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I posed this question at the Summer Board meeting of the NMFRW. "Why are you a Republican?" Is it because of Donald Trump? Is it because someone told you what to do and be? Or is it because you relate to the values and ideals of the Republican Party? Probably the later. The Republican Party is not a person, or whoever is serving in Washington, or whoever is holding what office, or whatever spin the news media spews. Being a Republican is a way of life, a mindset, a passion that we believe is worth fighting for.

We ALL need to get busy to turn our state around. We need to get more ladies (and gentlemen) involved, especially the under 40 aged groups. Even if they don't want to be involved in 'politics', they do need and want to be informed and we are a great resource. While some may not want to walk or make calls and may not be financially able to donate to candidates, they can talk to their friends and keep records straight with accurate information. Make a pact with yourself to reach out to a few people that you know and are not involved. I challenge you to bring in one new member. Just one (at least). OK I want more.

Living in a blue state is daunting. But other states have flipped to red and we can too. Not by wishing, but by working. Our ideals and beliefs are worth the effort.

Take Care,

Teresa Barncastle, President
NMFRW

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The VP's Desks...

1st VP—Terra Fullbright

I am pleased to announce that our guest speakers for our 2023 Summer Meeting were founder and CEO of Better Together New Mexico and President of New Mexico Business Coalition, Carla Sonntag and Cindi Cox Runyon, Development Director of Better Together New Mexico and Rio Grande Federated Republican Women President.

Cindi Cox Runyon spoke about where we are with the petitions and where we go from here. She was our speaker on Friday, June 16th, 2023.

Carla Sonntag gave us a run down of what happened in the legislature and how it will impact us. She was our luncheon speaker on Saturday, June 17th, 2023.

As 1st Vice President of NMFRW one of my job duties is to fill in for the NMFRW President. I was given a great opportunity to attend the National Federation of Republican Women 2023 Spring Board of Directors Meeting. I was able to attend the State President's Meeting and was able to vote, by proxy, for the 2025 Convention Site and the 2023 Nominating Committee. I met many of our NFRW leaders and had the pleasure of visiting with NFRW 1st Vice President and Region Four Director, Vanessa LaFranco. NFRW Capitol Regents invited United States Senator Ted Cruz to the event, which made this experience even more exciting.

Respectfully,
Terra Fullbright
NMFRW 1st Vice President

2nd VP—Joan Boue

As 2nd VP for the NMFRW I am pleased to give my 3rd membership report for 2023. This information was provided to me by our NMFRW treasurer. Please share this information with your members.

Membership as of June 4, 2023 (*I have included the numbers from Joan's last report in parenthesis for the curious*)

Region A Enchanted North – **16** (16), Four Corners – **139** (136), Los Alamos – **31** (31), Santa Fe – **79** (69), Taos – **21** (16)

Total for Region A - 286 (268)

Region B Albuquerque – **29** (28), Metro – **25** (25), Rio Grande – **33** (30), Rio Rancho – **31** (24), San Bern – **46** (43), Zia – **29** (24)

Total for Region B - 193 (174)

Region C Chaves – **129** (113), Dona Ana – **75** (74), Lea – **14** (13), Lincoln – **34** (26), Otero – **13** (13), Socorro – **20** (20)

Total for Region C - 285 (259)

Total statewide Members to Date - 764

(Second Reporting 701)

I gave a presentation to FRW of Lincoln County on May 22nd & got a very positive response. The message relayed back to me from the membership chair is that "perhaps she is thinking too small & plans to re-vamp her ideas for getting new members".

A membership letter (50) was sent out to past CCFRW members, friends & neighbors on May 1, 2023. By the 31st CCFRW had 16 members for that month. This letter was sent to Region A,B,C directors & requested it be sent to all presidents.

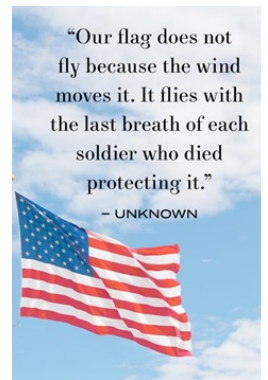
Respectfully submitted,
Joan Boue'

2nd VP NMFRW Membership

I wanted to share that CCFRW sends a monthly greeting to our Members & Associates, just to keep in touch.

January-HAPPY NEW YEAR
February-VALENTINES
March-ST. PATRICK DAY
April-HAPPY EASTER
May-HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
June-HAPPY FATHERS DAY
July-Happy 4th of JULY

We have one for each month, just another way to say "we are thinking about you"



Enjoy your Memorial Day.....take a moment and
Never forget those who have given their lives so we may have our FREEDOM!

Region A—Anita Statman
Four Corners, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos,
Enchanted North

Region B
Albuquerque, Metro, Rio Grande, San-Bern, Zia,
Rio Rancho

Region C—Jeanine Corn Best
Chaves, Dona Ana, Socorro, Lea, Lincoln, Otero

What's Happening in the Regions



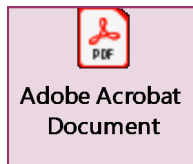
Region A Report

NMFRW 2023 Star Spangled Cowgirls Biennial Convention

Your Convention Committee is busy developing the agenda, identifying delegate counts, and planning menus.

Below are a series of activities that will inform you of our progress and help you with planning your travel. Any general questions can be directed to Di-anne or Anita.

