



# *The New Republican Woman*

New Mexico Federated Republican Women

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## **Winter Board of Directors Meeting: Inn and Spa at Loretto Santa Fe, NM**

**THURSDAY, February 5, 2015**

Members of the NMFRW and guests registered for the convention at the hotel between 6:30 and 7:00pm.

At 7:00pm, the NMFRW had the pleasure of meeting with several distinguished guests at a reception. President Krista Edwards began the function by congratulating all of the guests for their hard work in the last election. "We have reason to



President Krista Edwards (center) and Delaine Berry posed with Rep. Don Tripp during the meet and greet Thursday.

celebrate because for the first time in 60 years, New Mexico now has a majority in the House!" she said. They heard valuable insight from legislators from all over the state. President Edwards brought to everyone's attention a letter from the NMFRW concerning Right to Work. She asked the legislators to take the time to read NMFRW's concerns and consider allowing New Mexicans a choice in the Right to Work issue. She then encouraged members of the NMFRW to visit the offices of at least their own legislators (even Democrats) and reminded them to be sure to sign in and note that their visit concerns Right to Work legislation.



The members of the NMFRW gathered outside the Capitol before the legislative session on Friday morning.

**FRIDAY, February 6, 2015**

At 8:30am approximately 50 members of the NMFRW met in the hotel lobby and began their walk to the Capitol. The women, most of whom dressed in RED, posed for a photo outside of the building before they entered.

The NMFRW attended a joint session of the legislature and five members of the NMFRW Executive Committee were introduced on the floor. Governor Susana Martinez addressed the joint session and recognized members of the Native American groups who she had worked with recently.



(Left to Right) NMFRW officers: President Krista Edwards, 2nd VP Vickie Kneemeyer, Secretary Frances Fernandes, Treasurer Jeanine Kelly and Parliamentarian Teri Hurt waiting on the floor of the House of Representatives for the Joint Session to begin on Friday morning.



Sherre Stephens (center), Santa Fe FRW 1st VP with guests Roberta Carter (left) and Kim Zeilik (right) enjoyed the sunny day outside the Governor's Mansion on Friday afternoon.

Representative Sharon Clahchischillage, R, Navajo from San Juan County and member of FCFRW was given the honor of sitting at the dais during the session.

After the session, NMFRW members visited the offices of Dianna Duran, Secretary of State and then the office of Lieutenant Governor, John Sanchez. Members then visited the offices of legislators who represent the areas where they live.

They were on their own for lunch and then met back at the hotel at 1:30 to carpool to the Governor's Mansion for a Tea for the NMFRW. The Tea was a fun afternoon for the members to gather and discuss common ideas and issues.

The Executive Committee held their meeting from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Later, on Friday evening, Chile Pepper members gathered to "Celebrate a RED House!" Mary



NMFRW President, Krista Edwards (left) and Terri Mosberger, FCFRW President pose during the Tea at the Governor's Mansion.

Quintana, Deputy Secretary of State, talked to the group and answered questions concerning the operations and staff in the Secretary of State's office. It was an entertaining and informative evening, time well spent.

### **SATURDAY, February 7, 2015**

The Regions held their meetings from 8:00 to 9:00am. The Board of Directors Meeting followed at 9:15 with reports from the NMFRW Officers, and reports from the NMFRW Standing Committee Chairwomen. These were followed by reports from the various region directors and club presidents.

The meeting recessed for the luncheon buffet which was served in the breezeway. The meeting reconvened and there was a special presentation to the



NMFRW President, Krista Edwards (left) and Deborah Maestas, NM GOP Chairwoman pose after the keynote speech at the luncheon on Saturday.

ZIA FRW in celebration of their 75th anniversary. NMFRW President, Krista Edwards presented the ZIA club with a gift of a special banner to commemorate this anniversary.

Upcoming events were then announced:

The Spring Board of Directors Meeting of the National Federation of Republican Women will be held March 19-21, in Arlington, Virginia.

The Summer Board of Directors Meeting of the New Mexico FRW will be held June 19 & 20, in Albuquerque.

The 38th Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Republican Women will be held September 10-13, in Phoenix, AZ.

The 37th Biennial Convention of the New Mexico Federation of Republican Women will be held November 6 & 7th, in Ruidoso.

