



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



1ST QTR - 2024



Judith Jergensen President *Back to the Basics!*



Our ever more complicated world has created ever more complicated behaviors, often resulting in chaos. Time to get Back to the Basics!

As we move forward with civility and basic good manners, we will realize that when we work together, we can accomplish important goals. Each one of us has a story, and everyone has a lot to contribute. We have elected outstanding officers, ready and willing to lead, to share the credit for our successes and to learn from the occasional misstep when things don't work quite as we intended. No drama, no divas. We are intelligent, hardworking, thoughtful women sharing the goal of reestablishing a strong and honorable United States of America.

As members of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), we are also members of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). NFRW is dedicated to defending our Constitutional rights and protecting all freedoms and standing ready to defend any that come under attack. They identify critical national issues and make available to us a wealth of support and resources we can use to inform and involve our members.

A goal we are all striving to accomplish is to increase our membership and provide an organization where conservative women who share our values have a voice. As our numbers increase, so does our ability to influence the direction our country is headed. A group of organized women is a mighty force!

I welcome you all and know that as you become involved with our clubs, you will discover how important your support is to our purpose and goals.

"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead



NEWS RELEASE

National Federation of Republican Women

Julie Harris, President

Colorado Republican Leaders Appointed to Board of National Federation of Republican Women

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Three Colorado Republican women leaders will serve on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) in 2024-2025.

As president of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), **Judith Jergensen of Black Forest, CO**, is a voting member of the NFRW Board of Directors.

Joining Judith, NFRW President Julie Harris has appointed **Marty Neilson of Lyons, CO** to Bylaws Committee, which is responsible for **Review and Update of NFRW Bylaws**, and **Barbara Piper of Lone Tree, CO** to the Membership Committee, responsible for **membership outreach and growth**. **Barbara is the Immediate Past President of Colorado Federation of Republican Women, and Marty is also a Past President of CFRW.**

The NFRW board met March 14-16 in the Washington, D.C., area to conduct organizational business, prepare for the upcoming elections, and receive updates on Capitol Hill from Republican elected officials, including U.S. Sens. Katie Bitt (AL), Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS), Cynthia Lummis (WY), Ted Budd (NC) and John Cornyn (TX).

“Republican women have an impactful and ambitious agenda in 2024,” Harris said. “We are contributing millions of volunteer hours to reclaim the White House, achieve a stronger majority in the U.S. House, and regain control of the U.S. Senate. And we are advocating to secure the border, strengthen the economy, and protect parental rights. We are pleased that Marty will play a key role in these efforts by sharing her talents and ideas with our members across the nation.”

Founded in 1938, the NFRW is the largest grassroots Republican women’s organization in the country. Building leaders, energizing communities and keeping America strong, the NFRW empowers women from all backgrounds in the political process and provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas. For more information, visit www.nfrw.org.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (NFRW)

The NFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting was held in Alexandria, VA and Washington, D.C. March 13 – 16. At the invitation of the Embassy of Israel, we attended a pre-meeting event at the embassy to watch a video exposing the magnitude of the war crimes committed by Hamas against the citizens of Israel. The atrocities shown left most of us very shaken. It was a quiet ride back to the hotel.



Friday, the Ladies in Red descended on Capitol Hill. At the Capitol Visitors Center, the Leadership Institute presented a training seminar on building public policy. From there, we moved to the impressive Kennedy Caucus Room in the Russell Senate Office Building for legislative updates.



Olivia McCaffrey, right
NFRW Sargeant-at-Arms

Saturday was a full day of business. Committee reports, financial reports and discussion, and policies were included. A new program to increase membership, "Empowering 70,000 voices," was introduced. The goal is to increase membership in every club and state by 25% by the end 2024. We will be sharing more about this at the CFRW Spring Board meeting in Durango.



State Presidents, including Judith Jergensen of Colorado, were presented chocolates and roses, one for each volunteer award in the state.

The importance of volunteer hours and the simplified method to report them was emphasized. We can all participate and make a huge difference. Nationwide totals are impressive: 2,085,755 volunteer hours, 325,529 calls made, equaling \$66,327,009 volunteer dollars! The top volunteer calls, hours, and states were recognized with candy and flowers. Top volunteer calls for clubs with 65-89 members: **El Paso County Republican Women**. Top club volunteer hours for clubs with 65-89 members: **El Paso County Republican Women**. Top state volunteer hours with 17-26 clubs: **Colorado!** Let's get even more of our clubs on this list this year.

