/state federation name and donation.

The success of this project depends on the Federation!

Instructions:

Fill out an APO mailing document (available at all post offices and required) addressed to:

"Operation We Care"
c/o CH (CPT) Kevin Wainwright
HHC 3-8 CAB ICD
IASS
APOAE 09391

All balls must be deflated! (No air)

If you would rather just collect money, forward it to Lyn and you will still get the credit.

Federation's Goal

10,000 balls, 1000 pumps, as many shoes as we can find.

For assistance, contact Lyn Sanchez, 98CR (County Road) 103A, Hesperus Co. 81326

Ljs1116@peoplepc.com Label email subject:
"Operation We Care" (home) 970-588-3648

Let Lyn know your numbers so she can keep track

"This isn't about being political,
it is being a Great American"

In Memory of Sherry Wittwer San Luis Republican Women

June Frink, CFRW Sunshine Chair.

Please send information about an ill or bereaved member to June at:

e-mail to : junefrink@bresnan.net

(Please put "Sunshine" on the subject line)

Post: 2293 El Monte Court

Grand Junction, CO 81503

Phone: 970-243-9645

Margaret Gramm, Handbook Chair

It is getting close to the time when we need to start getting our information together for the Handbook. I realize that most of you do not have the information ready yet but the sooner I have it, the easier it will be to compile the information.

For the Handbook I will need the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the club president. I also need to know when the club meets and where. We put this information in the Handbook so anyone in your area who would like to attend your meeting will have the information. When you compile the information for the Handbook you also need to send the same information to the CFRW President, Treasurer, your District Director, and the 3rd Vice President. This way everyone has the information they need to get in contact with your club.

I am looking forward to the same great cooperation that I have had in the past. This information must be in to me by the middle of January.

TIME OUT!!



TUSK TALKERS OF COLORADO open your address books of **key friends and relatives** in the states which elected a **U.S. Senator** in 2006. Ask them to "bug" that Senator, if Republican, to work for action on the one issue you consider most crucial. Remember: name only your most serious concern. Let's prove what CFRW members can do!

Submitted by Betty Skinner

CLUB NEWS

ADAMS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN – TRUMPETEERS

On June 1st at our 2007 Lincoln Dinner THE MAXINE AND HAL SHROYER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARD was presented to Adams County Republican Trumpeteers, Barbara Fitzgerald and Twyla Mohar for their many years of service to the Republican Party. Presenting the awards was our County Chairman and 2nd Congressional District Director, Mary Dambman.

Maxine Shroyer served as a former CFRW President.

Submitted by Faye Parker, Corresponding Secretary

DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

DCRW Women have had a great summer and are looking forward to our big fall kickoff!

We are focused on setting the stage for the 2008 elections. Great events, expanded membership, quality projects!

This summer, DCRW women walked behind our banner in three parades in Douglas County. We hope that voters saw our patriotism and were drawn to the Republican Party. Many members also worked in the DCGOP booth which featured party literature and our own brochures with a membership form.

September 19 is our big fall event featuring Dick Wadhams, COGOP chair, our guest presenter at our luncheon. He will present his strategies to win back the CO House and Senate and the US Senate seat. October 17 will be our annual off-site, this year at Lockheed Martin Aerospace Systems to see this major corporation's work in space, defense, and telecommunication. We will have a tour of the facility and lunch. This is an outstanding opportunity for our membership! On November 14, the CO State Patrol will present *Colorado's Homeland Security*, a critical issue of our time. We invite all Republican women and their guests to these events. Please join us!

Please watch for our DCRW table at the CFRW Convention where we will be selling items for our fall fundraiser. Featured are Republican and patriotic jewelry, men's ties, women's hats and scarves, stained glass ornaments, and the book, *Russell (the cat) is a Republican*, authored by one of our members.

We are very proud of our DCGOP chair, Kelsey Alexander (CFRW Board), and wish Marolyn Scheffel, candidate for CFRW President, and Sharon Sollenbarger, candidate for NFRW third vice-president success in their elections!

We wish all the Republican clubs a good fall season!

