



Colorado Federation of Republican Women **TUSK TALK**



2ND QTR - 2023



Barbara Piper President



It is hard to believe that this is the Third Quarter Tusk Talk – where has the time gone?

Last week was our last District Meeting which was hosted by the Greeley Republican Women for District VIII. One of my goals was to attend every district meeting this year. I made all but one and had a reservation, but unfortunately got sick and couldn't attend.

We have elected our Delegates to the National Convention that will be held in Oklahoma City and we have a good size group going with several going for the first time which is exciting. Terri Olinger is so excited about going for the first time, I think she may already have her bags packed.

Colorado has some beautiful large mountains, but the largest mountain we have to climb is the challenge that we face to bring Colorado back to what it was.

I feel the spirit of freedom exists in the heart of every human being and that we are all still boldly confident about Colorado's future and hold dearly all that is good about our wonderful state.

If you believe as I do that a better future is still possible for the Centennial State, then I hope CFRW has your continued support to continue our mission of electing more Republicans as we work toward finally undoing the damage that the Democrats have unleashed.

You will be getting the Call for our CFRW Annual Convention soon. We have a wonderful lineup of speakers. I hope to see you all there.

I will quote British media personality one more time. She says we Americans have FREEDOM in our soul. She is right and therefore, that is why we will never quit fighting for our FREEDOM.

See you October 27-29 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. Thank you Larimer County Republican Women for hosting this event.

Barbara Piper
CFRW President

JUDITH JERGENSEN 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



The CFRW Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Convention is October 27, 28, and 29.

We will meet at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Loveland. There is a block of rooms allotted for our membership, so be sure to make your reservations by the due date for the special pricing. **Due date for the special pricing is October 4th.**

New officers will be elected at this meeting. It is important for all clubs to be involved by sending their delegates as determined by their membership totals. Your allotted delegate numbers are included in the call. The nominating committee has selected qualified candidates for each office and will present them at the meeting.

This election will be a very challenging one. We hope to help everyone prepare to support the Republican candidates and supported issues by presenting well-informed speakers at our convention. Topics will include Dark Money, (what it is, how it is used, and how it affects us), and ballot issues important to us all. Proposition HH is one of these issues that is deceptively worded and will affect every Colorado tax payer. The more we know about these issues, the better prepared we will be to help others understand and get out the vote to defeat them!

*The first step toward the solution of any problem is optimism!
If you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right!*

ClubName	Total	Delegates to Fall Convention			
Archuleta Co. RW	18	3			
Boulder RW	65	6			
Centennial RW	10	2			
Chaffee Co. RW	10	2			
Cherry Creek RW	116	9			
Colorado Springs RW	45	5			
Denver RW	17	3			
Douglas Co. RW	72	6			
El Paso Co. RW	39	4			
Elbert Co. RW	23	3			
Greeley RW	23	3			
Jefferson Co. RWC	17	3			
Larimer Co. RW	29	3			
Lone Cone RW	15	3			
Longmont RW	24	3			
Mesa Co. RW	55	5			
Montrose Co. RW	28	3			
North West RW	20	3			
Otero Co. RW	18	3			
Ouray Co. RW	14	2			
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RW of Montezuma Co.	17	3			
RW of Weld County	20	3			
San Luis Valley RW	14	2			
Southwest RW	57	5			
Summit Co. RW	36	4			
Sunrise RW	52	5			
CO State Total					
Member & Delegate Counts	864	98			
Membership totals as of 5-31-23					
Delegate Count is: 1 for Club - 1 for President, 1 for every 15 members					
The above Club Names are how you are chartered with NFRW.					
You will need to request a change with NFRW if you wish to use club name in a different format.					
Word "Club" may not be used.					
Also, if you show a different total of members as of May 31, 2023,					
please contact 2nd VP, Julia Lindahl at: jalerp@aol.com					



CFRW CENTENNIAL CLUB 2023

Centennial Club members 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. There's room to add your name.....