Following the announcements, Joan Boue, 1st Vice

President of the NMFRW, introduced the Keynote speaker, Debbie Maestas, Chairwoman of the New Mexico Republican Party.

In her closing remarks, Krista Edwards thanked all the special people who helped put on the Board of Directors meeting, especially, "... Jeanine Kelly for her work as our Treasurer, Frances Fernandes for her work on the Tea, Delaine Berry for her work on the Chile Peppers event, Charletta Larranaga for her work at the Capitol, and all of the officers of the NMFRW for all they did to make this meeting a success." She also thanked the special guest, Debbie Maestas, and all of the women who attended and participated in the events.

## President's Corner

by Krista Edwards



We've all had a very busy schedule since we met last in November. I sincerely hope everyone had a meaningful and enjoyable Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas with family and friends. It is my wish that 2015 will be the best year yet for each of you!

Recently, you all so graciously invited me to attend special occasions and I want to tell you how much I enjoyed traveling throughout the State to be with you. I have to say, you all know how to party in style!

Just one week after our Fall Board of Directors meeting in Albuquerque, my husband and I returned to Albuquerque to help the Zia FRW celebrate their 75th Anniversary. This was a well-attended event and we had a great time. Lt. Governor John Sanchez, Representative Jim Dines, Mayor Richard Berry, and six NMFRW club presidents showed up to celebrate. The women of the Zia club are a very charming and friendly group.

My very first installation of officers was performed at my very own club, the Four Corners FRW in Farmington. It was quite the thrill for me to be standing before my club installing my friends into office!

On December 10, my husband and I returned to Albuquerque to the lovely home of Jo and Jim Mitchell for the Albuquerque FRW Christmas

luncheon. Our friend, Lt. Governor John Sanchez was there to address the standing room only group and was very relaxed in Jo's home. Representative Jim Dines was also at this meeting. It was an honor to install Albuquerque FRW's new officers. The women of this club are great cooks. The food was wonderful.

Two days later, on December 12, my husband and I drove once again to Albuquerque to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the San-Bern FRW. These ladies celebrated in style also, serving a prime rib luncheon and ending with champagne and cake for dessert. They held a silent auction and presented an interesting history of their club and I installed their new officers.

The next week, my husband and I drove to Roswell to install the Chaves County FRW's new officers. This club went above and beyond to make us feel welcome! President Joan Boue and her husband, Hudson, entertained us one evening and treated us like royalty. The women of the Chaves County FRW went all out to decorate their meeting place for Christmas and it was beautiful. We drove home from Roswell in a world class snow storm in sometimes whiteout conditions and were grateful when we parked the car in the garage that evening.

We've had a wonderful time sharing special moments with you and I want to thank all of you for your generosity to me and John. He has been so wonderful to drive me all over the State of New Mexico to be with the fabulous women of the FRW. I think he likes you all as much as I do! So, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thursday, we delivered 112 letters to the New Mexico legislature encouraging them to move forward on Right to Work legislation. New rules prevented us from hand delivering the letters to each legislator, but we did drop them off at the mailroom for distribution. I want to thank Karen Bayless for getting the letter written and printed. The letters were signed by me on behalf of all 968 NMFRW members. Currently, 24 states have Right to Work laws, and hopefully, this legislative session will add New Mexico to the list!

A couple of weeks ago, Representative Steve Pearce invited several NMFRW to participate in a teleconference call. The purpose of the call was to present a project he hopes all of the FRW will adopt. The subject of the project is Obamacare's Impact on Senior Citizens. Rep. Pearce would like Republican women to visit Senior Citizens Centers, share some talking points and encourage the seniors to stand with legislators who want to repeal this law. Congressman

Pearce expressed his desire to hold teleconference calls with the presidents of the NMFRW in the future and I want to encourage all of you to participate when given the opportunity. If you are interested, I would be happy to email you a copy of the brief about Obamacare's Impact on seniors.

My plans have been made to attend the Spring Board of Directors meeting of the NFRW in Arlington, VA, March 19-21. Plans include a tour of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, Legislative Day at the Capitol, and of course, all of the other events of the NFRW. I'm hoping that this year, the cherry blossoms will cooperate and the weather will be lovely.

New Mexico's next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Albuquerque, June 19 and 20 at the Albuquerque Marriott. Mark your calendars and plan to join us in the springtime.

