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Congratulations to all the new Presidents and all the other club officers. You are all embarking on a very gratifying adventure with a whole lot of work on the side. But you are not alone. All of our members have access to the NFRW website where you will find a plethora of information. There are articles, leadership training, policies, videos,...etc. and ideas galore. Additionally, the NMFRW officers and Regional Directors are available to assist your club in being the best club possible.

Speaking of 'best club', is your club preparing their club achievement submission? Two years ago, New Mexico Federation of Republican Women had 14 out of 17 clubs file their submissions. Wouldn't it be amazing to have all of our club submit? Our highest level, Diamond, clubs are Chaves County, Dona Ana County, Four Corners, Lincoln County, Los Alamos, Rio Grande, San-Bern, Santa Fe, Socorro County, and Taos County. Our Gold club is Zia. We have two Silver clubs, Albuquerque and Enchanted Circle. Our newest club Otero County was able to achieve Bronze. We were all so excited to receive our awards on stage at the 2023 NFRW Convention. Members, help your President get your accomplishment items done or planned, complete the form and make sure to submit the form to me prior to June 1, 2025. Start planning now to attend the NFRW Biennial Convention in Orlando Florida September 25-28, 2025 and the NMFRW Biennial Convention October 24-25, 2025 at the Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque. If you are attending either or both, you will want to be a delegate in order to vote for the officers that will be leading your organization and for any by-law changes. There will be more information on being a delegate as the conventions get closer. An important note here is that both your 1st Vice President Terra Fullbright (who has done an amazing job) and I are termed out. That means that at the NMFRW convention you will definitely have a new President and 1st Vice President.

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There are not enough words to tell you what a blessing it is to lead such wonderful women. You care so much about our communities, our state and our country. It was through your hard work that some of the egregious bills proposed during the latest legislative session failed. We will continue to work to elect Republican candidates and when we take over the Governor's position, the Senate and House we will repeal every overreaching, liberal agenda bill on the books in New Mexico.

*Take care,
Teresa Barncastle, President
New Mexico Federation of Republican Women*



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President's Report

The highs and lows of the November 5th election was certainly on my mind. While we did not make any progress in the ranks of the NM House and Senate or in our national delegation, we did have a big success nationally we could wrap our enthusiasm around. Baby Steps. Progress was made in turning some counties from blue to purple and some from purple to red.

I had the most fun and felt so blessed to be able to travel around New Mexico visiting clubs and attending meetings and events with like-minded fellow republicans. I had the privilege of installing FRW club officers for Rio Grande, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Four Corners, San Bern and Chaves County. I was also a guest speaker at Lea County and Zia FRW's.

I attended the Republican Party of New Mexico State Convention where Amy Barela, Otero County FRW, was elected State Chair. I have graciously been appointed to the executive committee and will represent the NMFRW wholeheartedly. I have been able to attend both RPNM Ex Comm meetings and I shared our NMFRW Email Policy for their consideration.

I have been able to attend the NFRW Special Board meeting, State Presidents' meetings and Region 4 meetings. All these were by zoom. NFRW is also review-

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ing our email policy for their adoption.

Plans were put into place to hold our 'Ladies in Red' event and our Winter Board Meeting. In addition to our 44 meeting attendees attending our Legislators dinner, we had an additional 15 legislators and guests sign up.

I will be attending the NFRW Spring Board Meeting in Alexandria, VA March 6,7, and 8th. Items on the agenda include the site selection for the 2027 convention, by-law changes, and electing the nominating committee.

With each passing month, I am becoming more acutely aware of the end of my term as your President. I am going to savor every continued moment leading such an amazing group of civic minded women.

*Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Barncastle, President*

1st VP



Our Winter 2025 keynote speaker is Representative Gail Armstrong. Representative Armstrong has been elected as the first female Minority Leader. She will speak on what encouraged her to get involved in politics and what we can do to further the conservative agenda in New Mexico and attract more democrats to the conservative agenda.

*Respectfully submitted,
Terra Fullbright
NMFRW 1st VP*



2nd VP



2025 has started off with renewed vigor with President Donald J. Trump back in the White House for his second term. Hopefully this will energize GOP women all over the nation lead increased membership for FRW clubs in New Mexico

I have been working with Sierra County (Truth or Consequences and surrounding area) to launch a new club. They are currently are working at reaching the initial number of 10 members to start the club. Many ladies in this initial effort are in very familiar faces around the GOP and feel that they will have no problem finding members for startup.

