



# The New Republican Woman

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## President's Corner

**NMFRW President  
Barbara McClain**

The office of President has been a real learning experience for me. The

biggest problem is the COMPUTER. I need a personal secretary. Any takers? Volunteer, No pay!

On December 5, 2015, we held our first organizing board meeting at State Party headquarters, with the Executive Board and Standing Committee Chairwomen. The turnout was excellent, 24 out of 27 people from around the state attended. This gave me and others an opportunity to get to know each other. We agreed on some procedural changes, which we believe will strengthen the NMFRW.



December Board Meeting – room at the table for all.

Also we will work with the State Republican Party on the election process.

I cannot thank the board, Past Presidents, and Committee chairs enough for the wonderful job they are doing. This is a great team effort. I could not work without them.

As a fund raiser and team builder, the State FRW will be selling bumper Stickers - **Painting the State RED**. You will learn more from our Fund raising Third VP Rhonda Stockert.

Planning for the Winter Board meeting, even with the prep work done before me, was extensive. At the Thursday evening Legislative Reception, we integrated the FRW clubs with their respective Legislators. Friday a.m. we visited the Round House, the State Officers sat up front and were recognized. Friday evening the *Ladies in RED* partied with games, drawings, and prizes. Saturday, after coffee sponsored by National Committee Rosie Tripp and National Committeeman Pat Rogers and reports, our luncheon speaker was the Honorable Judith Nakamura.

We have a newly designed New Mexico State FRW logo designed by Candy Luhrsen. Thank you Candy!

View from the balcony, lovely smiles.



## Editor's Note – Candy Luhrsen:

Statewide FRW members met again at the Santa Fe Convention, getting ready to promote Republican candidates in this election year. What a wonderful way to celebrate our shared principles and values with other women in a beautiful setting and with a delicious and light fare. Friendships were renewed, ideas exchanged, and the networking was great! The various FRW Clubs each have their own distinctive and interesting traditions. I hope that readers will benefit from the shared knowledge and enthusiasm in this newsletter. Many thanks to the those who have served NMFRW previously and currently!

## NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports

### First VP Report – Joan M. Boue´

As the first Vice President for the New Mexico FRW, it is my responsibility to secure guest speakers for the NMFRW Winter Board meeting and the NMFRW Summer Board Meeting. I was pleased to secure newly appointed Supreme Court Justice Judith Nakamura as our speaker for the NMFRW Winter Board meeting luncheon. Our President Barbara McClain and I spoke about our Summer Board meeting ~ we decided to wait until after the 2016 NM Legislative Session is over to determine and request a speaker.

### Third VP Report – Rhonda Stockert

The Winter Board Meeting held in Santa Fe this year was spectacular as always under the leadership of President Barbara McClain. The event was held at the Inn and Spa at Loretto, which is a short walking distance to the Round House. When visiting the Round House it is always busy with activity going on it is very exhilarating to be there.



Chili Peppers was the fundraising event for NMFRW and over the years served its purpose well. Chili Peppers needed to change and become more inclusive of all members to meet changing membership needs going forward, hence *Women in Red* became the new theme to represent all women from around the State. On Thursday night at the *Meet and Greet with Legislators*, we had baskets created by each club available for members and Legislators to bid on. That event was a huge success and brought in over \$800 for NMFRW. On Friday night we had a social with harpist Miriam Schilling for *Women in Red*. This was a fun event filled with lively conversation, games and raffles with chocolate covered strawberries and hot chocolate, raising over \$200. It truly surpassed my expectations and will continue to evolve into a dynamic event going forward. I want to thank all who attended to make both events successful.



*Women in Red Drawing Winners*

### Member-at-Large Report – Jo Mitchell

The counties submitted their delegate lists for the pre-primary convention. There were some 550 delegates elected out of a potential 700 plus. There will probably be only one contest on the ballot and that is the candidates for the Congressional District 3 seat. However, the rest of the national or statewide candidates, who are unopposed in the primary still need to go through the convention procedure to be certified as our candidates.

