



New Mexico Federated Republican Women Newsletter

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President's Corner NMFRW President Rhonda Stockert

I remember when President Obama made the statement that the top down and bottom up would be coming to the U.S. I did not understand that statement at the time. Michelle Obama made a

comment that United States citizenry would have to give up some traditions, again this was not explained.

With the fraudulent election of Joe Biden, the Nation is being led to adopt a communistic agenda thru our young people. The communist party now wants to remove the nation's historical statues, our founding documents, and all holidays. BLM and Antifa are admitted communist groups who want to change the landscape of this great nation. The 4th of July, Independence Day, was celebrated last weekend!

I am proud to be an American and will not apologize for it. I am proud to be a strong New Mexico Federated Republican Woman in New Mexico.

NMFRW women are warriors of truth and diversity. Our goal is to continue to promote an informed public through political education and activity, while increasing the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government. There has never been a better time to be a Republican Woman. We are prepared for the battle ahead.

NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports First Vice President – Marie Sorensen

As First Vice President of NMFRW, I schedule speakers for Board meetings. For the June 2021 Ruidoso meeting in Ruidoso, three Sheriffs from three different Counties spoke. They were Lincoln Sheriff Michael Wood, Lea County Sheriff Corey Helton, and San Juan County Sheriff Shane Ferrari. Sheriff Michael Wood spoke Friday evening followed by a *Border Crisis Video* by Sheriff Corey

Helton and Gretchen Koetcher. On Saturday Sheriff Shane Ferrari was the Guest Speaker at our luncheon. I am so excited to honor Law Enforcement!

Second Vice President – Joan Boué

This has been the most difficult year for everyone ~ yet it was the year of opportunity to stay engaged and to keep our members informed about FRW activities. Here are some helpful suggestions to keep in touch with members & to increase membership.

- ✓ **Call members monthly** to see how they are doing and keep them informed about your FRW Club.
- ✓ Identify members who can help elderly members with grocery shopping & picking up prescriptions.
- ✓ Zoom board/regular meetings, if you cannot meet in person. **Something is better than nothing.**
- ✓ In December one FRW President held a home meeting to install the new Board, as there was no place open to have a meeting.
- ✓ Ask your Membership Committee to identify those who have not rejoined for 2 years. Hand write letters saying you missed them & include a membership application encouraging them to rejoin.
- ✓ Identify non-members who worked the Trump Campaign & encourage them to join.
- ✓ Obtain a voter registration list of registered Republican women who vote every election from your County Clerk. Have your committee identify 100 voters to receive a letter from your Club.
- ✓ Once you get new members, print out their membership cards from NFRW & mail their cards.
- ✓ **Send out frequent newsletters with updates.**
- ✓ Some Clubs are meeting in person ~ encourage those members attending to invite family members, neighbors & friends to your meetings.
- ✓ I have copies of letters Chaves County sent out to secure new members if you would like a copy.

Region/Club	# of Members
Region--A	
Four Corners	105
Los Alamos	21
Santa Fe	55
Taos	17

Region--B	# of Members
Albuquerque	35
Metro	22
Rio Rancho	16
Rio Grande	33
San-Bern	53
Zia	26
Region--C	
Chaves	144
Dona Ana	42
Grant	34
Lea	44
Lincoln	42
Socorro	28
Total Members	717

Doing all of these activities takes time & work, but it will pay off! It is not too late to try these activities to encourage membership. Good luck to you.

3rd Vice President Fundraising Marci Butchofsky

Some members arriving at Ruidoso on Thursday joined a Bocce Ball Tournament held at Susan and Paul Vescovo's lovely home in the Outlaw Area, past Alto Lakes. Team Neff/Fulbright took 1st place. Shona and Terra intimidated opponents with matching 'No Mercy!' t-shirts and head-bands. Martha Popplewell and Denise Anderson placed 2nd. Rhonda and Ginger also made a good showing.

Clubs were invited to bring donations for Friday's Silent Auction. We raised \$1,485 between the Bocce games on Thursday and Friday's Silent Auction.

Treasurer's Report – Carol Parish

We've been frugal in expenditures this year and last. It has helped that President Rhonda has worked to get the best prices for meetings and ensured that meals were included, so our bank balance is holding steady.

I will send out a list of past and present members to each club president soon. Our next meeting is the Biennial meeting. I need to know which of your club's members have passed away in the past several years, because it is customary to honor them by listing their names in a special section of the Program. Please contact me with those names.

