



The New Republican Woman

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President's Corner NMFRW President Barbara McClain

December saw a lot of Christmas parties, starting with the Governor's. It was beautiful, good food and great voices with our own Frances Fernandes

and Christmas carols. I also visited Albuquerque FRW and Los Alamos meetings. Every other month I visit Zia FRW and in May attended Metro's Candidate forum. I am still President of Rio Rancho FRW and our big event, the "International Cultural Festival on April 9, was beautiful. Beautiful ladies, beautiful dresses; however, 'Murphy's Law' prevailed. The star of the show and professional opera singer came down with the flu and lost her voice. She is a very good dancer and that added another dimension. Elaine Miller filled in for me by attending the National FRW board meeting in Virginia. I thank her so very much. On June 25, I will attend the Governor's Mansion Foundation Dinner representing New Mexico FRW.

NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports

First VP Report – Joan M. Boue'

As first Vice President for the NMFRW, I secure guest speakers for NMFRW board meetings. I was pleased to enlist our Republican candidate for Secretary of State ~ Nora Espinoza, to speak at our lunch board meeting on Saturday, June 11.

Several e-mails and phone calls have been made to the NFRW scheduler to secure NFRW President Carrie Almond to speak at our November meeting. So far, no luck, I'll update you on my progress.

Third VP Report – Rhonda Stockert

NMFRW has 751 current members in 16 clubs. Clubs are on target for matching the membership count of 2015.

Region A - has 4 clubs and 234 members.

- Total membership for 2015 was 286

- Valle del Norte may be placed in inactive status and Regional Director must bring into compliance

Region B –has 6 clubs and 164 members

- Total membership for 2015 was 221

Region C –has 6 clubs and 353 members

- Total membership for 2015 was 453

In past years, clubs have experienced membership growth. I sense this is not happening this election cycle. Do we contact members to find out why they have not renewed their memberships by phone calls or letters? Do members feel meetings are fun and informative? Are we making members feel welcome, when they come to their first meeting? Do club officers walk around talking to their members? I heard a story involving an immediate Past President. She was told how important she made several established members feel, because she took time before the meeting to say hello to everyone.

Many clubs have greeters at the door, but that is only a quick hello. It needs to be extended past the entrance in a more congenial manner. Find ways to make great first impressions on potential new members, as well as existing members. Also, use the expertise and knowledge of your Regional Directors; they are there to help. The NFRW website has great ideas on member recruitment. When you have success with an event or project, please share with other Presidents and keep growth going forward. Republican women are the hardest working and enthusiastic people I know. ***If something needs to be done, call a Republican woman - you can count on her.***

Member-at-Large Report – Jo Mitchell

We received many compliments on how the quadrennial convention went in May. We had one problem in that the company handling our electronic balloting did not have capacity to process our ballots quickly. This meant we waited longer than expected for the results. So that is the lesson learned regarding moving to electronic voting.

I voted on my cell phone. Contact numbers were printed in the programs, so people could feed them into their smart phones, speeding up the process. It

took less time than at the preprimary convention. People who do not use computers were uncomfortable with the process, but we had someone there to assist them and feel the whole process went well.

We did have a group, mostly from here, who created a stir about wanting to vote by paper ballot. When we actually discussed that process with various ones, they had varying ideas of what they were talking about. It is always difficult to change the process for a group and you can often count on something not working like it was supposed to. All of those things were a part of our experience.

We chose 12 names from a list of about 80 candidates. We received many emails and letters from those 80 people, many claiming to have volunteered for the party. Funny, how few of them I knew, since I have been volunteering for the party for 20 years. We have chosen candidates to attend the National Republican Convention.

Member-At-Large Report – Geraldine Sanchez
 Republican Party of New Mexico 2016 Quadrennial Convention was held May 21, at Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque. Representing each district were: District 1 - 130 delegates, District 2 - 167 delegates, and District 3 - 160 delegates.

National Committeewoman Rosie Tripp was unopposed. National Committeeman: Pat Rogers 195 votes and Harvey Yates 278 votes. Congratulations to Harvey Yates. Pat Rogers was to represent us until after the National Convention; but has since resigned, so Harvey Yates will represent us at National Convention.

Self-Nominees Statewide At-Large were 67 with 12 delegates and 12 alternates chosen:

<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Steve Pearce –	341	Rod Adair
John Sanchez –	326	Phelps Anderson
Don Tripp –	298	Kelly Boner-Benner
Allen Weh –	206	Paul Donisthorpe
Susana Martinez –	203	Richard Montoya
Lisa Shin –	193	Leslie Pearce
Andrea Moore –	191	Pamela Pinson
Fernando C de Baca –	159	Denise Ramonas
Susan Throckmorton –	150	Rick Romero
Phil Archuleta –	145	Cecilia Salazar
Demesia Padilla –	137	Rebekah Stevens
Jonathan Gradner –	135	Curtis Stevens, Jr.