## Executive and Committee Reports

### First Vice President - Joan Boue'

As First Vice President for the NMFRW, it is my duty to secure speakers for our board meetings and biannual convention. To date I have secured Deborah Maestas, Republican Party Chair, Richard Luarkie and Nora Espinoza for upcoming meetings and our Biennial Convention in November.

### Second Vice President - Vickie Kneemeyer

This report covers activities for the month of January, 2015. The report reflects the membership by Region and Club. At this time, NMFRW has a total of 400 paid members. The NMFRW membership for the end of 2014 was 968.

Region A – 138

Region B - 79

Region C - 183

NMFRW has a total of 20 Clubs and two clubs placed on hold. The two inactive clubs are Placitas FRW and Valencia County FRW.

### Third Vice President, Fundraising - Delaine Berry

Fundraising is off to a good start for 2015!

Chile Pepper members gathered to "Celebrate a RED House!" on Friday, February 6. Mary Quintana, Deputy Secretary of State, talked to the group and answered questions concerning the operations and staff in the Secretary of State's office. It was an evening well spent.

Terry Smith, Four Corners FRW, was the happy and excited winner of the drawing held Saturday, February 7, for 2 tickets to the Bill O'Reilly and Dennis Miller "Don't Be a Pinhead" show in Rio Rancho on April 11.

Terry Smith, winner of the drawing



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

The State Central Committee has elected these officers for the 2015-17 term:

Chairman - Debbie Maestas

First Vice Chair - Richard Luarkie

Second Vice Chair - Phil Achuleta

First Congressional District Vice Chair - Marie Sorenson

Second Congressional District Vice Chair - Will Cavin

Third Congressional District Vice Chair - Jefferson Byrd

Secretary - Orlando Baca

Treasurer - Rick Lopez

Below is valuable information regarding the RNC's activities for the upcoming Presidential election. It is from an article written by Karl Rove: The RNC will sanction five to seven debates—far fewer than in the 2012 election. Voting will start later. There will not be any January primaries. Only Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada will hold February primaries. Any other state that votes before March will lose their delegates to the National RNC Convention. Delegates from each state can be allotted in two ways. Either they are divided proportionally by the percentage of votes each candidate received, or they can all be given to the winner of the state's primary. The number of primaries increases in the first half of March, potentially including a Southern "Super Tuesday" with Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. Early March states must award delegates proportionally. So while one candidate may carry more states, there may be only a small difference in the

delegate count. States voting in the second half of March and beyond can award delegates winner-take-all. This could quickly end the contest if a candidate wins several big states. The National Convention will be held July 18-21. There is much that needs to happen before this time including our party convention to elect our delegates. The Rules committee has suggested to legislators that the state law regarding primaries be changed to make primary elections optional.

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#### **NFRW Membership Chair - Elaine Miller**

I'm working with executive officers on the National Board to put together a Virtual Club flyer as a way of reaching the younger generation. I encourage you to browse the NFRW website ([www.NFRW.org](http://www.NFRW.org)) and go to the Membership Digital Resource Library. You'll find ample information about Virtual Handbooks. I will have more information after the National FRW Board Meeting in March. Additionally, I am seeking volunteers for the National Convention this September in Phoenix.

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#### **Achievement Awards Report - Gwen Poe**

Forms are due June 1, 2015. The September convention is in Phoenix. We are co-hosting with Arizona and Nevada, and hope for 100% club participation in the awards program. Currently, 65% of the award requirements are complete. Please send funds to National regarding the scholarships and building resources. Send books to a library or school and review any needed program issues. Don't forget to review your bylaws. No significant changes resulted from the National convention. Please come to Santa Fe with responses, comments, ideas, questions, and spending money. Bring your short forms as well, and let me know if they were helpful.

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#### **Campaign Chair - Joan Boue'**

I am pleased that the statewide contest for volunteer hours was a huge success. The contest was held to honor and encourage volunteers through the campaign of the 21 clubs (19 participated). Total statewide volunteer hours for New Mexico's clubs included 52,673. Please continue to calculate hours through June 2015. Reports are due May 15, 2015, estimating to the end of the month. The winning club with the most hours in 2014 was The Party of Lincoln with 11,520. The club member with the most hours was Lea County member, Sandy Goad with 1,680. Thank you to all who participated.

