

# The NMFRW Red Wave

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New Mexico Federated Republican Women

## From the President

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The last three months have been spent organizing for our future. The Winter Meeting in Santa Fe was arranged with consideration given to cost and logistics. The Ladies in Red Event was revived and coordinated with legislation staff.

I attended the NFRW State Presidents zoom meeting and NFRW Treasurer training. NMFRW's National Regional Director is 1<sup>st</sup> VP Martha Jenkins. All NFRW officers except the President are also Regional Directors. I have talked to Martha numerous times and she has proven to be very helpful.

I was able to submit names for nine of our 13 Committee Chair positions to the Executive Committee and all were approved. Additionally, I have appointed Joan Boue' as our Chaplain. NMFRW still needs Chairs for Americanism, Awards, Public Relations, and Communication/Website/Facebook.

A Regional Directors zoom was held to talk about roles and plans to add clubs. All Regional Directors are already touching base with the clubs in their region. Areas where NMFRW could expand to with new clubs have been identified.

The Executive Committee met by zoom to approve committee chairs, work on the budget and NMFRW's 2024 Plan of Action. The budget includes donating to candidates, using a contractor for increasing our internet visibility and funding for projects.

Many projects are underway. The fundraising committee has already met. A new committee is being considered and plans are being developed for helping elect republicans.

This year is going to be filled with opportunities to make a difference in our state. So – Buckle Up and Hold On!

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Barncastle, President NMFRW  
New Mexico Federation of Republican Women

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## The VP's Desks...

### **1st VP**

As 1st Vice President of NMFRW, I am pleased to announce that our guest speaker for our 2024 Winter Meeting is Eric Bruntmyer, President of Hardin-Simmons University. Mr. Bruntmyer's topic for Friday January 19th, 2024 is, Aggressive Politics: The Cause, The Dangers, and The Cure.

I am also pleased to announce that Paul Gessing, President of the Rio Grande Foundation, will join us for lunch on Saturday, January 20th, 2024, and speak with us about what we can expect this legislation session.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Terra Fullbright NMFRW 1st Vice President

### ***Members—At—Large***

The 30 day Legislative session will begin on January 17<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a Republican Legislative Dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup> with Representative Ryan Lane and Senator Greg Baca as guest speakers.

The 2024 NM Capitol Prayer Rally and March will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2pm.

The NM Republican Party announced that all County Preprimary conventions shall be held in January and the State PrePrimary Convention will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque.

In March all counties in NM shall hold their Quadrennial conventions followed by the State Quadrennial Convention on April 27<sup>th</sup> and Early voting begins on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

I want to encourage NMFRW women to run for delegate positions at their local conventions. This 2024 election cycle will be one of the most important ones we, as Republicans, will face. Regardless of who the candidates will be after the June primary, we MUST get behind the winners and make sure NM goes RED!!!

One good note Democrat AG Raul Torres has exonerated all five of the Republican

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### **2nd VP**

Sorry I am not able to be in attendance, but here are the membership numbers that were reported as of January 10, 2024. We had seven clubs reporting at the time I received the information, and also remember that these numbers should increase greatly as we move beyond transition period between 2023 and 2024.

#### **Region A:**

Santa Fe FRW – 17

Taos FRW – 12

TOTAL: 29

#### **Region B:**

Four Corners FRW – 68

Zia FRW – 23

TOTAL: 91

#### **Region C:**

Dona Ana FRW – 26

TOTAL: 26

#### **Region D:**

Chaves County FRW – 76

Lea County FRW – 10

TOTAL: 86

NMFRW Total: 232

Great start to 2024, but let's really work to get renewals dues ASAP, and add NEW members throughout the year.

Since the year is young there is not much going on with VP duties, but with Teresa's help, she and I created a list to help clubs assess member engagement. Hopefully this tool will be a useful resource for local clubs as they work to, not only grow membership, but to get members engaged in the activities and help them feel like they have ownership in the club.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shona Neff  
NMFRW 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

### ***Members— At—Large (Continued)***

Electors from the 2020 Presidential election. He found no laws were broken.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosie Tripp

## What's Happening in the Regions

### Region A—Sadie Boyer

The FRW Clubs in Region A and their Presidents are:

- ◇ Enchanted North FRW – Terra Fullbright
- ◇ Los Alamos FRW – Diane Coane
- ◇ Santa Fe FRW –Anne Doherty
- ◇ Taos FRW – Sadie Boyer

It is an honor to serve as New Mexico Federation of Republican Women's Region A Director. I was elected at the 42nd Biennial Convention on October 20, 2023. I have worked with many amazing and dedicated women and have enjoyed working alongside each one.

With the new Region changes, Region A will now cover, Taos, Colfax, Union, Harding, Mora, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, San Miguel, Quay, Guadalupe and Torrance Counties. Right now we have clubs in Taos, Colfax, Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties. My goal would be to reach out to the other counties and offer my help and experience to Republican Women to organize a club. Not an easy task! It is vital that we increase our numbers. We have a big fight on our hands and must unite in order to have a chance of winning. I am willing to do the work needed to succeed in growing Region A!