Please click on the Adobe Acrobat Document for detailed information



Ads for the Convention Program

- Ad space for the convention is available for your club at 4 levels: Bronze \$100, Silver \$250, Gold \$500, and Platinum \$1000.
- Deadline to purchase ad extended to July 30th.
- Contact Terra Fulbright at 405-250-4066 or tbrightful@yahoo.com.
- Lisa Morris will be in touch starting August 1 to answer design questions.
- Please send checks to Cathy Walters at 1001 Oppenheimer Dr.#117, Los Alamos, NM 87544 by July 30th. You can reach Cathy at cathwalters@aol.com or 505-690-2309.

Hotel Reservations

- We have a block of 30 rooms.
- 6 rooms are available for Thursday as well.
- Call Cities of Gold and mention Republican Women at 505-455-0515 to make a reservation for a Double (\$99 +tax) or King room (\$89 +tax).
- We recommend booking Friday and Saturday nights as we won't finish until 8-9pm on Saturday.

Registration

- Registration fee \$175.00
- Call will be sent out to Club Presidents early August.
- Registrations due October 1, 2023

Silent and Live Auction

- Both a silent and live auction will be held—information to follow

Awards

- Bring 3 club newsletters to be judged along with your 2022-2023 Scrapbook

Website/Wifi

- Wifi will be available at the convention
- Info on the NMFRW website [Cowgirl up Convention](#)

Tour

- If you are interested in a tour in Los Alamos please contact [Cathy Walters](#) with your preference of Friday or Sunday morning

Agenda

- *Click on the attached Adobe Acrobat Document for the proposed Agenda*
- Contact Jeanine Bingham-Kelly with questions about the agenda at 505-320-9424.

Please do not forget to submit names of members that have passed since our last convention so they can be added to the program for the convention

I'm submitting our letter from the convention committee as our Region A Report. The only new news is that we have a new email address for questions about registration. It is: NMFRW.BiConv.Reg@gmail.Com

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Statman

Region C Report

As region C Director I have shared my contact information with each president in Chaves, Dona Ana, Lea, Lincoln, Otero & Socorro. Any information that is presented to me is passed on to the presidents of these clubs.

I have visited Lincoln & I'm engaged with Chaves monthly. I hope to visit the other clubs this summer & fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Corn Best
Region C Director

Upcoming Events

July 2023

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July 4, 2023

- **Fourth of July**—Join the celebrations around the state. Join the parades!

July 10, 2023

- **NFRW Faith Coalition Prayer** chapter 5—Restoring Marriage Family & Social Capital—4PM EST (Via Zoom)

July 11, 2023

- **NFRW Empower Hour**—Leadership Legacies: Mentoring Young Women—8:00 PM EST (Via Zoom)

July 15, 2023

- **Campaign Award hours due**—Online reporting for Campaign Award hours due for Jan 1—June 30, 2023
- **Self nominations due** for NMFRW board

July 22, 2023

- **Lincoln Day Celebration**—Hotel ABQ— registration begins at 8:00 AM featuring GOP Chairwoman of Hidalgo County TX—Adrienne Pena-Garza & Congressman Wesley Hunt of Texas's 38th District.

July 24, 2023

- **NFRW Faith Coalition Prayer** 4PM Eastern (Via Zoom)

July 25, 2023

- **Bite Size Tools You Can Use**— Protocol for Clubs 1:00 PM EST (Via Zoom)

August 8, 2023

- **NFRW Empower Hour**— 8PM Eastern (Via Zoom)
The NFRW Empower Hour offers in-depth topical discussions on issues that are forefront in our conversations and culture today.

August 19, 2023

- **Valencia County 2nd Annual Freedom Golf Tournament**—8:30 AM start Isleta Golf Club—RGFRW in conjunction with RPVC

August 22, 2023

- **Bite Size Tools You Can Use Training**— 1PM Eastern (Via Zoom)

August 2023

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Mark your Calendar

September 9, 2023

- **Trap Shoot**—Hobbs Trap Club—Lee County FRW
- **American Voices**— Metro FRW & RPBC Fundraising

September 12, 2023

- **SFFRW Luncheon**—Meet & Great Ryan Lane 11:30—\$32.00 Members/\$37 Non-Members

September 16, 2023

- **Bi-Annual Picnic**—SFFRW—5:00-8:00 PM, The Log Cabin at Las Campanas— Paddle Raise & Live Auction—\$75.00 SFFRW member price by 7/15
- **Cowboy Prom**— Presented by CCFRW—Roswell Civic Center—6:00—11:00 PM—\$70.00 per person



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NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention

Sept 28- Oct 1, 2023

Omni Oklahoma City Hotel and Convention Center
Oklahoma City, OK

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

Achievement Awards

Gwen Poe

Americanism

Anise Golden-Moper

Armed Services

Jeanine Corn Best

By Laws

Jeanine Bingham-Kelly

Campaign/Political Education

Nancy Brenna

Caring for America/Community Relations

Margaret Kennard

Communications

Fundraising

Legislative Committee

Christina A Arnold

Literacy/MELP

Dianne Coane

Membership

Joan Boue'

Newsletter /Public Relations

Nancy Brenna

Program

Terra Fullbright

Scholarship

Teresa Barncastle

Chaplain

Shona Neff

Awards Committee Report

Summer Meeting 2023

NFRW 1st VP and Region 4 Director Vanessa LaFranco gave a zoom presentation to New Mexico clubs on the Achievement Award form. The meeting was well attended and immensely helpful.