#### **Caring for America - Joyce Headrick**

Our State Project "Now You Are 18" remains in progress. We are working on changes to the booklet such as adding topics of teenage pregnancy and banking skills, as well as responsible credit card use. We are currently seeking funds for its printing costs. Please contact me if you would like a model booklet (from Texas). Please continue visiting with contacts regarding the booklets' distribution to our clubs, area schools and within the community.

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#### **Community Outreach - Marianne Chiffelle**

When our President asked me to be the Chairwoman for our Community Outreach Program, I accepted the position. I called NFRW Community Outreach Program Chairwoman, Evelyn McCoy, and explained to her that I started an outreach program called "Club 66". I have teamed up with five other organizations, the Tea Party, Senior Affairs, New Mexico Business Coalition, Libre, and Volunteers of America. We continue to set up a booth at a nearby church and give out copies of the Constitution and an American flag. Visitors to the booth give feedback that we send to the other team organizations. This helps educate and inform citizens at minimal cost.

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#### **Leadership Report - Jo Mitchell**

We had an exceptional last election. We continue getting organized in many areas, and desire nothing more than to keep gaining ground in the U.S. Senate and the New Mexico House.

So what does this have to do with your club? I would suggest making sure every member realizes how important a role he/she plays in the club's success. In addition to providing speakers that are knowledgeable about current issues, get members excited about being a part of NMFRW. How do you get members fired up? The first thing is to get everyone brainstorming. Have you ever asked your members why they belong to your club? What are their likes and dislikes? Have they thought of inviting someone to your meetings? To encourage input and active involvement we must continue providing relevant and accurate information. Such can and will make all the difference in membership growth and participation.

***Save the Dates !!!***

**NMFRW Summer Board Meeting  
June 19 & 20, 2015  
Albuquerque Marriott**

### Legislative Initiative Report - Elaine Miller

I contacted Representative Bill Rehm to add our support to HB 32 and HB 79 regarding Two-tiered driver's licenses and Foreign Nationals driver's licenses. HB 32 was introduced by Representative Paul Pacheco. It is an act involving driver's licenses, calling for several stipulations, including, but not limited to the following: providing for a restricted temporary driver's license or identification card of one year's duration for certain foreign nationals; requiring a social security number from eligible applicants for certain driver's licenses or identification cards; limiting the duration of driver's licenses and identification cards of foreign nationals; requiring proof of granted deferred action for childhood arrivals; increasing penalties and imposing new penalties.

HB 79 was introduced by Representative William "Bill" Rehm. It is an act also relating to driver's licenses, and outlines several features such as reducing the validity period of driver's licenses and identification cards for foreign nationals to their authorized period of admission. On Thursday, January 29, Representative Rehm let me know that after 6.5 hours of public comment and debate, both bills passed the Safety and Civil Affairs Committee on a party line vote – 5 to 4. During February the bills will be heard in the House Judiciary and the House for a vote.

### Literacy/MELP Chairwoman - Sadie F. Boyer

I encourage all NMFRW Clubs to continue to donate a book, tape or video to a community school, institution, library, or literacy council through the 2015 Literacy Committee/Mamie Eisenhower Library Project. Such donations promote literacy at all age levels in communities across the state. NFRW has formal bookplates to place in the front of each donation for recognition. Official NFRW bookplates are issued upon request, along with a list of the title and book donation quantity. Contact information is listed on the NFRW Literacy webpage. The MELP list is available on the NFRW website as well: [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org), including the 2014-2015 MELP Book List and Addendum II. Below are two recommendations:

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project Book of the Week is *Lincoln's Last Days: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever* by Bill O'Reilly

Regarding the Barbara Bush Literacy Project:

Each September, the NFRW honors our former First Lady's literacy mission. For project ideas, visit

the Literacy webpage on the NFRW website. The Literacy Committee publishes a list of successful projects from previous years. The Literacy Committee requires a complete form, also on the website, be sent to the NFRW Literacy chair by the end of October. A random drawing of completed documentation forms is done for cash awards. Please send me an update on your Literacy or MELP project to [sadieb@kitcarson.net](mailto:sadie@kitcarson.net).

