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Calendar 2009

May 1: Apps for CFRW Officer postmarked by this date. (see below)

May 15:

- CFRW Scholarship deadline

June 1:

- Nat'l Pathfinder Scholarship and Betty Rendel Scholarship apps. due to state Presidents
- My favorite teacher award, state nominee due to NFRW
- Club Achievement Awards club form due to state
- Campaign Volunteer Awards club form due to state
- Caring for America Awards club and state forms due to Caring for America Committee
- TUSK TALK DEADLINE



**Marolyn Scheffel
CFRW President**

CONGRATULATIONS GREELEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN AND LARIMER COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN! The Greeley and Larimer clubs were our host clubs for the CFRW Spring, 2009 Board Meeting. It was a very successful weekend----a sincere and enthusiastic **Thank You** to the two host clubs, and particularly Perry Buck and Sue Rehg for their leadership and hospitality to CFRW. We served over 215 meals in the two days, our board meeting was well attended and only one district director was not able to attend. We made money on the auction and the event, and were able to take care of all of the expenses and enjoy a profit.

Our speakers were most informative and we learned about single-pay insurance plans from Representative Ellen Roberts, and how these plans will impact all of us. State Chairman Dick Wadhams was the speaker at the President's Breakfast and outlined a plan for the future of the State. After our workshops for Presidents and Treasurers, our 3:00 P.M. speaker was Weld County District Attorney, Ken Buck. He gave a very informative power point presentation, citing a case study from Weld County, a county with a very high incidence of identity theft. He discussed how identity theft works and how to prevent it.

Our dinner speaker Saturday evening, Mr. Lee Korins, was most interesting in his explanation of where the money from the stimulus package is going and why it is wrong for America. In addition, Mr. Korins shared his experience during the 9/11 attack as he was in his office in NYC on the 45th floor in Twin Tower building #1 when the airplane struck. He told us how he got down the stairs only to find himself in the base-

ment of the building. After much effort he was able to reach the first floor and emerged at the street level, covered with white powder from the explosion. His first thought was to tell his wife that he was alright, but there was no way to communicate with her as all communication towers were inoperable. No cell phones, no land lines, no radios.... all transportation was stopped and only emergency vehicles were allowed in the area, so he began to walk. He walked to the river, where he found a ferry boat taking people to New Jersey. He managed to get aboard and when he arrived in New Jersey, after a series of events, he was able to reunite with his wife. He lost 49 friends in this horrific event.

Our Centennial Club, hosted by Chairman Jo Mitchell was also most successful with good participation. Jo explained the purpose and history of the Centennial Club, which was well received by the group and prompted additional members to join. We were all very pleased with the weekend and the hotel was most gracious in their generous hospitality.

Our Sunday Brunch Speaker was Region V Director and NFRW Secretary, Jeannine Long. She gave us a lesson in the alphabet of Republican woes and then a list of what makes the Republican Party and its platform, great. It was a delight to have her attend our Spring Board Meeting. Florence Halley also took part in the Sunday Meeting by distributing awards. The silver bowls were engraved and polished and the recipients were delighted to receive them. One important decision that our membership should note is that the group voted to reduce mileage reimbursement from .35 cents to .30 cents per mile. Also, the group decided to continue mailing the **Tusk Talk** via regular mail, in addition to posting it on our website.

Monday, March 9 was Legislative Day, another wonderfully successful day. I want to thank all who attended and all who helped to make the weekend of March 6th-9th a wonderful success. Please see the calendar for coming events.

The last bill President Lincoln signed before his assassination was to secure a place on our coinage for "In God We Trust;" may it ever be so.

Marolyn Scheffel, CFRW President

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Jan Cummings CFRW 1st Vice President

The 71st Annual Board of Directors' meeting was excellent. Good attendance.

Thank you Greeley and Larimer County Republican Women for hosting this event.

Our speakers were Representative Ellen Roberts, HD 59; Ken Buck, District Attorney, Weld County; Lee Korins and Karen and Jeannine Long, NFRW District V Director. They enlightened us all.

For those of you who could not attend, you were missed.

Hope you will attend the Annual Fall Convention in October.

Julia Lindahl CFRW 4th Vice President

Thank you to all the Standing & Special Committee Chairman that provided reports at the recent Board of Director's Meeting. I applaud your dedicated service to CFRW. President Scheffel has asked that all Standing Committee Chairman connect with their corresponding Club representatives to let them know they are available to assist them. We want to make sure all clubs are off to great start and want to make you aware that our officers are here to "aid & assist". If I can be of any help please email me at: jalerp@aol.com or call - 719-390-9833.

Dulany Woodward, Leadership Chair.

All club presidents should have received a folder from me with important dates and other leadership information and ideas. If you did not receive your folder, please contact your District Director. I was not able to attend the Board of Directors meeting, and I believe Henri passed these out at the District Meetings.

Spring is coming and things are starting to grow. Let's be certain that our clubs and CFRW are putting out new roots and shoots. Let's grow and reclaim this state and country. We are needed.

Thank you for all you are doing.