Congressional District 1

John Rockwell III –	72	Ben Spencer
Cecilia C De Baca –	60	Nadine Edelman
Jordy Stern –	43	Steven Baca

Congressional District 2

Cynthia Pearce –	116	James Townsend
Jason Perry –	97	Russell Allen
Francine Heckert –	74	David Gardner

Congressional District 3

Samuel LeDoux -	88	J.R. Damron
Patrick Lyons –	62	Barbara Damron
Deborah Wekler –	42	Rodney Tahe

Congratulations to winning delegates and alternates. Serve us well in Cleveland Ohio. Voting was done on electronic tablets or personal smart phone devices. Results took longer because other county elections were taking place at the same time.

NM State Committeewoman – Rosie Tripp: Our Quadrennial Convention is finally over. We have 21 delegates and 21 alternates in place to represent NM at the National Convention in Cleveland. The delegation will be led by Governor Martinez. We also have a new Committeeman, Harvey Yates. I was re-elected as Committeewoman. We elected delegation members to serve on Rules, Credentials, Platform, and Permanent Organization Committees.

Cleveland is ready and excited to host the convention and has many fun events planned. Our delegation will be hosted at numerous events, while we are there. The main order of business will be to nominate our presumptive candidate, Donald Trump.

Regardless of who your chosen candidate may have been, we must unite going forward and help elect Trump in November. We cannot afford another four years of the Obama administration in the form of Hillary. *I urge all of you to support Donald Trump.*

We must also work hard to keep our NM House and strive to take the Senate. We must get Justice Nakamura and Steve French elected, as well as Nora Espinosa. **We have lots of work ahead of us this summer, but I know FRWs can do the job.**

Achievement Awards Report – Gwen Poe

NFRW reports the 2016/2017 report forms are still in production. For the many years you have been in FRW the skeletal elements are still there. I am sending the 14/15 booster sheet and suggest you make copies for club members. Use it to plan, record, and share with others. Achievement awards criteria are a marvelous tool and guideline for our clubs. If you are new to an office, ask; share; have fun. This is an election year and plenty of points are available in programs, campaign activities, community service, and membership development.

My goal for New Mexico is 100% participation. I will do whatever I can to help you, but the process is up to you. Sometimes the president does the tracking and sometimes another person does it. Last

cycle 15 of 21 clubs participated = 71 percent. Help me, please. I will keep in touch with National, but you can too. I am sure that by September we will have proper and updated forms. Meanwhile: Use the old 'til you get the new! **Hugs!**

Campaign Report – Elaine Miller, Strike Forces

As part of our 2016 NFRW Campaign Committee Plan to ***Take Back the White House***, we hope to send Strike Forces to assist 11 targeted states – Nevada, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Michigan, Colorado, and Wisconsin. Strike Forces are groups of volunteers, who travel at their own expense into a state for a long weekend, usually in October during Early Voting. These volunteers are positive encouragers - providing extra eyes, hands, feet, and voices to help ***Get Out the Vote***. We would like to send a Strike Force to each of the 11 targeted states.

Spearheads from the Campaign Committee are assigned to these states and will coordinate with state FRW presidents, RNC State Directors, and candidates' campaigns to determine needs in each state (location, dates, etc.). To participate in a Strike Force, contact the Spearhead from that state.

Please keep your campaign hours and turn them in to your Club President when requested. I suggest you keep a spread sheet of some sort to record hours each time you volunteer, so you have a clear picture. Club Presidents will turn in the hours to me quarterly through June 2017, when I'll report them to NFRW to compare with other states. I know you all work hard in your communities and I appreciate that. Please refer to the "campaign hours" list in this newsletter to know what hours may be counted.

I continually stay in touch with candidates to see where help is needed from NMFRW and will contact club presidents when needed. This is going to be a tough election season with opponents in so many races. If I can help you in any way with materials, please let me know. *Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and excitement!*

NFRW Spring Board Meeting, March 2016 - Elaine Miller. Thursday, March 17, was Legislative Day on Capitol Hill. We met on the Capitol steps for a Women in Red group picture. Congressional Briefings were given by Rep. Lynn Jenkins, KS; Rep. Marsha Blackburn, TN; Sen. Thom Tillis, NC; Rep. Renee Ellmers, NC; Rep. Tim Murphy, PA; Rep. Ann Murphy, MO; Sen. Pat Toomey, PA; Sen. Chuck Grassley, IA; Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, KY; and Rep. Vicky Hartzler, MO. We enjoyed a luncheon reception at the Capitol Hill Club where Sharon Day, RNC Co-Chair spoke.