### NMFRW Scholarship Report - Diana Billingsley

Scholarship applications were sent out to over 200 public, private, and charter high schools statewide. Cover letters were attached with pertinent information regarding scholarship guidelines. Unit presidents also received guidelines. Scholarships must be postmarked by March 15, 2015. Unit presidents should have the scholarships sent to the scholarship committee. Applications will be reviewed by the committee April 15th, 2015. Applicants will be notified by May 1st. The NMFRW Executive Committee made changes to the current award. It is now only (1) \$1500 award. This change is being made to accommodate tuition increases across the state. Please call Diana Billingsley at 575-336-7038 with any questions or concerns.

### Convention Committee Report - Joan Boue'

Yvonne Dorman, Marci Butchofsky and I met to plan for the 2015 NMFRW Biennial Convention. We secured the Inn of the Mountain Gods for November 6-7, 2015. Check in is at 3 pm on the 6th. Dinner speaker is Richard Luarkie, Governor of Laguna Pueblo and Republican Party Vice Chair. Representative Nora Espinoza, Legislative Chair for Education will speak at the luncheon. Numerous vendors will be on site. NMFRW Clubs will display their scrapbooks and newsletters for judging during the convention. Spouses are encouraged to attend this informative and exciting event.

**Save the Dates !!!**

**September 10-13, 2015**

**NMFRW Biennial**

**Convention**

**Scottsdale, Arizona**

## Notes and News from Clubs around New Mexico

### Region A

**Sadie F. Boyer, Region A Director**

The FRW Clubs in Region A and their Presidents are:

Four Corners FRW- Terri Mosberger, President

Los Alamos FRW – Bethany Douglas, President

Santa Fe FRW – Sharon Mottola, President

Santa Fe Trail FRW – Victoria Baker, President

Taos County FRW – Sadie Boyer, President and

Valle del Norte FRW – Gloria Trujillo, President

I attended several FRW Club meetings and installed their newly elected officers. It was an honor, and I look forward to offering their new leadership my support. I enjoyed meeting members of each club and applaud their commitment to the Federation and its goals. I want to express my thanks to each of the outgoing officers for their inspiration, leadership and friendship. On January 10th I attended the Valle del Norte Meeting, held at the La Cocina Restaurant in Espanola, NM. My goal this year is to attend at least one meeting for each club. I look forward to visiting everyone.

### *Four Corners FRW*

**Terri Mosberger, President**

In December, 2014, we supported our local National Guard. Major Jason Pete chose 3 families that we helped with clothes, toys and gift cards throughout the holiday season. We had 100 % participation from our members. Krista Edwards our State President installed the new executive board. Our January program was Marita Noon, Executive Director, and Citizens Alliance for Responsible Energy and Energy Makes America Great, Inc. She discussed



Officers and members of the FCFRW gather for a photo during their visit to the Round House on Friday.

Fracking and how US oil production has changed our oil dependency with OPEC. As of 1/22/2015 we have 83 members, 6 new and 15 Assoc. members, 2 new.

### *Los Alamos FRW*

**Bethany Joy Douglas, President**

The Los Alamos FRW chapter celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2014! I am pleased to announce that the new board members attended the Fall board meeting together in November. The incoming officers spent time getting to know one another and planning 2015 activities. December was festive for the Los Alamos FRW. Our club continued its tradition of adopting a local family for Christmas through the Adopt-A-Family program, sponsored and organized by the Alpha Zeta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Members brought beautifully wrapped gifts and generous cash donations to the December Christmas luncheon. We were honored to host Sadie Boyer as our special guest, who presided over the installation of the new officers. Sadie inspired and delighted us with stories of her experience in New Mexico politics. Ms Boyer inducted our new officers. Special recognition goes out to Mary for her diligent work in the ballot recount that resulted in the election of Aubrey Dunn. The theme of our January meeting was "New Year's Resolutions." We discussed exciting ideas to invigorate the club in 2015. One such idea is to invite young mothers and their children to Ashley Pond to feed the ducks and talk about relevant issues. We also considered the possibility of hosting a teacher appreciation event in the fall. Members also proposed possible treats and brochures representative of life in Los Alamos to provide for the biennial convention goodie bags. We also discussed events and transportation arrangements for the February Legislative Day and tea at the Governor's Mansion. At the March meeting the members of the Los Alamos FRW will conduct a Lessons Learned session to assess and discuss our successes and shortcomings in 2014.