2025 has also started off with many newly elected local club presidents around the state, in addition to many returning presidents. Congratulations to all the newly installed presidents, and thank you to all the ladies serving a second term. With so many "newbies", I sent out two of the resources shared with club leadership in 2024: the "Functioning Club Worksheet" and "10 Ideas for Membership". New presidents are encouraged to look them over, and returning presidents can re-familiarize themselves if they so desire.

This is the time of year to continue to focus on growing local club numbers. Our current state membership for February 2025 is 576 compared to 480 this same time in 2024. This is a 1.2% increase from last year, but a significant decrease from past years when numbers were consistently in the 800s, topping out at 952 in 2022. Let's keep that upward momentum going so our total 2025 numbers will outpace 2024...let's work hard to crack that 1000-member mark!

Respectfully Submitted,
Shona Neff
NMFRW 2VP



3rd VP—Fundraising Report

This year our goal is to raise money to support our operations and special projects. We will do this by conducting a raffle (aka a game). * We hope this game makes it easy for everyone to play. The game has 3 prizes for members and prizes for the club that sells the most tickets. Here's how it will work.

1. Everyone should advertise the game using our flyer. One flyer is for your 'club' members and one flyer is for the public.
2. Let us know at

the February meeting how many tickets you think your club can sell. We hope every club will sell at least 25 tickets.

3. We will mail tickets to you in March to begin selling.
4. We will also send you a template listing the tickets we sent you. Use this template to record tickets sold when you send revenue to Heather Curtis—our treasurer. You can send money in monthly or quarterly. Do not mail cash.

NMFRW is conducting this raffle pursuant to the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act 60-2F-01 (2009)

Thank you for helping us make money for special charitable projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Statman
3rd VP for Fundraising



Member at Large

WHEW!!! What a whirlwind October and November were! All of us were working so hard to get Donald Trump and JD

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Member-at-Large (continued)



Vance elected. Fortunately they prevailed by a landslide nationwide. Not only winning the popular vote but also the electoral vote as well. However, New Mexico did not carry them and we also lost out on electing US senatorial and congressional representation.

In December RPNM held the Biennial Convention. I was unable to attend that but Amy Barela was elected our new State Party Chairman. She has hit the ground running attending many of the county conventions and holding a training session for newly elected or re-elected county officers.

Ladies, we have a lot of hard work to do in the coming election cycle in 2028. We need to put on our thinking caps and help find good, qualified candidates and then put on our running shoes to help them get elected. All House members will be up again, as well as Governor.

NM really needs to turn RED!! We can only hope that Dems will see the 'promises made – promises kept' that President Trump is doing and have a change of heart.

*Rosie Tripp
NMFRW Member at Large*

Member-at-Large



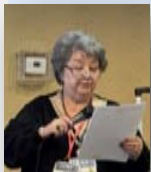
As Member-at-Large I attended the 2024 Biennial Convention held on Saturday, December 7th, 2024 held in Truth or Consequences. At this meeting the following officers for the Republican Party of New Mexico were elected:

State Chair – Amy Barela
1st Vice-Chair – Hessel Yntema
2nd Vice-Chair – Mike Nelson
Secretary – Kathleen Apodaca
Treasurer – Kim Skaggs
CD-1 Vice-Chair – Joshua Neal
CD-2 Vice-Chair – Julianne Stroup
CD-3 Vice Chair – Sharon Clahchischilliage

The State Central Committee voted to:

Not change the party emblem **1-1-2**
 Not change Electronic Meetings **1-3-4**
 Delete EMPLOYEES OF THE PARTY in **1-4-2**
 Not change **1-4-3** which became **1-4-2**
 Not change **1-4-4** which became **1-4-3**
 Add **C & D** to **2-1-2**
 Add "of the appropriate district members of the State Central Committee" to **2-1-4**
 Remove "in person" from **2-2-1**
 Remove "in person" from **3-2-1**
 Added "when allowed" to **2-2-5 C**
 Changed proxies from 5 to 2 in **2-2-5 D**
 Added 'Which includes campaign donations, social media, emails, print and statements whether in personal, official or professional capacity.' **To Addendum Section 13** "Publicly"

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly
Member-at-Large*



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, Otero, Socorro



Region D—Jeanine Corn Best
 Chaves, Lea, Lincoln



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Used by Zia to preserve past scrapbooks

serving family photos, offering features like AI-powered scanning, cloud storage, and a membership for ad-free access and premium features.

