



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



1ST QTR - 2023



Barbara Piper President



It is fitting that, at the dawn of a new year, we look to our first President, George Washington. By God's goodness to us at the birthing of a new nation, he knew that we would need someone who was honorable, sought Him in all things, and stood for righteousness's sake.

This was so important at that time, and it is so important to us now. All of these foundations are so important to help steer us forward to our future.

President Washington said: "It is the duty of all nations, to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits and humbly to implore his protection and favor."

Every aspect of that statement directly affects the daily life of every person, and collectively a nation.

If our freedom is taken away, the American Dream will wither and die.

They have wielded Big Tech to trample our First Amendment. Our Congressman Ken Buck has mounted a fight against Big Tech and it is up to ALL of us to join that fight.

We have a tough path ahead with clearly a mountain of challenges that we must face in the New Year of 2023.

I was honored to start 2023 off by installing the new officers for our Larimer County Republican Women, Republican Women of Weld County and the Greeley Republican Women.

I wish all our CFRW Clubs the best in 2023.

Colorado County Republican Elections For 2023

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Steve Peck - Chair
Matt Emerson - 1st Vice Chair
Ed Hairfield - 2nd Vice Chair
Kim Baer - Secretary
Meghann Silverthorn - Treasurer

WELD COUNTY

Scott James - Chair
Hunter Rivera - 1st Vice Chair
Nila Croll - 2nd Vice Chair
Eric Rinard - Secretary
Fred Mahe - Treasurer

LA PLATA COUNTY

Shelli Shaw - Chair
Kelly Haggery - 1st Vice Chair
Vanessa Ruggles - 2nd Vice Chair
Hope Sheppelman - Secretary
Holly Hott - Treasurer

OTERO COUNTY

Stephanie Garbo - Chair
Trish Leone - Vice Chair
Sharon Ghilarducci - Secretary
Michelle Gardner - Treasurer

CHAFFEE COUNTY

Kathy Rogers - Chair
Todd Tipton - Vice Chair
Jennifer Barker - Secretary
Mike Phelps - Treasurer

ARAPAHO COUNTY

Anne Rowland - Chair
Ron Redden - Vice Chair
Jean Baugh - Secretary

ARCHULETA COUNTY

Rick Walker – Chair
Dave Cuyler – Vice Chair
Marybeth Snyder – Secretary
Elsa White - Treasurer

ADAMS COUNTY

Daniel Belfontaine - Chair
Craig Sullivan - Vice Chair
Robert Schmidt - Secretary
Cynthia Sarmiento - Treasurer

LARIMER COUNTY

Kristin Graizer - Chair
Camie Larson - 1st Vice Chair
Diahn Richards - 2nd Vice Chair
Bob Morain - Secretary

MONTEZUMA COUNTY

Casey McClellan - Chair
Lanetta Shull - Vice Chair
Cindy Wallace - Secretary
Bob Toles - Treasurer

***Thank you to every-
one who sent in the
names and titles
of the newly
elected County
GOP Central
Committees. It's
important that we
know all these
folks!***

***We MUST
Turn
Colorado
RED
Again!***

Colorado County Republican Elections
For 2023
Continued - With Photographs



MESA COUNTY

Alice Bumgarner - Chair
Nina Anderson - 1st Vice Chair
Ivan Geer - 2nd Vice Chair
Terry Porter - Secretary
Janet Brink - Treasurer



EL PASO COUNTY

Vickie Tonkins - Chair
Todd Watkins - Vice Chair
Adriana Cuva - Secretary



George Tristan
Chair



Tara Menza
Vice Chair



Mark Milliman
Vice Chair



Richard Keck
Vice Chair



Twyla Barrett
Secretary

BOULDER COUNTY



**We have to pull
together to turn
Colorado
RED again!**

**JUDITH JERGENSEN
1ST VICE PRESIDENT**



Welcome to 2023!

A new year, with new opportunities, and new goals. It is time to rebuild on our strengths with courage and conviction. Remember, situations can work out if we stay positive and willing to listen. Wounds do heal, and relationships do mend. I don't just say this, I believe it.