Aldis Sides, President absides@comcast.net

BEL-NOR REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Leadership is the challenge to be something more than average—Jim Rohn

Greetings my fellow Republican Women! As Bel-Nor's President for 2007, I have addressed our newsletters in this fashion...with a motivational quote. In these times of up and down, sideways, and extreme times of change in our lives as well as our country, I feel that a good shot in the arm of motivation does a body good to get out and get going! Bel-Nor has done just that this year. We created a Communications Committee that meets once a month to brainstorm ideas and ideals to forward to our local, as well as national, legislators in the form of a letter on a timely topic. We have written Immigration Reform letters to Senators Allard and Salazar as well as commending Congressman Tom Tancredo on a "job well done" on our behalf. We have sent our comments to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi as well as Senator Harry Reid. One of our letters was to President Bush with a suggestion to stop reaching out to the Democrats and to continue on your course without apology.

At the present time, we are working on a ***Women Helping Women*** program with the assistance of Jo Mitchell, El Paso County Republican Women. Our bilingual flyer created in 2003 is available at the Latino Chamber of Commerce, our Ad Hoc Committee is compiling the history of Bel-Nor, we have a link with the Pueblo County Republican Party Website, we are working diligently to bring young Republican women into our membership, supporting the troops through our "Adopt A Soldier" program, and fundraising to support local Republican candidates.

We at Bel-Nor are staying busy by staying positive and not abandoning our core principles!

Submitted by Jeannie W. Katzer, Bel-Nor President

COLLEGIATE PEAKS REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

CPRWF is back after our summer sabbatical. Although we don't meet in July or August we did all enjoy the June picnic, where a scholarship was awarded to a graduating high school senior, and participation in the July 4th parade.

Our September meeting will be filled with plans for the town's September "Apple Fest" and our annual October dinner fundraiser for the high school government class trips to Washington, D.C. and Denver.

Kathi Kier, President

EL PASO COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

El Paso County Republican Women of Colorado Springs welcomes members of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women to their annual convention in our city October 12 – 14, 2007.

The Friday evening activity after check in at the Crowne Plaza is a tour of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. The Center's new and expanded Galleries house the permanent collection, much unseen for years. The superb collection of Native American and Latin American art has a new home. In addition to the permanent collection, the traveling Collection of Fredrick Weisman, "Eclectic Eye" is on display. This will be a guided tour of the galleries by the Fine Art Center staff and escorted by a member of EPCRW. There will be time for dinner at many fine restaurants in the area after the tour. The cost to see the permanent collection is \$7.50 for non members and \$6.75 for Sr. Citizens. For both the permanent and the Weisman collection the cost is \$12.00 for non members and \$10.50 for Sr. Citizens. We need to have all reservations for the tour no later than September 21, 2007. You may call Jeanie Sharon at 719-633-3113 or e-mail me at otg007@aol.com.

Joanne Colt, President

SOUTHWEST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Several Southwest Republican Women received the required training, recently established by the Secretary of State, to register new voters. These skills were exercised at the LaPlata County Fair where we shared manning the GOP booth with the county Central Committee, as we have for many years. We believe this was another positive start to the election cycle for 2008.

A quarterly "Lunch and Learn" program was initiated in July. Valbeth Jones, our 1st VP, led a lively discussion of the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment. She emphasized that law enforcement personnel frequently do not respond to life threatening emergencies in time to assist a homeowner. Additionally, Valbeth gave the historical perspective for the inclusion of the Second Amendment into our Bill of Rights. We believe it is necessary to educate our members so they can encourage others to become well-versed participants in the political process. The better informed the electorate, the more likely they are to recognize the differences between, and the superior position of, our candidates and those put forward by other parties.

We are currently selecting the book(s) for the 2007 Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Program donations. Library presentations are made in November.

Early this spring we began meeting at The Durango Doubletree. It is more convenient and our monthly meetings are advertised on the marquee. At least one person joined our club as a result of the marquee advertising.

September NFRW activities will see several of our members in Palm Springs. Of course, we eagerly anticipate our October CFRW convention.

Submitted by Elaine Johnson, President

FOOTHILLS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Foothills Republican Women has had a successful year so far. Our programs have been well received. Of greatest interest were the programs on Global Warming and the Cost of Electrical Power by former Senator Bill Schroeder and a program on Identity Theft by our Jefferson County District Attorney, Scott Storey, and his staff. Our most fun meeting was our membership tea – a Martha Washington Tea – with most of our board members in costume and a period actor giving a short presentation.