Friday morning, I attended the President's Meeting, chaired by Melonaie Gullick. NFRW President Carrie Almond spoke regarding public relations and asked us to send pictures of events to NFRW. We all need to work and unite during this important election. She advised that \$20.16 donations are still being accepted to help pay for "Rosie the RV," which she and staff use to travel all over the country to register voters. First states visited will be Missouri, Iowa and Ohio where "Rosie" will park at the Presidential Convention. The bus will stop in other states on the way to those targeted, so hopefully most states will get to meet "Rosie." Caring for America Chair Carol Hadley asked that our chairmen choose projects that will make FRW more visible in our communities. She reminded us that *Armed Services Committee* covers Veterans' projects. Soup kitchens, helping homeless, etc., are under *Caring for America*. Membership Chair Roseann Slonsky-Breault reminded us to pay attention to "old" members and recruit new ones. Bring a guest or two to meetings. Imagine what would happen if there was no Federation. Virtual clubs were discussed and more information is coming. Achievement Awards Chair Gwen Ecklund encouraged us to follow achievement award form guidelines and keep track of hours, so it is easier at the deadline. Forms will be online May 1. She suggested we make budgeting money for Betty Rendel and other contributions a part of our standing rules. Ginny Mundy, Data Base Tech, said the base is ready for use. Anushya Ramaswamy will handle membership at NFRW. We were reminded that State Presidents are supposed to serve on state GOP executive boards.

Treasurer Pam Pollard from Oklahoma resigned, because she was elected Oklahoma GOP chair. Jo Ann Parker was elected to replace her at Friday's Board of Directors meeting. Dave Rexrode, Political Director Republican Governors' Association and Ward Baker, Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, brought us up-to-date on this year's campaigns. The afternoon board meeting's main topic was the budget. President Carrie Almond presented a plan for the "Destination: White House" Campaign. This is a high visibility campaign to rally FRW members and clubs to elect our Republican Presidential Nominee. She asked us to all get on board. President Carrie was successful in meeting the March 9 deadline to raise \$200,000 to support this effort. She asked the board to pass the budget, so she could order "Rosie the RV." Budget passed.

The new treasurer, Jo Ann Parker, was a current Member-at-Large, so Ann Schockett of New York

was elected to replace her. Barbara Grassley, Senator Chuck Grassley's wife, installed officers.

Caring for America – Chairman Jean Snyder -

We sent Valentine cards and candy to an Army troop in Bosnia. One of our young men from Roswell ~ LTJG Steel Houston Johnson, is in the Coast Guard stationed on a Navy Destroyer, *The Hopper*. He will be deployed for seven months. His wife will give him a book, compiled of all letters and e-mails, before he leaves. These messages will comfort him while he is away. Steel's mother is a member of Chaves County FRW. NMFRW Caring for America will send an e-mail to post in his book. NMFRW thanks him for his service and our freedom.

Community Engagement – Marianne Chiffelle

We have hosted several Town Hall meetings. Legislators reached out more to their Constituents.

When schools start again. I will reach out to students. This will be good for them, because they get so little extra education next to the necessary subjects. They know little about the government.

Leadership – Jo Mitchell - I wrote an email to club presidents earlier, asking if they planned to run for office again and if not, was a replacement ready to take their place? If that was not the case, we could do leadership training to give them at least one candidate when clubs hold elections. I received responses from a few, who had the problem solved. I trust that means there are no problems and that all our clubs are intact after fall elections.

In the meantime, I received an email from the National Federation Leadership Committee stating we have six months to pull together, join together, make our voices heard and make a difference. We have six months to become effective leaders, for our clubs, our state and our country.

Looking at that on the local level, we have so much to do and so much to lose in this election, if we don't get it done. We saw what a difference it made when we took over the State House. Can you imagine what it would mean to this state if we take over the State Senate? Think of what a difference it made for a Republican to serve as Secretary of State. While that outcome was sad, we also know she did a terrific job. Can we afford to lose what we gained there? And having a Republican Justice on the Supreme Court, can you imagine?

On the other side, can you imagine what we will feel like on November 9, if we lose any of these? We have 751 women in our clubs. ***Do you believe 751 women can make a difference? If we cannot, we should go back to baking cookies.***

The women in in FRW will make a name for our organization or will keep us in the background. Most of our legislative incumbents had no primary opponent, but many of them have a tough race ahead. Our Secretary of State Candidate is an FRW member and is in desperate need of all the help we can give her. Can you watch your county for her, hand out cards, distribute signs? She needs to get her name out there. Can you arrange meet and greets where people can get to know her? She's here, ask her what you and your club can do for her.

This is going to be a tough election. Some Republicans will decide to sit out the election. We have to get them to the polls, for the sake of our state and country. We cannot let them give our state away, because they do not find a presidential candidate to their liking. We have to make sure they know and like our candidates enough to vote regardless of what they think of our nominee.

I hope each day you will look in the mirror and remember that there is a leader looking back at you. That leader has an important part to play in whether our country and our state will change direction this year or will continue on the same path we have been on far too long. Are you going to do your part?

