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President's Corner NMFRW President Barbara McClain

Last April I started planning for this board meeting with a visit to Isleta Casino. The committee picked the

date, menu, and program and we were happy. In August I checked and found the Casino gave away our Saturday. That would not work; therefore, I had to scramble to find a new location here at Courtyard by Marriott.

During the summer, I worked with Region B Chairman Marie Sorensen on the fund raiser for Nora Espinoza, which included a silent auction. At that time, we learned "Rosie the Bus" was coming to New Mexico. I arranged for the bus to tour Roswell and Rio Rancho, no other Clubs participated. NMFRW presented NFRW President Carrie Almond with a gift basket "A Taste of New Mexico," all products from NM.



In September, National FRW sent press releases stating we as an organization of women supported Donald J. Trump. No news print media would print this and the State Party was too busy to send it also. After several attempts, I was forced to use email and Facebook. Oh, Oh the electronic age!

Several clubs faced the dilemma of no new people wanting to fill FRW offices. NFRW advised us to change our bylaws to allow officers to succeed more than 2 terms. This has been challenging, but very rewarding, to see all your beautiful faces.

NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports

First VP Report – Joan M. Boue´

Our guest speaker for our NMFRW Board meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2016, was NFRW President Carrie Almond. Special thanks to Elaine Miller for her help in getting Carrie to NM. I am working on our speaker for our Winter Board meeting in Santa Fe, more to follow.

Membership – Rhonda Stockert

What an amazing time we are privileged to be living in with the election of President-elect Donald Trump. It is a new era in politics and in rebuilding of our great nation. As Republican Women, we have opportunities to help shape our great nation with actions that we take at National, State, and local levels. Republican women have always dreamed big and we have bold ideas.

In reviewing the membership numbers for this board meeting, I was not surprised to see that some momentum has been lost due to the political process being so toxic this cycle. Every club except for five have slight losses in their overall membership numbers. The five clubs that did have growth are San-Bern FRW, The Party of Lincoln, Chaves County FRW, Grant County FRW, and Socorro County FRW. To the Presidents and incoming Presidents of these five clubs, thank you for your dedication and hard work in your accomplishments. To Joan Boue I want to give special recognition for her determination, hard work and long hours that she has put in her club as it grew by 14.7 percent over last year. I have reviewed all numbers by region and this is how it has broken down by percentage. Region A has lost 6.64 percent in membership,

Region B has lost 13.57 percent in membership, and Region C lost 2.6 percent in membership.

Opportunities have been given to NM Republican women to share values of conservatism and include of women from all walks of life. What an awesome challenge! FRW women dare to dream big and bold to create a better environment for all in our great state. Our Regional Directors are here to help and want success for all clubs in our state.

Member-at-Large Report – Jo Mitchell

While you may be breathing a sigh of relief that elections are over, they are not quite over yet. The state party office has issued a call for the State Central Committee to meet on Sunday, December 11, to elect the party officers for the next two years. You will remember that four or five years ago, the Central Committee changed the rules, so that state party officers are elected in the fall and county party officers are elected after the first of the year. This, of course, means that the out-going Central Committee members elect the officers for the next two-year term.

I asked State Chairwoman Debbie Maestas, if she was going to run again and she said she would be announcing her decision along with the call for the meeting and she also wanted to allow candidates for the offices to announce their own run. County party reorganizations will occur early next year.

Since many of our clubs are electing new officers now, this might be a good time to review our clubs' representation on county central committees. Please review your county's rules to see if your club has representation on the county central committee. If your county has a rule allowing this, you should be sure to make county officials aware of the club officer, who will represent your club on the central committee. Often that position is the club president, but again, depending on what your club rules say, it could be someone else. And we should all take responsibility to see that our club representative is included on the county list and gets calls to participate on the county central committee.

If your county party rules do not mention FRW club representatives, this would be a good time to submit a request to your county chair and county rules committee to get such a rule included. The state party rules set the pattern for allowing representation on the central committee. The state central committee allows our organization three

representatives, the president and two members-at-large. I might note that in cases like Bernalillo County where there are several clubs, the Bernalillo County rules have always allowed every club within the county to have a representative, if representatives live in the county. We want to be a strong part of the Republican Party in this state and need to take every opportunity to participate in party activities.