Let me hear if I can help in any way.

Martha Derda, Scholarship Chairman

This report is to tell you about the Scholarship Committee and its actions during 2008. Applications were sent out in February to all of the District Directors. In that letter, I requested that the Directors please give out the applications to members in their areas.

The deadline for all applications was May 15th, 2008. Seven applications were received at my house by May 15th and the committee met shortly after the 15th. The Scholarship Committee consisted of members: Martha Derda, Lovey Walter, Marion Abboud, and Betty Beall. During this meeting we read all of the applications and evaluated them with score sheets that we had agreed upon.

Two winners were selected: Jenna Jordan from Windsor, CO, and Rachel Stertz from Conifer, Colorado. Both applicants were outstanding students and displayed volunteer work and a special interest in the Republican Party. Jenna Jordan is attending Colorado University in Boulder, and Rachel Stertz now attends Colorado Mines in Golden, CO. Both young women were very thankful to receive \$1,000 and are using their money to further education.

This year, the applications will be available to anyone at the CFRW Spring Board Meeting. I will also send applications to anyone that requests one of me after that time. The deadline date is May 1st, 2009 and must be postmarked by that date. The application is still the same and the applicants will be judged by the same scoring system. (If you have questions, please contact me.)

This process has been very rewarding for me, as I saw our money being used in such a positive way! I do have some recommendations that I will present at an appropriate time. There are a few things that I feel will make the process better. For now, I am looking forward to this year's field of applicants, and hope that you all will send me as many as you can.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this manner. I have enjoyed giving my time to CFRW and enjoyed working with my committee in such a rewarding way.

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New Website Information

CFRW Website: www.cologopwomen.org

Webmaster: Betty Benson betty@bcconsulting.com

Margaret Graham CFRW 2nd Vice President

Ladies this is going to be a great year for CFRW. We now have 1,342 members. This is ahead of last year. We still have some clubs that have not sent in their membership. We have 12 new presidents of clubs. I have set a goal of 2,000 members but I would really like to see us reach 2,100. If we all do One Plus One look where our membership could be. Wouldn't it be great if by the time NFRW certifies us for National Convention if we have 2,684 members? Last year we ended up with 1,898 members.

Remember to get your membership sent in by May 31st. This is the cutoff date for the calculation of delegates for each club for the CFRW Convention. Your membership lists must be postmarked no later than May 31st for those members to be added to your membership numbers. In addition to the President each club is entitled to 1 delegate for each twenty members in good standing or majority fraction thereof. The number of delegates that each club is entitled to will be included in the Official Call for the Convention. When you elect your delegates you also elect the same number of alternates.

June 10 is the deadline for my entering membership into the National Database for certification for the NFRW Convention. As you are getting new members in your clubs please remember that we can be **REGULAR MEMBERS** of only one club. You can be an associate member of as many clubs as you want and as you can afford. When I am entering membership if I find that someone is a member in 2 clubs I can only enter them in one club. I either have to contact the person themselves or else one of the Presidents that is involved. When you send in your membership be sure to include your club name in full not initials. We also need the members name, mailing address including the zip code. If you can it really helps if you put the entire 9 digit zip code. You can find the entire zip code by going to www.usps.com and clicking on 'find zip codes'. Enter your address and the site will give you the entire zip code. Occasionally the last 4 digits are not available. This is real important because it helps with the cost of postage for the Tusk Talk and if National mails the Republican Woman Magazine. We also need the phone number and email addresses for each member. I realize that some members do not want the email address given out. If this is the case that is okay but National has been emailing the Republican Woman Magazine and if they have your email address it will be sent to you. You can also go to the NFRW website and see the magazine.

Let's all work real hard at getting our membership up to at least 2000. I will be mailing out the Handbooks and Membership Cards to the clubs that were not at the Spring Board Meeting. Please be sure to give out you membership cards. At the CFRW Convention in the fall there will be a drawing for everyone that is carrying their membership card. They will have to show their membership card when they register at the Convention to be eligible for the drawing.

Hope that everyone has a great Spring.

Perry Buck, CFRW Chaplain

May God Bless CFRW

White House Project

Go Run is a weekend long training dedicated to equipping you, the future candidate, with the skills to run and win. The training aims to demystify the political process and inspire a richly diverse group of women into the leadership pipeline. Go Run provides the nuts and bolts of running for political office by focusing on areas like communications, fundraising and campaigning - skills you can use in your work and in your community up to the day you decide to run!

Upcoming Go Run Training in Denver, CO:

July 24-26, 2009

More individuals need to participate and fill the slots with Republicans.

Thank you for all you do,

Maria Secrest, Greeley City Council

Nominating Committee

Very Important Notice To Everyone Running
For CFRW Office.

Mail applications according to bylaws no later than

May 1, 2009 to:

Mary Rouse
8088 Burnt Oak Trail
Franktown CO 80116-9536

**District I
Joy Wood, Director**

District I meeting will be held in conjunction with Denver Women's Republican Club's 1st Annual Forum on Saturday, May 9th, at 9:30 a.m. The location is Denver University's Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury between York and High Streets, 1 block north of Evans (see Google). Email jan@janbonnett.net with questions. No RSVP is necessary.