### *Taos County FRW*

**Sadie F. Boyer, President**

The Taos County Federated Republican Women's general meetings are held five times a year on the third Saturday of the following months: January, March, May, September, and November. Our dues are \$25. The meetings are held on Saturday mornings at the Quality Inn of Taos, beginning with a no-host breakfast

and continuing with our program and business meeting.

Our 2015 schedule includes, but is not limited to the following: increasing membership, fundraising for candidates, supporting MELP and Literacy Programs, and attending NMFRW State Board meetings, and conventions.

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## ***Region B***

### **Saralee Wisner, Region B Director**

In November 2014, I was appointed Region B Director for the NMFRW. Our region consists of eight clubs: Albuquerque, East Mountains, Metro, Placitas, Rio Rancho, San-Bern, The Party of Lincoln, and Zia FRW. Placitas FRW is currently not operating due to a lack of officers to staff the executive board. The Party of Lincoln is young and still in the organization process, as well as finding a permanent place to hold their meetings. Metro FRW has a new meeting location.

For the upcoming meeting in Santa Fe, I asked each club to give a short synopsis of their activities and current membership goals. A discussion about the general purpose of the Federated Republican Women will also be included. This particular discussion is based on questions addressed to me by a local blogger who publishes a regular newsletter concerning various political and legislative activities, issues and organizations for Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. It is hoped that recalling our purpose for club membership will be helpful, in view of the upcoming 2016 elections. I have also asked each of the presidents of the Region B clubs for information about their meeting days, times and locations. My hope is to attend at least one of their meetings this year to become better acquainted with everyone, and address any questions and concerns.

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## ***Albuquerque FRW***

### **Pat Dean, President**

Our last 2014 meeting was a potluck held at the home of Jo Mitchell. We were honored to have our new officers installed by NMFRW President Krista Edwards. Our guest speaker was Lt. Governor John Sanchez. We also contributed to our "Caring for America Project." This is the second year we have supported Mitchell Elementary School with children's clothing for those in need, donating 207 pairs of socks and 34 sweat pants/shirts. Members actively supported

candidates as well. For 2014, AFRW had a total of 2913 volunteer hours. Our club member and candidate Sarah Maestas Barnes had the most hours with 1400 hours. AFRW concluded the year with 54 members and 6 Associate members. We grew from 2013 and plan on pursuing this increase in membership, as well as member retention. At this time we have 29 members and 5 Associate members. For our January meeting, City Councilor Trudy Jones was our speaker. She gave an overview of her work. We are excited to have Debbie Maestas, RPNM Chairman, as our speaker on Feb. 25. Guests are welcome to our meetings. Please make reservations. We will continue to offer speakers with relevant information. A monthly newsletter is published and sent via email and USPS. For January, information on the NM Legislature, web addresses for bills and committee meetings was included. Also, there was information on the Albuquerque School Board election. We have encouraged members to attend activities sponsored by NMFRW. Eight members are attending the Legislative Day and Governor's Tea. Our annual fundraiser, "Champagne and Haagen-Daz," to support candidates is planned for June.

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## ***Metro FRW***

### **Joyce M. Pullen, President**

Metro celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2014. January 2015 has already seen an increase in membership. We had the pleasure of guest speakers, Kathy Korte—incumbent of APS School Board in District II, and Madlyn Jones, candidate for District I. Elaine Miller was appointed as the Metro Parliamentarian. Nancy Loisel was appointed as Chair of the Hospitality Committee. Members requested a new location to meet, and it was unanimously decided to begin gathering at the Marriott Hotel. Our primary goals for the year include membership growth and fundraising for candidates.