We are looking forward to a very busy fall and to our annual **Bingo and BBQ** fundraiser this August and a wonderful **Evening in Monte Carlo** in November. We welcome inquiries.

Leslie Huckabee, President

MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Mesa County Republican Women hosted a membership tea in February at the home of 2nd VP, Ruth Ehlers, and gained 3 new members. Our membership is steadily increasing, and our new members are quickly getting involved and readying for the fight in 2008 to REPAINT our country red!

In April our fund raiser, Denim & Diamonds Spring Fling, raised over \$1,300.00 for our scholarship fund. Thanks to all who worked so hard on this important event.

Excellent guest speakers at our meetings were: Senator Josh Penry (S.D. 7); Rep. Steve King (H.D. 54); Janice Rich, Mesa County Clerk & Recorder, informing us of HR811, a Washington mandate of "one size fits all" voting equipment; Janet Rowland, Mesa County Commissioner; and Ryan Call, legal counsel to the Colorado Republican Party.

At our well attended July picnic, Lyn Sanchez presented "Operation We Care" about collecting soccer equipment for Iraqi children.

August 13th we are looking forward to "Razzle Dazzle Road Show" presented by Karen Bayless, who is coming to Grand Junction from Farmington, NM, to present this lively program. Sept. 10th we will kick back with an ice cream social and some comedy presentations, hopefully from some of our local politicians.

We lost one of our associate members in June, Les Frink, husband of 3rd VP, June Frink. Les was killed in an automobile accident, leaving us all shocked and saddened. Les was a dedicated Republican and wonderful supporter of MCRW. May he rest in peace.

Remember to contact your elected officials by e-mail, snail mail, fax, or phone, and let them know how you feel about legislation. Congress heard from over 2 million people regarding the "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" bill, and it was defeated!

Janet Blackman, President

SUNRISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

"Summer time, and the livin' is easy." Isn't that how the lyrics go? Well, that's *not* how summer goes with Sunrise Republican Women! We've had a *very* busy summer pursuing our conservative ideals.

Since education is one of our goals, in May, Officer Richard Hunt from the Colorado Springs Police Department spoke to our group on Internet Safety.

Dena Peck from the El Paso County District Attorney's Office, gave an excellent presentation on "Power Against Identify Theft" for our Members in June.

The theme of the Monument 4th of July Parade was "One Nation Under God." Since Republican President Eisenhower signed the legislation to add "Under God" to the Pledge, we used a 50's motif on our float and were pleased to receive the "Best Depiction of the Theme" award.

We rejoiced when Member Lynda Ryan received the "Precinct Committee Person of the Year" award at our El Paso County Lincoln Day Dinner. Mitt Romney was our keynote speaker.

Then came the highlight of every summer, our annual Political Picnic. Much laughter accompanied our members and elected officials acting out various skit parts spoofing the liberals! The Air Force Academy K-9 Unit then did an amazing presentation, after which we all agreed if we became criminals we'd rather be shot than assailed by one of their trained attack dogs! We all enjoyed mixing and mingling with our elected officials during a barbeque lunch.

This summer we've celebrated another anniversary of America's independence as a nation. Once again we've heard the speeches, marched in the parades, enjoyed the picnics, and oohed and aahed over the fireworks. All of these remind us of the sacrifices made by our forefathers and military to preserve this miraculous harbor of freedom we call America. May we never take them, or our freedoms, for granted.

Anyone who is lucky enough to be an American . . . is lucky enough!

Grateful to be born in the U.S.A.,
Karla Kroeker, President

STEEL CITY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

During the Holiday season of 2006, our local newspaper, The Pueblo Chieftain, ran a story "The Spirit of the Season" featuring three young soldiers. One of these was Sgt. Farley Ferguson, of the Colorado Army National Guard's 169th Fire Brigade. "Sgt. Ferguson, a Pueblo West soldier, is leader of a group launching a drive to benefit Iraqi citizens, and is depending heavily on his wife, Sarah, to get the word out here and to coordinate collection and shipping of donated items."

We, at Steel City Republican Women, contacted Sarah. She and Master Sgt. Scottie Zahn came to our meeting and made a strong and impassioned presentation on behalf of her husband and his group. The icing on Sarah's presentation cake, is that she is a strong and opinionated young Republican woman! Her enthusiasm for this important drive and her husband's work was felt and appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to hear her and Master Sgt. Zahn.

