

# Colorado Federation of Republican Women TUSK TALK



3RD & 4TH QTR - 2024



# Judith Jergensen President



Victory is sweet! Christmas came early for us this year, and we will see the benefits for years to come. Winning the electoral vote, the popular vote, and majorities in the House and Senate is an undeniable mandate for President Trump and his Make America Great Again promise. His acceptance and support by world leaders add to the expectations of a powerful America once again respected. Thank you to all our members for the hours and hours donated to support our candidates and work for their election. Your time, talents, and treasure reaped an incredible reward. Continue to build on this enthusiasm and keep our message alive.

Consider: During the Trump administration

America experienced an economic boom: we gained seven million new jobs, unemployment rate reached 3.5 percent, and Middle-Class family income increased more than five times the gains during the entire Previous administration. The stock market and 401Ks hit record highs. During the third quarter of 2020, the economy grew at a rate of 33.1 percent!

America was energy independent. For the first time in nearly 70 years, the United States became a net energy exporter, and the number one producer of oil and natural gas in the world. We withdrew from the one-sided Paris Climate Agreement.

America's leadership in the world, restored and negotiation to ensure our allies pay their fair share for our military protection was successful. Renewed friendship and alliance with Israel and took historic action to promote peace in the Middle East. He secured our Nation's immigration system against criminals and terrorists.

Advanced peace through strength with the colossal rebuilding of the military and the creation of a Sixth Branch, the United States Space Force.

Supported law-enforcement, the sanctity of every human life, and religious liberty in the United States and around the world.

Though you may have reservations about his manner, Donald Trump has proven his love of America and his ability to create and restore our greatness.

As long as we have faith in each other, and trust in God, then there is no goal beyond our reach. There is no dream too large, no task too great. Donald Trump



12/2024

TO: CFRW grand ladies—

FR: Marie Rossmiller, Chaplain

Singing: 'it's the most wonderful time of the year'.

We have much to be thankful for, amazing blessings and of course celebrating the REASON.

Galatians 4.4 'but when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman under the law'....

There is so much to be explored in this verse that students could learn and enjoy. However we know the timing was planned, the mother was chosen, the location was mentioned hundreds of years earlier.... A Savior now to change history and fulfill the need for cleansing sin plus enjoy the blessings for now and into eternity.

We have reason for singing as elections were changed, giving freedom, hope and truth. How wonderful to see opportunities that affect our lives, our budgets, and much more because of much work, prayer and Divine answers. I listen to Charlie Kirk when I'm in the car and his passion is to keep contacting those who didn't vote, to share with kindness the victory that is ours because of the changes.

My hope for CFRW as we close another year, and anticipate the blessings of the coming year is that we remember 'e pluribus unum'. Out of many, one--- with unity, respect and common goal of our By-Laws and NFRW.

Do join me in singing the blessings of the year and the promise of Psalm 108.13 'Through God we shall do valiantly; He it is that shall tread down our enemies'.

# **NOTE FROM BILLIE**





I must apologize for not getting out the Tusk Talk for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. No excuses other than COVID and a myriad of other "stuff".

So, after discussions with President Judith, the decision was made tocombine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters.

### Second:

As you can see, we are trying a new format. Instead of the columns that can often be difficult to fit photos and special things into limited space, we are hoping this new format will give us more flexibility.

I welcome feedback. Constructive criticism and suggestions are welcome.

I hope the new format will encourage more members to read and share!

# CFRW Membership Report 2024 Year End 2nd Vice President Kerri Catlin

CFRW Chapter Presidents and the Executive Team have had a successful year increasing our membership and expanding the number of chapters across Colorado.

The NFRW Club Status Report, as of December 2, 2024, indicates CFRW has recruited 135 new members and onboarded a new club. This is CFRW's efforts to capitalize on the National initiative "Empowering 70K Voices".

We are currently at 93% of our national goal with 76 more Republican women to recruit, as of this report. Each club has a membership goal to match or exceed, in order to meet the national challenge for 2024. Chapter Presidents should have received an email containing a spreadsheet for club numbers and additional recruitment information from NFRW Membership Director Lori Graham.

Graham has announced a deadline extension for clubs and states to reach their 70K goal to June 30, 2025. "We are hoping all clubs and states will retain the growth achievements in 2024 and continue recruiting members all the way through June 30, 2025."