NM State Committeewoman – Rosie Tripp

WE WON! Tuesday was a big night for Republicans. It was a testament to what can be done when our Party comes together. For four years, the RNC has been working on an organization with a permanent field operation in every battleground state. It is a product of everything for which millions of volunteers and supporters have worked tirelessly for months and even years. That effort paid off in delivering the White House and keeping the U.S. Senate and House majorities. It proved one big thing . . . voters made it clear that they want Republicans to take the country in a new direction.

Congratulations to President-elect Donald Trump and Vice-President-elect Mike Pence and the Republican majorities in the House and Senate. It is now up to all of us to work on fixing Washington and bringing prosperity and pride back to the American people.

On the NM side, we didn't fare too well. We lost five seats in the House and two in the Senate, Sadly, we are back in the minority. We ran a hard-fought race. Bright spots for NM were Greg Baca, who defeated Michael Sanchez and Justice Judith Nakamura, who was elected as the first Republican female on the NM Supreme Court.

Our work is just beginning. In two years, we have a Governor's race, House seats to regain, an AG race, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and two U.S. Senate seats to win. But for now, let's bask in the glow of our victories this go around.

Campaign Committee Report – Elaine Miller Strike Forces

As part of our 2016 NFRW Campaign Committee Plan to ***Take Back the White House***, we sent Strike Forces to assist in 11 targeted states – Nevada, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Colorado. Strike Forces were groups of volunteers, who traveled at their

own expense, into a state for a long weekend in October during the Early Voting period. These volunteers were positive encouragers providing extra eyes, hands, feet, and voices to help with the **Get Out the Vote** effort.

Campaign Committee Spearheads were assigned to these 11 states and coordinated with the state federation president, the RNC State Director, and each candidate's campaign to determine the needs of that state. I have not received a report from Chair Barbara Trautman regarding outcome of these campaigns and will send a follow-up report when I have the information.

Caring for America – Chairman Jean Snyder

We have identified a young man from New Mexico serving in the United States Air Force. Our outreach project for this year is to send a Christmas card to his troop from each FRW member attending our Fall Board Meeting. A card will be given to you, please sign and identify where you are from in New Mexico. Please write a message wishing them Merry Christmas and thanking them for serving us and protecting our freedom. Return the card to Joan, Teresa, or Margaret from Chaves County FRW to be mailed. Thank you for your participation in this endeavor.

Community Engagement – Marianne Chiffelle

In this election year, it was even more important to reach out to the Community. It still amazes me, that most of the persons I meet are so poorly informed about our Government and its rules and regulations. I am sure we can blame it on our failing education system. I never try to change their minds. I let them explain "WHY" they think the way they do and then offer my comments. Re-education never stops.

Leadership – Jo Mitchell

Well, the election is over. We have had enough time to count our wins and unfortunately some losses. For me the wins included the campaign I was working on, Justice Nakamura, and then locally sending Michael Sanchez on his way. Obviously, the presidential race and control of Congress were also major. Losses were the Secretary of State, control of the State House and our dream of controlling the State Senate.

I am sure that you heard all the pre-election talk about how the Republican Party was done, kaput, gone. It is interesting that now it is the Democrat Party that is looking for a future. So, certainly in

New Mexico, we should make the most of this victory and build a path that will give us more victories in the future. With that in mind, I want to speak a little about something I learned working on a statewide campaign and suggest that there are things our organization should do to make Republicanism a little easier.

One of the things that was really frustrating for us were the number of counties where there were two, or maybe even three factions that would not speak or work with each other. That meant that a statewide candidate had to work with, not 33 county groups, but quite a number more. And we were even told that if we did things with one faction the other one would not help us. This makes a statewide candidate's job tough. Donald Trump was quoted as saying, "It is really too bad that a Republican candidate has to fight the Republican Party." We certainly didn't have the same reasons he had for saying that, but it was still a big frustration, even though we tried to stay out of the differences that divided people.

I am always amazed that ALL the Democrats seem to know and never fail to spout the party line. Do they all think alike? Surely not! But they always put aside their differences and spoke the party line and it makes them look much more confident, like they have their act together.

So, what about us? "Losing is hard," Hillary said, and yes, we know that. But we have not learned the thing all athletic teams know. When you lose, you suck it up and go on. The most important thing is that we are a team and need every member to carry his part of the load. You don't have to like the other guy, but he has a part in our team and we need him.

I wish that we, as Republican women and leaders, spread across this state could make it our mission to teach all Republicans in our communities that the time for us to work out our differences is in the primary election and when it is over we suck it up and work as a team. We are outnumbered, so we need our team to be stronger than theirs. That is the only way we can start winning. I know this is not easy but someone must start—let it be us.