Republican women are the hope of the Republican Party! With the turmoil in the party, we can step up and lead with our conservative values and our commitment to what we know to be right. There is a void that needs to be filled and we can and must do this, and do it with civility.

Choose your programs and speakers from those who share our goals and our love of the American Dream! One of our stated objectives is to promote an Informed membership and electorate through education and activities. Invite those in your community to your meetings to learn about the issues that will affect us all. Hold firm to your ideals and the founding principles of our America. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."



CFRW CENTENNIAL CLUB

This is your invitation to join the 2023 CFRW Centennial Club. Members of the Centennial Club are devoted to supporting CFRW in all areas of the organization where needed.

Centennial Club members do receive a few extra benefits to say thank you. These include preferred seating, special acknowledgement at CFRW functions and in written publications along with a special reception available only to Centennial Club members.

We hope you will consider joining and being part of a special group within CFRW that shows extra support for our State Federation.

ANNUAL DUES: \$100.00 – Payable to CFRW
Evie Ashmore & Joanie Griep
CFRW Centennial Club Co-Chairs
Mail to Evie Ashmore at:
5795 S. Danube Circle, Centennial, CO 80015

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

Check, payable to: **CFRW Small Donor Committee**, % Julia Lindahl, PO Box 25366, Colorado Springs, CO, 80936
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SAVE THE DATE!

**Spring CFRW
Board of Directors Meeting**

APRIL 21 - 23 2023

**RADISSON HOTEL
1645 N NEWPORT RD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

President: Eileen Sobjack

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National Federation of Republican Women

NFRW BENEFITS:

For just \$20.00 in annual national dues, a member receives or has 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.

JULIA LINDAHL

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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CFRW Reorganization

District 1 Susy Johnson	Denver Republican Women
District 2 Marty Neilson	Boulder Republican Women Larimer County Republican Women Summit County Republican Women Longmont Republican Women Coal Creek Republican Women
District III – North Alice Bumgarner	Centennial Republican Women Mesa County Republican Women Montrose Republican Women North West Republican Women
District III – Southeast Lynette Ramirez	Bel Nor Republican Women San Luis Valley Republican Women Otero County Republican Women
District III – Southwest Terri Olinger	Archuleta County Republican Women Lone Cone Republican Women Ouray Republican Women Republican Women of Montezuma County Southwest Republican Women
District IV Judy Allen	Douglas County Republican Women Elbert County Republican Women
District V Judith Jergensen	Colorado Springs Republican Women El Paso County Republican Women Sunrise Republican Women
District VI Lisa Fertman	Cherry Creek Republican Women
District VII – North Dona Troyer	Jefferson County Republican Women
District VII – South VACANT	Chaffee County Republican Women
District VIII Stacey Casteel	Greeley Republican Women Republican Trumpeteers of Adams County Republican Women of Weld

District and Club Reports



**All submissions for the
2nd Quarter 2023 MUST BE IN
to Billie Nigro**

BillieN.CORepWomen@gmail.com

**NLT 15 May 2023
(The earlier, the better!)**

TUSK TALK DUE DATES FOR 2023

The following are the dates
articles are due for the
Tusk Talks for this coming year:

**1st Quarter:
15 February**

**2nd Quarter
15 May**

**3rd Quarter
15 August**

**4th Quarter
15 November**

**Please get your articles in
prior to the due dates.**

**These are
“NO LATER THAN”
Dates**

TUSK TALK ARTICLE FORMAT

***There have been questions as to the
format to be used for the Tusk Talk.
The following is the best way to send
information to be published:***

***Put text in a Word Doc or in an email
Photos should be sent separately with
a description of what it is and/or who
the people are and titles, if
appropriate. This is especially
important when referring to speakers!***

DISTRICT IV
Judy Allen, Director

District IV clubs are actively preparing their programs for the coming year.