On December 7<sup>th</sup> I was honored to be the guest speaker at the Los Alamos FRW Christmas Luncheon. It was well-attended and I have included a photo to enjoy.

I also spoke with Terra Fullbright, (Enchanted North FRW) concerning Treasurer reporting forms. Thanks to Teresa for sending her a copy of the form.

I have had several phone conferences with Diane Coane, (Los Alamos FRW) on different topics and remain available.

I am available to answer questions or give presentations. As part of my role I will be visiting each club as often as necessary. Please reach out to me and I will be reaching out to you.

I enjoy meeting members of each club and applaud their commitment to the Republican Party, the National Federation of Republican Women and to the New Mexico Federation of Republican Women.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sadie F. Boyer  
NMFRW Region A Director

### Region A—Sadie Boyer

Enchanted North, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos

### Region B—Cindi Runyon

Albuquerque, Four Corners, Metro, Rio Grande, Rio Rancho, San-Bern, Zia

### Region C— Shona Neff

Dona Ana, Socorro

### Region D—Jeanine Corn Best

Chaves, Lea, Lincoln, Otero

### Region B—Cindi Runyon

Hello from Region B!

October 20, 2024, representatives from Region B unanimously voted to place me as their new director. Within that short space of time, I have been information gathering and connecting with the seven clubs in our region.

My goal is to start a new club in McKinley County inside the next six months, and to investigate possibilities for another new club within our seven counties. I will begin visiting club meetings after the legislative session.

Kind Regards,  
Cynthia Runyon  
Region B Director, NMFRW  
505.979.8060

### Region D—Jeanine Corn Best

The newly established Region "D" covers the following counties, Chaves, Lea, Lincoln & Otero. I have visited the first three of these counties last year & plan to re-visit them again in 2024 & visit Otero.

I'm planning to bring them information that will be helpful to each club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine Corn Best  
NMFRW Region D Director



## Upcoming Events

### February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29		

February 1, 2024

- First Day of Black History Month

February 6, 2024

- Filing Day for US Senate, US Representative 9-5  
Santa Fe—SOS office

February 11, 2024

- Superbowl Sunday

February 14, 2024

- Valentine's Day /Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2024—5 PM to 9 PM

- Lincoln Day Dinner— Ralph Edwards Civic Center—  
400 W 4th St, Truth or Consequences, NM—5 PM  
Cocktails, 6 PM Dinner & Event, Silent Auction &  
Live Auction, Guest Speaker Congresswoman  
Yvette Herrell & special guests.—contact Julianne  
Stroup 575-497-0352

February 19, 2024

- President's Day

March 1, 2024

- First Day of Women's History Month

March 1-2, 2024

- Pre-Primary Convention—RPNM—Hotel Albuquerque

March 10, 2024

- Daylight Savings Time

March 12, 2024

- Filing day for non-preprimary designation Candidates
- First filing opportunity for Candidates that failed to  
receive Party Designation

March 14-16, 2024

- NFRW Board of Directors Meeting—Alexandria VA

March 17, 2024

- St Patrick's Day

March 19, 2024

- Filing day for write in candidates

March 31, 2024

- Easter Sunday

### March 2024

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The Ladies in Red event at the Capital might have been cancelled on January 19th but, that did not stop *our* Ladies in Red from making the visit and taking a tour of the Capital



## Committee Chairs

### **Awards**

*(Need a Chair)*

### **Americanism**

*(Need a Chair)*

### **Armed Services/Homeland Security**

Jeanine Corn Best

### **By-Laws**

Jenine Bingham Kelly

### **Campaign/Political Education**

Nancy Brenna

### **Caring for America**

Anne Doherty

### **Communications/Facebook/Website**

*(Need a Chair)*

### **Fundraising**

Anita Statman 3rd VP

### **Leadership**

Gail Rogers-Tripp

### **Legislative Committee**

Gayle Martinez

### **Literacy/MELP**

Toni Purcella

### **Membership**

Shona Neff 2nd VP

### **Newsletter**

Nancy Brenna

### **Program**

Terra Fullbright—1st VP

### **Public Relations**

*(Need a Chair)*

### **Scholarship Committee**

Cathy Walters

## Committee Reports

### **Armed Services Committee**

The Armed Service Committee was very busy at the end of November finishing up hand signed & hand written Christmas cards to the two military bases. Thanks to the efforts of most of our clubs we mailed 350 cards to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida & 350 cards to Fort Benning Army Base in Georgia.

I am asking that NMFRW identify a project that each club can be a part of that we would consider being involved in this coming year.

Thank you for your continued support & help with the Armed Services Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine Corn Best  
Armed Services Chair

### **Campaign/Political Education**

As we ramp up to the Primaries, we are busy in all Counties around the state with Pre-Primary Conventions. In these conventions delegates will be chosen to vote for candidates for the primary election.