Legislative Initiative – Patricia Houston

Greetings NMFRW! Yea President Trump! I'm doing my "Happy Dance."

At the last minute, I was appointed to work Early Voting commencing mid-October! Valencia

County has outdated voting booths, computers, printers; and so does the Secretary of State in their voting machines. That meant we had machines down every day, so long hours were required to make reports, etc. All of that to say again my report is not only skidding in by the wire, but is short, sweet and to the point.

"The Legislature took back money appropriated several years ago, which was not spent, and depleted NM's reserves to cover the shortfall for the last fiscal year. They will need to address the current year shortfall in the next regular session!"

PAC – Nancy Loisel

Ladies, Since June 2016, the following actions were taken regarding the NMFRW PAC. June 2016 bank balance was \$251.00. Paid \$18.00 to order bank checks, remaining balance \$233.00. In accordance with the Election Handbook of the State of New Mexico, to support candidates, the maximum allowable expenditure of \$5,400.00 could be distributed for the 2016 Primary and \$5,400.00 for the General Election totaling \$10,800.00 (see attachment).

Based on established NMFRW PAC Rules (attached) approved August 2012, nine checks totaling \$10,800 were issued (2nd attachment). We received several thank you letters.

Senior Americans – Marianne Chiffelle

As I mentioned in my last report, we have started an organization named TEENIORS. It does well, gets more and more recognition and that means that our Seniors get more help with their electronic devices. The grandparenting group is getting more active in reaching out to their own and other grandchildren.

There is something else that disturbs me and that is that lots of our Seniors are hungry. We are reaching out to them, as they are identified. There are many reasons they are in this situation. I am old myself and I am glad that I can help the needy.

New Mexico Club Presidents' News

Region A Director – Sadie Boyer

The FRW Clubs in Region A and Presidents are:

- Four Corners - Terri Mosberger, President
- Los Alamos - Bethany Douglas, President
- Santa Fe - Sharon Mottola, President
- Taos County - Sadie Boyer, President

I attended the July 7th Four Corners meeting as their guest speaker. Thanks to Geraldine Sanchez

for attending the meeting with me. I spoke on the following:

- * The importance on being an FRW member
- * The history of the FRW
- * The history of the NMFRW
- * Club Achievement Awards and
- * Campaign Volunteer Hours

I want to thank all the Region A Clubs for their hard work during this very important year. I congratulate them on a "Job Well Done!" Success is sweet!

Four Corners Report – President Terri Mosberger (505-486-2895

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It has been a hopping-busy 6 months for Four Corners FRW. June began with a membership drive and fundraiser for Nora Espinoza running for SOS. The "TIME TO KICK UP OUR RED HEELS" event was a success with 14 new members and one new associate member. San Juan County and FCFRW were very generous in supporting Nora's campaign.

Over the next several months, we had speakers such as: Sadie Boyer, our Region A Director; Josh Spann, Political Director and James Clarke, Field Organizer; both with the Republican Party of NM. We had speakers monthly representing every local and statewide race.

FCFRW was very proud to have Janis Jakino, 3rd VP Fundraising, volunteer to be Justice Judith Nakamura's San Juan County Coordinator. She worked very hard throughout the county and attended many events to introduce Justice Nakamura to our community.

In August, long-time member Betty Berry assisted in opening and headed up the staffing of the San Juan County GOP headquarters. This 90+ year old member took the "Bull by the Horns" and worked tirelessly during this campaign season. There is no one more respected than Betty, she did an awesome job getting many SJ County Republican voters involved and engaged in the get out and vote process. Glad she's on our side!

FCFRW qualified twice for registering voters and will receive \$1,000 from the state GOP! We had many registrars that were out at events and worked GOP headquarters. A big "thanks" to Anne Frost and Delaine Berry for following through and making that possible.

FCFRW *Caring for America* supported Childhaven, Blue Star Mothers, Echo Food Bank and our local National Guard unit. Thank you Connie Flack, Sally Bramhall and Natalie Limberger for your dedication and hard work in making this all happen.

FCFRW had 2,256 volunteer hours from June through September of 2016.

Donald Trump, Jr., represented his father at a Farmington rally. Over 1,500 people attended the rally with standing room only.

