

The NMFRW RED WAVE

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From the President

The months have gone by so quickly. I want to thank all those involved in putting together a GREAT Convention. That is where I began this amazing journey. I am blessed to have such a hard-working Executive Committee that puts up with my inundation of emails. All the Executive's and Board's hard-work is paying off.

It's so hard to name everything that has happened or where to start. We have filled numerous Committee Chair positions. But there are still some to fill if you want to join the Board. However, you are all members of the NMFRW and always welcome and encouraged to attend the FRW meetings.

We have an approved budget that includes funding for projects and campaign activities. We did not fund donating directly to the candidates. After talking to numerous candidates and the Republican Party of New Mexico Chair, Steve Pearce, it was decided it would be better for the NMFRW to use our funds to sponsor events and develop strike force teams.

We have a Plan of Action for 2022. It's short and to the point. Most of the year is focused on campaigning. We are following the Betty Heitman Achievement Program and our Goal is to elect republican candidates.

Did you notice we have a name for our newsletter? I was reading newsletters from our clubs and Texas and noticed they all had names. So, we had a contest and 'The NMFRW Red Wave' won! We are looking for a new Newsletter/ Public Relations Chair. And, did you notice we are getting articles in the National FRW newsletter?

At our NMFRW Winter Meeting we were educated on the NFRW Endorsement Policy by 1st VP Terra Fullbright and were given NFRW Leadership Training by Regional Director Anita Statman. 2nd VP Joan Boue' gave a workshop on how to increase membership and reported 530 members with Four Corners FRW having the most members. We have met our goal of having every club report more that 10 members by March 1st.

Other Committee Chairs speaking at our Winter Meeting were Nancy Brenna, Campaign Chair; Jeanine Bingham Kelly, By-Laws; and Cristina Arnold, Legislative Chair gave a presentation on the NMFRW Legislative Alerts.

We are so busy!! The NMFRW is working with local clubs and county parties sponsoring candidate forums. We are working with the Republican Party of New Mexico to identify targeted races across the state. We are starting a new club in the Angel Fire area and so much more. I will be heading to the National cont.-

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Federation of Republican Women Board meeting and Legislative Day to hopefully bring back more ideas we can use to turn our state RED.

You are such amazing women and I am so blessed to be leading this organization. Let's all show this state what women of character and values can do when called to action. Let's turn this state **Red** once and for all!!!

Sincerely,

Teresa Barncastle

Teresa E. Barncastle, President
New Mexico Federation of Republican Women



Save the Date

NMFRW Summer Meeting

May 6-7, 2022

Hotel Ruidoso

Ruidoso, NM

"Campaigning to Win"

NMFRW 2022-2023 Committee Chairs

Achievement Awards – Gwen Poe

Bylaws – Jeanine Bingham Kelly

Campaign/Political Education – Nancy Brenna

Leadership – Pending

Legislation – Cristina Arnold

Literacy/MELP – Dianne Coane

Political Action Committee – Margaret Kennard

Other Position:

Chaplain – Shona Neff

Open Chair Positions

Americanism –

Armed Services/Homeland Security –

Caring for America/Community Relations –
Communications/Facebook/Website –
Corresponding Secretary –
Public Relations/Newsletter – Pending
Scholarship –

Other Open Positions

Parliamentarian –

Timekeeper –

I appreciate all the individuals that have stepped up to fill the positions. However, we need more members to do the same. This is OUR organization and it will become what we make it. Let's make it AMAZING.

RALLY AGAINST THE GOVERNOR

A rally was held in Roswell May 5th to protest Governor MLG. Thank you to all that attended. The Governor was apparently concerned and had fencing placed next to the sidewalk and had numerous police officers present. The truck and tractor caravan was stopped from proceeding into town by law enforcement.