**District III North
Cathy Percefull, Director**

The district's Mesa County RW have been busy planning a membership tea, keeping informed on issues from D.C. to Denver to Mesa County. The Mad Hatter's Membership Tea was held in February with around 30 members and guests in attendance. It was a beautiful day in Grand Junction and many ladies wore bright hats while enjoying tea treats and taking time to fellowship with like minded women! State Rep. Laura Bradford, Dist. 55, spoke to the group and updated them on events happening in the state legislature.

Mesa County RW has been very busy making phone calls to D.C. to express their views on the President's stimulus bill. They found the phone lines were busy, but they kept calling until they got through! Members also sent emails and faxes to express their view that this was a spending bill more than a stimulus to our economy. Some members went to the town hall meeting of Senator Bennet to voice their opinions. The Club has decided to send tea bags to the President to join the tea party many other Americans are participating in.

At their March meeting they held a panel forum for Grand Junction city council candidates. Over 80 attended that timely and educational meeting. It was announced at the March meeting that President Ruth Ehlers and Letha Hunt were hosting a Glenn Beck 'We Surround Them' party! Two pictures were taken at the March meeting to send to Beck's program to show support from Mesa County RW.

Mesa County's 3rd VP Rose Pugliese has begun a series of women's forums called "Ladies, Let's Talk" with topics of special interest to women. About 30 ladies attended the first forum which was held in January.

The Club is working to renew memberships and to bring in new members with over 30 new members so far this year!

**District IV North
Perry Buck, Director**

District IV North is growing with excitement and in numbers!! Ft. Collins has so many new members they are having to find another location to handle the growth. Recently Larimer County Republican Women co hosted the 2009 CFRW Conference with the Greeley Republican Women and we registered over 78 attendees. We feel a tide turning in favor of Republicans and we need to continue to rally the excitement. I would like to thank President Sue Rehg and the Larimer County Republican Women for a job well done! Also, the Greeley Republican Women were instrumental in making the conference a success. Margie Martinez did a fabulous job with the silent auction and Carole Hoover organized conference bags as well as many other volunteers in getting the job done. Greeley Republican Women, Karen Korins and her husband, Lee were the keynote speakers for the conference. Their presentation was powerful! Thank you all again!! Morgan County Republican Women continue to inspire and educate new people at the last luncheon I attended. I had no idea the Morgan County Clerk and Recorder was so talented. Peggy Cage, President of the Longmont Republican Women is doing a great job in recruiting new members! It was great to see her and a few of her members attend the 2009 conference. Hope to see you all real soon at the District IV North meeting May16th in Fort Collins!

**Ethics Committee,
Jo Mitchell, Chairman**

Ladies, Please clean up your Emails! You will never know what outsider can retrieve what you say--What if it's a Democrat! They would dearly love to see discord and dissension in the Party!

Don't put into your Email messages anything that you wouldn't say to someone's Face! What Goes Around Will Come Around!

Moreover, by educating yourselves as to what Can and Can't be said in an Email, you can protect yourself and our Organization, from Awkward Liability Issues!

Furthermore, the Use of Capital Letters in an Email is called "SCREAMING"!--Very Little is Ever Accomplished by Such Bad Manners and Actions! So Watch Your Email!

Handbook Committee, Margaret Graham, Chairman

Well ladies, the Spring Board Meeting is over and the Handbooks are in the hands of the members. This year we gave each club 4 Handbook, one for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

I still have some Handbooks for sale. If someone wants one they can contact me and I will mail it to them. The cost of the Handbook is \$3.00. We also have note cards with the CFRW logo on the front with envelopes. They are 10 sets for \$5.00. I will also be glad to mail these to anyone who would like to have some. I will have both with me at any of the District Meetings that I am able to attend. There will be some that I won't be able to attend because of not being able to leave work at that time of month to get to them.

As always there were some mistakes in the Handbook. I am sorry about this but here are the corrections.

Page 5, Officers is misspelled. I left out the "c" in Honorary Officers The email for Betty Chronic is bbchronic@live.com..

Page 3 email for Robin Schiro, is azureengineering@centurytel.net.

Page 9 Judy Bashline's email address is bwjudy1002@hotmail.com.

Page 15 the email for Sharron Zancanelli is sharronlz@comcast.net.

Page 14 the cell phone number for Tanne Blackburn is 720-331-8204.

Pages 11 and 12, Sharon Lowe's email address is rrlowe41@daeo.net.

Page 12, delete for fax number for Sue Rehg.

Page 8, Mary Rouse's email is the_rouses@msn.com.

These are all of the changes at this time. If more come to my attention I will include them in my next Tusk Talk report. Any time anyone has a new address, phone number or email address please send it to me. This is the way we communicate with our members and I need to keep everything updated.

Awards Committee, Florence Haley, Chairman

Congratulations... To the winning clubs who submitted entries for the Ruth Parks and Mary Lane Awards. We had a total of 16 entries from 9 clubs.