Legislative Initiative – Patricia Houston - A look at proposals that passed or failed during the New Mexico 30-day Legislative session:

Budget/Taxes – Passed: \$6.2 billion budget shaved overall spending, but included increases for public schools, Medicaid, prison guards and state police officers. **Failed:** Exempting veterans' pensions from income tax; tax break for small business owners.

Ethics – Passed: Modernization of New Mexico's reporting system for political contributions and lobbying expenditures; House-passed rules change to archive webcasts of House committee meetings and floor sessions. **Failed:** Legislation creating a state ethics commission to oversee conduct of public officials, lobbyists and state contractors; disclosure of money funneled toward political campaigns by nonprofits and other independent groups; toughening of pension forfeiture law aimed at corrupt public officials; reporting of governor's inaugural spending; public reporting of allocations in the annual capital projects spending bill.

Education – Passed: Change in state law to ensure military veterans are not denied tuition assistance; removal of some testing requirements for ninth/tenth grade students; put forfeited lottery prize money into the scholarship fund. **Failed:** Expansion of NM's three-strikes law for repeat violent offenders; mandatory minimum sentences for serious violent

offenses; increased penalties for intentional child abuse; increased penalties for abuse of children 12 to 18 resulting in death.

Health/Family – *Passed:* Provide assisted outpatient treatment for the mentally ill; creation of a “Brittany Alert” for missing people with developmental disabilities or severe physical impairment. ***Failed:*** ban on late-term abortions; requiring behavioral, developmental screenings for children on public assistance.

Membership Data Entry – Jeanine Kelly - There is nothing to report until National FRW has finished designing and implementing the program.

Bylaws – Chairman Becky Spann - I made 50 copies of the revised bylaws and sent them to the Presidents and State Officers. After two revisions, I reprinted the corrected bylaws and handed some out at the 2016 Quadrennial Convention of the RPNM in May. I brought the others to the June meeting.

PAC – Nancy Loisel – According to NM Election Handbook Rules, our NMFRW PAC distribution is limited to a total of \$5,400 for the Primary Election and \$5,400 for the General Election.

In accordance with NMFRW PAC Rules from August 2012, distribution may occur as soon as the Primary Election is certified by the Secretary of State, which is slated for June 28, 2016. As PAC Chair, I will write checks to qualifying candidates, according to NMFRW PAC Rules.

Scholarship Committee Report – Rhonda Stockert and Ginger Paternostro – Each year NMFRW offers a \$1,500 scholarship to a young lady of outstanding contributions to her school and community. A total of 20 applications were received from 203 schools throughout the State.



L to R: Candidate Nora Espinoza, Tyrah Johnson, Joan Boué, and Rhonda Stockert

The 2016/17 scholarship was awarded to Tyrah Johnson of Roswell, NM. Tyrah seek a Master’s Degree in Agriculture Economics and Business,

while minoring in Agriculture Business Mgmt. Tyrah will attend NM State University this fall. Nora Espinoza has offered her a job as intern for summer. We wish her success in all her future endeavors.

Senior Americans – Marianne Chiffelle

As I mentioned before, it is important to focus on U.S. seniors. In 2030 there will be 3 times more seniors than juniors. I helped start a new organization “Teeniors.” This organization brings juniors and seniors together to help with their cell-phones; tablets and computers, sometimes one-on-one or in groups. Another group of seniors is involved in grandparenting. They take care of kids after school. They also talk with their grandchildren and ask them “Why” they do the things they are doing that they should not do and teach them a little how it used to be. Some parents have already failed and we hope to bring them back on the right track.

At the senior appreciation breakfast we learned seniors had volunteered 224,000+ hours in 2015, saving Albuquerque about \$6 million. How about that! Till next time.

New Mexico Club Presidents’ News

Region A Director – Sadie Boyer

The FRW Clubs in Region A and their Presidents are: Four Corners FRW – Terri Mosberger, President (145 Members); Los Alamos FRW – Bethany Douglas, President (23 Members); Santa Fe FRW – Sharon Mottola, President (39 Members); Santa Fe Trail FRW – Honey Poling, Vice-President (Recommend In-Active Status); Taos County FRW – Sadie Boyer, President (16 Members); Valle del Norte FRW – Geraldine Sanchez, President Status (recommend in-active status).

- Region A is going through a change. I regretfully recommend that Santa Fe Trails and Valle de Norte Clubs be placed on in-active status.
 1. Santa Fe Trails has not communicated since 2014. I called the President and Vice-President several times and emailed both with no response.
 2. Valle Del Norte’s President, Geraldine Sanchez has tried valiantly to keep this club active and viable. It has been impossible to get new members interested due to many different issues.
- Taos County FRW changed their bylaw on May 9, 2015, to be “open to any registered Republican Woman who upholds the objectives and policies of the Club and who pays the required annual dues,” thus allowing the club to welcome members from Colfax and Rio Arriba Counties.