What's Happening in the Regions



Region A

The FRW Clubs in Region A and their Presidents are:

Enchanted North FRW – Terra Fullbright
 Los Alamos FRW – Linda Bullock
 Santa Fe FRW – Anne Doherty
 Taos County FRW – Sadie F. Boyer

I attended the Los Alamos FRW Christmas Luncheon on December 12th and installed their newly elected officers. TCFRW member, Linda Rael also attended. Congratulation and best wishes to their new leaders and “Thank You” for a job well done to the outgoing officers!

I had several phone conferences with Terra Fullbright (Enchanted North FRW) and remain available to all FRW Clubs in Region A.

I am available to answer questions or give presentations. As part of my role I will be visiting each club as often as necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sadie F. Boyer
Taos County FRW President

Region B

Region B is comprised of Four Corners Club in Farmington, San-Bern, Rio Rancho, Metro, Albuquerque, and Zia Clubs in Albuquerque and Rio Grande in Valencia County.

Five clubs transitioned leadership this year, and we welcome the new energy they bring to Region B.

Since we last met in October, I visited Zia and installed their officers. I also visited Rio Rancho as a guest speaker. I continue to be available for these 7 clubs as needed.

Please join us as we look forward to the 2025 NMFRW Convention! Region B is hosting, so get ready for the Colors of New Mexico on display and a chance to partner with us in the Fiesta of Tables. We have a site selected and are ready to implement a plan of action!

Thank you for your time and I look forward to the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Runyon
NMFRW Region B Director

Region C

In December, I closed out 2024 installing new officers for Dona Ana Federated Republican Women in Las Cruces.

2025 kicked off working with Republican ladies in Sierra County to launch a new club. They are currently working to meet the 10-member minimum to submit their club application to the National FRW. Our goal is to have the club up and running by the next NMFRW state meeting... or sooner!!

Additionally, I am hoping to create new club opportunities in Dona Ana County. The goal is to reach out to ladies in Hatch and Chaparral. The need for possible new clubs needs to be assessed. If the numbers are not quite there the goal will be to get ladies in these outlying areas to consider joining DACFRW since it is an already existing club.

I have enjoyed talking to some of the new club presidents around the southern part of the state, and I am looking forward to visiting each Region C club in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shona Neff
Region C Director

Region D

On October 20th the Roswell flood changed my life forever. My 67 year old family home sustained major damage. All of my family antiques & my belongings were destroyed. I also own a building CopyRite which stored any of my items. This building had severe damage & most of the stored items were destroyed.

I have spent the last four months with FEMA, the Red Cross, numerous other agencies trying to recover. Few people in Roswell had flood insurance. I have hired contractors to do some major repairs so that these buildings can be sold. Many of our churches have been wonderful helping those who were affected.

I am living in a small casita while trying to cope with all the loss & destruction. My children would like for me to move, I need to stay until my responsibilities are finished. I am hoping to complete my term as region D Director. My sincere thanks to Teresa Barncastle for her support & understanding during this most difficult time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Corn Best
Region D Director

Upcoming Events

APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April

- ◆ **April 5**—NMFRW Scholarship applications due
- ◆ **April 12**—Titanic Anniversary Dinner Theater— 5:00 PM—RGFRW—The MAC, 117 S 4th St, Belen NM 87002 [Get your tickets before they are all gone](#)
- ◆ **April 12**—The Roundhouse Roundup—6:00 PM—10:00 PM—Jake Lopez Community Center, 705 East Lime, Portales, NM 88130
- ◆ **April 16**—Bite Size Tools You Can Use Training—ZOOM Virtual Event— 1:00 PM (Eastern Time) - Registration Required
- ◆ **April 17**—2025 Post-Legislative BASH—5:30 PM—7:30 PM—4949 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque NM 87109

May

- NMFRW will award the NMFRW Scholarship this month
- **May 17**—2nd Annual Freedom 2 Shoot—7:00 AM—2:00 PM—ATC Shooting Range, 1530 E Morris Rd, Carlsbad NM 88220—Eddy County Republican Party fundraiser
- ◆ **May 21**—Bite Size Tools You Can Use Training—ZOOM Virtual Event— 1:00 PM (Eastern Time) - Registration Required

More National Deadlines

June 1

- ◆ **Award Forms Due to state President**
 - ◆ Club Achievement Awards 2024-2025
 - ◆ Armed Service Awards 2024-2025
 - ◆ Caring for America Awards 2024-2025
 - ◆ Literacy & Education Award 2024-2025

June 28

- ◆ Convention Deadline for certifications of clubs and members for NFRW 43rd Biennial Convention due

June 30

- ◆ Membership dues for club and state 70K status must be received by NFRW by 12:00 Eastern Time.