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Awards Committee Report (Continued)

14 out of 17 clubs submitted their Achievement Award forms. This may not be 100%, Armed Services projects. The top scoring projects by size classification were submitted to NFRW and will be part of the Stabut it is a very high 82%. Some clubs also turned in their Caring for America projects and te Awards at the NMFRW Biennial Convention.

The NMFRW has submitted their Betty Heitman Achievement Award and their Armed Services project to NFRW. The awards and announcements will be given at the NFRW Convention in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Poe, Awards Chair

Armed Services Committee Report

Many of you wrote notes to the families of the 13 military men & women killed in Afghanistan, I recently have identified an avenue to get these notes delivered to their families.

Since our last meeting we sent over 300 notes to our military @ Eglin AFB in Florida. Special thanks to CCFRW Treasurer Angel Mayes who had a Grand Opening of her business Calico Cow & allowed us to

have a table set up & her customers signed cards. I'd also like to acknowledge the students of Gateway Christian School in Roswell who signed 200 notes & wrote a bible verse in each card.

Our next project is to send 500 signed Christmas cards to our military at Fort Benning Georgia. I am asking each club to help with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Corn Best

Legislative Committee Report

The NMFRW Legislative Committee is made up 5 amazing New Mexican women: Nancy Brenna, Ali Ennenga, Gayle Martinez, Cindi Runyon and Cristina Arnold. During the 2023 Legislative Session our goal was to ensure that NMFRW clubs were educated on legislation affecting our Legislative Priorities, here is what the committee accomplished:

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Memorial

We need to collect the names of your members who have passed since our last convention so that we may remember them in our program at the Biennial Convention. Please send information to Teresa

Committee Reports (continued)

Legislative Committee Report (Continued)

Many members of the NMFRW were kept informed by Cindy Runyon's daily BTNM Legislative Updates and Calls to Action throughout the entire 2023 Legislative Session. Ali Ennenga and Cristina Arnold produced a write up on "How to for Calls to Action" which was sent out to all County FRW Presidents. Cristina Arnold created two Legislative Updates focused on NMFRW Legislative Priorities. One at the beginning of the session and one at the very end of the session. Nancy Brenna and Cristina Arnold worked to get feedback from Republican Legislators, with little success. A new approach will be taken for the 2024, hopefully garnering more success.

For the road ahead, many members are currently working on Referendums to stand against destructive legislation that was signed by the governor. Gayle Martinez and Cristina Arnold, will soon begin researching NM Adoption Laws to determine if legislative amendments can be made to clear the legal path for families to adopt in our "Adoption over Abortion" Campaign.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cristina A Arnold
NMFRW Legislative Committee Chair



Newsletter Committee Report

Thank you to the entire team for articles for the newsletter. I am working on a format that will highlight happenings around the state. If you have events please get the information to me with details and we can get them out to the group.

A list of our committee chairs are included. Please feel free to reach out to them with ideas and offer a hand.

Thanks to Shona and Teresa we managed to catch most of the mistakes from the last newsletter as they have volunteered as proof readers.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Brenna
NMFRW Newsletter Chair

Campaign/Political Education Committee Report

As we head into the 2023 Local Elections it has never been clearer how important each position is in every county and state!

I was able to talk to legislators on both sides of the aisle in Santa Fe while they were in session. Called, wrote, zoomed, testified, appeared in person and was even able to participate in a prayer walk at the Capitol, as some of the crazy bills were being presented. It was eye opening to say the least.

And then it was on to REFERENDUMS! Fighting six of the worst bills signed into law in recent memory. Removing parental rights under the guise of Health with **HB7** "the reproductive and gender affirming healthcare freedom act", promising to fine public entities or individuals that interfere with a child's access to such care. Adding more healthcare centers to schools **SB397**, protecting those treating our children without our approval **SB13**, then adding a clause that prohibits laws, policies or bans to stop these same laws. Forcing us to accept extreme ideals **HB207** by creating a protected class of people, then stifling our freedom of speech all the while. And finally let's add the two election laws, one that reduces the transparency of elections **SB180** giving the Secretary of State access to tax records and makes the County Clerks responsible for training our Challengers and watchers to just name a small portion of the bill. **HB4** Voting Right Protections, continues with automatic voter registration without the ability to opt out until after the fact, allowing felons to vote if not incarcerated, more ballot boxes, and declaring election day a school holiday.

These small snippets have kept most of us busy for the last couple of months collecting signatures to keep the bills from going into law or at the very least to make sure they make it to the ballot in 2024.

I have been working in conjunction with Election Integrity Network of New Mexico (EIN-NM) talking about voting technologies, vulnerable voters, vote by mail and rank choice voting. Looking at processes and practices – what is working, what is not and what else is out there.

The National Federated Republican Women (NFRW) and the Republican Party of New Mexico (RPNM) have held Candidate trainings, just in time for us to launch into the next round of elections. Candidates for the 2023

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Committee Reports (Continued)

Campaign/Political Education Committee Report (continued)

elections will declare on August 29th for the November election.

It has never been more apparent that we must elect candidates to local, state, and federal positions that are willing to represent our conservative values.