A few weeks later, we were able to meet Sgt Ferguson, present him with our money and donations, hug him and wish him God's Speed, as he was returning to Iraq the next day. We stay in touch with hard working and busy Sarah who tells us that Sgt. Farley will be coming home in a few months, but that the Project, the work and its goals, will continue.

Recently, the Steel City Republican Women received a Certificate of Appreciation from the 169th Fire Brigade. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to know and in some way assist these young Americans!

Submitted by Patty VanZandt

CHERRY CREEK REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The first half of Cherry Creek Republican Women's 2007 club year was highlighted with excellent speakers which included Edie Marks, community activist and nationally recognized realtor; Bob Ewegen, Deputy Editorial Page Editor of the *Denver Post*; Dick Wadhams, Chairman of the Colorado Republican Party, Congressman Tom Tancredo; Major General Mason C. Whitney, former Adjutant General of Colorado and State Senator Nancy Spence.

Upcoming CCRW events will include the club's annual Garden Party held in appreciation of club members. This traditional party for club members will be held in the fall when (hopefully) cooler temperatures will prevail.

Submitted by Andi Allott, President



Lyn Sanchez, CFRW Member-at-Large, designed the elephant pin shown at left for our delegation to take to the National convention in Palm Springs, Sept. 26-30. The stripes are blue and white, the "C" is red with gold interior.

Good job, Lyn!

PHOTO GALLERY



L-R: Sarah Fergerson, Patty Van-Zandt, Steel City RW President, and Master Sgt. Scotti Zahn



Sunrise Republican Women
Monument 4th of July Parade award-winning float

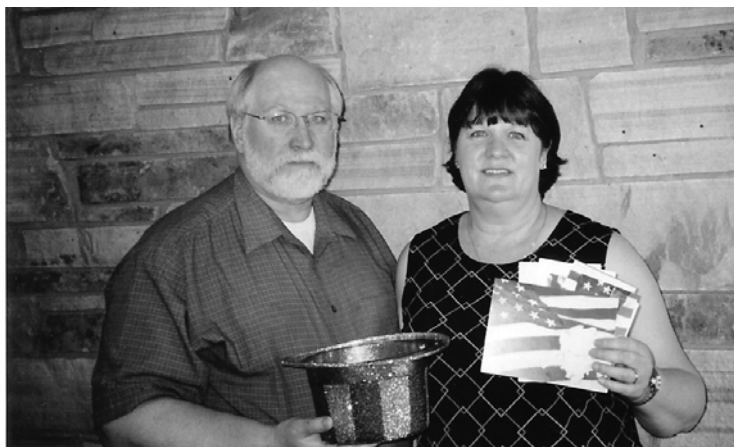


Janet Rowland, Mesa County Commissioner and Heather Gierhart, from Senator Allard's Grand Junction office at the Mesa County RW event.



Cherry Creek VP Mary Wenke and State Sen. Nancy Spence

Robert and Gail Mazurek, parents of U.S. Army Medic John Mazurek, display the "patriotic hat" and patriotic cards which were signed at the June Cherry Creek meeting. The patriotic hat was passed at the June meeting to raise funds to purchase prepaid telephone cards for U.S. troops in Iraq where John is deployed.





L-R: Mesa County RW President Janet Blackman, MCRW secretary Peggy Adams, District Director-III North Letha Hunt, CFRW President Sharon Sollenbarger, and MCRW 3rd VP June Frink.



L/R: Cherry Creek members Katherine Anderson, Scottie Iverson, and Cindy Acree at the June meeting.



CFRW President Sharon Sollenbarger with Collegiate Peaks RWF President Kathi Kier at the annual June picnic.



Douglas County Republican Women on the move!



L/R: Archuleta County VP Marge Pantzer, Karen Bayless, and President Mojie Adler



CPRWF President Kathi Kier presents scholarship check to high school graduate.



District III Southeast Annual meeting
Front row, L/R: CFRW 3rd VP Jan Cummings , CFRW Pres. Sharon Sollenbarger, CO GOP VP Perry Buck, Major Patty Robertson



Air Force Academy K-9 demonstration at the Sunrise RW July picnic.



CFRW 4th VP Dulany Woodward and CPRWF members, Jan Vesely, Kathi Kier, Millie Meardon, Connie Robb and Jean Smith gather for Buena Vista's July 4th parade.