Some rule changes will be voted on at the State Central Committee meeting – requiring party officers needing to leave all files and documents in proper order when they leave office. There is one that simplifies the math procedure for reporting the primary presidential winners.

When our delegates go to the National Republican Convention, on the first ballot, the delegation is

L-R, Rhonda Stockert 3rd VP, Joan Boue´ 1st VP, and Barbara McClain, NMFRW President



divided percentage wise by the number of votes the presidential candidates got in our primary election. In other words, if Ted Cruz gets 40 percent of the primary vote, he will get 40 percent of our delegates on the first ballot. That is our state law, but some states have a winner take all policy. So the

convention has to get past the first ballot before delegates may express their own preferences.

Our pre-primary convention plans are finished. We are training volunteers and the office staff is working hard to get all the delegates pre-registered. So if you are a delegate, we hope you will find things easier and smoother.

**RNC Report – Rosie Tripp:** The RNC held its Winter Meeting in January in Charlotte, SC, and featured the *Republican Leadership Initiative*. In 2015 1,000 RLI people were trained. They are motivated to spread the Republican message in neighborhoods in every state. 5,000 people signed up for 2016. RLI is a key initiative for recruiting new volunteers, staff, and team leaders to form the backbone for our ground game.

On the financial side, the RNC announced that we reached \$105.6 million in 2015. This was the most successful fundraising year without a sitting Republican President in RNC history. In December alone we raised \$10 mil. This is all thanks to our Chairman, Reince Priebus. This is also a testament to America's enthusiasm to return a Republican to the White House, while maintaining our control of the House and Senate. The average donation is \$96. The DNC has only raised \$76 mil for 2015, are deeply in debt, and struggling to retain staff. We have more boots on-the-ground and gathered more information than four years ago. Our technology, targeting, and data surpassed the DNC.

We have a more diverse field of well-qualified candidates running on ideas and issues, while the DNC is working hard to coronate Hillary. We are ready to take on the challenge and *win* in 2016. I assure you, NM has a seat at the RNC table with our team - Pat Rogers, Debbie Maestas, and me.

#### **Achievement Awards Report – Gwen Poe**

My job is to be a "cheerleader" for getting started early and following a guideline for the two-year period. I handed out basic guidelines at the Convention, displaying points awarded in 2014/15 for club activities and programs. The 2016/17 forms are not ready yet, but about 90 percent will remain the same. The actual form will define each of the bullets on the guideline sheet in more detail.

**For now:** volunteer hours and campaign activities are multiple and the quest would be to **keep track of hours, events, donations, and campaigns plus having relevant Republican speakers.**

#### **Campaign Report – Elaine Miller**

I will be taking the Campaign Chair duties in a new direction this year. Because our mission is to elect Republicans, I have put together a plan for the NMFRW to assist in any and all Republican campaigns throughout the state. Getting a Republican President elected, plus holding the U.S. House and Senate are our priorities. Another priority is to **"Turn New Mexico RED in 2016!"**

If you are willing and anxious to help in campaigns, email me at [elaine2443@msn.com](mailto:elaine2443@msn.com), so I can stay in touch with you. I've talked to Todd Johnson at the State Party to let him know we will be available and I'll also contact all campaigns. I'd like enlist volunteers to drive people to the polls in primary/general elections, including early voting. Polling shows that Republicans don't do a very good job of voting. We have offered this service in the past and I would like to continue it with better success.

Of course, I still want you to keep your campaign hours and turn them in to your President. I suggest you keep a spread sheet of some sort to record hours each time you volunteer, so you will have a clear picture of all you do. The Club Presidents turn in the hours to me quarterly through June 2017 when I'll report them to NFRW to compare with other states. I appreciate that you all work hard in your communities. Imagine how many hours you can rack up when you get involved this campaign year, along with all the things you always do in your own clubs and community. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and excitement!

#### **Caring for America – Jean Snyder**

I would like to report that Christmas Cards signed by all board members during our December Board meeting were completed and mailed to a wonderful group of men and women serving in the military.