Respectively submitted
Nancy Brenna
Campaign/Political Education Chair



Isabella the youngest member of the Los Alamos Federated Republican Women was the recipient of the New Mexico Federated Women Scholarship, presented by Teresa at the summer meeting

NMFRW Summer Meeting— June 16th & 17th, 2023

Presidents Report

The last four months have been filled with meetings, education and deadlines. Membership, Awards and Convention Deadlines were the hot topics. I was able to attend all the President and Region 4 zoom meetings. However, due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend the NFRW Board meeting. But I am happy to say 1st VP Terra Fullbright was able to attend with my proxy.

Our membership is slowly growing back to last year's totals. We did meet our goal of 751 by June to allot New Mexico a total of 7 Delegates at Large to the National Convention. Each club has met the requirement to have one Delegate, thus, giving us a total of 24 Delegate slots to fill. I have the Club Certification form, Worksheet and Presidents' Certification form ready to file on June 21st.

Clubs submitted their Achievement Award forms, Caring
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Presidents Report (continued)

for American project forms and Armed Services project forms. The state winners have been submitted to National. Also submitted to National was the Betty Heitman Achievement Award for States form and the Armed Services form for State projects. All of these awards will be announced at the National FRW Convention in September.

I had the privilege of giving the history of the NFRW at the Chaves County FRW meeting and will be giving it at two more meetings later this summer.

The Nominations notice has gone out to all Presidents and Board members with the deadline for self-nominations being July 15th. The Call for the NMFRW Convention is being prepared and is scheduled to be sent by email in August.

Respectfully Submitted;
Teresa Barncastle,
President NMFRW



The video "[How to Live Successfully in a Blue State](#)" presented by Tom Del Beccaro was presented at our summer meeting. It can be accessed with the above link if you would like to review it again

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Los Alamos FRW new and old

Summer Meeting (Continued)

Living in a Blue State

Tom Del Beccaro writes for Fox News and Newsmax, and is a past Republican Chair for California. In his hour long talk he highlighted some very good points.

- We are a lot alike Athens before it fell
- Over half of the economy is from Government
- The homeless director makes more money than the President
- In person Voter contact is extremely important
 - In person voter contact is the best
 - Holding events bring people in the door
- Chasing ballots and being there at ballot counts is important
- The Democrats see this as a business
- We need good community leaders on the ballot
 - Recruitment of down ticket Candidates is important
- Must have a platform
 - Marry discrete solutions to discrete problems
- Government fails all the time
 - Issues fail because government is not the solution.

This is definitely worth seeing more than once.



2023 Executive Committee NMFRW

Announcements/ Reminders

- Please send names to Teresa of Members that have passes since the last Biennial Convention. The Committee would like to get them early enough to add them to the program.
- Please send Terra your speaker lists
- The weeks of the 4th of July —“[Sound of Freedom](#)” will be showing in local theaters. This is a true story about human trafficking. Click the link for show-times.
- Political Hours are due for the first six months of 2023 by July 15th
- Self Nominations due by July 15th

New Mexico Now

- Carla Sontag



Carla is with the New Mexico Business Coalition and the founder of Better Together New Mexico.

Carla led with numbers. In the state of New Mexico our employment numbers of the population approximately 922,600 people are employed, 98,700 are on Medicaid. 72% of children are on Medicaid and over half are on assistance. 30-40% are functioning in society.

Our state budget in 2019 \$6 billion, after MLG came in it rose to \$9.6 billion, a 60% increase in four years. Oil & gas is 40% of the budget. We had a surplus of \$3.5 billion and now have a deficit of \$119 million. With \$250 million lost from workforce solutions (money paid out for unemployment).

NM is 51st in education and 50th in all else; employment, child welfare, governor, public safety etc. But there is good news, Better Together NM is helping with the referendum and AMAC is putting out the information as well. Carla runs the New Mexico Sun another paper that welcomes conservative ideas.

Current initiatives are important, school boards, county commissions, city councils, water boards and soil & water commissions.

We are working to get six bills on the ballot in 2024 to be voted on. We did not get enough signatures by June 15, so are now shooting for 80,000 by next July. These effect parental and constitutional rights.

Groups that are taking the lead: Change Course NM, The Library Guild, Right to Life, NM Family Action Movement, One Name One Banner, Churches and the FRW. Resources can be found on multiple websites including the BTNM website.

Carla ended her presentation with a challenge: She will provide the club that produces the most signatures with two tickets to their annual hero's event.





NMFRW Summer Luncheon
June 16 & 17, 2023



Summer Meeting (Continued)

Workshop

WAYS TO KEEP MEMBERS ENGAGED

At the NMFRW Summer Meeting a workshop was conducted to identify ways to keep members engaged. Six groups were formed dividing up members from the same clubs. This list is not all inclusive.

- Interesting Speakers
- Offer good food
- Invite them to do a special task
- Use a greeter at the meeting
- Touch base between meetings with a newsletter, E-card or phone call
- Plan a special meeting just to have fun.
- Provide information on community meetings and events
- Apply a personal touch.
- Plan an event to honor local first responders or another group.

Use something that fits your club.

The more members are involved, the more likely they will keep coming and helping with our mission of getting Republicans elected and promoting our ideals.

Producing Ballot Referendums

Cindi Runyon of the RFRW and Better together New Mexico—give us an update on the Referendum project, what it is about and where we are in the process and the role of Better Together New Mexico. FRW's across the state are actively obtaining signatures and spreading the word. Cindi gave us encouragement to continue the fight and where we go from here.