El Paso County GOP Chairman Greg Garcia at the Sunrise RW July picnic.



Mesa County RW July picnic
L-R, Bonnie Beckstein, City Councilwoman & Mayor Pro-Tem, Barbara Brewer, Mesa County Assessor, and Gary Roahrig, Chairman of Mesa County Republican Central Committee.

Air Force Academy Bomb-sniffing dog demonstration at the Sunrise RW July picnic



NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007 AT THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS.

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE HAS SELECTED THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THE CFRW SLATE:

PRESIDENT: MAROLYN SCHEFFEL
 1ST VICE PRESIDENT: LINDA "LYN" SANCHEZ
 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: MARGARET GRAMM
 3RD VICE PRESIDENT: VACANT
 4TH VICE PRESIDENT: JULIA LINDAHL
 SECRETARY: VACANT
 TREASURER: DONA TROYER

Anyone wishing to run for Election from the floor must submit a statement that she meets the qualifications for that office and is willing to serve and a petition of endorsement signed by a minimum of twenty (20) members of units other than her own. (CFRW bylaws 6.3) to Jan Cummings, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, P.O. BOX 524, FLORISSANT, CO 80816-0524.



Marolyn Scheffel

Candidate for President

Currently CFRW 1st Vice President. I am a life-long Republican, active in my club (past president), County (served as Chairman of the Douglas County Republicans, currently a precinct person), and community

(secretary of the Douglas County Senior Foundation and in my church). Married for 56 years, I have three children and seven grandchildren.

I am committed to the Republican cause and Republican tenets and would be honored to serve as CFRW President.



Linda "Lyn" Sanchez

Candidate for 1st Vice President

Currently CFRW Member-at-Large and member of the NFRW Armed Services Committee. I am very active in my club and have received several awards. My belief is God 1st, Family 2nd, and The Republican Party 3rd. I believe that the Republican Party protects my first two

loves. I will be diligent in bringing you interesting and educational programs. I hope to have your support and vote for the 2008/2009 CFRW 1st Vice President!



Margaret Gramm

Candidate for 2nd Vice President

Currently CFRW Treasurer. I have served as a District Director and Club President. As CFRW Treasurer, I have worked with membership data and I would now like to serve as 2nd Vice President responsible for membership. I am asking for your support this October

at the Convention. I will work as hard for you as 2nd Vice President and I have in the other positions I have held.



Julia Lindahl

Candidate for 4th Vice President

I am currently serving as District V Director, which I've found to be a great introduction to the ladies in the 5th District. I've had a wonderful time visiting the club meetings and socials. I would like to continue with CFRW as the 4th Vice President -

which involves working with the standing committee chairmen. Your support will be greatly appreciated!



Dona Troyer

Candidate for Treasurer

Currently CFRW Director District VII (two terms). Accounting professional for over 30 years, working with budgets. Member of the Jefferson County Republican Women and active in precinct, County, and Congressional District. Married, husband Don, two

children: son, Darin, and daughter, Deanette. I am well prepared to serve as Treasurer and I would appreciate your vote at the Convention.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE CFRW BYLAWS

The Bylaws Committee recommends the following changes to the CFRW Bylaws.

Article II. Objectives. Section 2.1 F: ~~To assure the neutrality of CFRW elected officers and unit presidents who shall not support nor oppose any candidate in a Republican Primary or intra-party race.~~ **Insert:** *To support and to encourage CFRW members to run for*

elective office. Rationale: Present statement takes away free speech and rights of members. Women should be encouraged to run for office, not discouraged because their own CFRW members can't support them.

Article V. Officers – Qualifications – Terms – Vacancies – Duties:

Section 5.1.A. The elective officers of CFRW shall be: ~~10- Secretary of Technology.~~ Rationale: The Secretary of Technology should not be an elective officer of CFRW, but an appointment of the President.

Section 5.1.B. Add: B.4. Secretary of Technology. Rationale: The Secretary of Technology should be an appointment of the President as it is necessary to find someone with the background and knowledge to handle the website.

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Section 5.2.A.2. Be a member in good standing of CFRW and a unit for at least ~~one year~~; **Insert: two years** **Add: and have served as an officer in some capacity in that unit for at least one term**; Rationale: Any person wishing to run for state office should be familiar with the operation of the organization and its units and have been an active participant prior to their running for state office.