**SHERI MERZ
1ST VICE PRESIDENT**



Hello Ladies! It's been a quick three months of the new year and I've been busy along with the rest of our AMAZING team of women at CRFW.

Check out the updates on our website. It's coming along nicely, I've enlisted help and more updates will be coming. Communications on corrections and suggestions are always welcome. sherimerz@outlook.com

I'm very excited about the Spring Board Meeting coming up Saturday, April 12 and 13, in Durango, Colorado. This is one you will not want to miss. All of the details and the Call can be found on our website, <https://www.coloradogopwomen.org/copy-of-news-events>

We have a full lineup of learning and fun. On Saturday, Leadership Institute is sending three of their best who will teach us Messaging Strategy, Website Building, and Managing and Maximizing Social Media. La Plata County's own and Colorado GOP Vice Chair Hope Scheppleman will be our lunch speaker, sharing her vision of Unity and Purpose. It doesn't end there. You will want to make sure you sign up to be a member of the Centennial Club as the new Chair, Deanna SchottGrace and Terri Olinger have been working on a private, leisurely tour of the Durango Train Museum and then a walk across the street to enjoy a Flight of Wine with Hors d'Oeuvres at Four Leaves Winery. To join the Centennial Club, go to our website for details, <https://www.coloradogopwomen.org/programs>

If that is not enough, we will end Saturday night with dinner, auctions, and line dancing lessons. Sunday, we have Kristine Kay Sposato who will share her book, "Student Voices Silenced". Don't miss out. I'm honored to be part of such a wonderful organization.

Together, with courage and respect,

Sheri Merz

CENTENNIAL CLUB

JOIN TODAY

SPRING BOARD MEETING

Saturday April 13, 2024

4:00-6:00pm

Durango, Colorado

Durango Train Museum

Enjoy a Private Leisurely Hosted Tour of this Beautiful Museum



Four Leaves Winery

Then we'll walk across the street for a Flight of Wine with Hors d'Oeuvres



Join Today, be a Member of a Special Group of Ladies that go the extra Mile for the Party

Centennial Club Co-Chairs: Evie Ashmore and Joan Griep

Colorado Federation of Republican Women - Small Donor Committee

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Empowering 70K Voices



The NFRW Membership Committee's program to Empower 70K Voices. You can participate in this membership outreach program.

The goal is to increase membership by 25% over the 2023 final membership count.

CLUBS:

Returning Clubs: By the end of 2024, increase membership (new, returning, renewing) by 25% over the 2023 final membership.

- The 2023 final membership is located on each club's profile page on the NFRW website, and below.

New Clubs: Start a new club in 2024 and recruit a minimum of 25 members by the end of 2024.

All members of qualifying clubs may purchase a silver tone 70k pin.

<u>Club</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024 Goal</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024 Goal</u>
Archuleta Cty RW	20	25	Mesa Cty RW	64	80
Boulder Cty RW	65	81	Mesa Verde RW	New	25
Centennial RW	12	12	RW/Montezuma	17	21
Cherry Creek RW	122	152	Montrose Cty RW	28	35
Chaffee Cty RW	10	12	North West RW	20	25
Denver RW	17	21	Otero Cty RW	18	22
Douglas Cty RW	72	90	Ouray Cty RW	14	17
El Paso Cty RW	39	48	R Trumpeteers	10	12
Elbert Cty RW	23	28 (29!)	San Luis Valley RW	14	17
Greeley RW	23	28	Southwest RW	62	77
Jefferson Cty RW	17	21	Summit Cty RW	36	45
Larimer Cty RW	33	41	Sunrise RW	52	65
Lone Cone RW	15	18	RW of Weld	20	25
Longmont RW	24	30	Colorado Total	845	1056

We Can Do This!!



GET THE WORD OUT

**STATE PRIMARY
ELECTION DAY**

JUNE 25TH

President: Julie Harris

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NFRW BENEFITS:

Your club annual dues include your \$20 National Membership giving you access to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Federation of Republican Women

**LEANNE THOMPSON
FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT
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Thank you to the CFRW Committee Chairmen for 2024.
If you would like information about the ARMED SERVICES or RESOLUTIONS Committee Chairman positions, please contact Judith at jejergens@aol.com.