By Laws Committee Report

Jeanine Bingham-Kelly our By-laws Chair presented the proposed changes to the group at large. Included were aligning the Objective and Policies section to coincide with NFRW's which caused a reformatting of all sectional outlining. Most changes were semantics (i.e. Chairman to President), moving of standing rules into By-laws and removing un-used positions (i.e. data entry clerk). All the proposed changes will be in the Biennial Convention Call.

It was discussed re-aligning the Regions to allow better coverage by Directors. The proposed new Districts will be voted on by the Board during a Special meeting by Zoom. Regional Directors will be voted on at the Regional caucuses prior to the Convention.

Club Reports

Albuquerque FRW Report

Our focus at the beginning of the year was obviously on the upcoming legislative session. Paul Gessing of the Rio Grande Foundation was our January speaker to discuss what bills to expect and prepare to support or oppose.

Our December 2022 speaker was Michelle Garcia-Holmes and February's speaker was Yvette Herrell. They offered insights into the obstacles Republicans face in New Mexico as we discussed the November 22 elections results. Some of us went home angry. One thing I learned was that the Republican Party in Washington does not understand New Mexico and our demographics. To paraphrase NM Territorial Governor Lew Wallace, "what works everywhere else is bound to fail in New Mexico." Our current focus is to prepare for this Fall's elections.

In May we had conservative Albuquerque School Board member Courtney Jackson as our speaker. She was elected in 2022. She talked about the current actions the Board is taking to hold APS accountable for student outcomes. (We are failing in our obligations to our students.) She shared the documents that will be leading the reforms. I have copies of the "Goals and Guardrails" and the Survey with me. I can forward an email of the 3 documents to you if you are interested.

At our June 28th meeting, our City Council member Renee Grout will be speaking on the issue of youth homelessness in Albuquerque and the proposal to move to a City Manager form of government for Albuquerque.

In July we will be combining with Metro FRW to hear a conservative planning to run for a City Council seat. We need to start locally if we are to have an impact on our communities and effect a future change in our State government.

We joined Better Together New Mexico in January and were thankful for their informative leadership and giving our members the vehicle to make their voices heard.

At our April and May meetings we were able to have Lisa Chapman, a volunteer with the Referendum Project, at our meetings to allow our members to sign the six petitions. It is important that we support those who enable us to have an impact in preserving and supporting Conservative values.

Respectfully submitted,
Reta King, AFRW President

Chaves County FRW

CCFRW had a super busy February, our special guest at our luncheon was 11 year old Penelope Roebuck who recited from memory the Gettysburg Address, she got a standing ovation from our members, her grandmother Polly Hartman is our Americanism Chair. Our guest speaker was Amy Barela, 1st Vice Chair from NM Republican Party, she discussed the re vamping of our party to get ready for 2024 election. To top off our meeting Yvette Herrell encouraged us to stay strong to our conservative beliefs, Caring for America Committee delivered cupcakes, ice cream, handmade Valentine cards to the Assurance Home.

March our speaker was our Sheriff Mike Herrington who spoke about our border concerns, human & drug trafficking & how cartels use children as young as 14 who are forced to leave families & are used for human trafficking. Our Caring for America delivered St Patrick's Day treats to the young residents (ages 12-18) of The Assurance Home in Roswell.

We welcomed back our Legislators, Representatives Greg Nibert, Candy Spence Ezzell, Jim Townsend, Andrea Reeb & Senator Stuart Ingle in April who gave an update on the brutal 60 day session. Announced our Americanism winners of our essay contest on Patriotism, top winner Ava Williams who read her outstanding essay & received her \$200.00 award. 2nd place winner Evelyn Breedyk received \$100.00 & tied for 3rd place Gage Aguilar & Alexis Fontanez each received \$50.00. They are 8th grade students from Gateway Christian School in Roswell. Polly Hartman is the Chair.



CCFRW President Joan Boue' thanks her May Luncheon speakers, Joann Palomino & Laurie Dudek from the Dept. of Health. Topic of their presentation "How COVID Changed Our Society"

May luncheon brought speakers Joann Palomino & Laurie Dudek from the Dept. of Health, TOPIC: How Covid has Changed Our Society. NMFRW President

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Club Reports

Chaves County FRW (continued)

Teresa Barncastle gave an outstanding presentation on the history of the National FRW, NMFRW & the CCFRW. We also presented 3, \$500.00 scholarships to seniors, Lily Bowles, Erynn McKelvey & Claire Seley, Scholarship Chair Patty Evans presented certificates.

Yes, all of our speakers are registered Republican & all did an outstanding presentation.



Respectfully submitted,
Joan Boue',
CCFRW President

CCFRW Board meeting with our Young Republicans, They came to our luncheon & were invited to a board meeting to be aware of our committees & our involvement in our community. We do plan to help them with a "MEET & GREET" hopefully to get them involved & ready to work during the 2024 Presidential election.

(See more CCFRW on page 17)

Dona Ana County FRW

DACFRW is staying busy with several projects both internally and externally.

Internally, we continue building our membership and club relations. We are blessed that our membership brings a variety of guests to our meetings with many of them choosing to join. Our Zip Code Socials provide a casual setting for ladies in the same neighborhoods to meeting and visit without all the structure our monthly meetings tend to offer. This month we even planned a casual gathering, which included husbands, at a local winery. It was a small turnout, but at the end of the evening all the husbands who attended extended a thank you for such a nice time.