I propose that the members of our board again sign Valentine's Cards which will be sent to our troops along with small boxes of Chocolates. It is important to remember our ladies and gentlemen who are away from their families for most holidays.

#### **Community Engagement – Marianne Chiffelle**

The *Townhall* meetings will start again after the Session is over in February. I wish there was more participation from the legislators. They still think that they are doing well in representing their constituents, but if you talk to people, you will find out, that they do not listen enough to them.

I am reaching out to high school students and UNM. They do not get this kind of education in school these days. By talking to them, we can get them to volunteer, so they learn more about dealing with people and more about the right politic.

#### **Leadership – Jo Mitchell**

My 2016 leadership project is to help clubs find members to serve as club president during club elections next fall. I am not interested in interrupting any plans clubs may have to continue with an already identified successor. It is the clubs that do not have anyone to keep their club active that I wish to communicate with.

I do not claim to have magic solutions; however, if they will work with me, we could explore some ideas that might help keep an organization going.

This will be an exciting year because of the election. It should be a good year for us to recruit members and get our members excited. If you are a club president, please do not forget to respond by the end of February. If you are not the president, please encourage your president to look at this issue now. Let's not lose any more clubs.



The best seats in the House, 2016 session.

#### **Legislative Initiative – Patricia Houston**

The 2016 Legislative Session opened January 19, while many bills have been introduced, they have not made it through Committees or to their final destination. At the next gathering of the NMFRW, I will be better able to give a report of what this Legislative session accomplished.

#### **Membership Data Entry – Marian Hubbard**

There is nothing to report until National FRW has finished designing and implementing the program.

**PAC – Nancy Loisel** – A report will be submitted after the June Primary, when PAC money has been distributed to candidates.

#### **Scholarship Committee Report – Rhonda Stockert and Ginger Paternoastro**

The Scholarship Chair sent out 203 applications statewide along with Scholarship Program criteria which must be met to qualify. To date I have received several applications and have talked to several counselors, who are excited about the NMFRW's Scholarship program. All applications must be postmarked by the March 15. The Scholarship Committee will meet April 15, 2016, to pick the best candidate to receive the scholarship. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Board Meeting in June 2016.

Members who have daughters/granddaughters who are seniors in high school are encouraged to submit applications. This great program will help highlight our future leaders within our communities.

#### **Senior Americans – Marianne Chiffelle**

I volunteered for this position, because I am already serving as an advisor to the Dept. of Senior Affairs. It is very important to focus on the senior population in this country. One survey showed that by 2030, there will be 3 times more seniors than juniors. We are working with many NM organizations to make sure we are not getting behind the times. Life style, housing, and mental stability, among other things, should be considered.

I was able to speak to the Finance Committee (in Santa Fe) on behalf of Senior Affairs. While waiting, I listened to Hanna Skandera (Education Dept.), who requested more money for education. Then I had my chance to explain the serious situation the country will be in in 2030. They had not heard these figures, Then I asked them if they ever got an ACCOUNT from the Education Dept. The answer was NO, after which I said WHY NOT. Commenting that the Education Dept. is wasting so much money, of which they should be able to give some more to Senior Affairs.

#### **New Mexico Club Presidents' News**

##### **Region A Director – Sadie Boyer**

The FRW Clubs in Region A and their Presidents and Members/Associates are:

I sent each FRW Club President a form to be filled out with their Club Officers' contact information

needed for the NFRW database. I also requested their current membership/associate numbers, shown after their names below. I appreciate the time and effort that each President and their officers take to complete all duties required by their positions.

I continue my efforts in working with the Santa Fe Trails President to hopefully keep this club active. Due to winter weather, I have not attended any club meetings (except for Taos). I plan to visit Farmington this summer and other clubs this year.

**Four Corners FRW – Terri Mosberger, 72/25**

We finished 2015 with 172 members and 43 Associates. We had 100 percent participation from our members in our *Armed Service Support* and *Caring for America* December gift program. We supported three needy families from our local National Guard units with gifts and gift cards for their Christmas Holiday.