Douglas County RW had to cancel their January meeting due to bad weather. The Lone Tree Golf Club is doing some remodeling and the silent auction will not take place. Instead the board is doing Easter Baskets for the March meet. The money that is made from this event will go for candidate funding. The Annual Picnic is being planned and committees formed. The speaker agenda is ready for the coming year.

Elbert County RW has been working on their agenda. Elections were held in November and Andrea Richardson was elected President, Teri Guthrie was elected Vice-President, and Sheri Hewlett, Treasurer. The 2023 Patriotic Essay Topic was presented by Teri Guthrie: "DID OUR FOUNDING FATHERS ESTABLISH A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC OR A FULL DEMOCRACY?" February 6 is when the schools will receive the packets with instructions on the requirements for the students. Awards will be announced April 26/27. The winners will read their essays at the Lincoln Day Event.

Committee assignments for the May 6, 2023 Lincoln Day Dinner were discussed. The Elbert County RW are a big supporter of this event.

Districts IV and VI are planning their joint Districts meeting. They are going to plan an August date for the meeting.

DISTRICT V
Judith Jergensen, Director

The District V meeting is scheduled to held April 29, 2023, at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd, Colorado Springs. We will meet from 9:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. Our invited speaker is "Partners in Housing." This Organization aids those trying to improve their living situations, providing information and helping with life skills. The three clubs in District V are El Paso County Republican Women, Colorado Springs Republican Women, and Sunrise Republican Women. We will be working together to ensure an informational and enjoyable meeting. Watch for your invitation and registration!

DISTRICT VI
Lisa Fertman, Director

Cherry Creek Republican Women are off to a great start to the year. The board have some exciting and fresh new ideas to keep the club growing and moving forward into the future. Looking forward to all the great speakers Lynnne Cottrell has lined up for the monthly luncheons this year.

On February 14th, CCRW had a successful Mardi Gras Fundraiser Luncheon. Stephanie Hancock kicked off the fun by singing, "When the Saints Go Marching In". Deborah Flora was the MC and helped lead the Live and Silent Auction. The food was Cajun light, with Hurricane drinks, and an authentic King Cake. Prizes were given for best mask and for Mardi Gras scratch tickets. The masks were amazing and the live music added lots of fun to the event. A great time was had by all. Thank you to event coordinator, Jewell Hargrave for great fundraiser luncheon.

GREELEY RW
Jean Daviet, President



On February 6th, CFRW President Barbara Piper was honored to install the officers of the Greeley RW for 2023. Left to right, Wendy Warner, 3rd Vice President; Jean Daviet, President; Micki Holliday, 2nd Vice President; Gineen Kraft, Secretary; Amber Cecil, Treasurer; Barbara Piper. Missing from photo is Janet Krafft, 2nd Vice President.

WELD COUNTY RW
Gillian Smith, President



Barbara Piper, CFRW President, installed the 2023 officers of the Weld County RW on January 26th. Left to right, Heather Edmiston, Secretary; Gillian Smith, President; Tammy Klein, Vice President; Barbara Piper; and Marge Klein, Treasurer.

EL PASO COUNTY RW
Candi Boyer, President

Officer elections were held at our December Meeting. The following individuals were elected:



- Candi Boyer, President
- Cassandra Sebastian, 1st Vice President
- Valerie Settle, 2nd Vice President
- Brenda Conrad, Secretary
- Elizabeth Riggs, Treasurer



We also held a White Elephant Exchange at our December meeting and spent time celebrating the season and each other.



Some of our members attended a Christmas gathering with the local Log Cabin Republicans. We braved the cold outdoors to have our picture taken.



January's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are always concerned about the safety of our members and guests.



We are preparing for the Spring CFRW Meeting to be held April 21-23, 2023 at the Radisson Hotel in Colorado Springs. Look for further information from CFRW.

DOUGLAS COUNTY RW

Barbara Piper, President

Our November meeting was after the election and we heard from Political Analyst, Dick Wadhams on the outcome of the election.

We do not meet in December and so far in 2023, Mother Nature is not cooperating with our meeting dates, we have had to cancel our January and February meetings due to snow storms.

We are looking forward to our March meeting when we will be hearing from Congressman Ken Buck.



