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- February 12: Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- February 19: President's Day
- March 5: Registration Deadline for Spring Board of Directors Meeting
- March 11: Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 16: CFRW Executive Board Meeting
- March 17: CFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting Best Western Regency, Greeley
- March 23-31: NFRW Board of Directors Mtg. Washington, D.C.
- April 10: **Tusk Talk** Deadline
- April 16: CFRW Legislative Day
- May 1: Letter of Intent to run for CFRW Office due to Nominating Committee

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Sharon Sollenbarger
CFRW President

HELLO, 2007! I trust all of you survived the holidays well and are getting past November. We, as Republicans, have a lot of soul searching to do. I sincerely hope that we pay attention and learn from our mistakes. In any event, we must get on with life so.....On With the Show!!

The board has some exciting things planned for you for 2007. The spring board meeting will be March 17 in Greeley at the Best Western with District IV North hosting and Greeley RW being the lead club. It will be a one-day meeting starting early Saturday morning. We have LOTS of business to discuss and election of delegates to the national convention in September so plan on attending. Day at the Legislature will be April 16, 2007. Kelly Weist is working on it and details will be out as soon as we have them solidified. District Meetings are planned (I'll try to make as many as I can) and our NFRW spring board meeting will be in Washington DC, March 28-31 with the regional meeting May 4 & 5 in Lawrence, Kansas. Please remember you are ALL invited to attend these

meetings. You don't need to be a delegate or an officer.

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

HOWEVER, we still don't have a site for our CFRW state convention! If your club or district would like to host the convention, please let me know and have some details as to hotel possibilities by the March meeting. NFRW convention is the end of September so our convention could be early to mid- September or October. If you want more details, give me a call.

In spite of the outcome of these elections, be proud of what you all have done for the candidates and their campaigns. You have worked so hard and given so much of your time, energy, money, "blood, sweat and tears". I know that every candidate truly appreciates you and everything you have done for them and I AM SO VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!

As they say in athletics "WE'LL GET 'EM NEXT TIME!" Hold your heads up high and let's go back to work!

See you in March!!

Sharon

Marolyn Scheffel, CFRW 1st VP

Happy New Year to all of you, and a great year this will be! We have much work to do in view of the election outcomes, but who or what has ever kept a good Republican woman down? Nothing that I can think of! Our spring Board Meeting will be one of information and encouragement, so be sure that you are there. We have made it shorter, less expensive, and packed full of important plans for the up-coming year. As 1st Vice President, I have endeavored to make our meetings valuable to all of you and I trust that you all feel as though the time and the money spent has been worth while. We are a viable group of women and with more power than we realize. I do believe that we do not always get the credit we would like, but make no mistake, we have influence that no one can deny. So as I think of the year 2007, I ask that we roll up our sleeves and begin to plan for the next round of elections and keep an eye on what the Democrats are doing and how it affects not only us, but the entire population of our state, and beyond to the rest of the country. Some of the legislation issuing from the Democratic legislature will be damaging to our citizens and we need to keep this information visible for the fence-riders to see. Let's band together, stay on course and prepare for a victory in two years. See you in Greeley!

Marolyn

Julie Lewis, CFRW 2nd VP

Why Renew My CFRW Membership?

I know that emotions are still running high over the November election. Many are even still upset with the happenings at the State Convention. There is a growing rift in the GOP. Now is not the time to QUIT!

Where will you get your Information? From the biased media? How will you be able to look ahead? The media generally reports items after the fact. How can you help make changes for the better? There is power in numbers. Want to have input on legislation? NFRW, CFRW, and your local club has the information on how to. Want to keep educated on current and future issues? NFRW, CFRW and your local club has this information. Have personal goals you need help with? We can help. Only like chicken for lunch? Republicans eat a lot of chicken.

There are many opportunities to expand your horizons. So make out your check for your dues to your local club. Yes it is that easy. Joining your local club automatically enrolls you to the NFRW and CFRW, and all the honest information on the issues. Be informed, and inspired, renew your membership today.

Julie

Jan Cummings, CFRW 3rd VP

I hope you all have sent your club information to Margaret Gramm, raymond041@centurytel.net, for the handbook. Help her out with this info, so she doesn't have to make calls to Club Presidents.