NMFRW Report – The NMFRW Executive Committee has met 4 times since the Convention. All of the National requirements have been completed and the NMFRW has been in the NFRW newsletter four times. We have been working to fill the Committee Chair positions, arrange training, develop the 2022 budget and set the course for the organization. Lines of communication have been established with the Republican Party of New Mexico and the NFRW. Our website has been updated and our NFRW state page is also current. The NMFRW put out a call to help with the Albuquerque City Council run-off races and its members stepped up. The NMFRW has identified what needs to be done to flip seats all over New Mexico just like they helped do in Albuquerque. The NMFRW's focus is clearly on educating the public and getting Republican candidates elected. The plans for the near future include candidate forums and promoting the difference between a Republican and a Democrat. Plans for the Summer NMFRW meeting will be focused on campaign activities. Respectfully submitted;
Teresa Barncastle, President
NMFRW

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As 2nd VP for the NMFRW I'm pleased to give my first membership report for all clubs for 2022. This information was provided to me by club presidents or the NMFRW treasurer. Most reports go thru December 2021.

Region A ~

Four Corners ~ 66 Los Alamos ~ 16 Santa Fe ~ 32
Taos ~ 16 Total A ~ 130

Region B ~

Albuquerque ~ 10 Metro ~ 30 Rio Grande ~ 24
Rio Rancho ~ 28 San Bern ~ 15 Zia ~ 35
Total ~ B 14

Region C ~

Chaves ~ 64 Dona Ana ~ 34 Grant ~ 21
Lea ~ 47 Lincoln ~ 59 Socorro ~ 32
Total C ~ 257

Total 1st reporting statewide ~ 529 paid
memberships for 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Boue' 2nd VP~NMFRW ~ Membership

LOS ALAMOS FRW – Dianne Coane, President
Communication with members, associates and distribution list: "Call to Action" & announcements of NFRW events as we receive them. Letter on opposing CRT in schools. Oppose anti-gun policies at NM Capitol. Support Albuquerque Candidates Lori and Renee. Action Alerts: "Protect the Filibuster!", "Stop Voting Wrong Bills", "Protect Election Integrity"

Daily Updates through LAFRW Facebook. VP Mary Wilhoit does an excellent job keeping us informed about all the news of interest to Republican women. <https://www.facebook.com/LosAlamosFederatedRepublicanWomen/> *Monthly newsletter with meeting announcements, *Membership Brochure Elections - We volunteered to help with candidates' campaigns.

Member Donna MacDonald organized "Conservative Conversations" a Republican social for LAFRW and RPLA. LAFRW General Meeting & Speakers for "Honoring Our Veterans" panel co-sponsored by LAFRW & RPLA

"New Mexico Speaks" conservative panel with Ryan Penfold Live." The four-person panel consisted of two LAFRW ladies and two Republican men, a County Councilor and a candidate for School Board. You can see it on our Facebook page.

TAOS FRW – Sadie Boyer, President At our November meeting we welcomed as our speaker, Harry Montoya who is, at this time, the only Republican candidate for New Mexico Treasurer. We participated in sending letters to the PED. At this time, we are working on several projects designed to do our part in organizing and working on the **RED WAVE**, which according to our NFRW President, Eileen Sobjack, "This is the year for a **RED WAVE** in our country. Republican Women must step up and lead as a unified force across this great country."

We have a committee working on a Military Appreciation project. We plan on sending all military serving from Taos County a patriotic card thanking them for their service and more. We have an Email Organization Committee. The goal is to have a more accurate email list which will be used for candidate meet n' greets, contacting people interested in helping to elect Republicans, etc. We organized a Precinct Chairs Committee which will help us in seeking Republican Women that are interested in serving in this capacity to help grow our party as part of the **RED WAVE**! We are working on getting as many candidates to speak to as many people as

possible to generate knowledge and interest in what the Republican Party has to offer our citizens.

REGION B – Stephanie Kennedy, Regional Director

METRO FRW – Jo Ann Milam President

METRO has decided to have monthly instead of bimonthly meetings as we've done in the past. To date, we have hosted Greg Zanetti and Jay Block, candidates for governor; and Isabella Solis and Anthony Thornton, candidates for lieutenant governor. All gave terrific presentations, and it's clear to our members that any of them would be good Republican standard bearers in November.