- I thank the Four Corners, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Taos County Officers and club members for their continued participation and the work they do on behalf of the Republican Party.
- I am scheduled to attend the Four Corners FRW Meeting Thursday, July 7, in Farmington, NM. Geraldine Sanchez will also be attending.

I will continue working with all clubs in Region A.



Four Corners FRW – President Terri Mosberger

The February Winter Board meeting in Santa Fe was well attended. We delivered letters to each state legislator supporting the Real ID compliance initiative during the current session. Thank you Karen Bayless for putting the letter together.

From February through May we facilitated candidate forums for local and statewide contested races including: City Council elections in Farmington, Aztec and Bloomfield; NM CD 3 Candidates Michael Romero and Michael Lucero; and local county clerk and commissioner races. Our state legislators gave us a legislative wrap up.

Caring for America - In April members donated bags, suitcases and school supplies to children visiting Child Haven. Now when they go to foster homes, they will have something besides a paper bag to carry their belongings. We filled up a hug box for Child Haven. *Our ladies and associate members are such givers, it was heartwarming.*

Voter Registration - We have met a goal of registering 50 new Republican voters and will get \$500.00 from New Mexico GOP! A big thanks to our voter registration team and Ann Frost!

Scholarship - Elisha Whiteley was again awarded our \$750.00 Scholarship. She is a stay-at-home Mom of two children and completed an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education last semester. She graduated with Honors/3.89 GPA!

Membership - We have 147 members - 15 new; and 46 associate members - 9 new. We held an event called "Time to Kick Up Our Red Heels" on June 23, introducing Nora Espinoza to Four Corners Area!

Los Alamos FRW – President Bethany Tierney

This spring, as we scurried about collecting signatures for Representative Nora Espinoza, we learned that Sharon Stover, our County Clerk and longtime member of Los Alamos FRW, committed to run for New Mexico House District 43. In one night, we gathered four+ times the number of signatures Sharon required to be on the ballot.

We hosted a Candidate Meet and Greet at UNM Los Alamos in March. FRW members and our friends from Los Alamos GOP listened to candidates running for Los Alamos County Council and County Clerk, NM House District 43, 1st Judicial District Attorney, and Congressional District 3 seat.

In April, we welcomed Nora Espinoza and Yvonne Chicoine as special guest speakers. We celebrated Patriot's Day April 16 to commemorate battles at Lexington and Concord. We hosted this event with the GOP and welcomed Senator Harrison Schmidt, former NASA astronaut, as guest speaker. Senator Schmidt entertained and educated the audience with tales and pictures from his moon walk.

Our May meeting provided wonderful opportunities for club members to become better acquainted with our County Council candidates as well as our Los Alamos County Clerk candidate. Several club members were county delegates to the Quadrennial convention. Two members will go to the Cleveland Convention one as a delegate, one as an alternate.

We have exciting months ahead and look forward to working with all of you for a successful campaign.

Santa Fe FRW – President Sharon Mottola

We were pleased to see all the FRW members in Santa Fe in February and hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Since that time our club hosted Justice Judy Nakamura in February, Judge David Waker and Gary Carmichael of the Convention of States Project in March, Rio Grande Foundation's Paul Gessing in April, and five of our candidates in May. Club member Yvonne Chicoine, candidate for District Attorney, and Justice Nakamura have been frequent guests. We intend to keep Judy in Santa Fe.



On Saturday, August 13, we will host our *Biannual Gala* at La Fonda Hotel from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Our

keynote speaker is meteorologist Mark Ronchetti. His theme is "*Weathering Heights, Forecasting Political Climate Change*." Our Lady of Liberty awardee, Judy Nakamura, will also speak. State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn will auction off some wonderful items. We are raising funds to help our candidates and to have some fun - attend our Gala! Tickets are \$100 each. Go to our website <http://www.santafebrw.com/> and pay with a credit card or through PayPal, or mail a check to our P.O. Box 31665, Santa Fe, NM 87594.

Taos County FRW – President Sadie F. Boyer

The Taos County FRW general meetings are held five times a year on the third Saturday of: January, March, May, September, and November at the Kachina Lodge in Taos, beginning with a no-host breakfast and continuing with our program and business meeting.

At our March 19, 2016 meeting:

- Continue to contribute \$ to our GOP HQ;
- Discussed membership/welcomed new members;
- Discussed our planned TCFRW Law Enforcement Recognition Project.
- Discussed fundraising and decided that: "Members who do not participate in our fundraising project will be asked to make a monetary donation in lieu of participation."
- Discussed the production cost of the "Now You Are 18 Booklet" and decided to distribute 25 copies to local high schools.
- We held a Membership Drive Workshop at Sadie Boyer's home on March 21 - prepared and mailed 100 letters and membership applications to active registered Republican Women.