District Directors, please make sure your Clubs have sent in the NFRW Service Fee, list of new officers, and membership dues.

District meetings, for 2007, have been set as follows:

District III SW, in Cortez, March 31st.

District IV N, Burlington, April 14th.

District II, April 21st.

District VI & VII, April 28th.

District I, May 12th.

District III SE, May 19th.

District V, June 9th.

Meeting places will be announced later.

Club members, please attend your District Meeting, the Directors go to a lot of effort setting up these meetings.

Thank you District Directors for all your hard work and dedication to CFRW. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Jan

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New Website Information

CFRW Website: www.colorgopwomen.org

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Dulany Woodward, CFRW 4th VP	Margaret Gramm, CFRW Treasurer
<p>As we begin this New Year, let us go forward with optimism and enthusiasm. Be certain to fill your committee chairmen positions and involve all of your members in at least one committee. That is how they make friends and do all the remarkable things your clubs accomplish.</p> <p>If you have not begun a Caring for Colorado project, now is the time to start thinking about it. Also, be sure to download the NFRW Club Achievement Award form and see how you are doing.</p> <p>All CFRW Committee Chairmen should be prepared with a report of all you are accomplishing for Board Meeting in March. See you in Greeley.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dulany</p>	<p>Greetings everyone. Here it is at the beginning of the new year. Time once again for NFRW Service Fee and Membership. The NFRW service fee needs to be sent to me. The checks should be made out to CFRW, marked NFRW service fee, and sent to me. The deadline is January 31.</p> <p>When sending me your membership lists, be sure to include the telephone area code. It will also help if you can send the 9 digit mail zip code. The reason we ask for this is that it helps reduce the cost of postage on Tusk Talk and also on the NFRW Magazine. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 719-346-7519. If you leave me a message I will get back to you just as soon as I can. Address mail to: CFRW, P.O. Box 605, Burlington, CO 80807-0605. I look forward to seeing you at the Board Meeting in March.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Margaret</p>

OFFICIAL CALL

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

69th

Spring Board of Directors Meeting

March 17, 2007

BEST WESTERN REGENCY HOTEL

701 8TH STREET, GREELEY, CO

970-353-8444

Be INFORMED ... So that you are INSPIRED ...

To become INVOLVED

Sharon Sollenbarger, CFRW President

Hosted by:

DISTRICT IV NORTH

&

GREELEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Registration: Margaret Gramm

Credentials: Judy Bashline

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

District VII was very busy with the campaigns. Jefferson County Republican Women had a very successful Chili Supper and Candidate Rally on October 7th. Aurora Republican Women had a garage sale for their fund raiser last summer. With all the effort we put in to getting our candidates elected, we had a very tough time with all the union money flowing into to the opponent's campaigns. Our District VII meeting will be held again with District VI on April 28, 2007 at Hiwan Country Club in Evergreen. Our speaker will be the newly elected Pam Anderson, Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder.

Submitted by: Dona Troyer
District VII Director

Jan Cummings, Chairman **Nominating Committee**

If you are seeking a CFRW office, the deadline for submitting your materials is **May 1, 2007**.

You need to submit to the Nominating Committee:

1. Letter of Intent stating the office for which you are running. Qualifications for the office should be included in the Letter of Intent.
2. Endorsement letter from your own Club.
3. Petition with the signatures of at least 25 CFRW members from Clubs other than your own.

Mail to: Jan Cummings
Nominating Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 524
Florissant, CO 80816,

postmarked by May 1, 2007, certified mail, return receipt. Thank you.

Jan Cummings, Chairman
CFRW Nominating Committee

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to

The family of Jo Van Horn
&
Landis Porter due to the loss of her
nephew in Iraq.



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.

Here I come with the same information as always at this time of year. I need the information for the new Handbook just as soon as possible. Hopefully, all of you have this information already submitted. I need the name of the president, her address, telephone number and email address. When sending the telephone number please be sure to include the area code. I also need to know when your club meets and where. This information helps those wishing to attend your club meeting. I need the information even if you do not have new officers.

If I don't hear from a club I will be calling for the information. If I have to do this it takes a lot longer for me to get the book ready for the printer.

I want to thank everyone who has already sent the information to me. This really helps. See you at the Board Meeting in March.