We currently have 44 members, including 11 new members and 5 associate members.

RIO GRANDE FRW - Cindi Runyon, President Happily, our municipal elections brought many wins. The City of Belen has long been a democrat fortress, and the progressive Mayor has recently been working to turn downtown into an LGBTQ art district. But in November of 2021, Republicans won the City Council, the Mayor position, a seat on the Valencia Campus of UNM Advisory Board, Belen School Board, and beyond. Los Lunas retained its one School Board Republican, and my own husband, Dr. Runyon, won a seat on the Los Lunas City Council – the first new face in 16 years.

We worked hard to support these & other candidates throughout the summer and fall, and we're proud to see them settling well into their new positions. Our goal is now to continue to touch base to encourage them and help them communicate with the public.

With great sadness, however, we buried one of our most beloved members. The most dedicated of all of us, Jayne Gardner, collapsed a few days before Christmas and woke up in heaven a few minutes later. Her memorial service was an inspiration, and she will be missed for many years to come. Keep her loved ones in your prayers.

For now, we are focused on learning how we can take action in our community. Our January meeting will feature Adam Ariana speaking on Human Trafficking Prevention as well as Shona Neff on how to let our faith lead our actions.

We join everyone in focusing on the 2022 elections, so our February 22nd meeting brings together all the Republican Gubernatorial Candidates for a meet & greet followed by a 5-question forum just a few days before the NM Pre-Primary Convention in Ruidoso.

SAN-BERN FRW –Jeanette Clark, President Present at the last two meetings were a handful of strong candidates for NM Governor, NM Lt. Governor, and US Congress, as well as an astronaut and former U.S. Senator from New Mexico, Dr. Harrison Schmitt. In December, we had a “Holiday Extravaganza”, which comprised of a silent auction, live music, a fabulous lunch, and a dessert bar. The proceeds of the silent auction will be given to Republican Candidates for the 2022 elections. We ended our year with 64 members and 15 associate members, and we're starting off in January with over 20 members, 6 associate members, and actively recruiting more daily. Our first meeting of the year in January was themed, “Winning Goals & Visions for 2022”, featuring two strong candidates for NM Gov. & NM Lt. Gov. In January, our goal is membership and chair recruitment. We have a new brochure for our members to distribute to friends, family and colleagues, and conveniently includes the membership application printed on the inside of the brochure. Members can also renew or enroll on our website with a convenient online payment option. For February, we'll be repeating our special “Hopeful Hearts” event from last year, where club officers & volunteers will deliver a personal Valentine greeting to past and current members, surprising them with Valentine bag full of treats, club brochure, writing utensils, and a special gift. It has proved to be effective in membership recruitment, and a special time to demonstrate member appreciation. Our website continues to remain relevant, useful, helpful, and an active tool for our members in promoting the club events, club involvement, and membership recruitment, as well as exposure for potential members. We finally have card swipers for point-of-sale transactions for use at our luncheon meetings and events. As President of the San-Bern FRW, the two highlights of 2021, were attending the wonderful NFRW 41st Biennial Convention in September, and being awarded for our club Newsletter at the NMFRW 41st Biennial Convention in October. This past quarter had its challenges, but we are committed to “Stay focused and move forward”, as Ann Schockett personally encouraged me to do. One of those trials was the loss of our Treasurer to the Independent Party, which we are diligently seeking to fill. In 2022, the San-Bern FRW will continue to focus on our club goals, create awareness of the FRW and its impactful mission, as well as the Republican Party, and do everything in our power to get the candidates of 2022 elected - going to the main streets of our counties on walks and runs for victory, proudly holding the signs of our next leaders. www.sanbernfrw.org

ZIA FRW - Marina Whisonant, President In the month of November and December 2021, ZIA FRW was involved in activities, concerning the election of the APS School Board and Albuquerque City Council Candidates, Albuquerque Mayor race, and Bonds. Many of us helped with the Republican Candidates that lived in their District. We succeeded in electing Courtney Jackson for the APS School Board, and Dan Lewis to City Council. There was a run-off election held in December for Susan Renee Grout and Lori Robertson for the Albuquerque City Council. We were able to get Susan Renee Grout on the City Council. Unfortunately, Lori Robertson was not able to win her race.