Winners of the Ruth Parks Award receiving Certificates were as follows:

Small Club Division:

Elbert County Republican Women, 1st.
Collegiate Peaks Republican Women's Forum, 2nd.

Denver Women's Republican Club, 3rd.
Aurora Republican Women, Honorable Mention.

Medium Club Division:

Morgan County Republican women, 1st.
Bel-nor Republican Women, 2nd.
Republican Trumpeteers of Adams County, 3rd.

Large Club Division:

Boulder Republican women, 1st.

MARY LANE AWARD.

Small Club Division:

Elbert County Republican Women, 1st.
Denver Women's Republican Club, 2nd.
Mountain Republican Women's Club, 3rd.
Aurora Republican Women, Honorable Mention

Medium Club Division:

Bel-Nor Republican Women, 1st.
Republican Trumpeteers of Adams County, 2nd.
Morgan County Republican Women, 3rd.

Large Club Division:

Boulder Republican Women, 1st.

Overall Winners receiving the Silver Dish Traveling Awards were:

Bel-nor Republican Women winning the Mary Lane Award, and Elbert County Republican Women won the Ruth Parks Award.

Judges were impressed with all of the hard work that was evident in the award applications.

Clubs are encouraged to participate in the awards to be presented at the Fall Convention. These include the Victoria Buckley Award, Judy Hughes Award, Maxine Shroyer Award, News Letter award and the Scrapbook award. It was decided at the Board Meeting to present every scrapbook entry with a certificate. They will be left on display for viewing.

It is important to remember that excepting the scrapbooks, ALL award entries are to be MAILED TWO WEEKS PRIOR to the convention to the awards chairman AS FOLLOWS:

Florence Halley
Box 552
Brush, CO 80723

CFRW Day At The Legislature, Bobbie Chiles Chairman

Amid a sea of red, about seventy-five enthusiastic members of CFRW visited the State Senate and the House of Representatives on Monday, March 9th. They were greeted warmly by the Republican legislators who have suffered greatly at the hands of the Democrats. First, the women met in a House Committee Room where they were honored to hear speeches given by Senator Nancy Spence and Representatives Amy Stephens, Laura Bradford and Cheri Gerou. These four legislators are members of CFRW. In addition, Representatives Mike May, the House Minority Leader; Frank McNulty, Cory Gardner, and Scott Tipton, along with Senators Josh Penry, Senate Minority Leader; and Mike Kopp spoke to the group. Unfortunately, the news shared by the Republican legislators was not good for Coloradoans as the Democrats are running the state right now.

Carol Meny, the NFRW Literacy Committee Chairman, gave a presentation on the NFRW One Book Project. This year's focus is on the life of President Abraham Lincoln. She had a drawing for a book, "Lincoln's Men" by Daniel Mark Epstein, which was won by CFRW Treasurer Dona Troyer.

The group then split in half with one section going with CFRW President Marolyn Scheffel to visit the Senate and the other half going with Perry Buck to visit the House of Representatives. The ladies had their picture taken by a photographer from the Colorado Statesman before lunch.

The luncheon was a huge, huge success. One hundred and forty-one Republicans gathered in the Denver Consistory to enjoy the company of each other and to eat a delicious meal.

The Honorable John Suthers, Colorado's Attorney General, offered the invocation. Mary Beth Church accompanied by Teri McIlee led the audience in singing "God Bless America." The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elena Sluder of the South Platte Republican Women. The folks then joined Mary Beth in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

CFRW President Marolyn Scheffel welcomed the attendees and gave recognition to the elected officials in the audience. Among the state legislators in attendance were Senators Nancy Spence, Josh Penry, Ted Harvey, Keith King, Mike Kopp, Kevin Lundberg, Shawn Mitchell, Mark Scheffel, David Schultheis, and Al White as well as Representatives Cindy Acree, Amy Atwood representing Ken Summers, Laura Bradford, Greg Brophy, Bob Gardner, Cory Gardner, Cheri Gerou, Marsha Looper, Don Marostica, Mike May, Frank McNulty, Carole Murray, B. J. Nikkel, Ellen Roberts, and Glenn Vaad. There were 18 of the 27 GOP Representatives present and 10 of the 14 Senators in attendance.

A very special "Thanks" goes to all of these hard-working women and men for taking time from their extremely busy days to attend the luncheon. Mike Hesse, former state GOP director and now an aide to Scott McInnis was also recognized.

CFRW President Marolyn Scheffel, CFRW second vice-president Margaret Gramm, and Rochelle Chiles, assistant cochairman of the CFRW Day at the Legislature Committee were thanked and honored by Bobbie Chiles, chairman, "for going above and beyond the call of duty" to help make this a most successful event. Marolyn and Margaret received gift baskets and Rochelle received a gift certificate. Verbal thanks and sacks of jelly beans were given to the members of the South Platte Republican Women who served on the committee. They were Pamela Eller, Sue Miller, Amanda Mountjoy, Elena Sluder and Debby VanSuchtelen.