District and Club Reports



**All submissions for the
2nd Quarter 2024 MUST BE IN
to Billie Nigro**

NLT 15 June 2024
(The earlier, the better!)

To:
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DISTRICT IV **Judy Allen, Director** **And** **DISTRICT VI**

The combined Districts 4 & 6 Luncheon was held on August 5 co-hosted by the Cherry Creek Republican Women, CCRW, Douglas County Republican Women, DCRW and Elbert County Republican Women, ECRW at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Greenwood Village. Guests were in awe of Ryann Swan's essay sponsored by the ECRW entitled "Is the US a Republic or a Democracy?".

The Honorable Rose Pugliese, Colorado State House Assistant to the Republican Minority Leader spoke about how the other party who has complete control of the Governor's office, and Legislature ran the agenda. Our side used the tool they had culminating with a walk out at the end of the session as the other side wasn't interested in what they had to say. She ended her talk with a Call to Action to defeat Proposition HH.

CFRW Offices in attendance were CFRW President Barbara Piper, CFRW 1st Vice President Judith Jergensen and CFRW 3rd Vice President Wendy Warner.

DISTRICT V **Candi Boyer, Director**

District V met at the Fall Meeting in Loveland. We elected a new Director. We selected May 16 as the date to hold our spring meeting. Since that meeting the Director resigned and Candi Boyer stepped up to fill the position.

The spring meeting is rescheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The location is 4141 Sinton Road. The program will be "The Road to Red". Come to hear how we can rebuild Colorado's conservative movement.

There are two clubs in District V and we have been collaborating over the last several years on different programs and projects. We will be hosting a booth at the El Paso County Fair in Calhan. The fair is after the primary so we will be supporting and promoting those candidates to go on to the general election.

DISTRICT VI
Evie Ashmore, Director

CCRW ended the year with a performance by “Ambassador of Soul” Biff Gore from Season 6 of The Voice. Attendees of the December meeting were put in the holiday mood in fine fashion.

Wendy Warner, CFRW 3rd Vice President installed the new officers. Evie Ashmore, outgoing President handed the “wand” to newly elected President Dorothy Gotlieb. The remaining board installed included 1st Vice Presidents -Susan Struna and Linda Stevens, 2nd Vice President Lynne Cottrell, Mary Conroy, Secretary and Caroline Cornell, Treasurer.

District 4 Director Judy Allen and I will be meeting to plan the upcoming District 4 and 6



DOUGLAS COUNTY RW
Deborah Mulvey, President

DCRW have been focused on the ELECTIONS for 2024 Informing the members with information to help clarify different topics.

January the club had Dick Wadhams speak about past to present elections. Dick gave an insight into why Governor Love was so successful in his elections. Having a strong campaign slogan and sticking to it was the right ingredient.

February, CU Regent Frank McNulty talked about the reasons for having a strong Caucus.

March DCRW hosted debates between the candidates running for District Commissioner and the new JD23 District Attorney's office. Elbert County Commissioner Chris Richardson was the moderator for both debates. His questions for candidates, John Carson and Priscilla Rahn, pertained to the issues affecting Douglas County and how did they see themselves in the position to solve these issues. Kevin Van Wrinkle is also running for this position, but had to remain at the State Capital for meeting. The two candidates running for the new JD23 District Attorney position, George Brauchler and Dagny Van Jagt, were questioned on what they would do about the crime and illegal situations. How to structure the new office that will include Elbert, Douglas and Lincoln Counties.

ECRW celebrated the 150 anniversary of the County with a cake at the Commissioner Building in February. The club is raising money with their LOGO to put on Sweatshirts, T- shirts. The club announced the topic for this years' Patriotic Essay. Ronald Reagan, America's 40 President, loved America and embodied the importance of freedom. Not just for America but all nations across the world. This year's topic is," As a new generation of young Americans, what will you do to preserve American freedom and protect it for years to come? How will you encourage your fellow peers to do the same? Why is it as important today as it was at the time our country's founding? The essays that I have read are amazing that these young people write. Winners will be Awarded April 17. The club partners with the GOP of Elbert County on many different occasions. The March meeting with Elbert County Republicans Central Committee Meeting.