ZIA FRW supports the Albuquerque Fisher House with a yearly donation. The Fisher House supports families of Veterans and Active-Duty Service members who need medical care at major Military and VA Medical Centers. At the November Luncheon Meeting, Christina Ramirez, Manager of the Fisher House in Albuquerque was our Guest Speaker.

December was a month of giving to others. ZIA FRW donated gifts to the Albuquerque Police Department. These gifts were small plush toys, games, blankets, and clothing.

In 2022, we will be working with candidates running for statewide Positions. We have had already several Gubernatorial Candidates speak at our meetings. We have plans to have all Candidates so our members can make a well-informed decision. It is time to fill the Governor's Mansion with a Republican Governor. We look forward to the challenges and will work hard to help our Candidates win in November 2022.

REGION C – Caren Lulich, Regional Director

First, I would like to thank Rosie Tripp, Convention Chairman, and all clubs in Region C for all their hard work on the excellent convention. Had fun, good food, and raised money for NMFRW.

I would also like to thank club members in Region C for electing me for another two years as Region Director. 2020 was lost due to covid lockdowns, but I tried to catch up in 2021. I am already working on my plan for 2022 and, as always, will keep you updated on issues, ideas, or anything I think may be of interest or helpful to you and your members.

All our clubs are already working to make sure Republicans get elected in 2022.

After raising her hand, a year ago to take over as acting president of DACFRW after Elaine Rafferty passed away, Denise Anderson, who is still Vice President, stepped down on January 1st. She worked hard to keep DACFRW moving forward.

Shona Neff, who moved to Las Cruces, is now the new DACFRW president for 2022 as of January 1st. All clubs have submitted club data required by National and appreciate all the information on bylaws, resources files and other information forwarded by Teresa so we are always up to date.

I was pleased to see NMFRW on the NFRW calendar in their newsletter several times. In all my years in FRW, this is the first time I can remember NMFRW being acknowledged.

At some point, I am hoping to make contact with women in other areas of Region C, to see if they are interested in starting their own club or becoming a satellite club to already existing clubs in Region C.

As the convention theme said "We've got this !"

CHAVES COUNTY FRW – Margaret Kennard, President CCFRW has been working nonstop since our last report. Our literacy committee delivered dictionaries to 3rd graders to area schools in the fall. In November, we honored our veterans. Our Caring for America chair Jeanine Corn Best arranged for a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace, set up the Missing Man table, and honored the 13 service members who were lost in the attack in Afghanistan. Our membership chair, Joan Boue sent out Christmas cards with membership forms to encourage individuals to rejoin. Our December meeting speakers were the City of Roswell manager and the Chaves County Manager. They discussed the accomplishments of the past year and upcoming projects and goals. Our January luncheon showcased our municipal mayoral candidates as well as our councilor candidates.

Looking forward we will be having candidates through November speaking at our regular luncheons. We have plans to have a legislative update forum by our elected officials in February after session ends. We will be hosting a gubernatorial candidate forum in March. We will continue to seek opportunities to educate our members.

We will continue to try and reach out to Republicans in our county and let them know what we are doing as we try to engage them to join and become active. Something we started doing this year is going on the radio once a month to reach out to those who may not know about the Republican Women and what we have to offer. It is our goal to go to battle to turn this state red. Keep up the good fight sister clubs, it will take all of us.

DONA ANA COUNTY FRW Shona Neff, President. Having only been the DACFRW president as of January 1, 2022, I am still getting acquainted with

the club operations, the officers, chairpersons, and membership

In December we had our traditional (yet covid sensitive) luncheon which included school-aged winners of the annual Americanism essay contest. Ellen Cooper, our secretary, spearheaded the 2021 effort and did a fabulous job. The winners were very poised and we all enjoyed hearing them read their masterpieces. They each had proud family members, and even a teacher, accompany them. The mother of one of the winners expressed an interest in possibly joining our club.