I want to thank FCFRW for the opportunity to be President of this respected and dedicated group of Republican Women. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on this board. I look forward to the 2017-18 slate.

Los Alamos FRW – President Bethany Tierney

I am honored and pleased to report to you today on the recent activities, celebrations, and accomplishments of the Los Alamos FRW. The members and associate members of the Los Alamos FRW have tirelessly dedicated their time, creativity, and talents to promote the values of our party in Los Alamos County.

In July, two members of the Los Alamos FRW represented New Mexico at the Republican National Convention in Ohio. Dr. Lisa Shin, founder of Korean Americans for Trump, delivered a resounding speech on national television. Kelly Benner sported jaunty hats throughout the convention and made many new friends.



We continued to partner with the Republican Party of Los Alamos for various activities, such as: producing the *Elephant in the Room* newspaper articles, hosting a community BBQ at the pond, walking in the Los Alamos County Fair Parade, and giving candy to hundreds of children and parents at Trick-or-Treat on Main Street.

Once again, our club hosted the *Constitution Day Essay Contest* for young students in Los Alamos.

It was a great opportunity for students and their parents to learn about the Constitution and the daily impact that it has on our lives. Winners were presented with cash prizes and read their winning essays at our Constitution Day Dinner. Yvonne Chicoine and Nora Espinosa were featured guest speakers at the dinner.

Club members worked many long hours over the last few months at our GOP headquarters in downtown Los Alamos, at local concerts and community events to register new voters, in our neighborhoods to hand out campaign literature, and at the polls to supervise voting activities. We are very excited about the local and national races won by Republicans. In November, we elected new club officers for 2017-2018. Under the leadership of President Kelly Benner, Vice President Andra Weingart, Secretary Mary Wilhoit, and Treasurer Terry Marzili, our club looks forward to challenges that are still ahead.

Santa Fe FRW – President Sharon Mottola

The Santa Fe FRW was deeply involved in the election just passed, as was the Santa Fe County Republican Party, with whom many of our members are also associated.

Since our last convention, our club hosted Brig. Gen. Jack Fox, State Secretary for Veterans Services in September; Lt. Gov. John Sanchez in October; and this coming Monday, we will hear from Howard Kaloogian of Hillsdale College.

On Saturday, August 13, we hosted our biannual Gala at the La Fonda Hotel from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our keynote speaker was KRQE meteorologist Mark Ronchetti. He spoke on the theme *Weathering Heights, Forecasting Political Climate Change*. Our Lady of Liberty awardee was Justice Judy Nakamura. State Lands Commissioner Aubrey Dunn honored us by being our live auctioneer. We had some wonderful items available. We raised \$5,000 to help our candidates this fall. We gave \$12,000, as a result of combined efforts:

- \$2,000 NM Business Coalition earmarked for Nora Espinosa
- \$4,000 Yvonne Chicoine - District Attorney, and to sponsor her appreciation luncheon for Law Enforcement
- \$4,000 Nora Espinosa - Secretary of State
- \$1,000 Michael Romero – CD 3
- \$350 Sharon Stover - District 43

- \$300 Jeremy Tremko - District 50
- \$350 Sharon Clahchichilliage - District 4.

We currently have \$1,287 in our bank account. We have 43 members and 16 associate club members. We were saddened to lose two of our associate members this fall, Jack Stamm and John Greenspan.

Taos County FRW – President Sadie F. Boyer

The 2016 Taos County FRW general meetings are held five times a year on the third Saturday of January, March, July, September, and November at the TCFRW and GOP Headquarters in Taos.

At our meetings, we:

- Discussed our budget and reported 21 members and 3 associates;
- Organized and packed all our supplies in preparation to close our present Headquarters and discussed possible new locations. We thanked member/owner Pat Randall for many years at this location.
- Facilitated a Meet and Support Fundraiser for Secretary of State Candidate, Nora Espinoza at the Taos Country Club in July.
- Marched with Nora Espinoza, Michael Romero, and Judy Nakamura in the Taos Fiesta Parade.
- Secured and set up new TCFRW and GOP Headquarters –Grand Opening August 20, 2016, with featured guests Judy Nakamura and Michael Romero
- Staffed HQ – Members Eva Pace and Sadie Boyer volunteered to provide candidate bumper stickers, pins, yard signs, “Make America Great” placards, brochures, and hand cards, distributed most of our material.
- Held our Annual September 17th Rummage Sale fundraiser and meeting.
- Held two follow-up Rummage Sales on September 24 and October 8 to fund HQ.
- Joined “Trump Talk” for Donald J. Trump and made phone calls for all candidates.
- Organized and provided food and drinks for three Presidential Debate Watch parties.
- Members Eva Pace and Sadie Boyer worked Election Day as poll challengers.
- Election night we provided food and support for Michael Romero at the Kachina Lodge, as we watched election results. We were saddened by his race’s outcome. He would have made a great congressman.