Externally, with the leadership of our Election and Campaign Chair, Liz Winterrowd, we are compiling a list of volunteers to offer support to our upcoming candidates. The list is as simple as volunteers who will help candidates with handwritten messages all the way to volunteers who will serve as consultants.

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Dona Ana County FRW (continued)

DACFRW has also started a monthly program called Conservative Night Out which aims to reach disengaged conservative voters in our county. Of course, all conservatives are welcome. Our June presentation yielded 25 attendees, and great information on voter registration trends in our area. There were even a few new faces there. We are hoping this will help get more conservative voters to the polls.

We are also working on establishing a new program in our local private schools (we don't think the public schools will let us in). This summer our Americanism Chair,

Connie Clark, is planning to meet with school officials and propose presentations by several of our members who have first-hand experience with socialist and tyrannical governments. We are hoping to have this program up and running by fall of 2023. Hopefully, we will have a success to report at the next state gathering.

Lastly, via our Caring America and Armed Services programs we continue to send hygiene items to the Gadsden School district, and collect donations for our local Honor Flight chapter. And our VP, Dora Lucero, has brought in excellent and informative speakers.

DACFRW ladies and associates have much to offer our community, and it is exciting to watch our club blossom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shona Neff



Enchanted North FRW

The Enchanted North Federated Republican Women have been busy this spring. We come into the summer with 16 members and 3 associates.

In March, we had a Punch N' Lunch membership drive. We had so much fun and our self-defense instructor

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tailored the class to what we as women can do to protect ourselves. Our treasurer and former travel guide, Nanci Bush, gave tips on keeping yourself protected while traveling.

In April, the Cimarron Municipal Schools Board of Education President was our speaker. One of the topics was the three seats up for election this year. She went over the duties of the school board and encouraged conservatives to run for these open seats.

In May we held a Mother's Day Tea fundraiser with a silent auction. Our guest speaker was New Life Pregnancy Center Chairwoman/Taos County Republican Women Secretary, Linda Rael.

We have been working on getting referendums signed. We went to local churches and local events, and we utilized campaign sidekick.

Upcoming events include: guest speaker Cindi Cox Runyon giving an update on referendums and speaking about homeschooling/homeschooling coop (a Christian alternative to public schooling); and touring the New Life Pregnancy Center of Taos to find out how we can get involved.

Respectfully,
Terra Fullbright
ENFRW President

Four Corners FRW

Four Corners FRW currently has 145 members. In March we had the Farmington Utility Director come and speak about the changes in the city's energy purchase power. As you might know the PNM coal fired power plant closed last year at the end of September so power is more expensive and more unreliable.

In April all 5 of our state legislators came and gave us a recap of the legislative session. In May our speaker was Sarah Jane Allen who spoke on Parental Rights and then our June speaker was Ramona Goolsby on the Referendum Project.

Our club did submit our Achievement Awards for the Diamond level which our club has consistently earned for many years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanine B Kelly
President

FRW of Lincoln County

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County has had every meeting on the 4th Monday of every month. We have had a bit of trouble getting new members. But after NMFRW VP Joan Boue and Region C Director Jeanine Corn-Best attended our Meeting we are re-energized and are planning on getting our membership expanded.

FRWLC has also partnered with BTNM to get signatures to send the Governor about the awful bills she pushed through. We continue to work with the RPLC closely to get as many signatures as possible to meet the deadline.

Since it is not an election year, that is always a consideration, yet with all of the School Board issues we WILL have a School Board election in November. All of our efforts will be to work with the RPLC to get Conservatives elected to the School Board. We have 2 Conservative members that are up for reelection. This is our TOP PRIORITY for the FRWLC. It is not acceptable to lose our majority on our School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marci Butchofsky, FRWLC, President

Los Alamos FRW

Los Alamos Federated Republican Women
Recognize Police



Los Alamos Federated Republican Women (LAFRW) members Mary Wilhoit, Linda Bullock, Patricia Granich, Cheryl Sedlacek, Jennifer McKerley, Valerie Fox and Cathy Walter presented a Gift Basket to Cmdr. James Rodriguez on Thursday morning, May 18, in front of the police station in recognition of the department's outstanding service to the community of Los Alamos. This gift was presented during National Police Appreciation Week. Courtesy/LAFRW

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Trish Granich, LAFRW Secretary and Biennial Secretary for Planning Committee, has been leading plans for hotel arrangements, menus for meals, program for Friday evening, decorations, tote bags. Mary Wilhoit, Chaplain, manages our excellent LAFRW FB page, Biennial Planning Committee registration chair. Cathy Walters is the treasurer for NMFRW Biennial and our LAFRW historian.

In February our guest speaker spoke to us on "Senior Health Care In Northern New Mexico." We attended HOPE Pregnancy Center's "Chocolate and Chuckles" fundraiser on February 18 and LAFRW members gave over \$500.00 in donations to HOPE.

In January, February, and March we sent out numerous CTA's from Better Together New Mexico during the 2023 NM Legislature.

Paul Gessing from the Rio Grande Foundation presented a Legislative Update in Los Alamos, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of the NM 2023 Legislature at the April 1 RPLA luncheon and program. It was sponsored (paid for) by RPLA, but many LAFRW members helped publicize, set up, and attended Paul's excellent presentation.