Judy Allen
Evie Ashmore
Sandra Aste*
Judy Bohn
Kerri Catlin*
Joan Griep
Teri Guthrie*
Patricia Holte
Charles Holte
Judith Jergensen

Jerry Jergensen
Susy Johnson
Marty Kinsley*
Marge Klein
Victoria Lundquist
Olivia McCaffery
Renee Nelson
Barbara Piper
Melinda Ratliff*
Andrea Richardson

Marie Rossmiller
Gillian Smith
Dona Troyer
Wendy Warner

New Members*

The Centennial Club is very important to the support of the Colorado Federation of Republican Women. We sincerely appreciate our NEW and renewing memberships for 2023.

Centennial Club Co-Chairs: Evie Ashmore and Joan Griep

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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**CFRW
2023 CONVENTION
AND
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 27-29, 2023
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BY HILTON
LOVELAND HOTEL
CONFERENCE CENTER**

Consider your club putting an ad in the Convention program or approaching a conservative business person you know about an ad.

Inside Back Page - \$125

Full Page - \$80

Half Page - \$60

Quarter Page - \$40

Business Card - \$25

Mail Check for ad to:

Juli James

7604 South Platteview Dr

Littleton, CO 80128

Email ad to: bpiper1111@aol.com

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**DEADLINE FOR ADS AND MONEY IS
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

President: Eileen Sobjack

124 N. Alfred St. Alexandria, VA 22314

703.548.9688 | mail@nfrw.org

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.

National Federation of Republican Women

Membership Information

As of the April Board of Director's Meeting, with paid membership to CFRW by March 31, 2023, there were 25 active clubs (with 10 or more members), for a total of 743 members.

As of August 10, 2023 we have 868 members.

Delegates for our Fall Convention are determined by club membership submitted and **POSTMARKED** on or before **May 30th**. Per CFRW Bylaws 10.3:

- A. Club delegates shall be apportioned on the number of members whose annual dues are received by the CFRW Treasurer postmarked on or before May 30 of the annual convention year.
- B. In addition to each club's President, the club is entitled to an additional delegate.
- C. Each club is entitled to one additional delegate for each fifteen (15) members.
- D. Each club is entitled to as many alternates as delegates, alternates being ranked by club according to highest number of votes each received.



Small Donor Committee – Julia Lindahl, Chairman

Donation form is attached for your contribution.

Thank you to those CFRW members who donated in 2023:

Stacey Casteel, Kerri Catlin, Kristine Cooper, Shandy Deekins, Gillian Smith - for a total of \$410.00. Another donation was made (6-23) by Antonette D. Smith for 50.00.

Current balance in the CFRW Small Donor Committee is \$460.00

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Region		State	Paid Membership as of Aug 10, 2023	Membership 12.31.2022	Current Membership %	Change from last week
Region 7	DC	District of Columbia	20	0	—	
Region 6	PR	Puerto Rico	36	0	—	
Region 9	VT	Vermont	25	0	—	
Region 9	NY	New York	785	519	151%	
Region 3	MN	Minnesota	466	370	126%	2%
Region 3	SD	South Dakota	503	438	115%	1%
Region 7	WV	West Virginia	296	263	113%	
Region 5	MS	Mississippi	1147	1074	107%	
Region 8	WI	Wisconsin	710	701	101%	
Region 7	PA	Pennsylvania	757	754	100%	
Region 2	AK	Alaska	23	23	100%	
Region 9	ME	Maine	50	51	98%	
Region 9	CT	Connecticut	51	53	96%	
Region 8	IA	Iowa	582	621	94%	
Region 8	IN	Indiana	969	1038	93%	
Region 1	OR	Oregon	579	629	92%	1%
Region 1	HI	Hawaii	69	75	92%	
Region 6	GA	Georgia	1009	1103	91%	
Region 6	AL	Alabama	1595	1753	91%	
Region 5	MO	Missouri	905	999	91%	
Region 9	NH	New Hampshire	279	309	90%	1%
Region 5	TN	Tennessee	2012	2232	90%	
Region 4	TX	Texas	10400	11587	90%	1%
Region 2	AZ	Arizona	2864	3193	90%	
Region 7	OH	Ohio	1225	1376	89%	
Region 1	ID	Idaho	681	768	89%	1%
Region 7	DE	Delaware	200	226	88%	
Region 9	NJ	New Jersey	597	683	87%	
Region 6	FL	Florida	3115	3579	87%	
Region 4	LA	Louisiana	1500	1724	87%	
Region 1	WA	Washington	1272	1466	87%	
Region 2	NV	Nevada	1412	1634	86%	
Region 4	KS	Kansas	493	572	86%	
Region 7	VA	Virginia	1615	1885	86%	
Region 4	OK	Oklahoma	774	905	86%	
Region 8	IL	Illinois	512	605	85%	
Region 7	MD	Maryland	1205	1424	85%	
Region 4	NM	New Mexico	801	960	83%	2%
Region 6	SC	South Carolina	1085	1309	83%	2%
Region 3	CO	Colorado	868	1070	81%	
Region 5	AR	Arkansas	732	909	81%	
Region 6	NC	North Carolina	2328	2903	80%	
Region 5	KY	Kentucky	788	986	80%	
Region 1	MT	Montana	455	577	79%	
Region 2	UT	Utah	154	209	74%	
Region 3	WY	Wyoming	299	425	70%	
Region 3	NE	Nebraska	127	193	66%	
Region 2	CA	California	5699	9537	60%	1%
Region 8	MI	Michigan	155	296	52%	
Region 9	RI	Rhode Island	1	16	6%	
—	—	National At-Large	40	63	63%	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP			54,265	64,085	85%	1%