Section 5.2.A. **Add: 5. Candidates for CFRW president shall have served at least one term as a CFRW unit president.** Rationale: Serving as a unit president gives the candidate a better understanding of the organization.

Section 5.3 TERMS. Amend by the **striking out** the entire section and **substituting** the following: **A. Officers except Members-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual Convention held in odd-numbered years and assume office January 1 of the following even-numbered year; B. Members-at-Large, elected by the Board of Directors at their meeting held at the time of the Annual Convention held in the odd-numbered years and assume office January 1 of the following even-numbered year; C. The term of office for elected officers is two years, or until her successor has been elected and takes office. Any officer may succeed herself for one term; D. Any officer may be elected to a different office than that of her current term; E. Any officer, after fulfilling her original two terms, may, after a lapse of one two year term, serve again in the same office; F. Any part of a term in excess of one year shall be considered a full term.** Rationale: To clarify Section and change terms. One term has proven to be too short. If the current officer wishes to continue in the position, she should be allowed to run for another term. NOTE: District Directors are elected officers.

Section 5.5.F. Retain, with the approval of the Executive Committee, ~~a Certified Public Accountant~~ who shall conduct the external review and who shall not be a member of CFRW; **Insert: qualified Auditor.** Rationale: a qualified Auditor is a better choice and usually costs much less.

Section 5.9 Duties of Fourth Vice President **Add: F. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.** Rationale: The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. However, it is not possible for one person to be involved in every committee. Assignment to a Vice President when needed is helpful.

Section 5.18 Duties of Parliamentarian **Strike out** subsection 5.18.A. **Insert: This person must be qualified and well versed in the practice and study of parliamentary law, have taught the subject and/or conducted workshops on the subject.** Rationale: As long as the person has the working knowledge to assist the President and members of the group, it is not necessary they hold membership in NAP or AIP, and as a result the services will cost less.

Section 5.18.D. Serve as Chairman of the CFRW Bylaws Committee. **Strike out entirely.** Rationale: The Parliamentarian should not serve as chairman of any committee, but only serve as an advisor to the President or assist unit presidents or members in parliamentary procedure and review bylaws submitted by newly formed clubs.

Article VI. OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 6.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE 6.2.D. Nominate one ~~or more~~ candidates for each office. Rationale: The nominating committee will review all documents and nominate the person they feel should fill the position. All other members who wish to run for the office may be nominated from the floor.

Section 6.3 NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR 6.3.B. The candidates submit to the Committee a petition of endorsement for that office signed by a minimum of twenty members of units other her unit. **Insert: than** between other and her.

Article VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 8.1 MEMBERSHIP 8.1.A. Voting membership shall be: 1. Elective Officers; 2. ~~District Directors~~; 3. Members-at-Large; 4. Immediate Past President. (Number 3 becomes 2, number 4 becomes 3.) Rationale: The Executive Committee is too large and cumbersome. Traditionally the Executive Committee of any organization is made up of only the elected officers voted by and representing the entire society. The District Directors are represented on the Executive Committee with a vote by the 3rd Vice President.

Section 8.2 Quorum The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be ~~eight~~ members, two of whom shall be the CFRW President and Secretary. **Insert: five**

Section 8.4 Meetings 8.4.A. Required: **Strike out** entire text of subsection A. **Insert: Required: The Executive Committee will meet at least twice a year at the Call of the President.** Rationale: Meetings should be when they best meet the needs of the Organization, i.e.: to approve a budget, Committee Chairmen or in an emergency.

Section 8.4 Meetings **Add: 8.4.D. In an emergency, the Executive Committee is authorized to cancel any CFRW meeting by a majority vote.** Rationale: Situations do occur when a meeting is impossible or dangerous and the Committee should have the authority to cancel.

Article X. ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

After the heading, **Add: The Colorado Federation of Republican Women shall meet annually. TO: Provide workshops, seminars, and political education; TO: Hear reports and act upon Resolutions; TO: Meet Candidates of the Republican Party and to foster support of the Party; TO: Biennially elect officers.** Rationale: To better explain the purpose of the Annual Convention.