The following men, all seeking office, spoke at the luncheon: Candidates for U.S. Senate Ken Buck, represented by Senator Shawn Mitchell, and Ryan Frazier, Aurora city councilman. Scott Gessler, candidate for Secretary of State and Tom Lucero, candidate for the Fourth Congressional District. Tom Stone, former Eagle County commissioner, running for chairmanship of the Colorado GOP and current GOP chair, Dick Wadhams, running for reelection to that position. Last but definitely not least Attorney General John Suthers who is seeking reelection in 2010.

The Honorable Scott McInnis, former Congressman from Colorado's Third Congressional District was the keynote speaker and was introduced by Bobbie Chiles. She reminded guests that Scott has served the people of Colorado in the Colorado House of Representatives for eight years and in Congress for ten years. "Scott has served with intelligence, common sense, dedication to the Republican philosophy and to protecting and improving the lives of all Americans". Scott is considering seeking the nomination of the Republican Party to run for the governor's office.

He reminded guests of the good things in America and of the challenges ahead of us. He emphasized what needs to be done to return Colorado to a red state and the consequences if we Republicans don't unite and work for the good of the state and the Republican Party.

CFRW Day at the Legislature was an outstanding success. Thanks to all who attended as you all made it the wonderful event that it was!

Literacy Committee, Carol Meny, Chairman

Literacy Committee Celebrates Lincoln Bicentennial

"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I [haven't] read."

Abraham Lincoln

President Lincoln loved books and was a voracious reader, so it is fitting that this year's Literacy Committee programs are centered around the Lincoln Bicentennial. This is a year-long celebration and all literacy programs are included - don't sit on the sidelines, get involved!

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP)

The 2009 MELP recommended book list is an all-Lincoln list. It's a large, varied list with many choices for children, young adults and adults. See the NFRW web site for the entire list and how to obtain book plates.

Lincoln Bicentennial Idea of the Month

Try one or all of the suggested projects, such as a "Happy 200th Birthday, Mr. Lincoln" poster contest or a read-a-thon in his honor at a library or school. See NFRW web site.

Lincoln Poster Series

"Lincoln, His Life and Legends" is a colorful four poster series. Designed for classrooms, on the reverse of each poster are resources, lesson plans and activities. This would be a valuable donation from your club to a local school. To obtain your free posters, contact Randy.Wiseman@Illinois.gov.

One Book, One NFRW

The purpose of One Book, One NFRW is for NFRW members to read, enjoy and discuss the same book. Form a discussion group within your club or chat on-line about the book with friends in your state or those you've met at NFRW events. To help get you started, discussion questions will be posted on the NFRW web site. This year's choice is *Lincoln's Men* by eminent Lincoln biographer Daniel Mark Epstein.

Literacy Month

All of the above qualify as entries for NFRW Literacy Month. There will be additional Literacy Month drawings for entries using the Lincoln Bicentennial theme.

Honor President Lincoln. Join the celebration!

Dona Troyer, CFRW Treasurer

We had a very successful Spring Board meeting in Loveland. There were 80 in attendance. We had wonderful weather. The speakers were outstanding. We had a silent auction that brought in \$1,029.00. That really helps with our finances. The Larimer County and Greeley Republican Women did a marvelous job planning for our meeting. We had very good accommodations and the staff at the Best Western was very helpful. All the bills are paid to date. So far our membership is 1275. Keep up the good work recruiting new members and renewing the existing members.

Support Our Troops, Lilly Nuñez, Chairman

The Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) was proud to participate in Troops to Troops along with the Girl Scouts and Operation Gratitude.

Operation Gratitude is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to send Care Packages of food, toiletries and entertainment items, wrapped with good wishes of love and support, to our troops deployed overseas. Girl Scout Troops have teamed up with Operation Gratitude to donate boxes of Girl Scout cookies to send to U.S. Troops in their care packages.

During the CFRW 71st Annual Spring Board Meeting, held in Loveland, Colorado, March 6, 7, and 8, 2009, Holly Jameson and Rebecca Clark of Girl Scout Troop 931 from Colorado Springs, Colorado, sold Girl Scout cookies which in turn will be shipped to the troops overseas. The CFRW ladies and guests opened up their hearts and wallets to the Girl Scouts. In addition to a booth, a hat was passed around during the Saturday luncheon, to help the girls. No one would have expected the success of this venture. The total amount of money collected during the luncheon and at the booth was \$861.25 which will buy 265 boxes of cookies to be sent to the troops.

The two mothers of the Girl Scouts, Tammy Jameson and Laura Clark, along with a grandmother, Sharon Clark, were very appreciative of the support they received from the CFRW. They told us that there are seven fathers and two mothers of other members of Troop 931 who are currently deployed.

Ladies we can be proud of the CFRW and all that our Chapters around the state are doing in support of our troops. Keep up the good work.

Photo Gallery



The CFRW Board Meeting was well attended.



Greely Republican Women enjoy their day at the CFRW board meeting.