Candidates will be traveling around the State speaking at meeting and conventions with an eye on taking back seats around the state held by Democrats.

My plan for this year is to highlight Candidates from now until the primaries so we can get to know the people running for office. Past the primary we will continue to put out pertinent information leading up to the November election.

There have been some changes to laws that effect our elections ... here are a few things to remember.

New Mexico will begin automatic voter registration when an eligible voter interacts with a department of motor vehicles beginning July1, 2025. New Mexico now offers permanent absentee ballots.

The Secretary of State will issue the Proclamation for the General Election on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The voter registration of a candidate cannot be updated or changed after this date.

Statewide and federal offices will file with the Secretary of State. All other Candidates will file with the county clerk in the county in which the candidate resides.

### Dates to watch:

Tuesday March 12, 2024 – Candidate Filing Date

Tuesday March 19, 2024 – Write-in Candidate Filing Date

Tuesday June 4, 2024 – Election Day

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*Campaign/Political Education (continued)**Did you ever wonder why...?*

Effective June 14, 2019, New Mexico entered in an "Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote". As noted in our New Mexico Statutes 1-15-4.1. This agreement will terminate if the Electoral College is abolished. Currently we choose our Presidential Electors based on the statewide vote. If we are joined by enough states and get to 270 electors, our state officials would appoint electors based on who they believe received the most popular votes nationwide. Currently this "Agreement Among the States" is at 230 electors from the states that are participating.

*This is worrisome because ...*

States that have the greatest number of electors would be visited by Presidential Candidates the most. States such as ours with only 5 electorates would not have the draw of the more populous states, and in most cases no power to change the vote, therefore effectively losing our voice.

*Food for thought!*

Respectively submitted

Nancy Brenna

NMFRW Campaign / Political Education Chair

*Caring for America*

Anne Doherty presented a new Caring for American project.

Family Month which falls between Mother's day and Father's day is a little known holiday and as a Club we will work to bring awareness to the public about this important holiday. For more information log onto the website [The Family Month Project](#)

*Fundraising*

Anita Statman reported the Fundraising Committee has had their first meeting. They are currently looking for at least one representative from Region C to balance out the team.

Region A—Anise Golden-Morpher, Region B—Heather Curtis, Region D—Joan Boue'

Due to the limitations we have as a 527 non-profit organization, we will be able to help more candidates by donating to the House & Senate PAC's. They can channel the funds where they are needed the most. The decision therefore was made to raise funds for:

- ⇒ Operations
- ⇒ Candidates (House & Senate PACs)
- ⇒ National Veterans Wellness Center

The Fundraising committee is looking for input on fundraising ideas. Please send you ideas to any member of the fundraising committee for consideration.

*Membership*

Teresa handed out a survey from Shona—Keeping Clubs Functioning, Engaging & Growing. We were asked to fill it out for our Clubs to help identify where we as leaders can improve. Also reminding clubs to make sure everyone is aware of the conduct policy & by-laws. Are emails going out and is everyone receiving them? Are you happy with speakers you are getting for the Club? Training, what do you want to see? New Member packets. Shona and Sadie have created packets they give to all new members.

*Newsletter*

Keep your cards and letters coming.....

It was a fun year as I experimented with the Newsletter.

When you are sending in your reports if you would like me to add calendar items, please send them along as well. There are so many great things happening around the State and it would be great to have a page where we can highlight them.

Thank you for contributing!

Respectively Submitted

Nancy Brenna

NMFRW – Newsletter Chair



## NMFRW Winter Meeting January 19-20 2024



### Winter Meeting 2024

Joan Boue' began the Winter meeting as the new Chaplain with a prayer, and Jeanine Corn Best followed with the Pledge. After Heather Curtis' presentation of the Treasurers report, Teresa presented the list of Committee Chairs as well as the budget for approval.

#### Our 2024 Plan of Action

- ◆ Promote the factual difference between Democrats and Republicans
- ◆ Participate in data driven targeted races
- ◆ Increase Republican turnout in every County
- ◆ Promote voter registration
- ◆ Create an Outreach Committee including a new committee chair.
- ◆ Increase membership and clubs by 10%
- ◆ Club repository for sharing information

#### ◆ GOALS

- ◇ Elect Republican Candidates
- ◇ Protect Republican Ideals
- ◇ Increase the footprint of NMFRW

After lunch Anne Doherty presented Family Month as our Caring for America project, Anita Statman via ZOOM gave us information from the Fundraising Committee as we decided how those funds would be spent. Shona

was unable to attend and Teresa passed out a survey "Keeping Clubs Functioning, Engaging & Growing".

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These surveys will be used to identify areas the Clubs need to work on. After Dinner Erick Bruntmyer, president of Hardin-Simmons University, gave a compelling talk on Title IX and how it affects women today. Gwen Poe rounded out the evening with her story of Paul Newman and the errant ice cream cone.