At our June 4, 2016 meeting, we:

- Reviewed membership numbers/welcomed new Colfax and Rio Arriba County members.
- Collected 2016 dues - \$25/Associate - \$15
- Will continue to pay expenses on our GOP HQ;
- Thanked Geraldine Sanchez for the "Paint the State Red" bumper stickers.
- Distribute "*Now You Are 18 Booklet*" in the fall.
- Delivered homemade cookies to law enforcement agencies to thank them for their service.
- Our GOP Headquarters is moving to Kachina Lodge. We will help with move and expenses.
- Discussed the importance of voting and how we can do our part in **Painting the State Red!**
- Fundraising event will be September 17.

Our next meeting is July 16, Kachina Lodge, Taos, at 9:00 a.m. no-host breakfast, meeting at 9:30 am.

Valle del Norte – President Geraldine Sanchez

Valle del Norte FRW printed and delivered to three local high schools the "Now you are 18" guide.

I am saddened to report that Valle del Norte FRW is closing due a lack of participation and membership.

Region B Director – Marie Sorenson

Region B currently consists of six clubs: Albuquerque, Metro, Rio Rancho, San Bern, The Party of Lincoln, and Zia FRWs.

East Mountain FRW has been inactive for some time. They haven't been able to find anyone to serve as President. The club will not be continuing.

I mailed the updated NMFRW Bylaws to the FRW presidents in Region B. I attended meetings of four of six Region B Clubs. I hope to attend The Party of Lincoln and Rio Rancho FRW meetings by summer's end. I look forward to getting better acquainted with all Region B members.

FRW members in Region B are volunteering on campaigns to elect Republican candidates this year and on membership - trying to get former members back and recruiting new members. We greatly appreciate all of their hard work. As of May 1, Region B has 164 paid full members.

At our Summer Board meeting, Region B discussed hosting a Fundraiser for Nora Espinoza (SOS) on September 8, 2016, at Club Rio Rancho. Our Theme is *Hats Off to Nora*. It is really fun and exciting to see Region B FRW Clubs coming together to put on an event to benefit Nora.

Albuquerque FRW – President Pat Dean

We met monthly and had a variety of speakers. Petitions for candidates were circulated and donations collected. We continued to work on membership retention by sending personal notes and following up with a call, which is successful for us.

We are proud of our members. Several were involved with the planning of and/or volunteered at the State Convention and the Quadrennial. We have three AFRW members, who were candidates.

We will focus on supporting candidates in the next months. Immediately after the general meeting, members chose to stay to help with an activity requested by candidates. During the summer we will meet at members' homes to assemble candidate literature. Our annual fundraiser, *Champagne and Haagen-daz*, was Friday, June 17, for only \$25. Proceeds supported Republican candidates.

Lincoln County FRW – President Ann Eby

We began the year focusing on local elections, which prompted candidate forums for all candidates. The public submitted questions, allowing candidates to answer and all to know candidate stances on issues. These were well attended and appreciated.

With the help of our RPLC Chair, we hand delivered signatures to Nora Espinoza for her cause at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. Our club made great efforts to assist Justice Judy Nakamura by gathering signatures and \$5 to secure her place on the ballot.

We were visible in the Smokey Bear Days Parade with our Republican Float. Youngsters and older folks walked, waved flags, handed out candy, and shared literature about candidates across the state.

One of our members organizes a monthly bazaar in Ruidoso. She invited Justice Nakamura, Judge French, and other candidates running for state and local races to speak to the crowd. Before leaving town, they traveled to Ruidoso Downs Race Track where the Kentucky Derby was being simulcast and visited with New Mexicans there.

A profitable fundraiser that is bringing awareness to our club is "*Paint the State Red*" *Hatch Green Chile Salsa*, made by a local vendor with Hatch Green Chile and on our label. We sell it at the local bazaar, gun shows, our meetings, and other outlets.

Some members were delegates to the Quadrennial Convention. Our concerted effort is to "**get out the vote.**" We are motivated to turn our local, state, and country **RED. Let your voice be heard. Young or old, our united efforts can make the difference.**

Metro FRW – Joyce Pullen

Metro hosted a Candidate Forum Buffet in May for candidates running for State Senate, State House, County Commissioner, judicial positions, and U.S. House of Representatives. Twelve candidates participated and attendance exceeded expectations.

Jo Ann Milam will replace Amy Sanchez as Metro's Fundraiser. Amy is unable to serve due to personal issues. We look forward to working with Jo Ann.

County Commissioner Wayne Johnson of District 5, will speak at our July meeting. Metro's future goals are simple, assist our candidates in any way that we can. A trip to the Court House is planned with Judge Henry Alanis as our host and tour guide.

Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain

In February 6 out of 8 City Council Candidates spoke. They shared their views on taxes, revenue usage, water utility costs, waste treatment sites, road maintenance, and recruiting new business to our city.

CD3 Candidate Michael Romero spoke in March, also Sandoval County Clerk Candidate Donald Lemm, County Commission #4 Candidate Dave Heil, and City Council Candidate Lonnie Clayton.