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## ***The Party of Lincoln FRW***

### **Clara Peña, President.**

POL-FRW works to promote women's involvement in politics, as well as to educate and increase voter turnout in the western quadrant of Albuquerque, NM, and the South Valley. We are a diverse group of women, united in our desire to see our

communities thrive. From the time of our establishment, POL-FRW agreed to do our best to spend from 10-20 hours a week helping candidates. Our volunteer efforts include: walking for candidates, phone banks, putting up signs, translating material into Spanish, holding signs on the street, registering voters, developing campaign material and much more. Our chapter is a young, small group of 12 active individuals and 12 associate members. We calculated that in 2014, each active member spent nearly 1000 hours volunteering. Although our candidates were not successful in their races, we gained percentages that nobody thought a Republican could get in the west mesa and South Valley (over 40% of voter turnout votes). But most importantly, we established more of a presence of our Party in that area. We're breaking stereotypes, and we're educating voters on a number of issues. We're also reinvigorating the interest of current Republicans in the area who may have been disillusioned because they did not feel they had a voice that truly represented their values in that community.

2015 Goals and Plan: expand our membership; continue to be creative and embrace technology so we can reach our younger voters by speaking their "language"; identify issues relevant to our community; focus on fundraising for candidates.

We gained ground by winning the House, but must continue to keep momentum to win the Senate. With each New Year we know we'll obtain success as long as we continue to work hard on the issues and to attract the younger voters.

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## ***Zia FRW***

### **Marianne Chiffelle, President**

The club was busy before the 2014 elections with fundraising, volunteering and meeting with the Governor when she came to Bernalillo County. Our luncheons remain at the Canyon Club, every third Thursday of the month. Membership is up! We attended two rallies. Our Club celebrated its 75th anniversary. At the celebration everyone in attendance received a gift. Presidents from clubs all over the state attended, including our state NMFRW President, Krista Edwards and her husband. Our Speaker was Lt. Gov. John Sanchez. We attended the Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque on November 14 –15, 2014. In December the new Zia officers were installed, and we had a Christmas party. Four of the candidates for the APS Board spoke at our January meeting. Deborah Maestas will speak for us in February. Our motto for

2015 continues to be "If it is to be . . . it is up to me (us!)."

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## **Region C**

### ***Chavez County FRW***

#### **Joan Boue, President**

The Chaves County Republican Women ended 2014 with the installation of 2015/2016 officers. The ceremony was performed by NMFRW President Krista Edwards. Yvonne Dorman from Hobbs also joined us for the celebration.

Our Roswell Independent School District held bond and board elections in February. To inform and educate members, the Superintendent of Schools, a board member and a candidate for the school board spoke at our luncheon. All three speakers are registered Republicans.

In February, two of our members and former NM lobbyist for Excel Energy and the Dairy Community gave presentations regarding the legislature and lobbyists.

Our March topic includes, "Crime in Roswell" a presentation that will be done by our newly elected Republican Sheriff and our Republican Chief of Police.

In April, we'll welcome back our legislators to give an update on the 60 day session. Rosie Tripp, our National Republican Committee woman will speak for our club in May. Our current membership is over 70 members. Our goal for 2015 is 145 members.

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## ***Dona Ana County FRW***

#### **Patricia Rothengass, Vice President**

Since the November Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque, the Doña Ana County FRW has had their December Christmas Luncheon. Our entertainment was Los Vaqueros, a local men's singing group. The new officers for 2015-2016 were installed at this time. On January 6th the new board had their first meeting and began planning the year. Our club will continue to support the local food pantry. Over 400 nonperishable items were collected in 2014 along with a donation of \$100 for perishables. On January 12th, our club presented a check for \$100 to support the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Las Cruces. Our first luncheon meeting was January 23rd with 37 ladies in attendance. At the meeting our plans for the year

were discussed and shared with members. We have 44 paid members going into 2015.

## ***Grant County FRW***

### **Rebecca Spann, President**

We are focusing on the results of our 2014 elections in Grant County. We hope to gain strength in numbers in 2015. With the excellent cooperation between the GCRW led by Lequita Lett and the Grant County Republican Club led by Linda Peacotte, we achieved a historic win for the Republicans in Grant County, and intend to build on our momentum. Currently, we have 17 members. We will be inviting new members and requesting previous members to renew their memberships. In December we collected warm blankets, hats and gloves for the Adult Protective Service. This organization caters to at-risk seniors. In January we hosted a forum for the candidates for the school boards of Silver City, and Cobre High Schools. Our monthly meetings will be held in the Sunset Room at Western New Mexico University in the Student Union Building at 11:30 am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month through March. Thereafter, they will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the remainder of the year. Lunch is \$10. We will be providing relevant speakers. In an attempt to reach out to younger college women, as well as to grow our club, we will be hosting our meetings in town, so working women and college students can attend. If you plan on visiting a meeting, please RSVP to Carol Lutz 575-313-0567.