Margaret

Air Force Academy K-9 Program

CFRW has long supported the AFA Security Dog Program and they need our continued support in 2007. Many of you have been to Conventions and Board Meetings that had demonstrations of the K-9 Unit from the Air Force Academy. Remember Taint? Aghbar? Balu? Haus?

Aghbar and his handler, Kris Evers, should be home from Afghanistan soon. What an adventure they have had. You can view pictures and reports on the web site. How informative and rewarding it would be to invite them to one of your meetings!

Taint, the "bad dog" of the Air Force is still working, and has made an appearance on ESPN. He also has his own web page, along with the others.

Chris Jakubin, retired from the Air Force, has become full time Kennel Master, training these furry airmen. He loves these dogs and works tirelessly promoting and training. He can use our help.

If you go to the website www.rm9.com/usafa.htm you can view pictures, information and

how to help support these amazing dogs that defend our Country. Ray Allen is a company in Colorado Springs that supplies gear and toys that are not provided by the Air Force. Let's help them out! In the past, we raised enough money to have devices called "hot dogs" installed in the military vans to release the dogs if the temperature reached a high degrees.

Please go view the website – I just love it! Remember them in your meeting line-ups and keep in contact.

I see these dogs in action at the Air Force Academy Football games, and have had the privilege of behind the scenes meetings. I love dogs and want to take them all home, but know how important they are as working dogs. They are highly respected.

Please feel free to contact me for any information.

Tammy Farrell
Denver Women's Republican Club
303-290-8961



Aghbar



Balu



Taint



Haus

Bylaws Amendments

Because the bylaws discussion was "postponed indefinitely" at the 2005 convention, it will again be addressed at the 2007 Annual Convention. Therefore, all previously submitted amendments and changes are no longer valid and may be resubmitted, as well as any other amendments or changes, to the CFRW Parliamentarian by March 1, 2007.

Please **MAIL** all bylaws amendments and changes to:

Althea Williams
1735 Glenwood Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81501-4337
970-242-1027

Boulder Republican Women

Inaugural of Boulder Republican Women

2006 was the inaugural year of Boulder Republican Women. January 19 Boulder Forum of Republican Women and Boulder Republican Women's Club met jointly for lunch at Spice of Life in Boulder and heard attorney Scott Gessler explain the ins and outs of a small donor committee and dealing with the new campaign finance laws.

On February 16 another joint meeting heard a dynamic presentation from Frosty Wooldridge about Illegal Immigration. We donated dictionaries recommended by NFRW to the entire 6th grade of Casey Middle School. The climax of the meeting was a unanimous vote by each of the clubs to become one organization, Boulder Republican Women!

March 22 was the first meeting of BRW. The boards of the two former clubs continued serving jointly. Our speaker was Colorado State Senator Shawn Mitchell filling us in on the state legislature. The celebration of our new united club included a cake with sparklers.

April 26 our speaker was Christine Quinn Burt with info about PERA Reform. Betty Chronic presented us with a marvelous history of Republican women in Boulder. One of our co-presidents, LeMoine Dowd, was awarded the Boulder County Republican Marguerite Sherman volunteer of the year award at the Lincoln Dinner. BRW's new name got a new logo to add to our web site and directory. Barbara Hosmer led a group of members making more than 100 neck coolers which were sent to troops in warm climates.

May 24 we had a dinner meeting by the pool and heard from representatives of Senator Allard and Congresswoman Musgrave. In June BRW provided two scholarships to the Denver NFRW

Campaign Management School to Cathy Jarrett running for House Dist 11 and a member of Rich Mancuso's campaign staff.

August 18 BRW hosted the Boulder County Republican summer social. We were honored to hear from Marilyn Musgrave, the Majority Whip of the US House – Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt, Tom Tancredo, Mark Hillman, Mike Coffman, Claudia Beauprez, Janet Rowland, Brian Davidson, Marty Neilson, Cathy Jarrett and representatives from Bill Berens, Rich Mancuso and Wayne Allard. We were entertained by Republican singer/songwriter Jon Chandler and politically incorrect comedian Bruce Plasket.