In 2024 we welcomed Garfield County RW. Currently, we are working with Republican women in Gunnison County to open their chapter!

The Colorado Federation of Young Republicans is up and running. Make an effort to reach out and connect with the Young Republicans in your area.

Thank you to all CFRW members for your efforts in 2024. We are growing and our message is resinating across the state. Let's make 2025 another successful year for the women of Colorado!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri Catlin CFRW 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

ClubName	2023	12/2/04	2024 Goal	% of Goal	# Needed
Douglas Co. RW	72	263	90	292%	
Chaffee Co. RW	10	16	12	133%	
Elbert Co. RW	23	30	28	107%	
San Luis Valley RW	14	18	17	106%	
Jefferson Co. RWC	17	20	21	95%	1
Larimer Co. RW	33	39	41	95%	. 2
Ouray Co. RW	14	16	17	94%	1
Montrose Co. RW	28	32	35	91%	3
North West RW	20	22	25	88%	3
Denver RW	17	18	21	86%	3
Archuleta Co. RW	20	21	25	84%	d
Centennial RW	10	10	12	83%	2
El Paso Co. RW	39	40	48	83%	8
R Trumpeteers of Adams Co.	10	10	12	83%	2
RW of Montezuma Co.	17	17	21	81%	4
Cherry Creek RW	122	122	152	80%	30
Greeley RW	23	22	28	79%	6
Lone Cone RW	15	14	18	78%	4
RW of Weld County	20	19	25	76%	6
Boulder RW	65	60	81	74%	21
Longmont RW	24	18	30	60%	12
Mesa Co. RW	64	48	80	60%	32
Mesa Verde RW	New	15	25	60%	10
Garfield Co. RW	New	13	25	52%	12
Summit Co. RW	36	21	45	47%	24
Southwest RW	62	33	77	43%	44
Sunrise RW	52	23	65	35%	42
Otero Co. RW	18	0	22	0%	22
Colorado Total	845	980	1056	93%	76

# 4TH VICE PRESIDENT Leanne Thompson



Thank you to all of our 2024 Committee Chairman for your hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm!

2024 Committee Chair Updates:

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Protocol: Evie Ashmore <phone&gt; jashmore@comcast.net

# **AMERICANISM**

Independence Day, known colloquially as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America. The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

### CENTENNIAL CLUB—SOMETHING SPECIAL

Centennial Club Co-Chairs: Deanna "Dede" SchottGrace <u>dedeschottgrace@live.com</u> & Elizabeth Riggs, riggsliz@yahoo.com

# Colorado Federation of Republican Women - Small Donor Committee Individual may donate a maximum of \$50 per year.

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# Qualifications

Membership Growth Period: January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

# CLUBS:

**Returning Clubs:** By June 30, 2025, increase membership (new, returning, renewing) by 25% over the 2023 final membership.

New Clubs: Start a new club in 2024 or 2025 and recruit a minimum of 25 members by June 30, 2025.

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





# STATE FEDERATIONS:

Returning States: By June 30, 2025, increase membership by 25% over the 2023 final membership.

**New States:** Start a new state federation in 2024 or 2025 and recruit a minimum of 50 members by June 30, 2025. • Two clubs are required to start a state federation.

All members of a state federation's board of directors for qualifying states may purchase the gold tone 70k

## **PROTOCOL**

# **Evie Ashmore, Chair**

I have been appointed as Protocol Chair by President Judith Jorgensen. Please see CFRW website as well as NFRW.org website for additional information.

I wish to highlight a few items as follows:

# **Flag Placement**

The American Flag is placed on the left side of Podium facing the audience.

State Flag is placed on the right side of Podium facing the audience – lower than American Flag.

### **5 Protocols for Effective Clubs**

Use bylaws, policies and procedures at state and club level to maintain effective behaviors.

Know and understand proper procedures when welcoming guests and reaching out to potential speakers and new members.

Hold welcoming meetings of your board committees and membership which involve, include and engage ALL REPUBLICANS.

Develop a structure which effectively deals with guests/speakers and members using proper etiquette.

Develop outreach activities which market to various generations.

These are but a few protocols of which club leadership need awareness. For more details, see the Protocol Resource Page on the NFRW website.