Saturday, April 9, we held an International Cultural Festival fundraiser (planned for 6 mo.) at Club Rio Rancho. Dresses from around the world were

beautiful; however, "Murphy's Law" prevailed. The show's star, contracted the flu and lost her voice.

In May, Senator Craig Brandt, Rep. Jason Harper, and Rep. Paul Pacheco updated us on the Legislative 30-day session.

On Memorial Day, Rio Rancho FRW carried Secretary of State Candidate Nora Espinoza in our convertible for the Rio Rancho parade. What fun!

San-Bern FRW – President Sandra Atwood – No report

Zia FRW – Marianne Chiffelle

We have been busy helping our great candidates, who spoke at our monthly luncheons. We adjusted our activities, after reading member suggestions. We had the same kind of fundraiser as last year and did well, so we have money to assist candidates.

We still meet at the Canyon Country Club. Many candidates, including Nora Espinoza attended our *Annual Membership Tea*, held at a member's home.

The convention to elect Delegates to the National Convention in Cleveland in July went well. But to win in November we have a lot of fighting to do, to get our country on the RIGHT Track.

Last week, Albuquerque had a surprise visit from Donald Trump. Trouble-makers came out with Mexican Flags and made a mess at the Convention Center. They proved Trump was right calling them Rebels. ***God bless all you and God bless the USA!***

Region C Director – Teresa Barncastle

Region C Clubs had several planning meetings in January and February. All Clubs are working hard to increase membership. The region has 353 paid members already signed up for 2016. This is down from the past year; however, clubs are contacting past members who have not re-joined and adding new members as opportunities present themselves.

Clubs invited local and state candidates as guest speakers, including: Justice Judith Nakamura and Judge Steve French. Winter session updates were given to numerous clubs by State Representatives and Senators. DA Dianna Luce ran unopposed and was also a guest speaker. These events afforded clubs opportunities to donate to the candidates, who will have opponents in the November. Clubs also put '*boots on the ground*' to put up candidate signs.

Clubs in Region C continue to support their communities. Clubs gave Valentines to those who would otherwise not have received any, collected canned goods, and gave out \$1,750 in scholarships.

Region C clubs sent a number of members as county delegates to the NM Quadrennial Convention. FRW

members continue to support local Republican Parties by attending Conventions, staffing local Headquarters, and holding candidate fund raising events. All clubs look forward to campaigning for candidates to *"Paint the State Red!"*

Chaves County FRW – Joan Boué

Republican candidates running for Roswell City Council spoke at our February luncheon. In March 8 City elections, 9 of 10 Republican City Councilors won. Our *Caring for America* Chair brought Valentine cupcakes and ice cream to residents of *The Assurance Home* ~a facility for abandoned youth.

In March, we had the six Republican candidates running for Chaves County Commission as our speakers. In April 150+ people attending our event, breaking records. The CCFRW presented a \$250 scholarship to University High School senior Wesley Snyder, who wrote an outstanding essay on "Patriotism." Wesley is the son of Sheriff Britt Snyder and his wife Jean, who is our Vice President.

All eight Chaves County Legislators attended our April meeting and updated us on the 2016 thirty-day session. They stressed the importance of keeping the House and taking the Senate in November.

Judge Steven French, New Mexico Court of Appeals candidate, addressed our May luncheon. He was informative and well received by our members.

We presented two \$1,000 scholarships and two \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors. Membership to date is 153. Our membership chair is working to break last year's record.

Dona Ana County FRW – Patricia Rothengass

DACFRW is gearing up for 2016 Local, State, and National Elections. Back from Winter Board Meeting, we immediately contacted Republican Candidates to speak. We collected signatures and \$5 donations for Justice Nakamura, Judge French, and Rep. Nora Espinoza, Secretary of State candidate.

Our March meeting was a Welcome Home Santa Fe Winter Session Update. Senator Lee Cotter, Representatives Terry McMillan, Andy Nunez, and John Zimmerman advised what took place during the session. DACFRW donated to their campaigns.

In April, Supreme Court Justice Judith Nakamura was our Keynote Speaker along with Neal Hooks, Candidate for District 33 House of Representatives. Some members participated in the Quadrennial Convention 2016 in Albuquerque.

May's speakers included: NM Court of Appeals Candidate Judge Stephen French and Doña Ana County Clerk Candidate Maria Rodriguez.

We will continue educating the public on candidates and issues until November. Upcoming speakers are Representative Steve Pearce and Secretary of State Candidate Nora Espinoza.