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**WENDY WARNER
THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
District Meetings**



The CFRW District Meetings are now underway, with District V already having held their meeting. These meetings are a great way to meet CFRW members from other clubs and hear great programs!

Upcoming meetings and the District Director contact are as follows:

Date	District/Sponsoring Club	Program if available	Contact
5/20/23	I – Denver RW	State Rep. Rose Pugliese	Celeste Gamache 719-238-0652
6/3/23	IIISW– Cone RW	Erin Lee – Upcoming documentary Danger of Gender Ideology in Schools	Terri Oliger 970-225-3648
6/10/23	VII – Jeffco RW	Natalie Meyer – Protecting TABOR on the Ballot	Dona Troyer 303-594-1503
6/17/23	II – Larimer RW		Marty Neilson 303-747-2159
7/22/23	IIIN – Mesa County RW		Alice Bumgarner 970-250-5432
8/2/23	IV and VI – Douglas County RW, Cherry Creek RW, Elbert County RW		Judy Allen 303-841-7202 Evie Ashmore 303-746-4608
8/12/23	VIII – Greeley RW		Stacey Casteel 970-590-6310

Meetings are open to all CFRW members but often reservations are requested.

District and Club Reports



**All submissions for the
4th Quarter 2023 MUST BE IN
to Billie Nigro**

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

**To:
BillieN.COREpWomen@gmail.com**

DISTRICT II

Marty Neilson, Director

District II Annual Meeting was held Saturday, June 17, 2023 at C.B.Potts in Ft. Collins, with Larimer County RW hosting. The venue was beautifully decorated, the food was excellent, and attendance was also excellent. After LCRW President Sandra Aste provided the necessary site information, District Director Marty Neilson called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. , welcoming CFRW officers, club members, and guests. Invocation was given by Longmont RW President, Tara Menza with Marty Kinsley , Boulder RW, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. CFRW Officers in attendance were President Barbara Piper, Third Vice President Wendy Warner, District IV Director Judy Allen, each of whom gave a brief message. State Representative Lisa Frizell was also introduced and welcomed. LCRW President Sandra Aste introduced our first speaker Representative Mike Lynch who gave a heartfelt message about why he does what he does and how very proud he is of his Republican team. He highlighted some small positives from the last session and some of the horrors. Sandra also introduce radio host Kim Monson who encouraged us to keep fighting for Republican principles and to always be working hard in our local elections also, especially to support earnest school board candidates. Their messages were to the point, uplifting, and from the heart. Members and guests left with an appreciation for these two patriots and their teams for what they do every day.

NFRW Convention is next on the calendar. Three of our four member clubs are sending delegates to Oklahoma City with the charge to elect new leadership, evaluate bylaw amendments, and vote our conscience.

Then in October, CFRW will convene to elect new leadership for the next two years! Encourage your club members to get to know the candidates and certainly attend this important convention.