June 15,2024 is the Lincoln Dinner for Elbert. This is an affair not to miss.

NORTHWEST RW
Shandy Deakins, President

In the first quarter we had two members of the school board as guest speakers. They gave us an update on their search for a new Superintendent and all the new changes that our district is making.

Our club made 22 desserts for the Dessert Dash at our counties Lincoln Day Dinner. The Dessert Dash is the Central Committees fundraiser. We continued to work on getting a previously submitted resolution approved to move to the next step to be voted on.

We have starting the planning the District retreat that we are hosting in June.

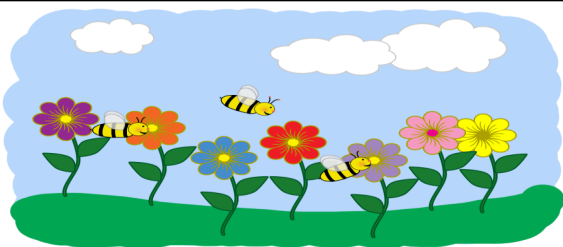
OURAY RW
Patty Blackford, President

Our first meeting of the year was held on February 14 at noon, in Ouray. Our guest speaker was Larry Don Suckla from Cortez. We signed up 2 more Republican Women that day. Yay!

We are having an information table at the Ouray County Assembly on March 30th.

Our next meeting will be April 10th at noon at the Home of our Treasurer. Our guest speaker will be Kristine Sposato, candidate for CU Regent. At our April meeting, we will be organizing our annual US flag planting on veterans' graves at both cemeteries in Ouray County for Memorial Weekend. Also OCRW has a committee that plants large US flags at the Park in Ridgway for Memorial Weekend, and other Holidays.

Our June 12th meeting will be at 6pm, at one of our ladies' homes outside of Ridgway.



CHERRY CREEK RW
Dorothy Gotlieb , President

We are so lucky to have amazing, clever, hard-working volunteers taking charge of our events. Thanks to Jewell Hargrave, Lisa Fertman, Susan Struna, Scottie Iverson, Antonette Smith, Mary Hudson, and so many others!!!

CCRW News:

In January, the CCRW Board, and others, developed and adopted the following *Statement of Purpose*:

“The purpose of CCRW, the only (official) Republican Women’s Group in Arapahoe County (CO), is to involve like-minded women -----in getting Republicans elected to Local/State/ Federal office, by encouraging/publicizing campaign, election, and civic engagement opportunities; informing its members (and others) about current issues that affect them; taking action (on issues) when warranted; raising money; and providing a platform (for candidates/issues), in partnership with CFRW and NFRW, and other Republican, or Republican-related, clubs/ groups/organizations.”

Under our CCRW motto of ***Engage, Enlighten, Empower***, several measurable objectives were set. Among these (*but not all*) are to: (1) Diversify and increase membership, (2) Build partnerships, (3) Provide information about issues/legislation, and (4) Offer opportunities for involvement – in community service, with campaigns, etc.

Speaking of ***Enlightenment***, we thank Rich Sokol, our February Luncheon Speaker, for his re-cap of what’s going on in Israel. Sad to recount, but always and ever hopeful...



Engage, Enlighten, Empower

...And may the force be with us – especially in this crucial election year!

EL PASO COUNTY RW

Candi Boyer, President



Our December meeting was all about having fun. We had a trivia contest with teams playing against each other. We love having our Associate Members join us for the festivities!



The January Meeting Speaker, Ms. Jana Blanter, is a naturalized citizen. She spoke about her upbringing as a Jew in Russia and how she and her family came to the United States.



We also had several candidates give their pitches for their respective campaigns.



February's meeting speaker, Dr. Sandra Bankes provided excellent training for the March Caucus. Candidates again making the rounds.



