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Calendar 2008

Thanksgiving - Nov. 27th

Colorado Republican Party-
December 2nd 5:00-7:00 at the
Stampede, Aurora,

Colorado Republican Party-
December 4th, 5:00-7:00 at Two
Rivers Convention Center, Grand
Junction

Pearl Harbor Day - December 7th

Hanukkah - December 21-22,

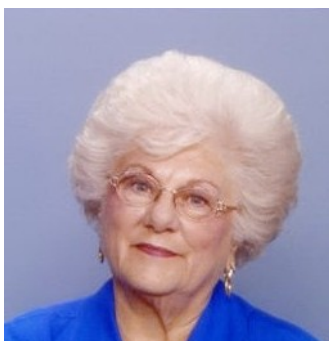
Christmas- December 25.

Spring Board Meeting - tentative
dates 6,7,8 March

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Message from the CFRW President



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WORK TO ELECT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES THIS NOVEMBER. We worked hard and did make a difference in several key races in Colorado. We added 3 Republicans to the Colorado House of Representatives and we held all but one seat in the Colorado State Senate. With just under 730 days until the next election, we need to work **NOW** to set our goals and our infra-structure to turn this State around. Although we all were extremely disappointed in the national election results, particularly given the passion, time, and energy we invested, we are on the right side of the issues. This election has been compared with the aftermath of the 1974 mid-term elections after which the Republicans rebuilt the GOP from the ground up. The good news is, when it comes to ideas, the American people are on our side. Conservative and limited government ballot initiatives fared well across the nation. As Abraham Lincoln said, *"Freedom is the last, best hope of earth."* We as Republican women believe that, and that's why we had over 1000 Republican women volunteers working for McCain across our state. Once again, we proved that we are a formidable force in American politics. Let us continue to commit ourselves to putting our best efforts forward to secure a free future for our children and grandchildren as we engage in the important work of CFRW. In spite of the challenging environment in which we find ourselves, we are up to

it!!

Over the past year we held our Spring Board meeting in Jefferson County in February, hosted by the Jefferson County Republican Women, Bernice Merkl, President. The Colorado State Dinner was a wonderful celebration on the eve of the Republican State Convention and kicked-off the campaigning season with enthusiasm. Our Executive meeting in the summer was held in Gypsum, Colorado with the help of our third Vice- President, Henri Stone. The last meeting in the fall of this year was our Board Meeting/Convention which was held in Montrose, Colorado under the direction of Kathy Ellis, President of Montrose Republican Women. We have appreciated being able to travel to a variety of destinations for our meetings to meet across the beautiful state of Colorado.

As we approach 2009, we face many challenges. We remain committed to the core purposes of CFRW including membership, education, and electing Republican candidates. Our Spring Board meeting will be held in the Loveland area. The Greeley Republican Women and the Larimer County Republican Women are hosting this event and are planning a beautiful Spring Board meeting. We encourage all of our members to attend and bring a guest.

Congratulations, again, to each of you for your hard work and commitment to electing Republicans. We look forward to coming together in spring to redouble our efforts to make a difference as Republican women in our state and nation in 2009-2010.

Marolyn Scheffel,

President Colorado Federation of Republican Women

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CFRW Officers Reports

Jan Cummings 1st Vice President,

We had a wonderful 70th. Birthday Party in Montrose at the Fall Convention. With Birthday Cakes on each luncheon tables.

Saturday luncheon speaker was Kathy Welt, Director of Health, Safety and External Affairs, Gunnison Energy Corporation. She enlighten us all on the energy problems.

Afternoon program was Betty Chronic, 70 years of CFRW history. Tonya Stiel and Jesse Morton from the Franklin Republican Women, Franklin, Louisiana spoke on Fundraising and Jessica Law.

Saturday evening dinner, Master of Ceremonies was Scott Tipton, guest speaker, Bob Schaffer.

Sunday Brunch with Speaker Sharon Solenbager, NFRW 3rd Vice President. Awards were presented by Florence Halley.