Colorado Springs Vice Mayor, Larry Small receives a patriotic tie from the Colorado Springs Republican Women.

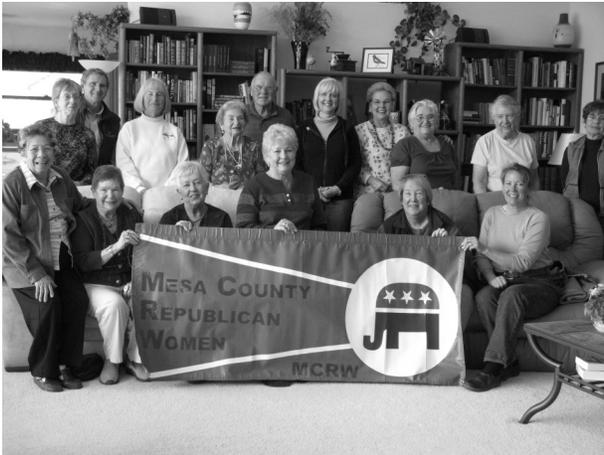


Support Our Troops Chairman, Lilly Nuñez, with Holly Jameson and Rebecca Clark of Girl Scout Troop 931 from Colorado Springs, Colorado. The girls sold 265 boxes of cookies for our troops.



Day At The Legislature...

Colorado State Senator Ted Harvey with some of the women of the Mountain Republican Women's Club.



Mesa County Republican Women participated in Glen Beck's "We Surround Them" party.



New CPRWF officers for 2009 were installed at the Christmas luncheon. Left to right, Kathi Kier, Treasurer; Millie Meardon, 1st VP; Dulany Woodward, 2nd VP; Judy McKinley, Secretary and Cara Russell, President.



Day At The Legislature...Jefferson County State Representative Jim Kerr enjoys hanging out with some of the ladies.



Congressman Doug Lamborn with Ruth Wilson, president of Sunrise Republican Women's Club.



Day At The Legislature... Centennial Club and Ethics Committee Chairman, Jo Mitchell, with Member-At-Large, Sharon Adams and Jayne Sullivan enjoy lunch at the Denver Consistory.



Weld County District Attorney, Ken Buck speaks on "Identity Theft" at the CFRW Board Meeting.

CLUB NEWS

Aurora Republican Women

This Christmas we again supported a National Guard Family, supplying them with presents for the children and items needed for their home. The gratitude expressed always makes us eager to continue this tradition. We have started this year with some very inspiring speakers. Kelly Weist shared her grassroots strategy and enthusiasm for building the party and reaching young people through technology. Mark Hillman encouraged us to get back to our party's roots of conservatism and fiscal responsibility. Lynn Myers shared her work with the Southeast Business Partnership and their success in bringing growing new businesses to the area. Now, we are anxious to put what we've learned into practice.

Submitted by Diane Brake

Bel-Nor Republican Women

Bel-Nor Republican Women in Pueblo are ready for an engaging 2009. Our officers for 2009 are: Vicki Zanini, President; Peggy Foley, First Vice President; Marcia Bacino, Second Vice President; Juanita De-Heart, Secretary; and Carol Wheeler, Treasurer.

We kicked off the year with our January membership luncheon, and our membership is 43 strong and growing. Our MELP committee is preparing to donate books to a local high school, and we recently sent 14 boxes to our adopted sailors aboard the USS Nebraska. Our members are extremely generous with their time and talents, and we are very proud of the fact that we have won the Mary Lane award for 2007 and 2008.

Our spirits are high as we look to 2009 as an opportunity to step up to the plate and demonstrate to our fellow countrymen a renewed and empowered Republican Party that reflects our deepest values and honors our individual rights.

Vicki Zanini, President



Martha Derda, Past President and Michele Haedrich, 2nd VP proudly carry the BRW Banner in the Broomfield Days Parade

Broomfield Republican Women

Since March 2008, Broomfield Republican Women accomplished a ton of goals that we set. The goal that we are most proud of is the explosion of growth in our membership that earned us the Judy Hughes Award at the CFRW Fall Convention in Montrose in 2008. The growth of our club has made us move our meeting locations and luncheons to another venue. We started an evening club called BREW which caters to women who are career oriented or are full-time mothers during the day and cannot attend the day meetings. Our club members became engaged and volunteered at Victory and printing centers for our republican candidates and issues during the 2008 elections. We helped return Broomfield Senator Shawn Mitchell to his senate seat. We held ice cream socials, pancake breakfasts, parades and hosted a chili supper for candidates. We sponsored political ads in our local newspaper where republican issues and candidates were highlighted. Broomfield Republican Women now has a website up and running, www.broomfieldrepublicanwomen.org. We now use computer generated invitations that notify our members about the day and evening meetings and our members now make reservations through this technology.