Congratulations and best wishes to Supreme Court Justice Judith Nakamura and Congressman Steve Pearce on their wins and all Republican candidates who won positions around the state. I want to thank other candidates who worked wholeheartedly and still lost. We are blessed to have people of their caliber who wanted to serve the public. I also jump for 🎵 *Joy, Joy, Joy* 🎵 as we celebrate our Republican President Donald J. Trump and the U.S. House and Senate majorities.

Region B Director – Marie Sorenson

Region B currently has 191 members.

I had the pleasure of installing new Metro FRW officers at their luncheon. I am looking forward to supporting all 2017 officers in Region B.

Metro FRW President Joyce Pullen past away recently. We will all miss her and her dedication to Metro and the Republican Party.

Region B Clubs came together for the first time to work and organize a Fundraiser for SOS Candidate Nora Espinoza in September. We held the event at Club Rio Rancho and had over a hundred people in attendance. We had three organizational meetings with the Region B FRW Presidents to plan the event. Each Club was asked to provide at least two items for the Silent Auction with the proceeds going to Nora’s campaign. Each Club contributed \$200 to cover expenses to host the event. We raised over \$4,500 for Nora. I am so appreciative of the ABQ, Metro, Rio Rancho, San Bern, and Zia FRWs for the hard work they put in to making the event a success. We were blessed to have Joyce Pullen attend our first organizational meeting.

Region B FRW Clubs have volunteered thousands of hours in behalf of our candidates’ campaigns. I am grateful for all our Region B Club efforts and I want to personally thank them for their hard work.

Albuquerque FRW – President Pat Dean

June's focus was on our annual fundraiser, “*Champagne and Haagen-Daz*” - good food and great company. On the program was a debate with faux guests “Donald, Gary, and Hillary.” Secretary of State candidate Nora Espinoza and other candidates also attended. Guest Speaker and pollster Bruce Donisthorpe summed up his thoughts on the election. The proceeds supported Republican candidates in the general election. We contributed to 14 candidates at State and local levels, which included four AFRW members.

This summer, club members prepared palm cards and literature for candidates Judge Judy Nakamura and State Representative Sarah Maestas-Barnes. We met after the AFRW meetings and at member homes. We continued to support Judge Judy and Sarah throughout the election process.

AFRW worked the state phone bank for one afternoon. AFRW members volunteered in many capacities throughout the election process and on Election Day, including Jo Mitchell, who was Bernalillo County Coordinator for Judge Judy Nakamura.

AFRW helped facilitate the Region B fundraiser for Nora Espinoza at Club Rio in Rio Rancho. Region B Director Marie Sorenson chaired the well-organized event. "Rosie the Bus" and NFRW President Carrie Almond also attended.

We are closing the year with 50 members and 9 associate members. Invited speakers for our meetings were Republican County, Republican NM Supreme Court, District and Metro Judicial, and state representative candidates. We will install officers at our December meeting.

Lincoln County FRW – President Ann Eby

With the 2016 election on everyone's mind, Federated Women of Lincoln County encouraged women to become informed voters and grow membership. The last quarter of 2016 for FRW of Lincoln County held more than any other quarter had in activity and excitement. We hosted each local and state candidate at monthly meetings including: Legislative District 59 Greg Nibert, Senator Ted Barela District 39, Secretary of State candidate Nora Espinoza, Senator Bill Burt District 33, NM Supreme Court Justice Nakamura, Court of Appeals Judge Stephen French. We focused on these State candidates and on opening Party Campaign Headquarters on September 6.

Campaign Headquarters hosted a Candidates and Coffee event every Friday for nine weeks (open to the public), which allowed candidates an informal Q&A forum, giving them exposure in Lincoln County. FRWLC assisted in food and drink, hospitably welcoming the gathered crowds.

Our commitment to assist our candidates in their election bid took a great financial effort in generating funds. We had a major garage sale over Labor Day weekend with many county members contributing. Our "*Paint the State Red Salsa, Victory 2016*" sales continued to receive

attention and the annual Oktoberfest cake sales brought funds to donate to our candidates. All in all, we presented large checks and were very pleased to be actively participating in the overall victory for New Mexico Republicans.