## ***Lea County FRW***

### **Yvonne Dorman, Past President**

During the fourth quarter of 2014, Lea County FRW hosted two monthly meetings, and held an annual membership gathering in October. We were honored to have Marita Noon as our guest speaker. She gave us valuable information on energy. We had a great turnout with approximately 75 attendees. Our November program regarded the Affordable Health Care Act and its impact on New Mexico and Lea County. We had 4 members attend the November Board meeting in Albuquerque. We elected new board members in November. Our Americanism committee, headed by Joyce Hatley donated \$225 to needy veterans in Lea County. Our Community Service project is Humphrey House, a residential treatment center for children ages

12 – 18. We sent birthday cards to many of the residents there. Our calling committee has contacted members and former members each month to remind them of our monthly meetings and any updates/information concerning our group. Our goal is to increase meeting attendance and membership renewal. We are also looking at an automated robo-call system and hope to implement it in 2015. We currently have 79 members, 17 of which are new and 9 associate members.

The NMFRW Nominating Committee would like to receive emails or letters from anyone interested in running as an officer for the 2016-2017 term. Elections will be held at the NMFRW Convention in November. Please submit an email to the following Nominating Committee members:

Marilyn Hannahs  
mhannahs48@yahoo.com

Patricia Rothengass  
artpjr1940@yahoo.com

Norma Tech  
nht\_tech@yahoo.com

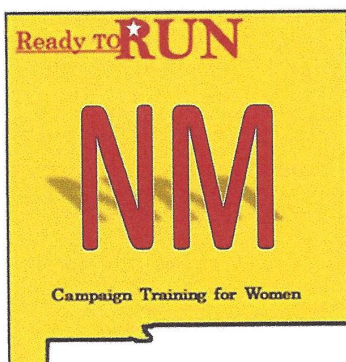
If you would like to mail a letter, send it to Marilyn Hannahs, 179 Tierra Encantada, Corrales, NM 87048

## ***Save the Dates !!!***

**November 6 & 7, 2015  
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Convention  
Ruidoso, NM**

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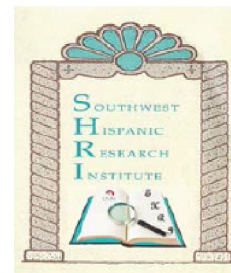
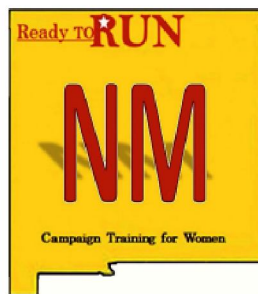
**@ the MCM Eleganté Hotel**  
**APRIL 10th - 11th, 2015**

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Please complete the registration form and email to [mkivligh@unm.edu](mailto:mkivligh@unm.edu); fax to Maurice Kivlighan at 505-212-0342; or mail to:

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Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are planning to attend the Keynote Address and Dinner of Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, please fill in your choice of entrée on the following page and return the form along with your registration form.

**NMFRW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****2014-2015**

<b>President</b>	<b>Krista Edwards</b>
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<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jeanine B. Kelly</b>
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<b>Member-at-Large</b>	<b>Jo Mitchell</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Elaine Miller</b>

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& CLUB PRESIDENTS BY REGION****REGION A**

<i>Director</i>	Sadie F. Boyer
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<i>Zia FRW</i>	Marianne Chiffelle

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<i>Socorro FRW</i>	Rosie Tripp

**NMFRW - BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2014-2015**

**NM National Committee Woman** Rosie Tripp

**National Federation of Republican Women  
Board and Committee Members**

**NFRW Membership Chairwoman** Elaine Miller

**Immediate Past President** Elaine Miller

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JoAnn Johnson  
Karen Bayless  
Jan Brooks  
Alma Green  
Peggy Traver  
Marge Logan

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMEN  
2014-2015**

**Achievement Awards** Gwen Poe  
**Americanism**  
**Bylaws** Caren Lulich

**Campaign**  
**Caring for America**  
**Chaplain**  
**Club Development**

**Community Engagement**  
**Historian**  
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**Legislative Initiative**  
**Legislative State**  
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