On Saturday the day was opened by Rosie Tripp with an update on Gail, then on to officer, committee and club reports.

Teresa held a Leadership training titled, "Get Everyone In Your Boat Rowing in the Same Direction." She pointed out, the President's attitude sets the tone of the club, with a warning — make sure it is their club not your club.

During the meeting, announcements were made.

- ◆ Vicki Maricourt from Otero County will be testifying in Washington DC before Congress at the National Resources Committee on the 30x30 project - February 13th.
- ◆ Teresa's daughter Samantha Barncastle Solopek will be running for office in Las Cruces
- ◆ Maria Rivera— Socorro County — gave a quick rundown on "The Ranches" and their needs.
- ◆ Don't forget to log calls and hours—numbers still being sent to NFRW
- ◆ Prayer Requests will be included in the newsletter—please send to Nancy

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Our final speaker of the meeting was Paul Gessing from the Rio Grande Foundation. After giving some background information on the Rio Grande Foundation, Mr. Gessing gave us a view of what to expect from this Legislation session, how it affects us, and what we can do to make changes.



NMFRW Winter Meeting  
January 19-20 2024





## Club Reports

### Chaves County FRW

I am now serving my 6th year as President of CCFRW. In 2023 we truly had a banner year. The five awards we received at the NMFRW Biennial Convention are on display at our monthly luncheons.

Our November meeting had 144 people attend & we honored 47 veterans, men and women, with a certificate and a special gift. These items were presented by Major General Jerry Grizzle

of NMMI & Mike Winters, host of our conservative talk show "Mike in the Morning".

Our December Christmas luncheon was most festive. Members were greeted by two little boys dressed as elves who presented you with a candy cane & holiday bookmark. During our delicious holiday luncheon, we were entertained by the Pecos Valley Brass Quintet with Christmas Carols. Chris Lethgo, Interim Pastor of the First Baptist Church, our guest speaker, gave a meaningful & moving message about this joyful holiday. A visit from Santa, with group photos, ended this outstanding luncheon & 2023.

In March we shall celebrate our 50th Anniversary, our six legislators shall give us an update on this 30 day session at this important luncheon. 2024 will be filled with Republican Candidates running for various offices. We are getting ready for this most crucial Presidential election.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Boue'  
President, CCFRW



### Dona Ana County FRW

DACFRW got a bit of break in the activity as 2023 came to a close.

In October the southern New Mexico chapter of Honor Flight had three representatives speak at our meeting. One of the organizers shared how meaningful the flights to Washington DC are for the veterans who participate, and then equally as poignant was the personal experiences of two recipients of the healing journey. In December, Trudy Routh, our treasurer, and Tricia Quillen, our fundraising chair, presented the group with a \$500 check made up of DACFRW funds and personal donations.

We finished the year with our super fun December Christmas holiday extravaganza! Our second annual potluck luncheon was a feast of yummy food that members so graciously provided. We even had a surprise patriotic DACFRW honoring cake provided by Lori English...a past member who recently rejoined our ranks. We had giveaways, prizes, and a record-breaking raffle... looking back, we should have contacted Santa to help with the festivities.

With the new year, we are hitting the ground running. I have compiled a list of goals for 2024 that will be presented to the membership at our January meeting. There are a lot of moving parts to be addressed, and hopefully our June report will be full of successes!!!

As the flood gates open on the new year, DACFRW is blessed to have a fabulous and cohesive board. Member engagement (along with elections) is a top priority and we are starting the year off with a new membership chair, a person who has volunteered to do our newsletter, a person to spearhead the award program, and brand-new members eager to step up to help. This is going to help take a lot of responsibilities off of my overflowing plate. Whew.

A special shout out to Dora Luchini-Lucero who is a great VP and eager to learn the new skills I constantly throw her way; to Nancy Banks, our secretary, who so diligently strives to produce great minutes even when I don't always follow the agenda in the order she is expecting; and lastly to Trudy Routh, our amazing treasurer, who tried (with a bit of success) to teach me the financial ropes of the club when I was brand new to it all two years ago...and who always shows me grace when I leave her name off the executive committee list not

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## Club Reports

### *Dona Ana County FRW (Continued)*

once, BUT TWICE!! I treasure all the women who make up our board. And, for the ladies and gents who make up our membership and associate membership, we are blessed that they choose to invest their time, treasures and talents to DACFRW. It's going to be a great year!

Stay tuned!!!