DISTRICT IV

Judy Allen, Director

And

DISTRICT VI

Evie Ashmore, Director

The combined Districts 4 & 6 Luncheon was held on August 5 co-hosted by the Cherry Creek Republican Women, Douglas County Republican Women, and Elbert County Republican Women, 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?". She read the essay. Ryann was the middle school winner of the contest and is home schooled.

The Honorable Rose Pugliese, Colorado State 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 tools 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 by becoming knowledgeable of the ballot initiative and telling family and friends.

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



Rose Pugliese



Andrea Richardson, President ECRW, Essay Winner Ryann Swan and her Mom Angie Swan



Evie Ashmore, Rose Pugliese and Judy Allen



Barbara Piper, CFRW President

DISTRICT VIIN

Dona Troyer, Director

District VIIN currently has one club, Jefferson County Republican Women. Broomfield is considered inactive. Our District meeting was a success on June 10th. We had a very interesting presentation on Proposition HH from Natalie Menten regarding the Taxpayer Bill of Rights that the legislature wants to take away. We are gearing up for our annual Chili Dinner and cook-off that is scheduled for October 7th. This is the 67th year that our club has been doing this event. We are inviting School Board candidates to come and give a preview of their desire to help Jefferson County schools receive a better education.

LONE CONE RW

Terri Lamers, President

The Lone Cone Republican Women hosted our 2nd SW District III meeting on June 3 in Norwood, CO. We were honored to have CFRW President, Barbara Piper and 3rd VP Wendy Warner in attendance. We also appreciate the women of the district who traveled quite a distance to attend. After our heavy winter snowfall and plenty of irrigation water, Wright's Mesa was so green and beautiful!

We kicked off our "Garden Party" meeting with CFRW's Chaplain Maria Rossmiller. She presented a video with the history of "The Star Spangled Banner". What a moving experience this was for the ladies in attendance.

We enjoyed a light lunch of finger sandwiches and salads. We handed out many door prizes throughout the day and enjoyed locally baked mini cupcakes decorated as flowers.

To top off the event, Erin Lee spoke about her experience with her local school district and how they falsely led her daughter into gender ideology via a false "art club" at the school. You can follow Erin on Facebook at "Erin For ParentaRights". The video of her presentation at our event can be viewed on [Erin Lee speaks at Lone Cone Republican Women event - YouTube](#)

MONTROSE COUNTY RW

Kerri Catlin, President

Summer has been sizzling hot with activity for Montrose Women. We participated in community events and capitalized on national observances to get our women's message and brand out to the public.

Montrose Women helped display 650 three-foot tall American flags on the courthouse lawn to commemorate Memorial Day in May and again to celebrate Flag Day in June. We also waved American flags and had a flag convoy drive the town.

Our June meeting/luncheon was our 2023 MRW Scholarship Awards Ceremony. We awarded two area high school girl graduates a \$1500 check, medal of excellence, and honored them with a party. A news article and photo were published in the local media.

July was also a busy month. We entered our float in the July 4th parade. Our theme was "Continue the Legacy - Join Our Symphony of Women". Two weeks later, we retro-fitted our float for the fair parade. At our fair booth, we sold jewelry, hats, and raffle tickets. Our July meeting was an ice cream sundae bar, a program featuring the History of the American Flag. CFRW President Barbara Piper and 3rd VP Wendy Warner stopped in to party with us. The next day we attended the North III District meeting in Grand Junction. In May, the Southwest District III meeting in Norwood was also attended.

For August, we will commemorate Suffragette Day, August 26th, and push the message to register to vote. We will also be collecting donations for pocket Constitutions to deliver to our school district for distribution. We do this project in conjunction with our Representative Marc Catlin. Constitution Day is Sept 17th.



2023 MRW Scholarship Recipients Paige Schulz, Tanner Carroll with HD58 Rep Marc Catlin



4th of July Parade Float



MRW Mascot Elle Elephant



Montrose County Fair Float

EL PASO COUNTY RW

Candi Boyer, President

The El Paso County Assessor spoke to us at our May meeting & addressed the tax assessments that went out earlier this year. He explained that because the Gallagher Amendment was removed and the legislature put no provision in place, the tax assessments went up significantly. He also shared information about how taxpayers could appeal their assessments.