New officers for 2017-2020 were nominated and elected and will begin the upcoming year to build on diligent efforts of past years and love for our Country and Conservative Values. We hope to increase membership and bring the message of Republican Women contributing in our communities, and our county and state governments. New Mexico will be stronger and better because we are more informed, knowledgeable, and involved.

Metro FRW Report - Elaine Miller for/ President Joyce Pullen

We welcomed County Commissioner Wayne Johnson to share his views on happenings in Bernalillo County at our July meeting. We were pleased to send donations to some of the candidates and we all are planning to give time and effort to help them this election cycle.

In September, our speaker was Bernalillo County Chair Frank Ruvolo. The nominating committee chair announced that officers were needed and asked for volunteers. We will have our installation at the November meeting. JoAnn Milam, Fundraising Chair, held a "Patriotic Raffle" where two baskets with all things red, white, and blue were raffled.

Our president Joyce Pullen passed away at the end of September. We will truly miss her spirit and sense of humor.

Our November meeting fell on the day after the election. We celebrated our victories and enjoyed hearing Carla Sonntag, President of New Mexico Business Coalition, give her insight into the statewide and national election and explain the purpose of the Business Coalition. Region B Director Marie Sorensen installed our 2017-18 officers.

Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain

Meetings were not held in July or August; however, we did have a car in the 4th of July parade we carried the Candidate for County Clerk, Don Lemm. It was lots of fun.

Summer months were spent planning the fund raiser for Nora Espinoza. A Region B joint effort.

RRFRW provided center pieces and purchased New Mexico flag to decorate the Club Rio Rancho. "Rosie the Bus" made an appearance at this event and the New Mexico FRW presented NFRW President Carrie Almond with a gift basket, a taste of New Mexico.

At our September luncheon the speakers were Fernando and Cecilia C DR Baca with the behind the camera at the Republican National Convention. Also, Sandoval County Chairman, Charlie Christmann updated us on the election. We donated over \$4,000 to our local candidates.

Candidates for Sandoval County Commission, Jay Block and Dave Heil, spoke at our October meeting.

In November, we saluted our Veterans. Captain Sylvia Burch Army Reserve Nurse Corp spoke of her service experiences. Our own Opera Star, Ida Mitchell sang the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

San-Bern FRW – President Sandra Atwood
(54 Members/19 Associates)

In June, we hosted a major Fundraiser and Candidates' Reception, twelve Candidates and 150 guests attended. We raised about \$3,000 though a gun raffle and silent auction. In August, we had a booth at the Annual Mayor's *Sunday Is Funday* event in Rio Rancho. We handed out water and registered voters. The Republican booths were a fun hub for the public to meet candidates.



Nora Espinoza September Fundraiser

September brought a wonderful fundraiser for Nora Espinoza hosted by all our Region B Clubs.

Three candidates spoke at our October luncheon, our last luncheon before elections. We also held our Annual Fall Fling. A lot of great food, wine, and fellowship.

In November, we celebrated with a Champagne toast at our luncheon, presentation of the *Star Spangled Banner* and a great speaker. We honored Veterans by donating to Rio Rancho VFW.

As per our bylaws; this month is also BOD election time for our Club. We've welcomed a newly elected 1st Vice Chair and Treasurer. I am honored and privileged to be chosen to serve as President for another 2 years. Outgoing members, Janis Lynch and Linda Shaughnessy have worked tirelessly in many positions for a long time. While they need a rest, they will not be far ... we have too much fun!

Our MELP/Literacy Program will present six books to our local Mid-high and High Schools this month. Our total volunteer hours from June 1st to current are 2,004. We held nine regular luncheons and four special events. San-Bern will finish 2016 with our Annual Christmas Party. We are preparing signed Christmas cards to be given to Veterans at the VA Hospital. We traditionally give a collection of non-perishable food at Christmas – this year to Casa Rosa Food Pantry in Placitas. Everyone is invited. It is always a great time. As always, I cannot give an accurate report without reminding everyone that I have the BEST BOD EVER!

Zia FRW – Marianne Chiffelle

Thanks to our outreach efforts, we have a few new members and now total 38 members.