Achievement Awards Report – Gwen Poe

Thank you all for your participation! I have been in FRW since 1967 in Pasadena, CA, then Durango, then ZIA in Albuq. I served in lots of committees and offices thru these 50+ years. Mr. Reagan was Governor. I have a photo of introducing Nancy at one of our events. (Story of Poster signing).

The Awards Program has grown from a basic skeleton with some periodic changes, occasional

additions or exclusions. NFRW did business by U.S. mail and nat'l dues was 50 cents. Imagine the stir when that went up! The Awards Report was 1 page long, now it is 6 and on Internet. Paper has melted to impersonal computer communication. Systems and personnel are aging. The pandemic has been huge. We will survive with education, tolerance, and faith.

2020/2021 Awards program. As state chair, I strive for 100% participation because I believe the program is a simple way to lead, manage, and function as a club and achieve success. I created the *booster sheet* to help report club activities and info. I give copies to members inform them and encourage participation. From 2018-2019 to 2020-2021 a few changes exist: (9 adds/8 outs). See: **Club Function** (purpose); **Membership development** (#'s); **Program** (informative, action); **Leadership development** (methods); **Campaign activities** (action, help, serve); **Community Relations** (PR, support).

Nat'l has changed reporting methods - all Internet. I assume you have sent your reports. Years ago, they came to me, then to state president, and then to Nat'l. It was a paper system. Thank you for your time. Your dedication and your service. gwenpoe@swcp.com.

Members-at-Large ~ Ann Eby & Candy Luhrsen

NM Republicans listened to Congressman Jim Jordan and South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem at the RPNM Convention in Texas. Neither Ann nor I attended. Ann had a bout with Covid, but is better.

The NM Young Republicans Chair, Rebekah Stevens advised that *New Mexico Republican Party Uniform State Rules, Amended Sept. 21, 2013*, provides on pp. 5 & 6 in Section 2-1-3 para. 7 that "*The State Central Committee shall consist of a membership as follows: 7. "Three members to be selected by the New Mexico Federation of Republican Women. . . ."*

The three members would likely be the president plus the two members at large. This means that Members at Large need not be elected as county delegates in order to attend AND VOTE at RPNM Central Committee Meetings. I was allowed to vote at only one of the of RPNM Central Committee Meetings during the first 18 months. Apparently, we must remind whoever is in charge of convention registration about this reference, since RPNM has restricted voting privileges to only county delegates.

RNC Report – Tina Dzuik ~ No Report

Scholarship – Ginger Paternostro ~ Due to Covid restrictions and schools being shut down, no

scholarship applications were received. I look forward to getting the program going again.

New Mexico Club Presidents' News

Region A Director – Anita Statman

The 2nd Qtr of 2021, a year after Covid arrived, was a welcome change of pace. FCFRW is on target for a big membership year due to their Membership Chair's hard work. They surged to 111 members due to mail outs and old-fashioned phone calls.

I was inspired by TCFRW's effort to honor law enforcement by assembling and delivering snack bags to county law enforcement agencies / stations.

Los Alamos had a bang-up fundraising tea in April. We had a record-breaking fundraiser in terms of new members, money raised and a successful food drive which benefitted our local food center.

I have continued conversations with Region A women about starting another FRW.

Four Corners FRW – Heather Curtis

FCFRW is gaining ground! Due to our hard-working Membership Chair, we now have 111 members! This has not been an easy task and was accomplished with mail outs and old-fashioned phone calls.

Our presentations are diverse and informative. We had programs including such speakers as our San Juan County Manager; NFRW 1st Vice President and Region 3 Director, Eileen Sobjack; New Mexico Oil and Gas Association Director of Communications Robert McEntyre; and Farmington Police Chief Steve Hebbe. We welcomed our Representatives for an update on the Legislative Sessions in May.

FCFRW proudly awarded the Spring Scholarship to Courtney Faith Beaver. Miss Beaver will use the \$750 to continue working towards her Nursing BSM.

For the first time in over a year we met in public at Pinon Hills Church. We joyfully had 64 members attend. We are positive that this number will grow as restrictions lift and the 2022 election season begins.