For our May meeting we hosted a BBQ to thank our Legislators and Elected Officials. We heard a report from the State House & Senate members.



We had a booth at the Monument 4th of July Street Fair and shared information to register voters and we had flyers about Prop HH. We had a lot of good questions and interactions.



August provided us with the opportunity to host a booth at the El Paso County Fair for a week. We had a good group of volunteers to staff the booth. In addition to doing the push to register people to vote and share the flyers about Prop HH, we also got petitions signed to counteract Prop HH.

MONTROSE COUNTY RW

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MRW July meeting with executive team & CFRW Pres Barbara Piper 3rdVP Wendy Warner



We Are Barbie! MRW Executive Team

DISTRICT V

Judith Jergensen, Director

CFRW District V successfully completed our annual meeting in April as reported in the May Tusk Talk. Since then, our clubs have participated in several county-wide events as excellent ambassadors of our Federation women.

Sunrise Republican Women entered a float in the Monument Independence Day parade on July 4th. Their float represented the parade theme, "The Greatest Generation: Honoring our WW II veterans" and earned two ribbons, including the special Announcer's Award. Members helped man the Peak Republicans booth at the El Paso County Fair, talking with visitors about the issues we face this election cycle. Their Old-Fashioned Political Picnic was well attended and great fun!

The El Paso County Republican Women helped in the Republican booth at the Monument Independence Day parade, sharing information and distributing materials relating to upcoming legislation important to us all. Members continued their commitment to engage the public in important election issues and distribute educational materials at the El Paso County Fair. They also had a successful summer picnic. Coming in September is the EPCRW chili cook-off! Judging will be El Paso County Sheriff, Joe Roybal. There certainly shouldn't be any complaints about fairness!

The Colorado Springs Republican Women are striving to keep their members informed with an array of knowledgeable speakers. They, too, volunteered at the El Paso County Fair Republican booth.

If we all commit to getting as much election information to the public as we are able, and stay true to our conservative values, we can make a difference!



Judith's grandson is wearing her father's WWII Army Air Corps Uniform



CHERRY CREEK RW

Evie Ashmore, President

Cherry Creek Republican Women partnered with the Arapahoe County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner on June 3 by providing the silent auction items bringing in needed funding to help win in November.

Our May 9 meeting had Lori Gimelshteyn, founder of Colorado Parent Advocacy Network. She spoke on what her organization is doing to mobilize parents.

Heidi Ganahl was our keynote speaker at our June 13 luncheon. She spoke about her experience running for Governor as well as her podcast called UNLEASHED. Heidi spectacularly ended our program year for the summer as we do not meet in July and August.

We are in the process of revamping our website and expect to roll it out soon. Stay tuned.



Lori Gimelshteyn,
Evie Ashmore and
CCRW Member
Marcia Saas.

NORTHWEST COLORADO RW

Shandy Deakins, President

We had a presentation from one of our members who has done extensive research on voter rolls for each county in Colorado. She presented the patterns that she found state wide that showed suspicious changes in the numbers right around elections.

We had booths at our local county fair and the Balloon Festival. We handed out informational flyers on Proposition HH, constitution books, cards that have important election related dates for 2023 and 2024 and the QR code to register to vote. We also had a certified member present to register voters and update addresses. Our booth had a lot of traffic which was very positive.

SUMMIT COUNTY RW

Tess Scalise, President

Summit County Republican Women and Summit County Colorado Republicans are working together to encourage concerned citizens to become candidates in the upcoming school board election. There will be four open positions which could change the progressive direction of the current school board. Following training from the National School Board Coalition in June, we are actively recruiting volunteers to assist in this effort. We are also providing support to candidates who support academic achievement and successful futures for our children – rather than the indoctrination of DEI and gender confusion. We are also submitting letters to the editor that highlight the alarming student achievement scores and destructive policies being promoted in our schools in Summit County. We consistently run into challenges created by a biased local media that refuses to print most of our letters.