September 19 BRW welcomed our 100th member! Our speaker was Rob McGuire, the Boulder County Republican Chairman. October 17 our speaker was the Colorado Republican State Chairman, Bob Martinez. Each chairman gave us the highs and lows of running their organization. Kudos were given to BRW member Linda Trumble for her work as the 11 state region Rocky Mountain Coordinator of Sew Much Comfort Inc. adapting clothing for our injured service men and women. www.sewmuchcomfort.org

November 21 BRW heard from one of our own members, LaKay Schmidt, past president of the Colorado Council on Economic Education. The CCEE had been training teachers to teach pro-capitalist economics for more than 20 years. During our BRW Christmas party at Kim Feitosa's home co-president Gerry Gifford collected items to send more boxes in our "Support the Troops" project. Gerry has lost count of the boxes she has sent since the war began. Our new officers for 2007 were installed and optimism for the upcoming year prevailed.

"Our enemies in Iraq are good at filling hospitals, but they don't build any. They can incite men to murder and suicide, but they cannot inspire men to live in hope and add to the progress of their country. The terrorists only influence is violence and their only agenda is death."

"The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world."

"The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands."

President George W. Bush

Cherry Creek Republican Women

Edie Marks, whom The Wall Street Journal ranked as one of the top 50 realtors in the U.S., was the "inaugural" speaker at the January 2007 meeting of Cherry Creek Republican Women. Edie, a long-time CCRW member shared her "secrets of success" to 140 club attendees.

With a strong emphasis on excellent speakers, a continuing commitment to community service projects and member appreciation, Cherry Creek Republican Women look forward to the opportunities of a new year.



Cherry Creek members Alexandra Gopsill, Jane Schaefer, and Nancy Greenwood enjoy the festive finery at the CO Governor's Mansion.

CCRW Quilt Raffle Chair Allison Arnett, Arapahoe County GOP Secretary Athena Michael, and Candy Figa are pictured with one of the 2006 Cherry Creek raffle quilts. Candy was the recipient of the pictured "Stars and Crowns" quilt.



Allison Arnett of the Cherry Creek Republican Women is pictured with Mountain Republican Women past presidents Roberta Sutto and Andree Krause and incoming president Lisa Rizzo. Andree Krause was the winner of this patriotic quilt.

Collegiate Peaks Republican Women's Forum

A new year and a new CPRWF Board has been elected. We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon during which the new officers were installed by District 5 Director, Julia Lindahl.

CFRW 3rd Vice President, Jan Cummings and CFRW 4th Vice President (and CPRWF member) Dulany Woodward were also in attendance. The new officers are: Kathi Kier, President, Joanne Robinson, 1st Vice President, Millie Meardon, 2nd Vice President, Jean Smith, Secretary and Barb Goad, Treasurer. Two new members joined at our January meeting! We're looking forward to growing and learning in this new year.



CPRWF Board, left to right: Millie Meardon, 2nd VP; Joanne Robinson, 1st VP; Kathi Kier, President; Barb Goad, Treasurer; Jean Smith, Secretary.



CPRWF members, Barb Goad, Cherri Williams and Susan Keyser take a break after helping to serve over 200 at the annual lasagna dinner to benefit the high school government class trips to Washington D.C. and Denver.

Sunrise Republican Women

Tempus Fugit!

Don't ask me how to pronounce it, but I've been told it's Latin for "**time** flies." We're speeding toward the future at the rate of 60 minutes an hour. And the older I get, the faster **time** passes. It seems like I was just hanging my 2006 calendar, and I've already taken it down to put up one for 2007! As Ernest Hemingway put it (who seemed to be a successful writer in spite of ending his quote with a preposition!), "**Time** is the least thing we have of."

This past fall our Members spent a lot of **time** working to elect Republicans. We rejoiced for those who won, and were dismayed when some of our finest candidates lost.

Tom Doyle, author, pastor, and missionary, took **time** to speak to our club in November, and received a standing ovation. Tom had recently returned from a trip to Iran and Israel, so gave us a political and spiritual update of the Middle East.

A good **time** was had by all at our annual Christmas Party held at the home of Wendy Habert. After enjoying a delicious lunch, we had a **time** of sharing our favorite holiday poems and stories, plus were entertained by skits from the Sunrise Performers including "You Can't Steal our

Christmas" sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells." Perhaps the highlight was our White Elephant Gift Exchange (Do the Dem's call it a White *Donkey* Gift Exchange???). We all started with a gift on our laps. As we recited, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," every time we said the word "the," we passed our gifts to the *right* (because we're conservative!). At the end of the poem, we got to open whichever gift was in our possession, and then had fun telling everyone why we loved it.