We look forward to watching minds and registrations of party affiliates change, from Democrat to Republican. **FCFRW Board and Chairs remain vigilant in working hard to turn our state Red!**

Los Alamos FRW – President Terra Fullbright

Efforts to attract new members have paid off. Membership increased to 26 plus 3 associates. We sent more emails detailing the importance of being members and how our money is used to help our community and candidates. LAFRW started

emailing monthly recaps and have also started a brief newsletter to inform members about state politics.

In February members met for conversation, fellowship, and to support a conservative restaurant. We discussed a diaper drive to support our local Hope Center. Donations were plentiful. As pro-life supporters, we want to ensure parents seeking assistance thru Hope to know that LAFRW cares.

In April we held a Covid-PositiviTEA. Chaplain Jolyn McTeigue spoke on the positives resulting from her Covid experience. We had a great showing and were joined by NMFRW Ginger Paternostro and President Rhonda Stockert, who gave an uplifting speech. Through our Tea committee's hard work, our fundraiser was record breaking. The food drive with our tea benefitted the local food center.

In May we wound down for a summer hiatus. We had a local community leader speak on how we can get involved at the local level. We also collected snacks, drinks, and goodies for Police Appreciation Week. Our local police chief was very grateful for our donations. Also in May, our friends at the Hope Center asked for our assistance with their recent move, and we were happy to accommodate.

In June we held a garage sale fundraiser. We had great donations and an excellent turnout.

We are trying to get our name out to let people know that LAFRW cares about the community. We work heavily with RPLA and are blessed by their support.

LAFRW will volunteer at our Republican booth during summer concerts, passing out club information, mini constitutions and application forms for the *Constitution Day Essay Contest*. We will help with the RPLA summer picnic and are working on some awesome FRW T-shirts to raise funds.

Santa Fe FRW – President Anita Statman

This Spring we addressed two priorities: election integrity and *Caring for America /Caring for Santa Fe*. To spotlight election integrity we invited Theresa Atencio, Director of the Clerk's office for Elections and Voting in April to speak on procedures and becoming a VRA. Twelve took the class to become Voter Registration Agents (VRAs). In May the County Clerk spoke on election integrity and her plans for the office and county. We chose 4 non-profits: Bienvenidos - a food pantry for homeless, CareNet - a pregnancy advisory service, Habitat for Humanity, & a Girls Youth Program to help quarterly.

We held our 1st essay contest to recognize young conservative leaders. College-bound seniors wrote thoughtful essays on a segment of George Washington's farewell address. We awarded \$1,000 to an Estancia Valley Classical School senior (Hillsdale charter school) to attend Grand Canyon University pre-Med program.

We also worked on our NFRW scorecard to evaluate our efforts of the past 2 years. Club members volunteered 10,121 campaign hours, scoring 278 points. Our efforts were unprecedented in 2020!

Since then we are planning and promoting CD3's big summer event: *The Great American Picnic* in Santa Fe County, next month, Saturday, July 17.

As an effort to be a force in Republican campaigns, we started a monthly subscription program similar to *WinRed*. It will help co-fund a half-time office staff this fall and support activities through 2022.

Taos County FRW – President Sadie F. Boyer

Since February, TCFRW met in March and May at the Don Fernando de Taos Hotel / Restaurant. In March we offered a choice of in-person or zoom. Our meetings begin with a no-host breakfast at 9 a.m. with the business meeting at 10 a.m.

- We begin each meeting with an Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the Pledge to the NM Flag, a Quorum check, reading of the Minutes, and Treasurer's report.
- Membership Dues are \$40; Associate Dues are \$20 and our Fundraising Donation is \$50 per member. We have a total of 17 members and are working to exceed our 2020 total of 27 members.
- We honored all Taos County law enforcement: NM State Police, Taos County Sheriff's Dept., Taos Police Dept., Taos Pueblo Tribal Police, Taos Ski Valley Police Dept., Red River Police Dept., Game and Fish, and U. S. Forest Service. Volunteers shop for snacks and drinks and organize a workday to assemble and deliver them. We took pictures and posted them on Facebook and our website. It was a great experience and was well-received.
- Members reported 3,332 campaign volunteer hours - the highest total to date, even though a few members moved late in 2020 and didn't turn in hrs.
- Our Club Achievement Awards Team used the NFRW Roadmap to record & plan Club work. We earned 257 points and qualified for the *Diamond Award*. I recommend all Club Presidents use this tool to plan their work for the designated period.