SUMMIT COUNTY RW

Debra Irvine, President

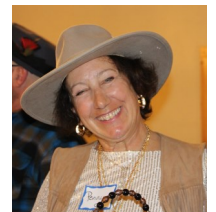
Summit County Republican Women helped plan this year's Lincoln Day Dinner, which was held at the Elks Club in Silverthorne, on Saturday, February 17. With the theme "Gold Rush," we created era decorations with mining entrances, lanterns, gold bars, and dynamite made of sticks of licorice. Guest speakers included Christy Ruckus Fidura, who is running for Colorado Republican National Committeewoman and is on the executive committee of the Pueblo County GOP; Steve Dorman, a board member of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers; and Natalie Menten, who served as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) Foundation Board Director from 2020 to present. We also organized an auction at the event, which is our major fundraiser each year. As we look forward to a competitive election year, we are encouraging our members to "Go for the gold! Let's get the vote out in 2024!"

Summit County Republican Women Dawn Masters and Tess Scalise welcome attendees at the mine entrance for the "Gold Rush" Lincoln Day Dinner.



Summit County Republican Women President Debra Irvine discusses marketing the Republican brand by engaging voters in meaningful conversations.

Summit County Republican woman Penny TerHaar enjoys the Gold Rush evening.



DENVER RW
Susy Johnson President

The Denver Republican Women have hit the ground running in 2024, kicking off the year with a series of events that have energized and engaged the community. The highlight of the January meeting was our special guest speaker Heidi Ganahl. The former University of Colorado regent and gubernatorial candidate shared her insights on *The Road to Red*. Ganahl's speech was enlightening and inspiring, leaving us all with a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm.

In February we welcomed Vera Ortegon, Colorado's National Committeewoman to the Republican National Committee, who shared her personal story of patriotism and lifelong service to the Republican Party. Ortegon's compelling journey served as a powerful reminder of the importance of civic engagement and the enduring strength of the American spirit.

While our March meeting was canceled to allow members to attend the Denver County Caucus, we aren't taking a break. Instead, we're gearing up for a day of action at the Colorado State Capitol. With parental rights, freedom of speech, school choice, and the Second Amendment under severe threat, participants will have opportunity to lobby their legislators and testify in bill hearings to make their voices heard.

Denver Republican Women New Officers for 2024

Susy Johnson, President

Ashley Troxell, 1st Vice-President

Carolyn Barnes, 2nd Vice-President



Heidi Ganahl and
Valdamar Archuleta



Ashley Troxell,
Vera Ortegon,
Maria Weese,
Susy Johnson

JEFFERSON COUNTY RW
Leanne Thompson, President

In January, featured speaker Senator Mark Baisley (SD4) presented "Challenges and Opportunities with our 2024 Legislature" and noted short emails with key points are useful as they can be passed around. The discussion of the "TABOR 2024 Outlook Statewide & Local pamphlet" by Natalie Menton provided useful information. She noted the Jeffco grassroots were key to defeating Proposition HH.

In February, we focused on the 2024 Precinct Caucus with "6 Things You Need to Know" followed by attendees helping with Jefferson County Republican (JCR) Caucus precinct packet and tub preparation.

Our March featured speaker was Larry Alan, Chairman of the JCR Election Integrity Committee (EIC) and President, South Jeffco Conservatives (SJC), who presenting "How Jeffco Republicans are taking action and holding the Secretary of State accountable." He described details on signature verification and provided numbers which were eye opening and informative.

April 20 is our Lunch Bunch Membership Event at the Olive Garden with featured speaker Kim Monson, Radio Host and President of Colorado Union of Taxpayers (CUT) who will be dissecting issues and bills facing our state and how you can make an impact including tips on calling in to radio shows. Information about Jefferson County spending \$340,000 to remove TABOR in Jefferson County will be discussed by Mike Donahue, South Jeffco Tea Party Chairman.



LONE CONE RW

Cyndy Vrabec, President

This year has been interesting so far. Terri Lamers who was President of Lone Cone Republican Women resigned to take on the position of Chaiman of San Miguel County GOP. Cyndy Vrabec, who was Vice President, stepped up to be President of the club. Gretchen Wells was elected VP and Brandi Griffiths Secretary/Treasurer. We are all on a learning curve but holding our own.