Respectively Submitted,  
Shona Neff  
President DACFRW



NEW MEXICO  
2024 Election Year  
Prayer Calendar  
New Mexico Federation of Republican Women

#### JANUARY 2024

Week 1 (1/2-1/6)

Week 2 (1/7-1/13)

Week 3 (1/14-1/20)

Week 4 (1/21-1/27)

#### FEBRUARY 2024

Week 1 (1/28-2/3)

Week 2 (2/4-2/10)

Week 3 (2/11-2/17)

Week 4 (2/18-2/24)

Week 5 (2/25-3/2)

#### MARCH 2024

Week 1 (3/3-3/9)

Week 2 (3/10-3/16)

Week 3 (3/17-3/23)

Week 4 (3/24-3/30)

#### APRIL 2024

Week 1 (3/31-4/6)

Week 2 (4/7-4/13)

Week 3 (4/14-4/20)

Week 4 (4/21-4/27)

House Candidates, Dist 1-7: San Juan, McKinley, Cibola, E Valencia Counties  
Senate Candidates Dist 1-6: San Juan, McKinley, Cibola, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos Co  
Current House Representatives:  
Current Senators:  
City/County Leadership: Farmington, Gallup, Navajo Reservation, Grants, Belen, Espanola, Los Alamos  
Area FRW Clubs: Four Corners, Los Alamos  
Legislative Needs:

House Candidates, Dist 8-14: Valencia, McKinley, Bernalillo Counties  
Senate Candidates, Dist 6-10: Los Alamos, N Santa Fe, Taos, SE Rio Arriba, Taos, Union, Quay, Curry, Mora, Harding, San Miguel, Sandoval, Bernalillo Co  
Current House Representatives:  
Current Senators:  
City/County Leadership: Los Lunas, White Rock, Las Vegas, Santa Rosa, Mora, Bernalillo, Clovis  
Area FRW Clubs: Taos, Enchanted North, Rio Grande  
Congressional Races: CD 1, 2, 3, and Presidential Candidates/Primaries  
Legislative Needs:

House Candidates, Dist 15-21: Bernalillo County  
Senate Candidates, Dist 11-15: Bernalillo, Sandoval Counties  
Current House Representatives:  
Current House Senators:  
City/County Leadership: Albuquerque and Surrounding Areas  
Area FRW Clubs: Albuquerque, San Bern, Metro, Rio Rancho, Zia  
Legislative Needs:

House Candidates, Dist 22-28: W Torrance, SE Bernalillo, Sandoval Counties  
Senate Candidates, Dist 16-20: Bernalillo, S Santa Fe, NW Torrance  
Current House Representatives:  
Current House Senators:  
City/County Leadership: Estancia, Mountainair, Moriarty, Clines Corners, East Mountain  
Congressional Races: CD 1, 2, 3, and Presidential Candidates/Primaries  
Legislative Needs:

*This Prayer Calendar for the 2024 Election year was created by Shona Neff our 2nd VP, Region C Director, President of DACFRW and NMFRW Membership Chair.*

### *Enchanted North FRW*

The Enchanted North Federated Republican Women organization is starting the year with 16 members and 4 associate members.

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### *Enchanted North FRW (Continued)*

For the November 2023 election we made voter guide pamphlets for our local and county candidates and walked door to door to distribute them to conservative homeowners. We also held a meet and greet where ENFRW members and other members of our community were able to visit with local conservative candidates.

This year we are looking forward to helping to educate our community, hosting more gatherings for republican candidates, and expanding our membership.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Terra Fullbright  
NMFRW 1st Vice President

### *Four Corners FRW*

Our November meeting featured the President of Blue Star Mothers and we always donate \$350 to help with their Christmas care package mailings. December featured the Office Manager from the Farmington Veterans Center and she helped us identify 4 local veteran families and we provided Christmas presents to each family. In January we had Senator Steve Neville come give us a preview of the legislative session which he titled "Less is More" obviously in reference to the excess budget and expected spending by the Governor and democrat legislators. We also awarded our scholarship to Portia Norton who attends our local community college. She was originally from Portland and was very involved in all the liberal causes until she finally came to her senses and changed her registration to Republican. We are now gearing up for the election and want to be very involved in organizing candidate meet and greets and getting the vote out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly  
President, Four Corners FRW

### *Los Alamos FRW*

After the NMFRW Biennial in October, Los Alamos FRW members got back to work volunteering for our Republican candidate for school board. We helped



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## Club Reports

### Los Alamos FRW (Continued)

organize Meet & Greets, work parties, made phone calls, sent texts, we canvassed neighborhoods, and attended the League of Women Voters candidate forum to support our candidate. We also contributed to our candidate's campaign to buy yard signs. There are many more registered Democrats than Republicans in our town and our candidate did not win, but he ran a very respectable campaign and we are certainly proud of him. We had an Election Night Watch Party and had a



nice photo in our local paper. We now have one Republican and 4 Democrats on our School Board.

Our November 11 meeting featured guest speaker Bill McKerley, the immediate past Chair of the Republican Party of

Los Alamos. Bill is a Korean vet of the Vietnam era and he shared many interesting facts and slides with us. After Bill's presentation we attended our community's 11:00am Veterans Day Ceremony together.