December - our 2015 *Caring for America* project recipient was Presbyterian Medical Services, Total Behavioral Health Authority. Members donated winter clothing. We also completed a Pre-Primary Presidential Straw Poll - Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz tied for first place. We are in the process of choosing a new 2016 *Caring for America* project.

January program was Mental Health, NM Law and Legislation; we had 85 in attendance. We presented our FCFRW Fall Reimbursement Scholarship to Elisha Whiteley of San Juan College.

February meeting is all 12 Republican Candidates running in the March 1 City Elections. FCFRW helped and participated in the San Juan County Pre-primary convention on January 16. Out of 56 Delegates from San Juan County we had 19 members and 19 Associate members voted in. We had a fantastic showing at the convention.

**Los Alamos FRW – Bethany Douglas, 14/0**

Since the NMFRW Biennial Convention in Ruidoso, Los Alamos FRW members have been actively involved in local and statewide endeavors to promote values of the Republican Party.

In November, members wrote thank you cards to NM Veterans. In December members brought beautifully wrapped gifts for the local *Adopt-A-Family Program* and then enjoyed a scrumptious potluck luncheon with friends and guests. Newly-elected NMFRW President Barbara McClain joined us as our guest speaker.

In January one of our members, who attended grassroots campaign training in Albuquerque, sponsored by the Leadership Institute, presented what she learned. Some members gathered signatures on Judge Judy petitions. Still others participated in our county's pre-primary convention events to elect delegates to the New Mexico Pre-Primary Convention in late February.

As we look forward to ***Painting the State RED*** in 2016, the Los Alamos FRW is planning several engaging events. such as a candidate meet and greet in March and our summer yard sale to raise funds to support our candidates, and sponsor our second annual *Constitution Day Essay Contest*.

**Santa Fe FRW – Sharon Mottola, 29/11**

The Santa Fe FRW was pleased to welcome everyone from around the state to our fair city. It is always good to see you around the capitol.



Santa Fe Round House

Since our November get together, our club had the pleasure of hosting Bridget Condon, field representative for Congressman Steve Pearce and Executive Director for Zia PAC in November and Carla Sonntag of the NM Business Coalition in January. We also had CD3 candidate Steve

McFall visit us in November and Mr. Steve French, candidate for the Court of Appeals in January. In December we held our annual Christmas party/member appreciation *silent auction using tickets given out for service and participation in club activities*. This was an opportunity where you could get something for just showing up. We also donated toys to Boys and Girls Club and \$400 to the Empty Stocking Fund. In February, we will have our own associate member, Bob Graham of Edward Jones speak about the economy and what to expect, if we are fortunate to elect a Republican president. Next month the Convention of the States proponent, Judge David Walker will speak.

Mark Ronchetti will speak at our ***Biennial Gala*** on August 13 at the La Fonda. We have room for 300

people, so we hope you will all come back to Santa Fe this summer.

**Taos County FRW – Sadie F. Boyer, 10/2**

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

At our November 21, 2015 meeting:

- I presented the Silver Club Achievement Award and thanked the club for their hard work;
- We discussed budget, membership numbers, welcomed new members, and collected dues;
- We discussed our TCFRW Scholarship.
- We signed petitions for Michael Romero – CD 3 and Judith Nakamura - Supreme Court Justice.
- We held a Membership Drive Workshop following the meeting. Our goal is to mail 100 letters and membership applications after each meeting to active registered Republican women.

At our January 16, 2016 meeting:

- We set our calendar for the year including any fundraising events.
- We will continue to donate funds to GOP HQ;
- We began preparing to distribute the "Now You Are 18" Booklet.
- We held a Membership Drive Workshop.
- We held a fundraising drawing at both meetings.
- Next meeting is Mar. 19, 2016 - Kachina Lodge.