We had to adjust our Bylaws again, after asking advice from NMFRW and NFRW, because we could not get any members step up the plate to become board members. We will vote on them on November 17 and then can start to get our Club going again. Our Fundraiser will again be to sell chances on one week's vacation.

We will not have a membership tea, but instead have another exciting event where we can invite other women and hope they will join.

We have been working hard for our candidates. Now all we can do is pray to GOD and ask HIM to hear our Prayers and lead us to VICTORY.

Region C Director – Teresa Barncastle

A common thread in Region C was campaigning for Republican candidates and having candidates as speakers. Most of Region C was RED! Also common was the theft and vandalism of Trump campaign signs. Two culprits were apprehended and are being prosecuted.

Several clubs will be having new officers next year. Clubs are encouraged to use the resources for new local officers at www.NFRW.org.

Region C is compiling a guest speaker list. Numerous names have been submitted; though, more are needed. If you know of a dynamic speaker, please contact your Regional Director. This list will be available to all NMFRW clubs.

Chaves County FRW – Joan Boué

Election 2016 was the theme for our speakers at our monthly luncheons. Our guest speakers included: three Republican candidates for Chaves County Commission, Supreme Court Justice Judy Nakamura, Congressman Steve Pearce, State Chairwoman Debbie Maestas, and Lt. Governor John Sanchez. Over 100 guests attended each one.

Chaves County FRW with Rosie the Bus taken 9/8/16

The highlight of our summer was a visit by NFRW President Carrie Almond and "Rosie the Bus." Nearly 80 members greeted our guests at a pizza luncheon at Republican Headquarters. Thank you for stopping to see us in Roswell!

I am pleased to report that Chaves County Republican Women closed 2016 with 202 members and 67 associates. During this important election year, 66 of our members volunteered to get out the vote. Some worked two hours, others over 1,400 hours. To date our total

volunteer hours are 5,936. We are working to *Keep Chaves County RED.*

Ladies, this is my last report to you as CCFRW President. I sincerely thank my awesome, loyal, and hard-working Board! You have worked to make our many successes possible. Many of you have encouraged me by visiting Roswell, or joining us as associate members. I especially appreciate Caren, Mary Ann, Rhonda, Gretchen, Krista, Joyce and Louise. In closing I want to say that serving FRW is truly my pleasure.

Dona Ana County FRW - Patricia Rothengass

The past few months have been very busy. We have new members joining our club, which is always exciting and welcomed. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 2017-2018, who will be sworn in at the December meeting. The Food Pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church received monthly canned and non-perishable items along with a monetary donation for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our prayers along with a donation went to our sisters in Louisiana FRW for the Flood Relief Fund.

The DACFRW heard local and state candidates' platforms at our lunches. Our members attended rallies; and we have listened, questioned and done our own investigations on Republican candidates; donated, talked, walked, called, and been poll challengers for our candidates and hopefully DACFRW and NMFRW have helped Paint New Mexico and America RED. In God We Trust!

Grant County FRW – Rebecca Spann

In 2016, we grew from 20 to 27 members/5 associate members. We lunch monthly at WNMU, which serves a delicious buffet. Our members have formed close bonds. We were thrilled to send GCFRW Past Pres. Pam Pinson to National Convention in Ohio as alternate delegate!

Most of our members are leaders in other organizations such as: Garden Club, Friends of the Library, Farm Bureau, American Legion Auxiliary, hospital, Wreaths Across America, 4H, The Marine Corps League, and Main Street.

Our club worked incredibly hard this year to raise money, help get out the vote, walking and talking to our neighbors for our candidates and our issues (to more than 2,000 homes). We assembled and distributed more than 1,000 voter packets containing information on all six candidates.

Since Trump did not have a card, we designed one to include in the packets.



Nora Espinoza speaks at GCFRW Open House at Old Hurley Store

We registered voters and hosted three open houses for all the candidates in the mining district and the east side of the county, which are not served by our county party. We decorated and parked 'Republican Trucks' at three major general election polling locations.

We manned FRW booths at the Grant County Fair and at the Hidalgo County Fair, because that county does not have a Republican group.



We purchased \$500 in large signs for Espinoza, French, Nakamura, and Trump. Many were stolen and/or defaced. Our local newspapers refused to publish any letter to the editor regarding this. No perpetrator has been apprehended.

We wrote letters to the editor and supported our candidates at forums. We are members of the Grant County Silver City Chamber of Commerce.

We showed the film *Hillary's America* at WNMU one weekend in October - free of charge to the public. Our MELP Project donated books to area high school and grade school libraries.