Our December 7 meeting was also our Christmas Luncheon. Our guest speaker was NMFRW Region A Director Sadie Boyer. Our Chaplain Mary Wilhoit offered a beautiful Prayer Reflection for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and our Secretary Trish Granich shared the very touching poem "When a Soldier Goes to Heaven" with us. The children of two of our Republican families led our flag salute and shared an inspiring Christmas play with us. We also collected Christmas gifts for two needy families who were recommended to us by a local pastor and of course, we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon. Plus, three attendees joined our club so we have three new members.

Our January 11 meeting featured guest speaker and LAFRW Treasurer Cheryl Stead, who has degrees in Earth Science and Economics. Cheryl gave an excellent scientific presentation on "The Climate Change Debate."

The RPLA Pre-Primary Convention will be on January 18. CD3 candidate Sharon Clahchischilliage will speak to  
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### Los Alamos FRW (Continued)

us and bring her nominating petitions. We have already started signing her petition online and will do everything we can to help her get elected.

We will also help our one Republican County Councilor get re-elected and we'll work hard for all Republicans running for state, local, & federal office for whom we can vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Coane, President, LAFRW

### Otero County FRW

Otero County finished the year with 17 members and 5 other members. This year our biggest accomplishment was flipping the school board from 4 democrats and 1 republican to, 4 republicans and 1 dem that resigned. We are a small but mighty club.

Monica  
Coble



### Rio Grande FRW

Hello from the Rio Grande FRW in Valencia County!

In the short months since our October meeting, our club has met but once. However, our board has met 5 times, to strategize the year ahead of us.

With half our club missing in action from last year, we have our sites set on membership as our number one goal, with winning elections and increasing our points participation as our second and third goals.

Our plan is to connect with and "cross-pollinate" with likeminded groups in our area such as Concerned Women for America who has already allowed us to announce details about our club at their own meeting times.

Most of our board is excited to continue to connect

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## Club Reports

### Rio Grande FRW (Continued)

with young people and more Americana events are in the works. Finally, we've recognized the participatory value of the point system as a way to show our member what is possible in our club and to inspire them to do more as individuals and as a club.

We've learned that the progressive plan to take over Valencia County, New Mexico and our nation is in full swing - and we are far behind. But we know that the battle is not against flesh and blood, and prayer will be backing all the hard work ahead of us.

This year is already full, and we've learned we must pace ourselves if we are to win in November. We are up to the task and ready to stand up and be counted.



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Region B Director, NMFRW  
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***The Rio Grande FRW has been sporting red lips for the last year and the campaign is going strong.***

### **Join the Red Lip Movement Sweeping NM!**

*Stephanie Guerrero -RGFRW 2nd VP*

Our world today is not too much different from the backdrop of WWII. Darkness, war, and evil pervade our society, but there is **HOPE**. There is always hope.

Adolf Hitler once insisted that the perfect woman must sport a "well-scrubbed" face. He despised makeup or nail polish of any kind. In resistance against the evil of the Nazi campaign, British and American women began a campaign of their own to "**keep BEAUTY ON DUTY**". The encouragement to look beautiful and well-kept to combat the ugliness in the world, resulted in a boost of morale for both women and men.

In 1940, the United States military called upon Elizabeth Arden Cosmetics to create a lipstick to match the shoulder piping on the female uniform and before long, "Victory Red" and "Montezuma Red" became standard issue. Ivory soap, Cutex nails, and others jumped on board. All across America, companies touted cleanliness and beauty products as patriotic. Where once women had been told to buy nothing for their own pleasure, the encouragement to buy lipstick and nail polish sent a

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### Red Lip Movement (Continued)

powerful message. Red lips and nails became symbols of a stand against evil. **BEAUTY PUSHED BACK** against the ugliness of war and stood as a beacon of **HOPE**.

Today, let us follow in their footsteps. May the power of truth and beauty always grace our lips. So, light your world. Pull out your lipstick and sport those lovely red lips in the face of all that is ugly. As Rosie the Riveter said with her bright red lips (yes, she was part of the movement!) "You can do it!"

***"Keep your beauty on duty!"***

### San-Bern FRW

Our 1st VP, Debra Maldonado, former flight attendant opened our January 19<sup>th</sup> monthly luncheon meeting with this "Flight Announcement"!

Good morning. Welcome to Flight #2024. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure that your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose Altitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will be automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff. Destination GREATNESS. (VICTORY)!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The transition to a new club president was a bit like a construction zone! We encountered bumps, lane changes, orange construction barrels and a bit of anxiety, but now the road is much smoother and we are glad to have successfully passed through some rough spots!

Our immediate Past President, Jeanette Clark, did work tirelessly to train all of us and did an outstanding job for the board and club which was rewarded by winning the Diamond Award!

We now have a complete Board of Directors who are all committed to doing their best for the club and the

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## Club Reports

### San-Bern FRW (Continued)

Republican Party.

We have returned to our traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday luncheon meetings at Pelican's West.

Our goal is to Educate and Empower Women.