SUNRISE RW

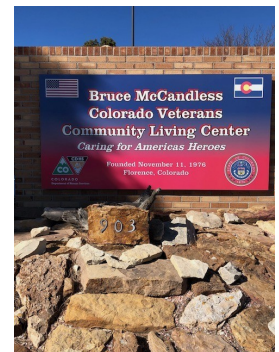
Sandy Shakes, President

SRW was honored and pleased to have Colorado GOP Chair, Kristi Burton Brown, as our guest speaker at our November meeting to discuss the 2023 post-election results and give her insights for moving forward.

SRW had our annual Christmas potluck luncheon on December 10. As usual, it was a wonderful time to gather in the spirit of Christmas with friends and family. This year we had a special treat to be serenaded by traditional Dickens Carolers. As part of SRW Christmas tradition, we gave generously to the Soldier Support at Fort Carson and Wreaths Across America.

SRW welcomed in the New year at our January meeting with a presentation by Councilman, David Donelson and his presentation was about the responsibilities of a Councilman.

February is the month of love and SRW showed our love for our veterans. On Friday, February 10, the three SRW members spent time talking to the veterans, offering cookies, and distributing Valentine cards that had been written by SRW members and guests, as well as local elected officials. Also, thank you to the Colorado Springs school children who made over 200 cards to give to our veterans.



Holly Donelson, Terry Hindmarsh, and Gail Yancy with one of the veterans we honored.

CHERRY CREEK RW
Evie Ashmore, President

During our December 13 meeting, we held a moment to remember Minority, Colorado State Representative House District 51, Hugh McKean who passed away. He came to our meeting in June to accept a check for \$4,000 for the Restore Colorado Leadership. His leadership will be missed. In addition, we invited candidates who ran for office and were not successful to thank them for stepping up to run. Nine candidates were able to join and have lunch on us. Deborah Flora lifted our spirits with her presentation "Hope for the Holidays".

In January, members were treated to a comic presentation by "Conservative Mama". Rachel is a wife, mom, and influencer, using comedy and satire to reach the unreachable. She incorporates her background in the Arts, in political satirical videos that have gone viral on social media. Members appreciated a laughter filled presentation. (See attached picture.)

Our creative Event Chair has been busy planning our annual fun fund raiser - a Mardi Gras party scheduled for February 14. This will be shared in the next Tusk Talk.



Rachel Kean, Conservative Momma
Evie Ashmore, President
Schume Navarro

LARIMER COUNTY RW
Sandra Aste, President

Our new officers for 2023 are:

- Sandra Aste, President
- Julie Deters, 1st Vice President, Programs
- Jahna Eichel, 2nd Vice President, Membership
- Althea Hrdlichka, Secretary
- Olivia McCaffrey, Treasurer



Barbara Piper, Installing Officer
Sandra Aste , Althea Hrdlichka , Olivia McCaffrey
Not pictured: Julie Deters and Jahna Eichel

LCRW meets every 2nd Tuesday for supper and an exciting program.

This past month we met on Valentine's Day with two avid Republican speakers from Loveland, our Sweetheart City. These ladies shared how they impact through their involvement in community arts, boards and commissions. Information about current legislation was also shared with action plans. Everyone present felt very empowered to create a positive impact this year in their own communities.



ARCHULETA COUNTY RW

Penny Webster, President

Our club installed the newly elected officers at our first meeting this year. Terri Olinger from SWCFRW conducted the swearing in of our new officers:

Penny Webster~President
Beverly Cuyler~1 st Vice President
Teresa Lussi~2 nd Vice President
Melinda Ratliff~Treasurer
Michelle Turney~Secretary

We provided refreshments for the reorganizational meeting for our Archuleta County Republican Central Committee.