Thank you Montrose Republican Women for hosting the 70th Annual Convention.

For those of you who could not attend, we missed you at the celebration.

The Spring Board of Directors' meeting will be held in District 4N area. Plan to attend.

Everyone have a Happy and Healthy 2009.

Jan Cummings

Dona Troyer CFRW Treasurer

The time is fast approaching for next years dues to be submitted. When we are thinking of Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays, it seems to be put on the back burner. January comes and we are scrambling to get our members re-registered and new ones to come with us in our quest to protect our rights as citizens. Remember the dues are \$13.00 per member and a \$15.00 NFRW club fee per year. \$5.00 is held by CFRW to conduct our necessary business and \$8.00 is sent on to NFRW for their important work helping us keep our freedoms. The \$15.00 is due by January 15th. Remember to get the new officers of the clubs sent to Margaret Gramm as soon as you have them. I'm looking forward to a fresh new year serving as your treasurer.

Dona Troyer

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Committee Reports

Handbook Committee Report

It is again time to start gathering information for the new Handbook. I will need all of this information by January 15th. Please send the names, mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all of your officers. I will also need the time and place of your meetings. I need this information from every club. I know that some of you sent it to me last year but I need it again to be sure that nothing has changed.

The name of the Club, the President and the information about your meetings is all that will be in the Handbook, but a lot of times if someone needs information about the other officers they will contact me. It will just help if I have it all in one place rather than having to go through the membership lists to find the information.

The information also needs to be sent to the CFRW President, Treasurer, and 3rd Vice President. It would also be helpful to the District Directors if it was sent to them. Just need to send it to the District Director for your district.

When the information is sent to me it can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed. I hope that everyone had a great summer and that you have a good holiday season.

Margaret Gramm

Handbook Chairman

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CFRW Leadership Report

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

□ John Quincy Adams

The busy election season is over, the joyous holidays are soon here, and for many clubs there will be new officers and committee chairmen. For others this will be a time of rejuvenation and rethinking.

I urge each club to find time for a **board retreat**. This is a helpful way to think and plan for the new year, become better acquainted, concentrate on strengths, settle old disputes, and generally come away refreshed and ready for the fight. Even though this election is complete (almost), our work never ends. We must man the watchtowers to hold our officials accountable. We must follow the rapidly moving events in the economic circles of our country. We must encourage and buoy the spirits of our fellow Republicans, and we must be prepared for the next elections.

Is there a Mission Statement for your club? Has your president set goals? You certainly can't reach them if there are none. Review the NFRW Club Achievement Awards and see what you need to accomplish in 2009. Let's have many Diamond Award clubs next year.

Let me know if there is any way I can help. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Dulany Woodward

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CLUB NEWS

Collegiate Peaks Republican Women's Forum

September's Apple Fest once again provided an opportunity for our members to sell apple pies and deserts for the cake walk, to raise money for our scholarship fund. We were pleased to raise enough to fully fund the 2009 scholarships.

In October, we hosted the annual lasagna dinner to help members of the high school government class to go to either Colorado Close Up in Denver or Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. More students opted for the trip to Washington as they will be there during the Presidential inauguration.

During the November 4th elections many of our members worked as poll watchers and election judges. 2nd Vice President Millie Meardon successfully conducted the winning campaign for our two new county commissioners.

We will have a color guard honoring veterans at our November 11th meeting. Our county sheriff will be the speaker. In addition, we will have elections that day for the CPRWF Board and plans will be made for our December 9th Christmas luncheon.

Archuleta County Republican Women

2008 was a busy year for our club. Speakers at our monthly luncheon meetings were candidates running for office. We held a Lincoln Day Luncheon Fundraiser in February, hosted the annual meeting of the Southwest Republican Women, 3rd District in June, participated in the July 4 parade activities and assisted in manning the Republican booth at the Archuleta County Fair. We also held two garage sale fundraisers for our scholarship project.

Mojie Adler, President of our club, was a Colorado delegate to the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis. She was one of the 22 delegates elected from a group of 356 applicants. She shared her convention experiences with us at our September meeting.

Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to a busy 2009!

Barbara Rawlings, Archuleta County Republican Women

Colorado Springs Republican Women

Colorado Springs, Colorado

FRESH START FOR WOMEN held their second semi-annual event in October. This project is for TESSA recipients in El Paso County. TESSA is for victims of domestic violence. We had a great turn out with both ladies and children.

Thanks to the many friends that made donations of clothing, small household items and a wonderful array of children's items. This made for a fantastic day for our attendees. The ladies were able to select from a grand assortment of items while their children had time for activities, face painting and were able to select books, toys and stuffed animals to take home. The ladies were teamed up with a volunteer to help them select clothing and had the opportunity to receive hair cuts and style (*donated by a new RW member Jana Torres*) or get a gift certificate for style and color donated by VEDA Salon.

The Question Is

. . . in these dangerous times that threaten our country's very survival, can we possibly see the U.S. turn back to conservative Republican at all levels, keep our jobs, and avoid immediate tax increases ???

The Answer is YES, if we work hard toward that goal.

So let's go! All members of the Colorado Federation need our contacts, especially across the South and Midwest, to push for a win for conservative Republicans at all levels – local, state, Congress, U.S. Senate and President. We could thus help our job security and curb some of the heaviest taxation – while we take back our Country!

Betty Lee Skinner

Americanism Chairman - Colorado Springs Republican Women

Mesa County Republican Women

Mesa County Republican Women worked very hard in the recent elections with the Victory96 phone banks, providing meal to volunteers, knocking on doors, and helping our Republican candidates. We are very proud of our two MCRW members, Laura Bradford, who defeated the incumbent Democrat to be our new Colorado House District 55 Representative, and Marcia Neal, who was elected to the Colorado State Board of Education.

In September our Ice Cream Social, held in Lincoln Park, was a great success. Our Republican officials and candidates took a break from "serious" politics to regale us with funny stories from their political lives. Colorado Representative Steve King told us when he decided to run for office, one of his sons was afraid his grades would be printed in the local paper! June Frink kindly donated the ice cream and toppings, Joan Kelsey donated cookies, and Janet Blackman donated a large frozen cherry pie as a door prize.

Our fall fund raiser, selling frozen Sara Lee pies and cakes, generated a nice profit to boost our bank balance. Thanks to Sue Benjamin and Ruth Ehlers for chairing this committee. Thanks to all those who purchased these delicious goodies (just in time for Thanksgiving).

Four MCRW members attended NFRW Regional meetings in Las Vegas on November 14th and 15th. June Frink graciously provided her time-share lodging at the Wyndham Resort for Sharon Sollenbarger, NFRW 3rd VP; Cathy Percefull, District III North Director and Legislative Chairperson for MCRW; and Janet Blackman, MCRW President. Sharon Sollenbarger donated to NFRW for auction the beautiful patriotic quilt made by Ruth Ehlers, and purchased by Sharon a tour 2008 spring fund raiser. Sue Lynch, 1st VP of NFRW, conducted a spirited auction and the quilt was purchased by Tonya Stiel from the Franklin, Louisiana Republican Women for \$450.00. Ruth is now nationally famous for her quilting.

Our Christmas Cheer Luncheon for all Republicans will be held on December 5th at Two Rivers Convention Center, closing out our year of 2008 meetings. Also in December we will be completing our philanthropic project donating to needy families in Hospice. Last year we raised over \$1,000 and this year we are optimistic we can top that figure and help more Hospice families in need.

In January 2009 MCRW will install an enthusiastic new slate of officers for the 2009-2010 term. Huge thanks go to the 2007-2008 officers for all their numerous activities including fund raising, recording radio spots to educate and inform, and helping during the 2008 elections to keep Mesa County RED.

Janet Blackman
President

Sunrise Republican Women

I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. For kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2: 1-4

Whee, the election activities are over, but now we must pray for and support as best we can our elected officials. Our club members worked in the three big rallies here in the Springs: one for McCain-Palin and two Palin rallies, and provided food for the Victory Center. They like many of you have manned phones, walked precincts, put up signs, and sent many political e-mails.