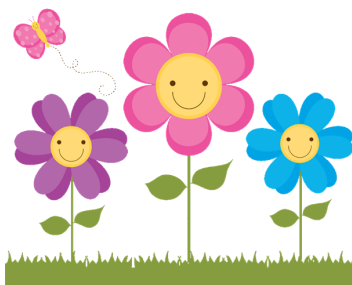
Our club has been extremely involved in the election process this year with several members being election judges. Our county caucus was held here in Norwood and LCRW members provided refreshments and worked the sign in table. Cyndy Vrabec will be a delegate to the State Assembly and Mary Watson is an alternate. Other members of LCRW (Harley Brooke-Hitching, Julie McCallen, and Terri Lamers) will also be attending the State Assembly.

A Facebook page was created in 2023 for Lone Cone Republican Women and current events and election information are included on the page.

We hope to create some new and exciting events in 2024 and increase our membership. We are working on our Lincoln Day Dinner now which will be held August 24. Have a great spring.



L-R standing:
Ray Moureaux, Harley Brooke-Hitching, Terri Lamers, Cyndy Vrabec, C, J. Watt, Randy Burchett. Seated: Ann Gabbot, Ken Watt.



SUNRISE RW

Robin Little

In December, we had our Open House Christmas party.

January welcomed the New Year along with a great program by the Honorable Terri Carver. She discussed the Republican Caucus and issues before the Supreme Court.

Our guest speakers in February were County Commissioners Longinos Gonzales and Carrie Geitner, as well as City Councilman Dave Donelson, who provided a panel discussion on the topic of current immigration issues. We also had our Annual Day at the Legislature hosted by Minority Leader Rose Pugliese, Representative Don Wilson and Senator Larry Liston followed by lunch at the University Club.

March brought us Caucus Night and the El Paso County Assembly.

You are cordially invited to attend our April Fundraiser, "The Sunrise Stampede," on

Saturday April 27, 2024 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm at the Radisson Hotel in Colorado Springs. To RSVP, please contact Juliann McPadden, russellmcpadden@yahoo.com, or call 361-816-0635. Our Guest Speaker is Deborah Flora, so Saddle Up and Join Us!



BOULDER RW
Marty Kinsley , President

12/19/23 Boulder Republican Women inducted officers for 2024 at the Christmas Lunch. As a result of donations collected in 2023 from generous BRW members a check and much needed baby items were presented to Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center to fund grants, housing, staff training, etc. Please consider joining BRW in donating to <https://boulderpregnancyresourcecenter.com/>

The Big Elephant Award was presented to LeMoine Dowd for significant contributions of time and effort in support of Republican causes, freedom and “doing the right thing”.

1/16/24 BRW met to hear Boaz Meir, International Development Director of the Jewish National Fund World Zionist Village. Like most Israeli citizens he served in the Israeli Defense Force as does one of his sons currently. He has had a long career working for Jewish causes and educated our members with a great deal of history and current facts.

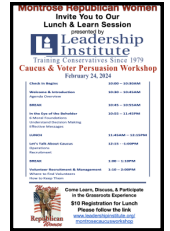


2024 BRW officers: Marty Kinsley - President (2nd term), Patty O'Donnell - 1st Vice President, Karen Vent – 2nd VP, Marty Neilson – Treasurer, and Linda Erdmann, Secretary were installed by Sandra Aste, CFRW District Director at December lunch

MONTROSE RW
Kerri Catlin, President

Montrose Women have kicked off an information-packed first quarter. Local issues, politics, and grassroots educational opportunities.

With the 2024 election cycle underway, MRW hosted a Lunch & Learn Session presented by Leadership Institute. The workshop was well attended and discussed practical information about Caucus and Voter Persuasion.



Our monthly programs included information about the state of our county, current issues, and county projects completed and scheduled for the year. Speakers included our county manager and treasurer.

We also heard from our economic development corporation executive director. She explained the importance of bringing high-level and diverse industry to our community, talked about past projects, future opportunities, and our economic outlook.



Our Chief of Police and Commander gave a very sobering program about human-trafficking, crime, and drugs in our area. They explained how changes in statute are making it difficult to apprehend criminals and detour illegal activity.

We are proud to say that many of our 2024 local and state candidates have addressed our group. We give each candidate 3-minutes to speak freely. When our elected officials attend, they are given time to speak and answer questions from our members. MRW has been working on our Membership Drive using social media posts, ads, and reaching out to past members.



Celebrating MRW Chaplain Roena Frank's 80th Birthday!
 You go Girl!!

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