Section 10.1. CFRW Annual Conventions 10.1.A. ~~In odd-numbered years, the~~ Executive Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors, at its meeting within the first quarter, a bid for the time and place for the following year's Annual Convention. Rationale: Editorial

Article XII. BYLAW AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 12.1 Amendments These bylaws may be amended : **A.** Proposed amendments have been submitted to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee not later than ~~March~~ of the Annual Convention year; **Insert: March 15**

SPECIAL RULES

1. OFFICER TRANSITION PROCEDURES **Add: E. The newly elected Officers of CFRW shall be authorized to begin preparations for the incoming term, immediately, following their September election.** Rationale: The Officers do not officially take office until January. There are times it is necessary to approve contracts for spring meetings and they do not have the authorization to do this.

**COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
OFFICIAL PROXY
FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & CONVENTION
OCTOBER 12, 13 & 14, 2007**

I, (NAME, please print) _____ (CLUB) _____,
hereby designate (please print) _____ to be my official proxy at the 2007 Fall Board of
Directors Meeting and Convention of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women.

Signature _____ Date _____

Proxies should be sent to Judy Bashline, Credentials Chairman, 3191 Rock Creek Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020-6763, no later than October 5, 2007. After that, all proxies should be brought to the meeting and submitted to the Credentials Chairman.

NOTE: Only club presidents are entitled to have a proxy. The designee must be from your club and cannot already have a voting position on the board.

CFRW Trivia Contest

CFRW has a contest for the members!

The Member must CALL Lyn Sanchez on her phone, 970-588-3648, and talk to her live; (NO messages on the answer machine /no emails will qualify).

So the first Member who calls with the right answer will win \$25.00 in her name for her Club.

Question:

In 1957 (50 years ago) in what city was the CFRW Spring Board Meeting held?

Friday Night at the Convention

Zorro! World premier of a brand new Zorro play by a noted Latino playwright, especially commissioned by Theatreworks, Colorado Council of the Arts for their annual collaboration with the library's "All Pikes Peak Reads" project.

CFRW has a group rate of \$15.00 if reservations are made by September 28th for the Friday, October 12th performance at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Theatreworks, Colorado Council of the Arts.

Please call Jo at 719-570-6040 or Jan at 719-748-3629 for more information and reservations.

**CFRW Fall Convention
Dinner, Auction and Raffle**

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Republicans on the Move

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado
Springs

2886 South Circle Drive

Cash Bar and Start of Silent Auction: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm and Raffle: 9 pm

CFRW Convention Booth Rental Rates:

CFRW Clubs - \$20

Non-CFRW Clubs - \$30

Oct. 13 7:30 am - 10pm, Oct. 14 7:30 am - 12 pm

**For more information call:
Robin Schiro (970) 946-6605**

REGISTRATION FORM

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN 69th ANNUAL CONVENTION & FALL BOARD MEETING

Crowne Plaza Hotel, (formerly the SHERATON)

2866 S. Circle Dr. (Exit 138 from I-25)

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

October 12, 13 & 14, 2007

Return ONE Registration Form for EACH person. Please type or print clearly.

Name _____

CFRW Board Position (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____ Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Club (Enter Name in Full) _____

Are you a Club President? ____ If Club President is sending an alternate, please list her name: _____

You must send official proxy form and give a copy of it to your alternate.

REGISTRATION FEE:

_____ \$120 postmarked by October 1, 2007. Package includes all meetings, registration fee and all meals.

_____ \$140 postmarked after October 1, 2007.

If NOT attending full session, registration per day is allowed as follows:

_____ \$45 Friday session, registration & luncheon

_____ \$80 Saturday session, registration, luncheon & dinner

_____ \$45 Sunday session, registration & brunch

Total for your registration \$ _____

Guests:

_____ #Guests @\$20/guest for Friday luncheon

_____ #Guests @\$20/guest for Saturday luncheon

_____ #Guests @\$35/guest for Saturday dinner

_____ #Guests @ \$20/guest for Sunday brunch

Total for Guest(s) (add to your registration) \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION & GUESTS \$ _____

Make check payable to:

CFRW and return this form to Jan Cummings, P.O. Box 524, Florissant, CO 80816

Required by CO HB 1074: Occupation _____ Employer _____

For room reservations, call Crowne Plaza Hotel 1-800-981-4012 or 719-576-5900 Ext. 1711. Ask for CFRW rate \$75+tax, a MUST by October 1, 2007.

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