- Future projects include: Honoring Nurses/Hospital Staff, Prepare a Membership Binder to include information for new and existing members, Newsletter, Candidate Recruitment, Voter Registration Agents, HAVA Volunteers – (*Help America Vote Act*), Election Integrity Team and work with TCRP in combined events including funding to open Republican Headquarters.
- I participate in the NM Grassroots Republicans' Zoom meetings. These meetings are topnotch.
- I check the NFRW Website for new projects and distribute them to members. Listed items include: "Keep The Nine" Amendment and "Equality Act Legislation." For more info go to nfrw.org.
- Our club raises funds for TCRP 'VOICE' Headquarters which will hopefully open in Nov.
- Our MELP /Literacy Team chose the Rush Revere 5 book set by Rush Limbaugh. Included in the set are: Brave Pilgrims, First Patriots, American Revolution, Star - Spangled Banner and Presidency.
- Join us for "Liberty on the Rio - Flag Day Celebration" at the Hotel Don Fernando de Taos on Friday, July 9 from 7-9 p.m. "Share Your 'VOICE' with Fellow Patriots!" Refreshments Served.
- We are glad to see RPNM' action plan involving County Chairs and offering help, where needed.
- We are "**saddened**" by so-called leaders in our state and nation. We will work for the Republican Party platform and hope that in future we elect more representatives that are of a like mind.

Region B Director – Stephanie Kennedy

I sincerely thank all Region B clubs: Zia, Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, Rio Grande, San Bern and Metro for their hard work and staying the course in orchestrating meetings amid COVID. As we step into this new way of doing business, I'm optimistic about NMFRW's future. The sisterhood is unparalleled to any organization, and I'm proud to be a part of such an esteemed group of women. We will continue to work diligently to increase enrollment and sustain membership. Thank you!

Albuquerque FRW – Charlotte Sweeney

Our AFRW Club was excited to have our first in person meeting on June 23 since our meeting location was closed due to COVID. Our speaker was Gorden Eden, retired APD Chief of Police and retired U.S. Marshal. Our meeting was well attended, and several new members joined our Club. We are excited that our Club continues to grow. We stayed engaged with members through email and monthly Zoom meetings with Guest Speakers. AFRW has a slate of officers

that were presented at the June meeting and will be voted on by membership at our July meeting. The slate of officers will then be announced to NMFRW.

Metro FRW – President Gayle McCormick ~ No Report

Rio Grande FRW – Cyndi Runyon

While our membership is at just 48 for the year (+20 associates), we have that many or more attending monthly meetings. Our club is eager to educate themselves and participate in this wonderful thing we call a democratic republic.

In February, we welcomed NM Business Coalition Carla Sontag as an associate member and speaker. We also created thank you notes for our conservative Republican legislators. Each card held from 15-50 signatures and notes of thanks.

March brought an interesting contrast between Eddy Aragon and Mark Moores as they spoke at the same event. Let's just say, I learned some things about having two alpha males speaking the same evening.

In April, we brought our 5 legislators in as a panel. They walked us through the last session in Santa Fe. They were tired and discouraged but clarified what happened and what must be done going forward.

By May we began driving toward municipal elections, and hosted a Candidate Recommendation Workshop, where each table brainstormed good people who might be a good fit for those open municipal positions currently filled with democrats.

We called those recommended and turned over 11 names of the willing (or almost willing) to run for the positions. We have influenced family members, neighbors, clients, and friends into understanding the need for good people to manage our community, and to run for office. My own husband, Dr. James Runyon, is running for Las Lunas City Council!

We are ready to begin the run toward municipal elections and are partnering with the Valencia County RP to get the right people into the right positions. We're helping train, support, and stay beside them until they bring home the responsibility for running our cities, towns and villages.

Even after we win, we plan on reminding them to communicate with the public, holding them accountable, and supporting them as we are able.

Each meeting we hear an update on Protecting Life. We hear bits from our Sheriff about fighting gun

control. And each meeting brings a moment of education from history or our daily lives.

Did you know Hitler hated red lipstick? The U.S. Army commissioned 2 red lipsticks, making them standard issue for women's uniforms. Let's wear red lipstick, red shoes, and smiles, and stand out as happy and beautiful in this growing culture of ugliness and despair. We choose to live joyfully in liberty.

Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain –

Rio Rancho FRW held an in-person luncheon meeting at Weck's on #528, under the tent. It was June 14, Flag Day and we celebrated it with a Flag ceremony honoring the 5 military branches. Each flag was carried by a veteran of that branch and a club member. Branch hymns were played as flags were carried in. It was a very moving ceremony.