We have had many speakers including: Sarah Jane Allen, Jay Block, Craig Brandt, Paul Caputo, Michelle Garcia Holmes, Jason Harper, Jon Herr, Gregg Hull, Beth Miller, Mike Nelson, John Rockwell, and Nicole Tobiasson. These people range from candidates and public officials to the Marines!

Retired Corporal, U.S. Marines, Caputo came to pick up our toys and checks for the Toys for Tots program and told us "to adopt a Democrat"! There are many traditional Democrats out there who are ripe for a conversion due to family values and other social issues!

We donated about 100 lbs. of food to the St. Felix Pantry in Rio Rancho. Thanks to Felicie Truscio, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, for organizing both events!



We were delighted to send \$50 to the Zia FRW for the Veterans Day water bottle donation!

Our Rio Rancho School Board candidate, Beth Miller, won her election!

We have 42 full members and had 15 associate members. I am an associate member of the Rio Rancho FRW!

I see other club past presidents Winnie Schmidt and

Marina Whisonant at my club and the RRFRW luncheons, too!

We need more members, more money, more information, more involvement and more action!

I am so very grateful to Teresa Barncastle, Joan Boue, Nancy Brenna, Denise Foor, Barb McClain, Reta King and Shona Neff who have helped me take over as president. I appreciate Carolyn Atkinson, Sadie Boyer and Gwen Poe too!

I know that I am going to be grateful to more of you this year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Maura Jans  
President San-Bern FRW



### Santa Fe FRW

Since September and the Biennial Convention, the SFFRW, we installed three new VPs - Sharon Mottola moved from membership to VP 1 programs; Diane Dunlap became VP 2 Membership; and Molly Mix VP 3 Fundraising.

We've also recently launched a new website incorporating our hip branding and our logo "This is How We Ride." In good marketing practice we're branding everything from our website, to our newsletter, to our Facebook group.

We're plowing ahead on our big fundraiser, currently set for mid-July, stay tuned for the exciting speaker.

As for our luncheons...

In October, we brought together member and school board candidate Patricia Vigil-Stockton and Mom's for Liberty's Sarah Jane Allen for pre-election insight and motivation.

In November, we coordinated our annual Thanksgiving food drive with a Veteran's Day talk on how to help homeless veterans in Santa Fe.

In December, we coupled our annual toy drive and member appreciation with an exciting spy story, as told by Political historian John Earl Haynes in his CIA award winning article about the 4th Soviet Spy at Los Alamos.

In January, Carl Sonntag of BTNM and NMBC gave us her low-down on this year's legislative session

Like all the clubs, our members are in the process of renewing - and new Membership VP Diane is already planning events and implementing renewal incentives - like our adorable "This is How We Ride" stemless glasses. Since the year ended with a loss of membership over this time in 2023, we're already calling members and asking them to renew - as well as examining how our email lists work, trying to iron out any bugs in our system.

Best of all, we've come up with an exciting, easy and affordable Caring for America project that we hope will make an impact on this nation in our troubled times. It's called The Family Month Project and the goal is to get Americans to acknowledge, if not celebrate, Family

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## Club Reports

### Santa Fe FRW (Continued)

Month - designated by Congress in 1998 as the month between Mother's Day and Father's Day. To that end, I've created a landing page, and we are in the process of created a list to contact of 1000 companies, churches, influencers, pundits and more. Thanks to email, the internet, and ChatGPT, this project is as easy and affordable as it is important.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Doherty  
President, Santa Fe FRW

### Socorro County FRW

I would first like to introduce myself. My name is Maria Rivera and I'm the Vice President for Socorro County Federated Republican Women. I'm filling in today for our friend and club President, Gail Tripp. Many of you may or may not know that Gail suffered a heart attack in this past December of 2023. She was literally on death's door and not expected to survive. Thanks to the thousands of

prayers from all of you, Gail's circle of friends, family, coworkers and our community, Gail is alive and well! She continues to recuperate at home, so she was not able to join us this weekend. I have some big shoes to fill today.

In October, Gail and Rosie attended the Biennial Convention in Santa Fe.

In November, the club held a self defense training called "Refuse to Be a Victim" and also selected a charity for our Caring for America Project. El Puente of Socorro is a domestic violence shelter that services women and children in our community. The club asked all members to donate non-perishable food items, hygiene products and baby items to the shelter.

In December, all donations collected by the club were delivered to El Puente shelter. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, the club met at Jackson Ranch Steakhouse for our "thank you luncheon".

As we start 2024, we will focus on increasing our membership and holding a meeting drive. Typically, we hold the drives in the evening, serving appetizers

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### Socorro County FRW (Continued)

and drinks. Its always a great night out with like-minded Republican women.

With 2024 being one of the most important election years to date, we will continue our work toward getting Republican candidates elected to local, state and national offices.

Sincerely,  
Maria G. Rivera  
VP – Socorro Federated Republican Women



Maria spoke of the Ranches and her work with the kids that need help. You can find more information on The Ranches by clicking [here](#).