We're looking forward to exciting **times** in the New Year including our January program on the importance of educating our nation about the Constitution, our trip to the Capitol in February, Sheriff Terry Maketa speaking to us about illegal immigration in March, and our "Wild about America" fundraising banquet in April.

Ed Crankshaft, comic strip character, once said, "Somehow, I always thought life took longer than this." Since **time** is short, we need to make it count for the conservative cause.

It's **time** to close by wishing you a Bright, Beautiful, and Blessed 2007,

Karla Kroeker

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

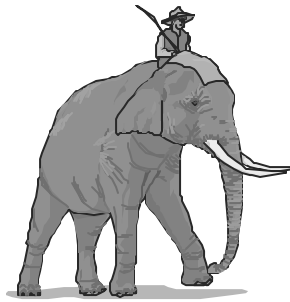
CFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY 2007

April 16, 2007

Plans are well underway for another exciting Day at the Legislature. We will visit our legislators in their offices and observe the House and Senate bodies from the gallery. Lunch will again be at the elegant and historical Denver Consistory. Be sure to invite your Republican state legislators to attend as your club's guest. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

Seating will not be assigned. Only those with prepaid registrations are guaranteed a seat and a meal. Reservations must be received no later than **Monday, April 9, 2007**. Questions and reservations should be directed to Kelly Weist, 9289 Black Mountain Drive, Conifer, CO 80433; 720-635-4319; kweist@att.net.

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!!



!!! WANTED !!!

BIDS FOR:
CFRW 69TH FALL
CONVENTION

Possible Dates: mid-September or mid-October, 2007

Interested clubs and/or districts, be prepared to present your bid/ideas at the Executive Board Meeting Friday, March 16, 2007. Contact Sharon Sollenbarger, SRSOLLEN@AOL.COM or 970-243-6020 for more information.

OFFICIAL CALL

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MARCH 16, 2007

6:00 pm - 10:00 PM

&

MARCH 17, 2007

Immediately Following the Close of 69TH Spring Board of Directors Meeting

Best Western Regency Hotel
701 8th Street, Greeley, Colorado

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Sharon Sollenbarger, CFRW President

PROPOSED AGENDA

Colorado Federation of Republican Women
69th Annual Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Greeley, Colorado

Friday, March 16, 2007

6:00 - 10:00 PM: Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 17, 2007

8:00 AM: Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM: Call to Order
Business Meeting
Election of Delegates and Alternates to
NFRW Convention

Recess until 1:45 PM

12:00 - 1:30 PM: LUNCHEON

Special presentation to House Minority Leader,
Mike May
Keynote Speaker: Shirley Sadler, NFRW 1st VP

Saturday, continued

1:45 - 3:30 PM: Reconvene Board of Directors
Meeting

Dick Wadhams, Colorado GOP Chairman

Awards Presentation

Club Officer Training

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

3:30 PM: Bylaws Committee
Other committee meetings as announced

4:00 PM: Executive Committee Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM

COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
68th ANNUAL SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 17, 2007

**Best Western Regency Hotel
701 8th Street
Greeley, Colorado
970-353-8444**

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 Unit Club President? _____ If Club President is sending an alternate, please list her name:

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

REGISTRATION FEE:

This is an all inclusive fee covering registration and all meals and breaks. \$ 75.00

Attire: Business casual for meetings and luncheons.

If you are bringing guests (non-members), please indicate the number and add the amount due to your check.

_____ # Guests @ \$20.00/ guest for Saturday luncheon

Total for Guests (added to your registration): \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION MEMBER & GUESTS\$ _____

Make check payable to **CFRW** and return this form with payment by March 5, 2007 to:
Margaret Gramm, CFRW Treasurer, P.O. Box 605, Burlington, CO 80807-0605.

For room reservations, call the Best Western Regency Hotel
701 8th Street, Greeley, CO 80631, **970-353-8444**, before March 5, 2007,
Ask for the CFRW rate of \$65.00 plus tax.

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