We have some new officers with lots of enthusiasm. I look forward to an active year in 2022. Thank goodness the State is now open. **No masks!**

San Bern FRW – Jeanette Clark

In May we met at *Nick & Jimmy's Restaurant*. Despite Covid limitations, 43 people attended! Our keynote speaker, Eddy Aragon of "*The Rock of Talk*" radio show, spoke about the problems with fraud in the 2020 election, illegal immigration, crime and other issues, which the governor refuses to address.

In April we met at *El Pinto Mexican Cantina* with 40 attending. State Senator & Minority Whip Craig Brandt and Representative Jason Harper spoke on the 2021 60-day session in Santa Fe. They noted that radical legislation passed due to the loss of moderate Democrats in 2020. They said that if registered Republicans support GOP candidates aggressively, we will win the House and governor races in 2022.

In May we met at *El Pinto Mexican Cantina* in Albq.

The first speaker at June's luncheon was Homeland Security Agent Bob Godshall, who summarized the southern border crisis, which he noted was addressed successfully during Trump's Administration. Biden foolishly ended President Trump's policies. We now have a major crisis of human trafficking and dangerous drugs entering the U.S. State Senator Mark Moores, who ran for the CD-1 special election, spoke about how to stimulate economic development in NM and reduce the crime rate. He explained how both issues are currently keeping New Mexico from attracting new businesses and more jobs.

In May, we collected donations & diapers for *Care Net Pregnancy Centers of Albuquerque*, a faith-based, pro-life organization for *Caring for America*.

All things considered, San-Bern FRW fared well in the first half of 2021. We have 57 members and 11 associates. Our club is on summer break; however, our Board of Directors will *retreat* in July to discuss upcoming luncheons, speakers and events.

For members' convenience, we launched an online merchant account. We're currently working on the online *San-Bern Mercantile*, where members can purchase items to benefit the club.

Our next luncheon meeting is planned for August 21. Jay Block, candidate for NM Governor, will speak.

Even though the atmosphere in NM and the U.S. appears bleak, SBFRW remains confident and hopeful, preserving our peace, strength and courage, staying focused on club goals, and creating awareness of FRW and its impactful mission. We remain steadfast as we stand with Republicans, and support strong, solid, winnable candidates for 2022.

ZIA FRW – Marina Whisonant

Since February, ZFRW held several Zoom Meetings. Region B Director Stephanie Kennedy installed our new Officers in January 2021.

In February, our former representative, Janice Arnold-Jones spoke to us on Voter Integrity and what was being done to protect voter rolls.

In March, BCRP Chair and FRW Member Julie Wright spoke about Bernalillo County RP's plans to build up Wards and find candidates to run for office.

Before the April meeting, we found a new place to hold meetings. We were then ready for our first in-person meeting in a year.

NM House District 22 Representative Stefani Lord was the 1st guest speaker at our new location. She shared her experiences being in the minority as a first-time legislator. As a conservative with a strong personality, she fought to prevent poor legislation from being passed. Ronnie Lucero, who ran for CD-1, also spoke. He is also active in the LEXIT movement to educate the Latino Community on how they are being used by the Democrat Party and how closely their values match Conservative values. LEXIT = *Latinos Exiting the Democrat Party*.

In May 2021 CD-1 Candidate Mark Moores and 2022 Governor Candidate Jay Block spoke. Both candidates shared views of what NM should be.

In June Albuquerque City Council District 9 Candidate Susan Renee Grout and Candidate for Lt. Governor Anise Golden Morper both spoke. FRW Member Anise ran for CD-3 in 2020. Finally, Tom Stull spoke to us. He submitted his application to fill the NM House seat left vacant by Democrat CD-1 winner Melanie Stansbury who was elected in June.

This was a challenging year. We made the best of it by communicating via email and Newsletters. We reviewed/updated our By-Laws and Standing Rules. We look forward to the future. We will assist Party Candidates and work to win City Council and School Board elections. We are recruiting new members.

Region C Director – Caren Lulich

A while ago, a *Fox News Host* talked about a book titled "*Make your bed, little things that can change your life*" and how the phrase applies daily. We all know someone who rolls out of bed every day, instantly straightens sheets, plumps pillows, and pulls up the bedspread. **Me, I need coffee first.** The point was that making your bed signals your brain that a new day has begun, and you are ready to go. Making the bed also applies to our neighborhood, town, and county. Local changes have big impacts on our lives - city council, county commission, school board, Emergency Planning Committee, etc. Being active in communities where we live shows Republicans care.