June 30

- ◆ **2024-2025 Award Forms due to NFRW**
 - ◆ Club Achievement Awards
 - ◆ Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence
 - ◆ Armed Services Awards
 - ◆ Caring for America
 - ◆ Literacy and Education Award
 - ◆ Public Relations Award

July 15

- ◆ **Political & Campaign Awards 2024-2025** online reporting deadline for 4th report, January 1—June 30



Ladies in Red Event NM State Capital February 2025

NFRW 43rd Biennial Convention

September 25-28, 2025
Rosen Shingle Creek
Orlando, Florida

Registration coming Summer 2025



Committee Chairs

Americanism

Carolyn Atkinson

Armed Services

Jeanine Corn Best

By-Laws

Jeanine Bingham-Kelly

Campaign/Political Education

Nancy Brenna

Caring for America

Anne Doherty

Communications

Fundraising

Anita Statman

Leadership

Gail Rogers-Tripp

Legislation

Gayle Martinez

Literacy/MELP

Toni Purcella

Membership

Shona Neff

Newsletter

Nancy Brenna

Program

Terra Fullbright

Scholarship Committee

Cathy Walters

Armed Services Report



President Barncastle and Vice President Fullbright visited the National Veterans Wellness and Healing Center in Angel Fire, NM. They

spoke with Director Markus Podell and were given a tour of the property. While only one building is currently built, they were shown the plans for the entire property including housing, treatment buildings and

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a dog park for service animals.

At the time of their visit, new brochures were being developed. The plan is to use the brochures, develop an introduction/solicitation letter, request direct donations to the wellness center from potential donors and ultimately raise enough funds to build at least one housing unit.

VP Fullbright was able to pick-up the brochures just prior to the Winter Meeting. Therefore, more information will be forthcoming as the letter is developed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Corn Best, Chair
NMFRW Armed Services*

By-Laws



As the Bylaws Chair, I reviewed the updated bylaws for Zia FRW and San Bern FRW.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bingham-Kelly
Bylaws Chair*

Campaign /Political Education

As we gather for our winter meeting, I cannot help but reflect on a past Presidency and the role of the Political Party.

When we last met in October it was with trepidation, fear, frustration, plenty of anger, determination, and exhaustion! Unbelievable to all how we got where we were and why no one else could see it. The progressives were riding our Red Wave, making a mockery of life and everyday living. We had a President that was not there and a Vice President and cabinet that were off chasing Butterflies!

So why do we need Political parties?

Political Parties were never written into the Constitution. A strong political Party upholds democracy, while a weak (political party will weaken it. No other institution has the ability to link voters to elected leaders as does the political party.

The Political Party's main job.... select good candidates and win elections...

President Trump was elected as our 47th president. JD Vance is a powerful choice as a Vice President, and they are draining the swamp! I have laughed, cheered, and cried over the signing of executive orders and the Laken Riley Act! Listened in utter disbelief at the questions and comments by the last administrations Democratic "powerhouses" as they made fools of themselves at the cabinet hearings.

Political Parties other jobs - engage and inform voters...

We had our nose to the grindstone and our feet pounding the ground as we

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Winter Meeting

Campaign/Political Education (continued)

pushed to get our 45th President re-elected, conservative men and women for our Senate and House Congressional seats in Washington, as well as our Legislature here at home! But we cannot rest on our laurels; it is time to double down and get behind our legislators as they fight the toxic swamp in Santa Fe.

We need to educate the public on issues brought forth in these in bills before they turn into law. We can turn the tide, but it will be a hard battle fought with truth, awareness campaigns, fact sheets and feet on the ground!

Elected officials rely on Political Parties to help them cooperate and work with each other. This helps citizens feel represented and upholds democracy itself.

On another note... the NFRW created a new App to help us stay connected. Take the time to make it a part of your day.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Brenna

NMFRW Campaign/ Election Education Chair



Did you Know?