November cannot come soon enough. DACFRW is looking forward to *Painting our City, County, State, and Federal Governments RED!*

Grant County FRW – Rebecca Spann

We purchased fifty bumper stickers for our members, so they could spread the message and *Paint the State Red!* Two members agreed to be the county coordinators for Justice Nakamura and Steve French in Grant County at the NMFRW Winter meeting. Notable Events:

- May monthly meeting - 28 people attended.
- May 14 - Open House to introduce candidates to Hurley, NM during the annual Hurley Pride Festival and Car Show. Justice Nakamura and Daniel Galindo (State Rep. Dist. 38) attended, plus three county commissioner candidates - Henry Torres, Harry Pecotte, and Billy Billings.
- On May 17 we held a joint tamale making party with the Mission Team at Indian Hills Baptist Church. We made tamales all day and sold out by Saturday. We split the \$400 proceeds. FRW put our share in our PAC account.
- In May several of our members helped with the Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner where Justice Nakamura was the keynote speaker.
- We delivered seven books to area schools.
- Grant County is sending three alternate delegates to Cleveland, including Pam Pinson, former FRW President.

We have 23 members. Rosie Tripp spoke in June.



GC FRW Truck at the Bayard primary polling place.

Socorro County FRW – Rosie Tripp

In January 16 we planned our 2016 calendar, our fundraisers, and programs. We plan on having our *Super-duper Ice Cream Social* in August and *Champagne with the Elephants* in October. We will do our Dictionary project for the 11th year. We averaged 300 a year, totaling 3,000 dictionaries.

Our programs will include an instructional session on becoming registrars; touring our new detention center; inviting our Chief of Police to speak on concealed carry; and inviting candidates to speak.

Two members are running for office – Bernadine Lucero for County Clerk (deputy clerk for years and then worked in Santa Fe for the Secretary of State) and Martha Salas, who seeks a second term as County Commissioner. We will help them win their elections. We had five SFRW members elected as delegates to the Quadrennial convention. Several of our members went to Trump’s Albuquerque Rally.

We gained one new member and have two more possibilities. We continue to grow slowly, but surely. We will also be helping to staff our Republican Headquarters from now until November. All of our members are committed to supporting all Republicans running in this election cycle.

Encourage by Chaplain Bethany Tierney

We often use the words “encourage,” and “encouragement” to one another with little thought to its literal meaning. We blithely say, “I encourage you to read this book,” or, “Her words were a real encouragement to me.” Merriam-Webster defines “*encourage*” as “*to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope,*” and “*to attempt to persuade.*” Generally, we think of “encouragement” as the latter: an attempt to persuade, rarely do we think of encouragement as inspiration. The first definition is satisfactory, but it misses the mark.

The word *encourage* can be broken into two parts: en + courage. We acknowledge courage to be moral and mental strength in the face of danger or adversity, so what about that itty-bitty prefix? The prefix “en” means “to cover, put into, or put onto.”

Consider that for a moment. When we “encourage” someone we are literally covering her in courage. When your best friend is frustrated and sad, you are wrapping her in a warm, cozy blanket when you encourage her. When your sister is facing adversity in the work place, you are equipping her with a shining suit of armor, when you encourage her.

Throughout summer, and the remainder of this election cycle, contemplate your words and actions when you **encourage** your FRW Club or candidates. You are *covering, wrapping, and outfitting* them in courage. What can we do to be worthy of encouraging others? I’m glad you asked. To close, I will **encourage** you and share one of my favorite Bible verses on courage. **“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be women of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.”** 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Editor’s Note – Candy Luhrsen:

Reading through articles submitted by our officers and chairmen, I see recurring themes – shared concerns about membership numbers and the election; common goals of getting out the vote and raising public awareness about FRW, its purposes and our Republican candidates. Some phrases that touched my heart and ‘encouraged’ me include:

- ***Do you believe 751 women can make a difference? If we cannot, we should go back to baking cookies.***
- ***If something needs to be done, call a Republican woman - you can count on her.***
- ***Let your voice be heard. Young or old, our united efforts can make the difference.***

Republican women are the heart of NM GOP. FRW is where the rubber meets the road, you are workers that *get ‘er done*, even when baking cookies.

Keeping it real: Though I have attended a state convention before, I attended my first NM State Convention in May. I was proud of the friendly FRW volunteers I saw there. They helped me find my way around. Thank you, Ladies!

In the interest of transparency, the electronic voting program was a different story, it definitely had problems. There was a delay of hours to learn results for the delegate-at-large election and days to learn the correct outcome for the alternates. Votes cast for National Committeemen exceeded the number of delegates registered. The error did not seem to affect the outcome; however, using an electronic system to vote, without benefit of a paper copy, means that **there can be no recount** if there is a question or if the computer program fails. Computer programs can and do fail, can also be hacked, and in this case there was no recourse.

Broadening the discussion, as women we often acquiesce to ‘experts,’ who seem more informed; but we can be brave in public by declaring our stance on issues and our support for specific candidates. We should speak our minds, speak the truth – even on controversial issues – even to liberal Democrats who may strongly disagree. We can do that without getting upset. It may seem easier to gloss over problems or avoid conversation; however, it is important that we are honest with the public and with each other. Get out there and visit with the Democrats you know!