On April 22 LAFRW held our "Star Spangled Tea" which was a great success with award winning, inspirational and educational speaker Shirley Raye Redmond, wonderful food, and our always popular silent auction. We had nice photos and an article in our local papers.

For our May meeting, our guest speaker spoke on Children's Books." We also collected snack items for our Gift Baskets for the LAPD in honor of National Police Appreciation Week. On May 13 we had Drag Queen Story Hour at our public library. We joined many others in praying outside the library. Some held signs like "Protect Our Children." here were articles and photos in the papers. On May 18 we presented our Gift Baskets to the LAPD, had a photo and article in the paper, and we received a very nice thank you letter from the LAPD. On May 12 we presented our "Young Republican Woman Award" to a graduating senior,

During May and June we've been working hard to collect Referendum Project petitions for 6 terrible bills passed by the NM legislature. Several of us plan to attend our community Flag Day Ceremony Flag Day, June 14.

We share all communications from the State with our Members - meeting announcements, scholarship

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applications, legislation alerts. We have frequent communication with our members, associates, and distribution list through emails and our FB page.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Coane,
President, LAFRW

Rio Grande FRW



I am Cindi Runyon, President of the RGFRW.

This year, for the first time since our club's reorganization, we decided to take a good look at Club Achievement Awards to assess work done and the areas we are lacking. Shockingly, we realized our hard work had paid off with more than enough points to reach diamond level for the 2022-2023 year. To anyone who believes this effort is a waste of time, I encourage you to find your numbers and see how this tool can inspire your board and your club!

Overall, it's been a rough year. A difficult Valencia County GOP Board transition accompanied a general exhaustion and lack of trust in our government fueled by a devastating legislative session. But even so, our club plunged further into the work.

During the legislative session, we dedicated ourselves to raising awareness about and fighting the bad bills. Many of us testified before committees, called and emailed legislators as often as necessary to make our voices heard about the terrible legislation they were pushing through. But we weren't the only ones struggling.

Soon our club saw the need to encourage our Republican legislators. So we took tenth graders from First Los Lunas Christian Academy to the Roundhouse to hand-deliver gift bags to all Republican legislators. These included His Lights candles with the names El Shaddai (God Almighty) and El Roy (the God Who Sees) to shine in the darkness there.

The moment the session ended, we pivoted to support the Referendum effort. Some of our members treated it like a full-time job: Nancy Brenna and Annette Castillo – we see you. Our 3rd VP, Cherith Runyon, created Tik Tok, Instagram, and Facebook reels that have even been broadcast

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statewide to reach the next generation.

Closer to home, we brought our community together to fund and garner support for the second Baby Box in the state of New Mexico! It's nearly built and ready to sustain the life of a baby until help arrives. Crucially, billboards in Albuquerque and Valencia County are under contract to let these young mothers know that help and hope are available.

Finally, Los Lunas received its first demand for Drag Queen Children's Reading Hour at the library, and we started a campaign to quell this new movement along with the one already underway in Belen's Public Library. We are now growing in members again, and have found that we can and will do more in the days to come.

Written in Liberty and Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Runyon, President

Rio Rancho FRW

All meetings this year were very well attended

January - "State of the city" report by Mayor Gregg Hull.

Unfortunately I was in the hospital and missed his presentation.

February - Tracy Goldizine, new editor of the Rio Rancho Observer & Robin Dibble, managing partner of M'tucci's in Rio Rancho, regarding community projects in culinary arts, as sponsors for a program at RR High School.

March - Rio Rancho's Chief of Police Stewart Steels and Dennis Buts, Calibers Chairman of the board. Rio Rancho's Police Dept. is the best in NM

April - brought us a report from the legislative season by Re. Jason Harper and Josh Hernandez.

May - More information from Rep. Alan Martinez

We have a new Facebook page. Rio Rancho Federated Republican Women, thanks to Jennifer James.

JUNE - For the first time ever Sandoval County Party Chairman, Mike Nelson and Bernalillo County Party Chairman, Johe Rochwell, will speak together.

August - Sunday is Funday, a community event, RRFRW will have a booth with a gift basket raffle.

Barbara McClain President

San-Bern FRW

The San-Bern FRW currently has 46 Members and 16 Associate Members. So far in 2023, we have held 3 luncheon meetings and averaged around 40 members and guests in attendance, and heard great presentations from the Mayor of Rio Rancho, Gregg Hull, NM Representative Jason Harper, and NM Senator and Minority Whip, Craig Brandt.

In February, we had our third annual Member Appreciation and Recruitment Event, titled, "Hopeful Hearts", in which the Board visited the present and past member's homes, and delivered a special Valentine's bag of treats, that included our club brochure that has a membership application printed inside. In May, our club held a "Caring for America" event, featuring St. Felix's food pantry in Rio Rancho, which is running low on supplies with the increasing number of disadvantaged families in our communities. Our Members and Guests donated 99 pounds of food and contributed monetary donations of \$50 to the organization.

We have added new components to the speaker presentations into all of our luncheons, which have really enhanced the meetings and member participation; We have incorporated a member activity or game to get them alert and excited about the presentation, and we also highlight a small business (preferably woman-owned), to raise awareness of Republican owned businesses and stimulate economic growth with member patronage. The last business featured a fashion show and skin care exposition, with free samples for the members.