**Valle del Norte FRW – Geraldine Sanchez, 11/0**  
No report at this time.

**Region B Director – Marie Sorenson**

As of 2016, Region B has six active clubs and had 221 members at the end of last year. The Placitas FRW has closed. The East Mountains FRW is no longer having meetings and is considered closed. EM President Marita Noon moved to Texas. Many attempts have been made to obtain a closure letter without success. The Party of Lincoln FRW's membership now has 9 members. We are proud of Clara's hard work to gain a tenth member.

I visited four of six clubs in the past three months and will visit the last two in the next two months.

***Albuquerque FRW – Pat Dean***

Our December meeting was a Christmas social and potluck, where we honored Mayor Berry's wife, Maria Berry, as First Lady. Members also enjoyed meeting Barbara McClain, NMFRW President. For

the past 4 years, our *Caring for America* project has been to support Mitchell ES, where over 70 percent of students are on the free lunch program. This year the school requested books, so that each child in grades K-2 could have a book to take home and call their own. Members donated and distributed over 220 books before Christmas break.

In January we focused on how to attract young people to the Republican Party. Our speaker was a new college graduate (an AFRW member's granddaughter) who has worked on many key campaigns. She gave us many ideas that have worked for her.

AFRW members have been active in getting petition signatures and donations for candidates. Future meetings will include candidates.

Keeping members informed about issues is a goal. Information was sent via email to members concerning APS/CNM bond and mill levy issues.

Increasing our membership is always our goal. We will contact members through notes and phone calls to remind them to renew membership. Guests receive a newsletter and information packet on NFRW and AFRW and are encouraged to join.

***Metro FRW – Joyce Pullen***

Metro's January meeting featured speakers were Republican Judges from Bernalillo County, headed by Metro Court's Chief Judge Henry A. Alaniz, who has always worked hard to ensure good Republican Judges are on the bench.

We revised our by-laws, which were distributed to our membership and approved. We are in the midst of our 2016 Membership Drive.

Because a strong Republican presence in our Judicial System is important, we are considering putting much of our efforts, resources and support into NM Judicial contests. Paul J. Gessing, President of the Rio Grande Foundation will be our featured speaker at our next luncheon March 9.

***Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain***

In November we *Saluted our Veterans* with a free lunch for five veteran members. Member Ida Mitchell spoke of her father's experiences during WW II and his assignment on Midway Island after the attack. Lani Kamauoha, was a young girl in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Life in the aftermath of the attack changed forever.

At our December Christmas Party and gift exchange we had a "Giving Tree" for Store House

West, as a *Caring for America* project. Alicia Williams won the voter registration contest.

Our January speaker Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull gave a the "State of the City" presentation. We will have all Republican candidates running for our three city council seats speak to us in February.

#### ***San-Bern FRW – Sandra Atwood***

I learned a new term. Bragadocious. I have to be bragadousious about my BOD (who were in attendance at the NMFRW Winter BOD). Janis Lynch, Programs. Linda Shaughnessy, Treasurer. and Julie Wright, Membership.

In November 2015, I attended the Biennial NMFRW BOD meeting in Ruidoso where San-Bern FRW earned the Silver Achievement Award. Our club completed its by-laws review and had our Annual Fall Fling event. Our luncheon hosted *Folds of Honor* as our Americanism project.

For December, Santa came to our Christmas party. We donated 216 pounds of food to Saint Felix Food Pantry and sent Christmas cards to Veterans at the V.A. At yearend we had 50 members/9 associates.

We began 2106 with 23 paid members and 9 associates. Thirty-three attended our luncheon as we hosted four candidates, their wives and campaign managers.

- Our February luncheon will be Tea for 2, a membership drive with Steve Stucker, weather man and co-anchor of KKOB as our speaker.
- June - 2 major fundraisers for our candidates.
- August - We will again partner with Sandoval County Republicans at a community event.
- November - Annual Fall Fling/BOD elections.
- December - Christmas party.
- In 2016 - 2 major fund raisers and 2 additional events. Four luncheons will be dedicated to candidates. One luncheon will be for *Americanism* and one will be for *Caring for America*. We will again donate books to local schools in the *MELP/Literacy Program*.