This year we have committed ourselves to even more growth in membership. We now work in committee oriented styles which has attracted more volunteer participation from membership and our by-laws now reflect that direction and vision for our club. We have plans to start a BRW Republican Scholarship for a high school female. Our themed charity Basket for Meals on Wheels this year will be totally designed around Abraham Lincoln. Our monetary donation to our local library this year will request books from the 2009 NFRW Abraham Lincoln literacy list. Members from our club will work on an individual basis with our new county leadership to produce the biggest Lincoln Day Dinner our county has ever had. Dynamic speakers, Ryan Frazier and Dan Caplis will have helped us to reach our attendance goal this year and our BRW Summer Social in July will feature the Honorable Hank Brown as our keynote speaker.

Broomfield Republican Women will be committed to help deliver the message about the new "blue print plan" our RNC Chairman Michael Steele has put forth for the Republican Party's "en route to revolution". We will continue to remain engaged in the race and with new resolve.....while still having fun!

Joanie Griep, President

<p align="center">Collegiate Peaks Republican Women</p>	<p align="center">Denver Women's Republican</p>
<p>Collegiate Peaks Republican Women's Forum has been busy since the installation of new officers for 2009. Our programs have included discussions of the banking situation in our valley, high school government class student's trip to Washington D.C., and ways to improve our involvement in the Literacy program. Members also participated in the swearing in of our new County Commissioners and helped the Chaffee County Republican Central Committee with their annual fund raising "Bash". Plans are underway for the biennial 'Taste of Buena Vista' on April 18th which is sponsored by CPRWF. Our membership continues to grow and we are planning to have an occasional evening meeting to interest more working women.</p>	<p>Denver Women's Republican Club has teamed up with the University of Denver College Republicans to plan the 1st Annual Forum entitled, "Conservative Is Not A Dirty Word: What Republicanism Can Do For YOU!"</p> <p>The forum will feature a panel of guest speakers including: Mark Hillman, former State Senator and Chair of the Colorado RNC; Ryan Frazier, Aurora City Councilman; Karen Kataline, former President of the Jewish Republicans of Colorado, professional entertainer, Jim Noon, former Colorado Republican Business Coalition Chair and Ben DeGrow, Policy Analyst for the Independence Institute's Education Policy Center. The panel will speak on Republican values.</p> <p>All College Republican groups along the front range as well as Denver district captains and Precinct committee members have been invited.</p> <p>This event is being combined with the District I meeting on May 9 at 10:00 a.m. Denver University, Sturm Hall, 2000 E. Asbury, Denver.</p>
<p align="center">Colorado Springs Republican Women</p>	<p align="center">El Paso County Republican Women</p>
<p>CSRW has started the year with informative programs thanks to our 1st VP Nancy Price-Weddle. In January, member Teri Goodall (former Undersheriff) and Patty Fowler (former sheriff officer) gave helpful info regarding home invasions and self defense. February speaker was Vice Mayor Larry Small who reported on the "State of Colorado Springs". He is shown in the picture receiving a patriotic tie as a gift from our club. Our March speaker will be Stephanie Finley from the CS Chamber of Commerce who will speak on behalf of the Jobs Now proposal that will be on our April Ballot. Dan Cole from Local Liberty in Action will speak again the proposal.</p> <p>On March 14th we will be hosting our semi annual program <i>Fresh Start for Women</i>. This program is geared to help the women and children clients of TESSA - victims of domestic & sexual abuse. The ladies will be able to select clothing and accessories, along with receiving hair cuts and makeovers. While they are having a "shop till you drop" experience their children are enjoying fun activities, highlighted by face painting by our President Kathleen Cirillo.</p> <p>Americanism Chairman – Betty Skinner – sends a reminder to CFRW members. Tell your friends and family in other states to PUSH for REPUBLICAN issues and work for REPUBLICANS to get them ELECTED in the next election!!!</p>	<p>We continue to present informative programs to our members. January's program was our newly elected DA, Dan May. February brought County Commissioner Chairman, Jim Bensberg and our March program will be our Colorado Attorney General, the Honorable John Suthers.</p> <p>Six members of EPCRW made it to CFRW Day at the Legislature. We hosted two of our local legislators at the great luncheon hosted by South Platte RW. Bobby Chiles deserves special kudos for her detailed attention to make it a great event. It was a full weekend for several of our members with the Board Meeting followed by the Day at the Legislature. Our June fund-raiser, Picnic in the Park, will celebrate the 200th year of the first and arguably greatest Republican President, Abraham Lincoln. Colorado Senate Minority Leader, Josh Penry will be the keynote speaker. We are working to bring other distinguished Republicans to the Picnic as special guest speakers, too. Put June 23rd on your calendar for a great event. We welcome all CFRW members to join us for our biggest fund-raiser of the year.</p> <p>One of our members, Shirley Martin, has been hard at work getting EPCRW onto the Internet with our own web site. Soon, other clubs will be able to blog with us, check out activities and many other newsy things with their sister club.</p> <p>Joanne E. Colt, President EPCRW</p>

Republican Trumpeteers of Adams Co.