# AMERICANISM Olivia McCaffrey, Chair

# When a flag is folded after being taken off a coffin, did you ever wonder what the folds mean?

- 1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- 2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
- 3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
- 4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
- 5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- 6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- 7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
- 8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- 9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
- 10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
- 11. The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- 12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

Courtesy Wounded Warriors Project website



The primary elections held a lot of surprises on a lot of levels. We all worked hard to get good candidates on the November ballot. We all dug in and worked even harder and got most them elected on November 5<sup>th</sup>! As a matter of fact, we had a couple of REALLY CLOSE races! How about a candidate who won by 3 VOTES! Getting out the vote is more Important than ever! Nobody can say "My vote won't count!" We have proof!!!!!

President: Julie Harris

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National Federation of Republican Women

### **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.

District and Reports



All submissions for the
1st Quarter 2025 MUST BE IN
to Billie Nigro

NLT 15 March 2025
(The earlier, the better!)

To:
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### **DISTRICT I**

Ashley Troxell, Director

In April, the Denver Republican Women had the pleasure of welcoming Congressional District 1 candidate Valdamar Archuleta. Valdamar is challenging longtime Congresswoman Diana DeGette in Colorado's 1st Congressional District, bringing a fresh perspective that resonates with voters across the Mile-High City. "Let's do something different in Washington," he declared. "As your congressman, I will fight the complacency of Washington to reinvigorate America. Together, we can accomplish real change for our economy, criminal justice system, and sense of unity as Americans."

In May, our focus shifted to empowering our members with essential skills for effective voter engagement. We hosted our CFRW District One Meeting and welcomed Holly Horn from The Leadership Institute for a voter persuasion workshop at the Courtyard by Marriott in Downtown Denver. The workshop provided valuable insights into voter persuasion techniques and effective messaging strategies.

# DISTRICT IV Judy Allen, Director And DISTRICT VI Evie Ashmore, Director

# 3rd Qtr

## 2024 Spring Board Meeting

Evie attended the 2024 Spring Board Meeting – April 12-14 in Durango, CO. Teri Otley and the ladies of Southwest Republican Women did a fantastic job hosting the meeting and Wolf Creek Pass was clear. CFRW President Judith Jorgensen presided over a highly informative session.

# Districts 4 & 6 Meeting

Judy Allen, Director District 4 and Evie Ashmore, Director District 6 are planning the District Meeting for July 20 – 11:30 am at the DoubleTree Hotel I-25 and Orchard featuring Michael Fields, President Advance Colorado who will speak on the five propositions that will appear on the November ballot. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Evie Ashmore – jeashmore@comcast.net – cell 303-746-4608 if you would like to attend.

# <u>Cherry Creek Republican Women – CCRW</u>

Evie continues to attend the informative and fun meetings/events under the leadership of President Dorothy Gotlieb. They never cease to amaze.

# 4th Qtr

# **DISTRICT VI**Evie Ashmore, Director

### 2024 Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Convention

I attended the Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Convention in Glenwood Springs, September 21-22 at the beautiful Hotel Colorado. We were honored to have had Lorie Legere, NFRW Director, Region 3 in attendance. The Leadership Institute presented a 3-hour workshop GOTV and Grassroots Lobbying. During the Saturday night reception, we were divided into groups and designed "Inaugural Ball" gowns made of toilet paper.

## Cherry Creek Republican Women, CCRW

CCRW sent two delegates to the Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Convention. I continue to attend the CCRW Meetings featuring excellent speakers. The club is celebrating its 70 th birthday having been chartered in 1954.

# DISTRICT VIIN Dona Troyer, Director

The District VIIN held the meeting on June 8th, 2024 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Westminster. We had a very Informative presentation from El Paso County Clerk & Recorder, Steve Schleiker, on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). He said the system of voting is overly complicated and not popular among the majority of Americans. Under RVC, the voter doesn't have the ability to explicitly say who they would like to win compared to other candidates. It is designed to confuse voters and discourage more citizens from voting. in other words, the American people will not benefit from RCV.

# BOULDER RW Marty Kinsley , President

### 3rd Qtr

Boulder Republican Women hosted the Boulder County Republican Summer Social on Saturday, July 20, 2024. BRW has hosted the event every campaign year since 2000. All local candidates were invited to speak, and our Master of Ceremonies was the always fabulous former Congressman

Tom Tancredo. There was much laughter and politicking. Hugs for old friends and warm handshakes for new friends. We enjoyed the comradery and a tasty barbeque supper. The weather was beautiful until it wasn't. A surprise storm blew in and ended the party!