I attended a Socorro FRW meeting recently and learned I was the first Region Director to ever visit. I also learned that last summer, at pandemic and lockdown heights, Socorro FRW managed to have two fundraisers without getting fined or arrested! **Socorro made the bed.**

The subject of Grant County's Americanism essay contest was *Freedom or Free Stuff*. The subject elicited a nasty letter to the editor, but articles and pictures of members and winners were in the paper. Students from both private and public schools participated. **Grant County made the bed.**

Lincoln County FRW "*Backs the Blue*" and openly honored their new sheriff and local law enforcement. **Lincoln County made the bed.**

I attended the Chaves County FRW meeting last week and learned they were hosting a round table forum with local leaders entitled "*Cannabis in our Community*". This forum was open to the public. **Chaves County made the bed.**

At our last NMFRW Executive Committee, concern was raised about local Republican parties affecting

membership; women were hesitant to join as they thought we were part of the state or local Republican party. Lea County felt that they were just considered worker bees for their local party. So, they elected their FRW President, Carol Parish, as the new party chair. **They certainly made the bed.**

The Las Cruces School Board voted to implement *Critical Race Theory, 1619 Project and Equity Training*. The one Republican school board member was to speak at our meeting after the vote, but she declined. Acting President Denise Anderson, who stepped in to fill the gap after President Elaine Rafferty's death, contacted a former teacher, school administrator and former local candidate to speak to members and explain what this means to our schools. **Denise has helped make the bed with DACFRW.**

Chaves County FRW – Margaret Kennard

There is no stopping us now.

We have met monthly since January and there is no end in sight. Our speakers included: RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce, Elisa Martinez, local legislators, Former Lt. Governor John Sanchez, and Former Governor Susana Martinez. We continue to strive to meet the needs of our members, all the while keeping our eye on the prize - the Diamond Award.

We initiated a new opportunity for members, quarterly roundtable discussions centered on issues affecting the county and state. The first roundtable was held last week. The topic was *Cannabis in Our Community*. Local elected leaders and a medical marijuana business owner spoke on the issue.

Looking forward, September 11 is set for our biennial fundraiser, the Cowboy Prom. The Graham Brothers from Lincoln County will provide live entertainment.

Coming out of a challenging year, Membership Chair Joan Boué has done a fantastic job getting new and renewal memberships. God bless you all!

Doña Ana County FRW – Denise Anderson/Acting

This has been a difficult time for DACFRW. New President, Elaine Rafferty passed away unexpectedly in February. As Vice President, I temporarily took over as President until someone else steps up, but this is difficult because I work full-time. Several committees are also missing chairs as it is difficult to find women willing to serve. The restrictive public health orders have made it challenging for our group to meet in person. Our membership is also down due to this not being a major election year, not being able to meet in person, the inability to provide food at

meetings and the lack of computer skills among some members to use Zoom in order to participate in remote meetings. Our group is social and enjoys getting together with other like-minded women.

On a positive note, we continued to meet remotely monthly until May when we met in person. We had wonderful guest speakers on subjects such as: Legislative Updates, The State of the GOP in New Mexico and Nationally, Differences between how local Democrats and Republicans operate, Stories from a Vietnam War Medic, and What is happening in Public Schools. Each program was informative.

Our Executive Board meets monthly to discuss how to improve and to get back on course. We continue to work together as one, cohesive group who all have the same goal in mind – to take back this County, State and Nation. Our goal is to educate others as to what Republicans truly stand for and how voting Democrat has damaged our country.

DACFRW continues to look for ways to reach other women to join in our quest. A Facebook page was created by Elaine, unfortunately, we have not had control over it. Social media is an excellent way to expand outreach to more women and the younger demographic. We continue to work on this.

We have not had any fundraisers for a year+. We hope that as things continue to open up and we meet in-person, that we will be able to fundraise again.

Our new Treasurer has experienced problems with NFRW, such as not cashing checks or not responding to emails. Communication is an issue. Our club is fortunate to have Region C Director as a member, who keeps us up-to-date on things going on in FRW.