On January 8 and then on January 15, I was able to meet with both the DACFRW officers and those with appointed positions. I was able to speak/communicate with most of the ladies via phone or email prior to the meetings as I worked to gain an understanding of their scope of responsibilities. I still have yet to connect with a couple, but the puzzle pieces are slowly falling into place, and I am gaining much understanding about how the club operates.

Denise Anderson, our vice president is busy making connections and scheduling speakers. Last fall, she and I started attending the local GOP weekly lunches, and we made some progress meeting new ladies who have visited our club. I'm not very acquainted with "familiar" faces around the club yet, but I'm told that there have been several new faces join our ranks for 2022; reason to be hopeful we will reach our post-covid membership goal of 50 lucky ladies who will have made the brilliant decision to join the best club in Cruces.

We start the DACFRW 2022 ball rolling with clarifying the bylaws, jumping into the arena of expanded fundraising, and lastly a lot of great ideas coming down the pike as we work together during an election year and strive to overcome the effects of that darned old covid, and some guy named Brandon.

GRANT COUNTY FRW – Vicki Hawkins, President
We were able to fill some vacant positions. Carol Lutz is now our permanent Vice President. Judy Ward came back to fill the position of Secretary. Ela Johnson is the new Historian and will be working on Americanism.

We still do not have a Fundraiser. The group is going to have to put their heads together to raise money for our organization.

We need to increase our membership, coming up with innovative ways to attract young people to join the group.

Bylaws have been revised.

FRW of LINCOLN COUNTY – Ann Eby, President
FRWLC has had a very productive end of 2021 and entering into 2022 with enthusiasm.

In October 2021 two of our members joined NMFRW for the Annual Convention in Socorro and participated with electing new officers and a profitable fundraiser.

November, we have named 'Thankful Giving' and contribute \$1500.00 to various organizations in Lincoln County. Lincoln County Sheriffs given K-Bobs gift certificates, Christian Services, which provides food, clothing and supplies to residents, and Toys for Tots of Lincoln County. Our annual giving campaign is benefited from donations from members, K-Bobs, and those who contribute in kind. This contribution boosts morale and gives in abundance to others.

Our December is joining RPLC in the annual Christmas party, which unites our Republicans around food and common conversation.

Our current membership from December, 2021 is 59 with 10 associates.

We continue to pray for 30 minutes prior to our meetings. The board made the decision to meet on the Thursday before meetings to hold our board meetings. We are hopeful we can accomplish much with the additional time. Our prayer is for all conservatives to join in unity to make 2022 conservative victory. God bless each one,

SOCORRO FRW – Rosie Tripp, President
Socorro FRW hosted the 2021 NMFRW convention in October. It was a resounding success.

In November we held our regular monthly meeting and parsed the convention. Each committee chair gave their final reports. We discussed what went right and what we could have done better. We also voted to resume our Dictionary Project for third graders in the Socorro Schools. We voted to hold a membership Get Together for our January meeting. January has come and we are back to 'full speed ahead' for 2022. Several of us helped with the Socorro County Pre-Primary convention on January 16th. Two of our members will be delegates to the State Pre-Primary convention in February.

We received word that our SFRW Scholarship winner met the criteria for her second semester funding. We are very proud of her.

Our January meeting was an old and new member Get Together on January 20th. We had an informal gathering to get acquainted with Republican women in the community. Personal invitations were sent out and hopefully we will increase our membership this year.

FROM THE WINTER MEETING;



Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Forum

Come get to know the candidates

April 12, 2022

11:30am – 1:00pm

Santa Fe Country Club

3950 Country Club Road

Santa Fe

For more information contact
Anita Statman, President
santafefrw@gmail.com

RSVP Required for food or seating



GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

Public Gubernatorial Candidate Forums were hosted by Rio Grande FRW, Republican Party of Lea County, Chaves County FRW with RPCC, RP of Otero County, and Dona Ana FRW with RP of Dona Ana. NMFRW sponsored or coordinated many of the events.