Biden-omics shut down BRW's favorite meeting place. We are looking for a new location for our September lunch.



# 4th Qtr

Boulder Republican Women has found a wonderful home for our lunches at Pinocchio's Italian Restaurant in Longmont.

September 17 - we had a fabulous last-minute replacement as our speaker, Christy Fidura, known lovingly as "Ruckus", the new RNC National Committeewoman for Colorado. She was elected at the CO GOP Convention in April. Christy is from Pueblo where she founded a 3,000 member group "Pueblo County Patriots" and played a pivotal role in flipping Pueblo County RED after over 80 years of Democrat control. Our members were delighted by her warm personality.

October 15 - Scott Bottoms, State Representative for Colorado District 15 provided valuable information on special session bills and the 2024 ballot initiatives. Scott is a Navy Veteran and Pastor of the Church at Briargate in Colorado Springs. In 2022 he defeated Democrat and Libertarian opponents with 57% of the vote. We greatly appreciated Scott's answers to all questions about the upcoming election.

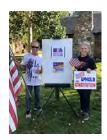
We are proud to report many of our BRW members worked on and volunteered during the election.

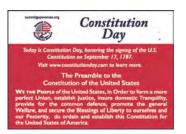
# SUMMIT COUNTY RW Debra Irvine, President

Summit County Republican Women will be celebrating Constitution Day on September 17th by handing out copies of the United States Constitution in the picnic area of Foote's Rest Sweet Shop in downtown Frisco from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This is a tradition that we have done for several years.

We also place an ad each Constitution Day in the local newspaper. This presidential election year, we are also asking our members to submit letters to the editor to the paper discussing why the U. S. Constitution is vitally important in preserving our freedom.

As the election approaches, we are encouraging our members to be informed about the important issues locally, statewide, and nationally. We are also encouraging them to be involved in any way they can to educate, persuade, and motivate others to vote for Republican candidates.





Congratulations to Republican Women throughout the country in helping to create the historical red wave that has occurred this election cycle. The efforts, large and small, to share our values, support our candidates, contribute to campaigns, volunteer at polling places, and encourage citizens to vote will pay the important dividends of freedom, goodness, and common sense to our children and grandchildren for years to come. Thank you!

Our chapter has been active throughout the fall. In September we were honored to host a powerful and informative book club meeting. Leadership at the meeting included Lt. Gen. Rod Bishop, USAF (Ret.), chairman of the STARRS board, and featured three of Beyond Treason's four authors via Zoom – Thomas McInerney, Mary Fanning, and Paul Vallely. Lt. Gen. Thomas McInerney, USAF (Ret.) provided a great deal of information about threats to our country and was joined by several other retired generals, attorneys, leaders of STARRS, and a former instructor at the National War College. In addition, we enjoyed an October luncheon in Frisco where we learned more about the inner workings of the Colorado legislature from our guest, Colorado State Senator (District 5) Perry Will.

As we enter the holiday season, we give thanks for the blessings of liberty, family, friends, health, and so much more. Have a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, and holiday!

We hope you have time to visit Summit County this winter. Snow has already blanketed this area, and our spirits are "Merry and Bright!"

# **LARIMER COUNTY RW**

Sandra Aste, President

# Larimer County Republican Women - Activation through Education!

After a very full year of growth and action, our LCRW club reinstated an aspect that is near and dear to the heart of NFRW. We held a Book Drive to support local Charter and Alternative Schools, by providing Constitutionally based reading materials for their students.

We share an abbreviated list from the NFRW Recommended Booklist with our membership. The group really caught the vision, jumping in with monetary and book donations valued at nearly \$1000. The new materials were delivered to two schools by our President and Secretary at the end of October. Both school principals were thrilled with the gifts!







LCRW President Sandra Aste presenting to Principal Dawn of the George Muller Academy. Secretary Claire Low joined the presentation with Principal DeeDee of CEC Middle School.



# OURAY COUNTY RW Patty Blackford, President



Hello,

The last three months we have helped with the Central Republican Committee's Lincoln day Dinner in September, supported the candidates running for election, through a donation to the Central Committee. We have planted flags in Ridgway around Hartwell Park for Veterans day.