We changed venues from the eastside Pelican's back to the newly renovated Pelican's westside, which is easier for both Bernalillo and Sandoval County members to attend. We are planning the Fall luncheon meetings now, and the next meeting will be a Fall Candidate kick-off on August 18th, featuring two candidates for the 2024 elections. Our club is planning additional luncheon meetings for September, October, and December.

With the overwhelming amount of divisiveness and lack of volunteers within the Republican Party, our overall goal and focus for the rest of the year is unity and servanthood. All FRW clubs rely on the volunteerism and unity of our members in order to succeed, and we hope to achieve success in those areas going forth and be a shining example for the party.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Clark
President, San-Bern FRW

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Santa Fe FRW

The change of our leadership, combined with the change of leadership in the Santa Fe County GOP, and the demands of getting signatures for the legislative session, created a demanding but rewarding several months.

In January, Better Together New Mexico's Carla Sontag spoke on the legislative session, giving us a heads up on the major pieces of legislation affecting elections, constitutional rights, and parents' rights.

In February, Dr. Elizabeth Ce D'Baca Eastman, wife of law professor and former Trump attorney John Eastman, spoke on the history of education in New Mexico, and how to turned woke.

In March, representative Rebecca Dow wrapped up the legislative session.

In April, we had a fun visit from local DAR president Karina Lusby who spoke on the history of women's suffrage and the importance of Republican women in voting rights in New Mexico.

May brought us back to current politics as Ben Luna, Tracy DeLaRosa and Larry Marker, the founder of the referendum project - also known as "Led" - followed dynamic, inspiring speeches with a signature drive for the referendum. We also awarded our \$2000 scholarship to a young woman from St. Michael's high school.

Financially, we're not only back on track, we're doing well. We've raised money at every luncheon, except during the signature drive. We raised another \$3000 for our scholarship - insuring our scholarship for another two years. We're brainstorming fun items to sell to members. We're planning our picnic fundraiser for September 16 at the Log Cabin at Las Comanas. We're also looking into a second fundraising event - possibly a large rummage sale - for March or April 2024.

Our membership stands at 81 with 19 associates - and we're confident that we'll return to 100 members and maybe more by year's end. To increase membership, we're planning evening events - one this summer, and one this fall. To celebrate the members we've got and create opportunities for them to bond with local leaders and county party donors, our VP of programs/ communications chair Lisa Morris recently threw a party with her husband and Santa Fe County Chairman Bob Witzhausen.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Doherty President,
Santa Fe FRW

Taos County FRW

Highlights of the work we accomplished are as follows:

- As of this report, we have 20 members reported to the NMFRW Treasurer for 2023. We have developed a new Membership Brochure and each member will have copies to help in increasing our numbers. Our membership drive is on-going.
- Terra Fulbright, NMFRW 1st VP installed our officers at our Valentine's Membership Party/Installation Event on Saturday, February 11th at our Headquarters.



- Our "Notecards to Local Military" project is still a work in progress.
- Plans are in the works to hold an essay contest in our schools to promote Americanism and Patriotism.
- Our members filled all the needed volunteer positions to keep the Headquarters open four days a week for the signing of the petitions for the Referendum Project. We partnered with Better Together New Mexico for this project and answered the Calls to Action during the Legislative session. We remain available!
- We helped organize an Open Mic event in Questa, NM gaining new members and helping with petition signing.
- We submitted our Club Achievement Award form by the due date and we are happy to report we earned a Diamond Award!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sadie F. Boyer
Taos FRW President

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Zia FRW

Zia has a total of 29 Regular members and 29 Associate members. Long time member Kay Nordeen passed away this year. We have reached out to our members that have not renewed their membership for 2023 and have received some responses.

February through May of this year, partnering with Better Together New Mexico, we have advocated to our legislators on various issues. We have had a volunteer from BTNM at two of our meetings to get signatures for the referendum. We also have members volunteering to get signatures.

We took the time to review our By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

A new logo was designed and chosen to represent Zia. Our logo is "With Women We Will Win". We have coffee mugs with our new design to use as a fundraiser and we will order a mug with member names upon request.

We are working on the Armed Services project of helping
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spouses that have their partners away on active duty.

We now have a volunteer to head this committee and are in contact with Kirtland AFB.

Our Caring for America project is in the initial contact phase. We are looking for a volunteer to head this committee. We will be contacting a local hospital to offer help for hearing impaired children to determine their needs.

Our luncheon speakers have been Paul Gessing (Rio Grande Foundation), Greg Zanitti (ESG & Digital Currency & former Gubernatorial Candidate), Zachary Fort (NM Shooting Sports Assoc 2nd Amendment), Yvette Herrell (Candidate NM House CD2), Maralyn Beck (NM Child First Network-Foster child advocate).

We work to bring various local, state and national issues to our membership

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Foor,
President Zia FRW

Thank you for all your submissions!

CCFRW SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF THE ASSURANCE HOME THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY



Submitted Photo

Chaves County Federated Republican Women delivered a tote bag full of goodies and a Walmart gift card to the residents of the Assurance Home to help them celebrate the Fourth of July recently. The CCFRW also remembers the residents at Christmas, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. From left to right: Jeanine Corn Best, CCFRW second vice president; Joan Boué, President; Alycia Wright, Clinical Director of the Assurance Home; and Sandi Witt, first vice president.