Our next meeting in March will be a “baby shower” for the Aspire Pregnancy Center, who will speak to us about their needs and challenges in continuing

COLORADO SPRINGS RW

Vickie Tonkins, President



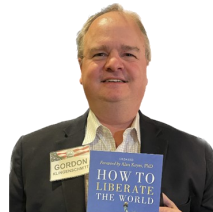
CSRW Members are proud to congratulate our President Vickie Tonkins, as she was elected to her THIRD TERM as the El Paso County Republican GOP CHAIRMAN at the February 11th Organizational Meeting. Pictured above (L-R) are Adriana Cuva (Secretary), Todd Watkins (Vice Chairman) & Vickie Tonkins (Chairman). Our members who were elected to serve are HD14 Vice Chair, Krisanne Young; HD22 Chair, Laurel Anne Flahive; SD9 Vice Chair, Kathy Stehlik, SD10 Secretary, Julia Lindahl; SD11 Chair, LaDonna Robertson; CDD1, Lindsay Moore; CCD2 Chair, Julia Lindahl. Vickie wishes to thank all their supporters that worked hard to help them with the meetings and elections.

NORTHWEST COLORADO RW

Shandy Deakins, President

Our officers for 2023:

Shandy Deakins - President
Chris Cooper - Vice President
Kristine Cooper - Secretary



Gordon Klingenschmitt



Dave Williams

OURAY COUNTY RW

Carroll Mitchell, President

Our officers for 2023:

Carroll Mitchell - President
Bette Maurer - Vice President
Deborah Boerner - Secretary
Vonnie Kuijvenhoven - Treasurer

At our February meeting, we were blessed to have past HD15 Representative Gordon Klingenschmitt and Dave Williams as our speakers. Gordon highlighted his book, “How To Liberate The World” and Dave spoke to us about how to get involved with our party, put our talk into action, and that we need to compete with “special interest” groups and their money.

MESA COUNTY RW
Alice Bumgarner, President

Our Officers for 2023 are:

Joan Kelsey Treasurer, Bonnita Wallace, Secretary, Melinda Guthrie 3rd Vice President Fund Raising, Carla Alley, 2nd Vice President Membership, open board position 1st Vice President Programs and Alice Bumgarner, President. Bonnita Wallace also serves as our chaplain.

We had a busy 4th quarter as I am sure everyone did. We delivered Pocket Constitution Books to 500 children in Dist 51 schools.

We held a Constitution Day barbeque at a local park to celebrate our Constitution and also to never forget September 11.

Many of our members helped cure ballots for Lauren Boebert's race since it was so close – she prevailed!

Our MCRW club helped send out 850 letters to college students to vote in their hometown for "Operation Hometowns". An analysis will be done to determine how it was received.

Our candidates selected from the June primary who went on to win in November:
Mesa County Commissioner: Bobby Daniel
Mesa County Sheriff: Todd Rowell
Mesa County Clerk: Bobbie Gross
Mesa County Assessor: Brent Goff
Mesa County Coroner: Dean Havlik
Mesa County Surveyor: Scott Thompson
Congressional District 3: Lauren Boebert
House District 54 - Matt Soper
House District 55 – Rick Taggart
Senate District 7 – Janice Rich

We are excited to get activities going for 2023 to get our candidates elected.

LONE CONE RW
Terri Lamers, President

Lone Cone Republican Women wrapped up 2022 with a Christmas social event at The Lone Cone Restaurant. We provided appetizers and the first drink in an effort to reach out to the community for new members. We had 6 non-members attend and express interest in LCRW. Pictured in the photo on the left is Vice President, Cyndy Vrabec and Brandi Griffith.

The ladies of the Lone Cone had a meeting scheduled on January 18 to discuss our goals and objectives for the new year. Mother Nature had other plans, and due to over a foot of snow and wind, we postponed that meeting until February 15, 2023. The next meeting will be held at 1555 Summit Street, Norwood, CO at 6:00 pm

Vice President
Cyndy Vrabec and
Brandi Griffith



MONTROSE COUNTY RW
Kerri Catlin, President

Our Officers for 2023:

President - Kerri Catlin
1st Vice President - Marti Barnes
2nd Vice President - Cherie Whiteford
Secretary - Marti Barnes
Treasurer - Diane Carabetta
Chaplain - Roena Frank

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