DACFRW is committed to growing our club, keeping members up-to-date on current events which affect us, educating ourselves and others, and the goals of Faith, Family and Freedom. We have a great core group of women from varying backgrounds, who work hard to ensure Republican candidates win elected positions. We continue to promote the goals of the Republican Party at the local, state, and national levels. Our chapter appreciates all the help we have received during this unprecedented time.

Grant County FRW – Vicki Hawkins

Covid put a damper on scheduled projects so there is not much to report at this time.

The *Americanism Essay Contest* was a success and a learning experience for all. The students received certificates and checks for their participation.

GCFRW setup booths in conjunction with Gila Tactical at the rodeo in Silver City. Baked goods and other items were sold, and laser pistols were available for people to hone their shooting skills.

We are in the process of scheduling events each month, and projects to provide community assistance and increase membership.

Lea County FRW – Gretchen Koether

At our February meeting County Commissioner Rebecca Long gave an update on Lea County and told us about her testimony at Congresswoman Herrell's committee on the impact of oil and gas restrictions on Western States.

Our March program featured speakers State Sen. Gay Kernan and State Repr. Larry Scott. They spoke on issues at the Roundhouse and all that went with it.

Our April meeting featured newly elected State Repr. Pettigrew. He spoke about his experiences as a first-time legislator ... very interesting. We also heard from County Commissioner Jonathan Sena, who spoke about the next steps after the state hits Turquoise. He reported there were no next steps and we remain at 75% open until further notice.

In May, newly elected State Sen. David Gallegos spoke to our group. He held the State Repr. seat for the previous 8 years and described differences he observed between the House and Senate. Our Americanism Chair shared the history of Memorial Day. We recognized those who served in Viet Nam.

We continue to be busy attending the Flag Day celebration and other events held around our County.

Lincoln County FRW – President Ann Eby

Half of 2021 is past and we are working on the 2022 election in Lincoln County. FRWLC will work all year to raise awareness, funds, and challenge what occurred in 2020. We consistently hold luncheons at the local K-Bobs restaurant, guest speakers update us on state and county conditions. Attendance and membership growth have been favorable each month.

Membership Chair Elaine Wilmore and Treasurer Judith Passmore are diligently contacting past members and ensuring meeting guests sign up as members. FRWLC has 51 members and 9 associates. Our officers work cohesively to plan the year in fundraising and projects.

We are honored to host the NMFRW Summer Board Meeting and see everyone again in beautiful Ruidoso.

Upcoming events are Independence Day Celebrations July 3. We will participate in the annual Capitan Parade with a float, the Mescalero Apache Parade and have open venue in Midtown Ruidoso, giving bottled water, miniature America flags. We register and visit with everyone possible about USA and NM.

Socorro County FRW – Rosie Tripp

Our club has held monthly meetings despite the Governor's mandate. In March we began actively planning for the IN PERSON Oct. 21-22-23 *NMFRW 41st Biennial Convention*. Our committees are working on ditty bags, convention books, menus, door prizes and registration. Our theme, using a Wonder Woman backdrop, is **"WE'VE GOT THIS"**.

At our April meeting we began planning for our in-person *August Annual Ice Cream Social*. All announced Gubernatorial candidates are invited. We will send out 300 flyers with tickets. We donated 3 books to the Socorro Public Library for MELP.

Our scholarship committee met in May and selected Jordan Markland as our 2021 recipient. She will receive \$1,000 for the next school year. She will attend UNM/Valencia College, majoring in Nursing and getting certified as a phlebotomist. At our meeting we worked on our achievement awards form. We squeaked in to receive a Diamond Award. Our club reported 1,596 campaign hours. One of our newest members created a Facebook page for us.

As of our June meeting we have 31 members, 6 of whom are brand new to FRW. One has stepped up as our Treasurer and Facebook guru. We are all excited about the Biennial Convention and are working hard.

Editor Notes: If you do not want to be tracked by Google, I recommend using Mozilla Firefox combined with Duckduckgo.com as browser/search engine for fewer ads and a more balanced world view in your searches.

Have you tried Amazon Smile? Amazon will donate a small % of certain purchases to your chosen charity. I chose the Rio Grande Foundation, a NM conservative think tank.

SAVE THE DATE! Socorro FRW Pres Rosie Tripp reports the **NMFRW 41st Biennial Convention** will be held in Socorro, NM, at the Bodega Burger Company Restaurant and Econo Lodge Motel on October 21, 22 and 23. Looking forward to seeing you there! The theme is:

We've Got This!