On August 5 at the Republican's annual picnic, two guest speakers addressed important education issues. Pam Benigno, director of the Education Policy Center at the Independence Institute, highlighted several inappropriate books that are being promoted surreptitiously in our elementary schools. She also directed us to valuable resources available online at <https://i2i.org/education/>. The second speaker, Lori Gimelshteyn, co-founder and executive director of both the Cherry Creek Parent Advocacy Network (www.cherrycreekparents.org) and Colorado Parent Advocacy Network (www.coloradoparents.org), emphasized the need for parental involvement to overcome failing academic achievement, secret gender transitioning, and other issues that are harming our children.

We look forward to celebrating Constitution Day on September 17 with an ad in the local newspaper and letters to the editor highlighting the blessings of our freedom.



Summit County Republicans Mike and Barb Tabb (center) greeted guest speakers Lori Gimelshteyn (left) and Pam Benigno (right) at the annual Republican picnic in Breckenridge on August 5th.

BOULDER RW

Marty Kinsley, President

May 16, 2023, Boulder Republican Women heard an uplifting message from the Colorado Republican Chairman, Dave Williams. He is seeking to advance conservative Republican principles and encouraged us to join him. He is very optimistic about the future of the GOP in Colorado.

June 17, 2023 four members of BRW attended the CFRW District 2 meeting in Ft Collins. BRW President Marty Kinsley, BRW Newsletter Editor Linda Erdman, BRW Communications Chairman LeMoine Dowd, and BRW Legislation Liaison and CFRW District 2 Director Marty Neilson all appreciated the wonderful venue and enlightening program prepared by the Ft Collins club.

Marty Neilson is very excited to represent BRW at the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City!

Following our summer hiatus, BRW's meeting will be September 19th at a new location, the restaurant 95@. Our speaker will be a former BRW member and LRW President, the newly elected Chairman of Boulder County Republicans, Tara Menza.



CO GOP Chairman Dave Williams speaking at BRW's May meeting. Far left is BRW Chaplin Gerry Gifford. In red jacket is BRW President Marty Kinsley.

ELBERT COUNTY RW

Andrea Richardson, President

Elbert County Republican Women have been meeting all summer. With all the rain and flooding that has taken place over the summer, these women met July 8 and helped with the Flood Rescue in Elbert County. They worked alongside the ECGOP using shovels, hammers and anything else that was required to help this effort.

They worked with the Elbert County Fair and put on a Pancake Breakfast August 6. The money earned from this is used for candidates.

The June meeting's guest speaker Senator Rod Pelton District 35, gave a rundown on what happened at the legislature this session.

SOUTHWEST RW
Terri Oliger, President

What a fun summer we've had! We held our 2nd annual BBQ social at Moody's event center in Bayfield, CO. We started this tradition to bring our members together in a social gathering every July. We held it in the evening instead of a luncheon to allow members that cannot always make it to the luncheon and invite friends that generally don't get involved with politics. It's a fun event that we plan on doing annually. This month (August) we will be hosting a speaker from Operation Underground Railroad! After watching the movie, Sound of Freedom, I felt compelled to reach out to this organization. To my surprise, they responded to my request to come and speak with our club! I guess it never hurts to ask! All you have to do is go onto their website or I can give you our contact from O.U.R. Rescue. Looking forward to seeing you at our fall convention!

JEFFERSON COUNTY RW
Sherry Glennon, President

April--We had outreach to HB 1169, HB23-1003, HB1190, HB23-1249, SB-213
Speakers: Candidates for Special Districts.
Announcements:
Foothills Fire District Candidate Forum Apr 20
May- -VP #1 and VP #3 resigned.
Election to be held Aug 12.
Presentation ESG (Environmental Social Governance)
Prop HH
CFRW Dist 7 Luncheon June 10, 2023
Legislative wins: HB23-1202 SB23 -213 lost
Congratulations: 2 delegates to NFRW Convention
SJC to host Tina Peters zoom
WCS June 9 and 10
June and July no-- meetings
July 15 volunteer hours sent to NFRW
July 22 Family Picnic and Field Day.
Upcoming August:
Election for board officers
Speaker, Jeffco GOP Chair
School Board and City Council elections Nov 7

COLORADO SPRINGS RW

We have had some amazing speakers in our monthly meetings, from our new State Party Chair, before he was Chair, as well as current School Board Members for District 49, Jamilynn D'Avola and Ivy Liu,

Our club members have participated in many activities this year. We donated \$200.00 to the American Legion "Girls State" applicants. This is a program where high school juniors and seniors are given the opportunity to spend a week learning about the legislative process. The club voted to continue support for the El Paso County GOP by donating \$240.00 to date. Our club voted to support the State Republican Party with \$500.00. We made donations to the American Legion "Baby Shower", which helps military members with baby supplies as well as clothing for other military families in need.