**Since 1944 The New Mexico Boys & Girls Ranch ("The Ranches") has offered a unique combination of family-style living in a rural ranch environment.**

The organization has evolved over the years from a single building, to include a large ranch south of Belen, NM that is home to struggling youth that promotes opportunity and meaningful help for struggling children and their families. Our multi-denomination-kids a

lies. Our multi-denomination-kids a safe place to live, a personalized plan to address their needs and goals, and individualized education and counseling. We offer families help through services such as crisis management, family counseling and parent skills training.

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## Club Reports

### The Ranches (Continued)



**Attached you will find a copy of**

**“Case for Support—The Ranches”**

*A compelling story and a path to donating to The Ranches*



and JoAnn Obara for attending the NMFRW 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention as our delegates on October 20-21, 2023 at Cities of Gold Casino & Hotel in Santa Fe, NM.

I would also like to thank everyone from Region A for electing me as Region A Director. I am willing to do the  
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### Taos FRW (continued)

work needed to succeed in growing Region A and electing Republicans!

Gayle Martinez is organizing voter registration sites for 2024. We have several members that are Voter Registration Agents.

Several of our members participated in chasing the vote for our Republican candidates. We made phone calls, sent texts and emails and made announcements on Facebook and our website. Several of our candidates won their election including Caroline Grant who will become a TCFRW member this year.

On election day I served on the Absentee Ballot Board and also completed the Recount which took place on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.



We partnered with the Republican Party of Taos County to host our “Christmas Toy & Food Drive” on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We collected canned/packaged goods and unwrapped toys. Cookies and apple cider was served! The event was dedicated to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness featuring Guest Speaker, Elisa Martinez, NM Alliance for Life Founder. We also heard from member Linda Rael on the New Life Pregnancy Center, a faith based, life affirming community resource whose mission is to protect the lives of unborn children. The next day we held a “Christmas Wrapping Party” and wrapped and labeled all the toys. We delivered them to the “The Giving Tree”, who distributed them to area families for Christmas. Picture included.

On January 11th several members helped organize and participate in Republican Party of Taos County’s Pre-Primary Convention. Congratulations to TCFRW members, Sadie F. Boyer, Sarah Valente, Linda S. Rael, Cindy Medina and Lisa Cordova on their election as delegates to the NM Republican Pre-Primary Convention to be held in Albuquerque on March 2, 2024.

On January 15<sup>th</sup> I submitted our Political & Campaign hours and calls to NFRW. We reported 1056 campaign hours and 121 calls. We remain small and mighty!

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## Club Reports

### Taos FRW (continued)

Our January meeting was scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to this our meeting date has been changed to Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy 2024 New Year to everyone! HANG ON TIGHT!  
WE HAVE AN ELECTION TO WIN!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sadie F. Boyer  
Taos FRW President

### Zia FRW

Zia participated in a joint effort with the Albuquerque FRW for Caring for America. We donated over \$200 of new clothing to Mitchell Elementary School children.

Our Armed Services project generated over 175 pounds of non-perishable food donated to the Airmen's Pantry at KAFB over a four-month period. We were also able to donate over 40 - \$25 commissary gift cards (\$1,000). With a joint effort from the AFRW we were able to donate even more food and gift cards.

We had 23 of our 39 regular members renew their membership. We had 21 of our 35 associate members renew before January 2024. We expect the number to grow at the January meeting.

We had Dr. Jeffery Racca speak to us in November about the doctor shortage and medical issues the state faces due to the actions of the Governor and Legislature. Dr. Racca asked to be put on our Newsletter mailing list to keep up to date on our clubs' activities.

We collected more than 150 plush toys, blankets and books for our Winter Toy drive. Items collected were given to the Albuquerque Police Department Foothills Command Center. The officers can then distribute them to children in a crisis situation.

Our Christmas luncheon was a fun event with entertainment and music provided by Roger Burns and his keyboard.

Requests from members to make a change to our luncheon venue were taken into consideration. We have moved our luncheon meeting to a new location after three years and have gotten a positive response from the members. We were able to find a restaurant that would open at lunch for our meetings.

We sent out a year in review and accomplishments to  
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### Zia FRW (Continued)

our members to have them realize the progress we have made and good they have done in our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Foor, Zia FRW President



*Our Legislators are working hard to protect our 2nd Amendment rights. Let's get behind them.*

### Final Thought...

*So how do Republicans win?*

*How do **we** win?*

*One of the choices we made as a club was to spend some of our fundraising monies to give to the House and Senate Caucus'.*

*Our Legislators need help! Let's get people into these positions that believe in the rule of law, the constitution, faith, family and freedom.*

*Talk to the Legislators in your area. They can tell you where they need help and who is working hard against them. Lets make that our mission.*

*When we balance the Legislators in this state it will lead to laws that reflect our values and protect our cities and homes. It is time to hit the streets hard for our Candidates!*

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