Our December projects are to give gift cards to the poor seniors in Grant County and donate to the Gospel Rescue Mission food bank.

Lea County FRW - President Gretchen Koether

July- County Commissioner Rebecca Long spoke. She updated us on proposals, concerns, and suggested legislation regarding both local and national county commissions.

August- Speakers were contested candidates from our county commission races, Jonathon Sena and Dean Jackson. We manned the Republican Party booth at the Lea County Fair and registered or changed registration for many voters!

September- This was a busy, busy month. Ann Batson, our Republican Party Chair, gave a report on campaign activities in our area. She informed us about ways we could help and participate. Garage sale- We raised \$1,200 from 8-12.

Candidate Fundraiser- We held a fundraiser for our County Clerk, Keith Manes, who was in a contested race. We held it at a bed and breakfast and raised over \$10,000 cash and \$8,000 for in-kind donations. We will continue to work on behalf of all our candidates.

Socorro County FRW – Rosie Tripp

Our club, like all of you, was busy with the election. We have raised money to give to all women candidates in our area. We gave \$250 to our two members, Martha Salas, who ran for County Commission and Bernadine Aragon Lucero, who ran for County Clerk. We helped Nora Espinoza and Judge Judy Nakamura. With leftover money, we helped our male candidates, Congressman Steve Pearce, DA Clint Wellborn, State Representative Don Tripp, Stephen French, Glenn Duggins, and Ray Martinez.

When we started to lose our Trump signs, our County Chairman, Della Vega, wrote a letter to the local newspaper explaining that it was illegal to deface, mar or mutilate a campaign sign. The editor was very kind and printed it. When our big Trump signs were torn down and broken in two we took pictures and sent them to the paper and they were printed. It was nice to know that our little hometown paper was willing to print these. It didn't help, as the signs continued to be destroyed.

We just distributed 300 more dictionaries to area third graders. We are considering extending these

to the Navajo children at Alamo Reservation. This is our 11th year to donate dictionaries.

We are going over our bylaws and revising some of them. Socorro Federated turned in 1,800+ hours of campaign hours. We will have our Christmas Party as our December meeting and our election of officers will be held at our January meeting.

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!

Thank you for being a part of this historic win! What a privilege it is for me to continue to serve the state of New Mexico as a Supreme Court Justice! You all always believed. You made a difference with all your hard work and I am forever grateful.

If you see any of my campaign signs, please do me one more favor and take them down. The campaign does not need them back; however, we do need them taken down to comply with state and local election regulations. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Judy



Editor's Note – Candy Luhrsen:

The election cycle was a real barn burner, right? It was both exhilarating and heartbreaking. The former because Trump won, the latter because Judge French and Nora Espinoza lost. Our Legislative District 39 Representative John Zimmerman also lost. I think that the negative campaigning by some NM PACs and at the national level really hurt those campaigns.

Voters in LD 39 received large glossy postcards depicting Representative Zimmerman's opponent as a cartoon caricature about twice weekly in the last month before the election. Though we had the

better candidate by far, there was no need to poke a finger in the opposition party's eye. We live in a mostly Democrat county, we need to stay on speaking terms with our neighbors. The PACs' tactics were disrespectful and resulted in overkill. As I went door to door, I found many voters who had decided to avoid the polls entirely.

Increasingly, the public is demanding that government officials and their activities be more open and transparent, which is only right. We should be able to expect our county and state GOP officials to live up to the same standards. There are some GOP organizations in NM which are not transparent. In fact, one might say they are dysfunctional. They give late or no notice of meetings; they hold secret meetings where all decisions are made; there are incomplete or no minutes to inform the public of what transpired; and there are chairmen who refuse to recognize motions from the floor and who refuse to communicate with FRW and rank and file Republicans, etc. This situation is very sad and has required some committed Republicans to step up to the plate and work all the harder – outside of party parameters. FRW members need to stick together and realize that there are two sides to every story and that the side they hear may not be true.

The State Convention to elect new NM GOP leaders seems to be heating up. I am not a delegate and do not know all the candidates; but if you are going, I encourage you to perform due diligence in researching those running. Call FRW members in these candidates' localities and ask what their impressions are of those running for NM State GOP offices.

In conclusion, I hope you can all take a deep breath or two and relax this holiday season.

NMFW Wishes You a Very Merry Christmas and Every Blessing in the New Year!