In October Representative Kent Lambert did a great job using slides to review the long list of amendments and referendums on our ballot. In November our member Colin Mullaney, recently returned from an extended tour in Iraq will give us his personal experiences with Strategic Operations in Iraq. December we will again enjoy fun, food and fellowship at the Habert home for our annual pot luck, white elephant Christmas party. Programs on health and energy will be forthcoming in the New Year.

May each of you have a blessed Christmas Season with family and friends...and remember our greatest gift to accept is our Savior, Jesus Christ who we can not only believe in for eternal salvation, but trust for our help in the coming year (s) for our country.

Ruth Wilson, Sunrise Republican Women

Mountain Republican Women's Club

What an honor it was for MRWC to host "A Toast and A Roast" for Congressman and Mrs. Tom Tancredo on October 23, 2008. Little did we know last fall when 1st Vice President Lorelee Alemanni booked the Congressman for our October meeting, that it would turn out to be such a star-studded event. From the Presentation of Colors by ICE Agents Cory Voorhis and Mike Riebau behind bagpipes played by Dr. Dan Hock, to impromptu jokes and anecdotes of Emcee Peter Boyles, the evening was a wonderful mix of good humor and gratitude for a man who has fought tirelessly for our sovereignty and our Constitution.

Mike Coffman started the evening with "these are big shoes to fill" comments and acceptance of a campaign contribution from MRWC, presented by Lisa Rizzo. Former First Lady Frances Owens gave a classy toast joined in by attendees raising their glasses. Former Kingston Trio member, Bob Haworth sang his comical song about U.S. border policy "Can You Get Me In" and provided the musical tribute accompanying Lorelee Alemanni's delightful slideshow of Tom throughout his Washington career and on the Presidential campaign trail.

Roasters included State Senator Ted Harvey; Tom's college roommate Steve Durham; Aspen resident and illegal immigration activist Mike McGarry; and Tom's Director of Research Charles Heatherly. Wrapping up the toasts and roasts were Tom's dear wife Jackie and son Ray who related the hilarious story of Tom falling into a goldfish pond in Japan; doting over his grandchildren, and generally keeping life exciting for all family members.

When Tom finally took the podium, his humility and gratitude were evident in lively comments about his tenure in Washington as well as the seriousness of current events. A true leader, Tom lifted our spirits with words of encouragement and the announcement that we have not heard the last of Tom Tancredo, public servant--bringing the audience to its feet in applause!

A memory book of letters sent to Tom from across the country was beautifully compiled and presented to Tom by Judy Merkel. Lorelee created a large patriotic quilt which she presented to the Tancredos on behalf of our Club. So much talent and patriotism were a part of that evening. Sincere thanks to the members of the steering committee who made the event possible: Jan Herron, Lisa Rizzo, Lorelee Alemanni, Judy Merkel, Eileen Diepenbrock, Andree Krause, Donna Jack, Dee Oltmans, and Roberta Sutton.

Special thanks to our more than 150 guests, including a strong contingent of members of the Mountain Republican Women's Club. This event could not happen without your enthusiastic participation and support.

Kathryn Isenberger

MRWC 2nd Vice President



Tom Tancredo at Mountain Republican Women's Club



Mountain Republican Women's Club Pays Tribute to Tom Tancredo



Hair cuts and style (donated by a new RW member Jana Torres) benefiting a FRESH START FOR WOMEN, a Project for TESSA recipients Colorado Springs Republican Women



The retiring Board for the Royal Gorge RW club.



Sue Noble and volunteers working on a mailing for Candidate Bob Schaffer.



New Board for the Royal Gorge Repub. Women club



Luncheon at the Brown Palace with Cindy McCain



President Kathi Kier presents a check from the proceeds of the lasagna dinner to the government class teacher.



Mojie Adler, President ACRW, delegate to Republican National Convention.

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