#### ***Zia FRW – Marianne Chiffelle***

We at Zia FRW are still working hard to increase our membership. We had 37 members, but two passed away in December.

Myself and three other members went to the convention in Ruidoso. It was well organized. The extra sessions were welcome. The Inn of the

Mountain Gods is a special place to hold the event. Kudos to Joan Boue' and her committee.

Our special Christmas Celebration was well attended. Last year was busy and our members helped all the representatives that approached us. We worked together with the Bernalillo County Rep. Party and the State Party.

We sent members questionnaires to find out if we should do something different at our monthly meetings. We still meet every month. This is nice for the Young Republicans that are invited, because they have a chance to come during vacation times.

We are having the same fundraiser as last year. It is less time intensive, and this year will be busy. We hope that 2016 will be a good year for our party. A lot depends on our legislators. Let us all reach out to them, and hope they will do what is best for NM. ***God bless you all and God bless the USA!***

#### **Region C Director – Teresa Barncastle**

Region C Clubs never missed a beat following the State Convention. All Clubs are striving to increase their membership and were emailed membership campaign suggestions from the NFRW website. The region has 200+ paid members already signed up for 2016 and are hoping to double that number.

Most clubs reported having Christmas parties and planning sessions. Clubs are planning on inviting local and state candidates as guest speakers. Local candidates for municipal judge spoke at Chaves County FRW and Cynthia Pearce, wife of Congressman Pearce, spoke at Lea County FRW. DA Dianna Luce will be the guest speaker in Lincoln County FRW in March.

Region C clubs supported their communities by honoring local veterans, supporting a local food bank and participating in *Caring for America*. Lincoln County collected shoes at the State Convention for their 'Soles for Souls' program.

Clubs continue to interact with legislators and support the Republican Party. Members attended their County Pre-Primary Conventions where many were elected as delegates and will be attending the New Mexico Pre-Primary Convention.

Otero County FRW is still struggling to find leadership. A phone meeting was held with their past president and they decided to hold one more meeting to encourage someone to volunteer to lead.

**Chavez County FRW – Joan Boue´**

The Chaves County FRW ended 2015 on a high note. In November we honored 36 veterans by serving them a turkey dinner and presenting each a "Certificate of Appreciation." The certificates were handed out by our guest speaker – General Jack Fox. This was our most touching meeting to date.

In December, Senator Stuart Ingle, Santa Fe Republican Minority Floor Leader, spoke about concerns and problems of giving New Mexico drivers licenses to illegals. He spoke about the need of addressing this issue in the 2016 Legislature.

We sent 19 Christmas cards to military in Bosnia. Christmas cards were also sent to The Assurance Home~a Roswell facility for abandoned youth.

We started 2016 introducing and hearing from the three Republican candidates, who are running for Municipal Court in Roswell. This meeting brought 127 guests to our January luncheon.

Chaves County FRW presented applications for two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships. These were awarded to Chaves County graduating seniors.

To date we have over 100 members~our goal is to beat the 176 members we had in 2015. We are ready and willing to do whatever it takes to "**Paint the State RED**" and elect a Republican president.

**Dona Ana County FRW – Patricia Rothengass**

The 38th Biannual Convention Theme *Painting the State RED* brought excitement and enthusiasm to our board and our members. Our theme for 2016 is **Paint Doña Ana County RED**. Recruiting new members, getting members more active and adding to the board are things we are doing to help make Doña Ana County RED. This past year we donated 344 nonperishable food items and gave a cash donation to Trinity Food Pantry for perishable foods at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The December meeting was party time with good food, music and warm friendships committed to Election Year 2016 and getting Republicans elected. January started off great with six new members and existing members renewing their memberships. Our speakers were Captain Craig Buckingham, who is running for County Commissioner District 5 and our very own Jill Johnson, who is running for County Treasurer. Our exciting line up of speakers will help educate our members on City, County, State and National issues. We look forward to getting out the VOTE in Doña Ana County.