CSRW had a successful annual Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser in July at DCF Guns. We not only had great ice cream, great food, raised money, and had great fellowship, but we shot our personal weapons as well. Our club desires to make sure our members are prepared to exercise our Second Amendment rights when necessary. CSRW is growing with new people joining our club each month.

Many members attended the first State Central Committee under the new leadership. Some of our members are voting members on the committee and several volunteered to help the new leadership wherever we were needed.

Sam Adams stated - *"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that his not making a present or a complaint to please an individual - or at least he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country. He may then reflect, each one on his own integrity, and appeal to the Monitor within his breast, that he has not trifled with the sacred trust reposed in him by God and his country - that he has not prostituted, his honor and conscience to please a friend or a patron."*

MESA COUNTY RW

Linda Weber, President

The April luncheon highlighted a presentation from our Mesa County Assessor on property tax increases, the reasons behind them and what we as citizens can do. It's a hot topic due to the dramatic increase in property values and assessments and it was great to hear from him. Additionally, we have a new charter school opening this fall, Ascent Classical Academy. This school aligns with our Republican core values and it was an honor to donate a 12' X 19' flag to the school. This donation afforded us the ability to receive some positive advertising for our Republican Women's Group as it was aired the News.

May brought an annual fun event to the ladies' group along with a fundraising program. Our annual Mother's Day Basket silent auction was held at Ocotillo Restaurant with a beautiful backdrop of the Colorado National Monument. Each lady was given a flower for attending and had the opportunity to bid on 8 different silent auction baskets. It's always a fun event. We also had our new Republican Mesa County Commissioner and our new Republican Mesa County Clerk and Recorder come and speak about their first 100 days in office.

June was another stirring and memorable event. We recognized the appointee to the United States Air Force Academy from Mesa County. Congresswomen Boebert had nominated him and it was with great pleasure we heard him speak about his lifelong desire to go to the Academy and his gratefulness of our support. We also honored all attending military currently serving and former veterans, 14 in all, and had them each speak about their service and any advice they had to the academy appointee. It was a heartfelt meeting and everyone there was blessed. July is always the 4th of July celebration helping out with the GOP at the parade and a BBQ afterward. Congresswomen Boebert walked with us in the parade and she received rousing applause through the entire route. Apparently, Republicans come out to celebrate the 4th of July and the freedom it stands for.

As for the rest of the year, who knows what we will come up with. We have a school board election coming up in November along with some ballot

ARCHULETA COUNTY RW

Penny Webster, President

We had our June meeting with speakers Dave and Beverly Cuyler, our VP. They spoke on a topic that was very well received titled, "**ACRW & ACRC: Who are we and what are the differences.**"

We did not have a July meeting because we entered a float in our Pagosa Springs Fourth of July Parade. We had great fun decorating, walking alongside and handing out candy to the children, big and small. The theme of our parade was **FREEDOM!**

We participated in our County fair the 4th and 5th of August. We had a very colorful booth, handed out pocket Constitutions and asked people to fill out a survey in which they would have the opportunity to win a 3'x5' American flag. All in all, the fair was a great time in meeting locals and visitors alike.

Our August meeting was very well attended. We presented several topics for discussion including an explanation of Proposition HH, given by Marybeth Snyder, which was very well presented with a lot of input from attendees. We had a discussion on election integrity given by Debbie Copple. It was told that an election integrity group, of about 18 people, has been formed, hoping to find a way to change our voting system.



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propositions on the ballot the we need to address. We are looking forward to the rest of year ahead where we can piggyback onto the plans of the Mesa County GOP and continue to support all our conservative candidates.



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