We finished the 2008th year with 50 members and 9 associate members. To date 44 have renewed and 4 or 5 say the check is in the mail. Some members were very discouraged as we all worked so very hard to elect our candidates. Our big success sent Kevin Priola to the House (30HD). I have never seen so much enthusiasm in Adams County and under the leadership of Our Adams County Chair Mary Dambman we reached out to more people than ever. A Victory office on 104th in Thornton brought much excitement and new blood to us. President Obama policies are continuing to grow the GOP. On March 3 we added two new members at our meeting and that very evening 2 more new members during Adams County Planning session. Republicans are alive and very well. Clark Bosier is our new Adams County Chair, not to worry he will not miss a thing as he was Vice Chair under Mary for 2 years. For contact information www.adamscountygop.com

At the CFRW Spring Board meeting our Republican Trumpeteers were awarded Second Place in the Mary Lane Award and Third Place in Ruth Parks Award (both in medium club division) Also recognized for 23% increase in Membership. We will host the District II Day on April 18, 2009 12pm at The City Buffet 10695 Melody Drive. Northglenn 80234

Adams County Lincoln Day Dinner will be April 26, 2009 Saturday at the Radisson Gray Stone Castle with Dan Calpis our speaker.

Three from our club attended the CFRW Legislature Day and Luncheon. A very well attended event and a worthwhile educational day. Our Speaker, Scott McInnis former Third District congressman encourages each of us to look positively toward 2010. The opportunity to meet and greet our Senators and Congressmen and Congresswomen warms a person's heart. We do have wonderful Legislators and will have many more this next election.

Betty Jean Beall, President



South Platte Republican Women

The great news for the South Platte Republican Women is that the membership has increased by six women since January. Another new member will join the club in April when she celebrates her 18th birthday and registers to vote. Jessica VanSuchtelen has been attending the meetings since she was fourteen along with her mother, Debby, and sister, Danielle. The membership drive will continue throughout the year. Currently, the club has twenty-one members.

To date, State Representative Frank McNulty and Colorado Attorney General John Suthers have been the guest speakers. Ryan Frazier, a possible candidate for the U. S. Senate, will be the speaker at the March 26th meeting. On April 23rd, the members of SPRW will celebrate their 13th anniversary as a chartered club of CFRW and NFRW. Plans for the big event are tentative right now. On May 28th, former state senator and former state treasurer Mark Hillman will be the guest speaker.

Several members of SPRW, Pamela Eller, Sue Miller, Amanda Mountjoy, Elena Sluder and Debby VanSuchtelen, were instrumental in helping club president Bobbie Chiles and 1st vice president Rochelle Chiles in chairing the CFRW Day at the Legislature.

The two community service projects for SPRW this year are ones that they have done for the past several years. They are phone cards for the servicemen and women recuperating at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Bethesda, MD. and a new book and a new toy for each of the children attending the Kids' Kampus in Ordway, Colorado. The facility offers day care for children from ages three months to age six. In addition, it provides a Head Start Program and a Pre-Kindergarten School.

Right now, the members are planning to participate in the NFRW Literacy Program by donating a book to a library. The books donated to the children also count to the club's participation in the program. Carol Meny, the NFRW Chairman of the Literacy Committee, is a charter associate member of SPRW.

Bobbie Chiles, President of SPRW

Sunrise Republican Women

Here we are in a New Year, 2009 after so many of us in our SRW clubs worked so tirelessly in last fall's elections. Though we Republicans lost important National races in '08 we were blessed to have won many local ones. More wins are necessary, however, to gain momentum in our Colorado legislature. We are exhorted to remember to "make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, for all men. For kings, and for ALL that are in authority." 1 Tim. 2: 1-2

Sunrise continues to help support Life Network and periodically sends care packages to the military faithfully serving us abroad. Last fall we had local commissioners as speakers: Wayne Williams, Sallie Clark and Amy Lathen. One of our members, Colin Mullaney, who returned in August from Iraq, spoke on his personal experiences serving with Strategic Operations in Iraq. We enjoyed our Christmas party again in the home of Otis and Wendy Habert, and Judith Jergensen entertained us with stories of her time in Mongolia. This year Tom Doyle spoke to us on his recent travels in the Middle East, and Representative, Kent Lambert spoke to us on Economic and Energy Issues. We now look forward to our annual "Fun"-raiser banquet which will be held in the Clarion hotel ballroom on April 18th. Colorado Attorney General, John Suthers will be our guest speaker and we will have live and silent auctions.

Ruth Wilson, president

Centennial Club Jo Mitchell, Chairman

Thanks for a great party in Loveland. Next time we will meet on Saturday evening so we don't leave anyone out from attending!

We now have sixteen members and that's good, but there is room for more Federation Supporters. We need everyone of you so you can share our fun times!

The Centennial Club would love to have you as a Member! Want to be, please call me at 719-570-6040.



Judith Jergensen, Joe Wilson and Karla Kroker of Sunrise Republican Women



Day At The Legislature..... Colorado State Senator, Mike Kopp of Jefferson County, surrounded by CFRW members



Aurora RW's new Officers for 2009: Pudge Collins, Diane Brake, Dorothy Coffman, Sue Sandstrom, Marie Rossmiller, Marsha Berzins.

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