L-R, Candy Luhrsen, Justice Judith Nakamura, Marian Hubbard, and Becky

**Grant County FRW – Rebecca Spann**

Greetings from the former bastion of socialism known as Grant County, NM, where we are happy to report that the membership of the Federated Republican Women has grown from fifteen to twenty-one. We were proud to receive a Silver Award in the achievement awards program.

We chose Dinesh D'Souza's *America Imagine a World Without Her* for our MELP project. Books were given to all area high schools. Our November speaker represented *Wreaths Across America*, which began in Maine in 1982 and involves placing wreaths in all the National cemeteries.

In December we donated items to Adult Protective Services, including: toiletries, clothing, lap blankets and gift cards to assist needy older adults, so that they can live in dignity and on their own terms. We also retook the Republican delegates collecting 8 of the 12, returning them to the people of Grant County at the Pre-primary election in January.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 conceal carry; and inviting candidates to speak.

Two of our members are running for office this year. Bernadine Lucero will be running for County Clerk. She was a deputy clerk for a number of years and then went to Santa Fe to work for the Secretary of State. Martha Salas will be seeking her second term as County Commissioner. We will be busy helping these ladies win their elections.

## 2016 NFRW Policy for Counting Volunteer Hours

The Campaign Award Program is an effective tool to demonstrate the power of Republican Federated Women at the local, state and national levels. The program honors Clubs and State Federations that spend tremendous amounts of time volunteering (non-paid) for our Republican Party, our Republican candidates and our Federation of Republican Women.

The following policy details which activities may be included in your volunteer campaign hours:

1. All non-paid campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation.
2. Campaign work done within or outside the home, including mailings, phone calls, computer work and social media postings or blogging.
3. Work at or for a special campaign event – but NOT if you attend as a paid guest OR if you are compensated for the event.
4. Attendance at (and travel portal to portal) State or National Federation Board of Directors Meetings and Conventions – as well as time spent in preparation for Federation meetings if you serve on a Committee.
5. Time in session at (and travel portal to portal) municipality, precinct/ward, county, district or state party conventions.
6. Time in session at (and travel portal to portal) RNC conventions.
7. Time spent as a county, state or national party committee member or as a temporary member; i.e. Rules Committee, Resolutions Committee, etc.
8. Campaign work at club meetings, i.e., getting petitions signed, doing mailings. DO NOT COUNT TIME SPENT IN REGULAR BUSINESS AT CLUB MEETINGS.
9. Traveling from event to event – but NOT for personal stops en route.
10. Volunteering at any municipality, county, state or Federation headquarters.
11. Volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office, e.g., school board elections.
12. Working as a poll watcher on Election Day – but NOT if you are paid.
13. Involvement in a Campaign Management School, i.e., training to be a faculty member, teaching and organizing a campaign school.
14. Working on Election Day as an Election Judge or Election Clerk – but only if you turn the money you are paid over to your county party or your local FRW club.
15. Presenting campaign programs or speeches at local civic organizations.
16. Appearing on local media for the GOP cause.
17. Running for office – all time spent campaigning.
18. Time spent registering voters.
19. Hours spent as editor of a club newsletter or state newsletter and hours spent as club yearbook chairman.
20. The time of Associate members (women) volunteering for the Federation or individual clubs, or GOP, i.e., working at the HQ of the Party or a candidate, putting up signs, etc. can only be counted by ONE individual club – the primary club of the member. The time of Associate members (men) volunteering can be counted in the primary club of his spouse or friend who is the member of that club.

THIS IS AN AWARD GIVEN FOR “POLITICAL CAMPAIGN” TIME. IT DOES **NOT** include time for charitable, civic or anything other than volunteer time given as detailed herein. It does **NOT** include time spent on other NFRW programs that are not related to working on campaigns. Please check with the Achievement Awards Chairman to see if charitable, civic and other volunteer time fits within one of the Achievement Awards categories.

### National Federation of Republican Women – Individual and Club Campaign Award Form

(This instruction page added to the NMFRW Newsletter per Elaine Miller’s request on 02/27/2016)