We had a meeting in October to go over the amendments and propositions for the November Election. Worked hard on trying to get a local Republican running for County Commissioner elected. He didn't win, but made a great showing of support in this blue county. All in all, we just helped as much as possible for the month of October and November to help Republican candidates running for offices to get elected. It might not sound like we did much, but we were always busy. Merry Christmas to you

# MESA COUNTY RW Carla Alley, President

# mesa county republican women 2024 Report



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Educational Meetings & Trainings



Representative & Candidates

17

Individuals Given
a Place to be Heard
and Supported by
Marketing
Measures



Community

4700

Hours our
Members give for
Community
Involved Actions

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# Sunrise Republican Women President Holly Williams

Fall was busy "Getting Out the Vote" for our Republication candidates. Members knocked on doors, hosted meet and greets, sent out texts, participated in honk and waves and stuffed envelopes.

Congratulations to President Trump!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with love and blessings to all.























# No wars here, just fellowship and learning

Candi Boyer, President



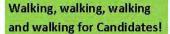
The summer was spent participating in Fairs across the county. Monument 4th of July Street Fair, El Paso County Fair in Calhan and Fountain Fall Festival on Labor Day.







TRUM AND THE STATE OF THE STATE







Congressman Lambom giving us his final update on his term in Congress. We thank him for 16 years of service to the American people!

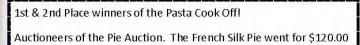






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# Montrose Republican Women

Kerri Catlin, President

Celebrations, election education, political persuasion, civic recognition, holiday spirit

and merriment. Montrose Women have been busy in 2024!



MRW continued its 13 year tradition of awarding scholarships to area high school graduates. Each Republican girl received \$1500 for college. Recipients presented their essays discussing a section of the US Constitution which resonated with them.

In partnership with Rep Marc Catlin, MRW donated Pocket Constitutions and educational newspaper inserts "We the People", to our school district and the regional library. MRW and the local newspaper created the insert for distribution.

During this election cycle, we educated members on ballot issues, the election process, and candidates spoke to our club. Members called, signed post cards, and sign waved for our Republican Team.



Our new venture, "Vote Republican!" radio ads. We partnered with Mesa RW and bought radio time. The Suffragette-themed ads promoted Republican Women ideals, rights, our responsibility to uphold and protect family values, and stop the infringement of girls' privacy and development.

November was our annual Giving Thanks Montrose County Civic Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. We honored community volunteers for their selfless contributions.

# Join us for the Trump Victory Gala

Celebrating 100 years

January 20, 2025 at Montrose Elks Betty 'Rosie Riveter' Hayes



Good Governance Begins with Education

Making a difference is

Taking Action



# NORTHWEST RW Shandy Deakins, President

## 3rd Qtr

This quarter we have been planning and organizing the district III N meeting that we will be hosting on June 22nd in Craig. We also reviewed our bylaws that were last updated in 2011. We made several revisions to get them up to date and just voted on the final version. We had a presentation by Gays against Groomers that was very eye opening.

## 4th Qtr

This quarter we worked hard to get voters out to vote. We also have been focusing on recruiting members and retaining current members.

We have a Community Kitchen in town that makes meals for those that are in need. For Thanksgiving every year they work hard to make those that are less fortunate get a big meal for the holiday. We volunteered to help in whatever capacity they needed. We had a handful that made homemade pies and a couple of us delivered meals to people's homes. They served over 450 people on Thanksgiving.

Our club had a social event instead of a meeting in December and met for a nice lunch and conversation.

# JEFFERSON COUNTY RW Leanne Thompson, President

Our 63rd Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser was held in October. Our featured speaker, the Honorable Congressman Greg Lopez, gave us an insider's view of what he has learned and seen in Washington DC. The candidates met all attendees while serving delicious chili and delivered an elevator speech to the guests. New this year were door prizes of gift cards donated by local restaurants or members. The event was successful, and everyone had fun!

In November, we Honored Our Veterans. Our featured speaker was Dennis Busch, Author of T"he Real Heroes of Omaha Beach" and other books and a Vietnam Veteran helicopter pilot. We enjoyed the presentation and learned about specific veterans whose actions had a significant impact on winning the war. We learned about participating in the Wreaths Across America program. Veterans and family members or friends of veterans shared stories. This is always a powerful meeting.

We are holding our December Christmas brunch event in January to allow for more members and friends to attend. The brunch will have a Winter Wonderland theme.



And on they go....
Year after year
Just adjust the dates



Funny—Or not so much???



ALMOST.....



# We helped get them there! Now we have to help get good people in to support them! Our work continues!

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