RPNM has a newsletter called the Elephant Express

Scholarship

The 2025 NMFRW Scholarship will be awarded in May, 2025.

You can get the application or letter from your FRW President which includes:

1. A letter you may use to distribute to your FRW members and/or high school counselors to accompany the application, which is due back by April 5. We would love to have as many applicants as possible from which to choose as our winner.
2. The application packet which includes a description of the scholarship, qualifications, requirements and funding procedures. Also noted are the due date and address for mailing the application.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out. We hope to again give the scholarship to a well deserving young lady who will further the cause of our conservative values. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or problems downloading the attachments.

Submitted by

Cathy Walters

NMFRW Scholarship Committee



The winter meeting opened with the Ladies in Red Event as we met at the State Capital, posed for photos with our Legislators, and watched from the galley as our Leaders were honored on the dais at the beginning of the House Session on February 21st.

In this session we passed a budget and our 2025 Plan of Action. Three goals were laid out, discussed and approved.

1. Increase the footprint of New Mexico FRW
2. Protect Republican ideals
3. All National FRW membership and award programs deadlines will be met.



Region B met and brought to the members the site selection for the October Biennial Convention. The Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque has been selected as the best site and the theme will be "The Colors of New Mexico", look for more to come.



A nominating committee was chosen for the upcoming elections in October, Anita spoke of the quilt raffle for our fundraiser and Teresa followed with information on achievements awards.

We enjoyed dinner with some of our Senators as our Representatives had a late session to thank them for what they do. Raffles were won and all had a good time.

On Saturday reports were given and the meeting adjourned at lunch. Gail Armstrong was scheduled to be our speaker before lunch but was called into session and was unable to attend.



"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."

-Ronald Reagan



Club Reports

Albuquerque FRW



Over the past four months, the Albuquerque Federated Republican Women has experience blessings and growth. In December, we inducted a new presidency and launched a membership drive, providing a complimentary lunch aimed at encouraging new members to join.

Our newly elected leadership are dedicated women who are new to the FRW organization, and they have already made a significant impact because our meeting attendance has increased threefold. Our primary mission is to uphold the Constitution while actively working to serve, educated, and unify the women of New Mexico.

To date, we have had the honor of hosting Cristen Wohlgemuth, the president of the Mountain States Legal Foundation, and are anxious to hear the upcoming presentations from Paul Gessing, president of the Rio Grand Foundation, and Troy Clark, president of the New Mexico Hospital Association.

Additionally, we have initiated a lunch sponsorship program that invites conservative businesses and organizations to sponsor a table, allowing us to generate a modest profit while providing valuable exposure for our sponsors. Silk Road Connection is our sponsor this month. The owner is an associate member and he plans to showcase his merchandise at our meeting. Additionally, he has arranged an exclusive shopping experience at his store specifically for our members and we will use this to attract new members.

While we have a legislative committee in place, we recognize the importance of strengthening our membership committee and are actively pursuing this goal.

We are excited to share that we have recently launched a website for our club, which can be accessed at abqfedrepwomen.com. Although our FRW has encountered some growing pains, we're grateful for the guidance of our past leaders Reta King and Pat Dean. We remain optimistic and enthusiastic about the opportunities that this year will present for our organization.



*Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Jane Allen
Albuquerque FRW*

Chaves County FRW



Greetings! I am Charlotte Gurulé, President of the Chaves County Federated Republican Women. I currently have seven weeks under my belt and "Yes" I've had to hit the ground running.

Our November meeting was truly awesome. We had 187 people attend & we honored 64 veterans. Each veteran was treated to lunch, presented with an appreciation coin & a certificate. Our guest speaker was General Jack Fox.

Our December Christmas luncheon had guests treated to Christmas music by the Pecos Valley Brass Quartet. Teresa Barncastle installed our elected board. Guest speaker Chris Lethgo, Lead Pastor of the First Baptist Church gave a meaningful Christmas message. Our membership honored past president Joan Boue for her service to our club with a gift. The meeting ended with a visit & photos with Santa.

The entire month of January was a learning experience for me, First VP Rhonda Johnson and Second VP Tobie Fouratt in assuming our respective roles and responsibilities. The three of us did manage to continue our monthly talk radio segment with "Mike in the Morning." Our first luncheon of the year was successful despite having to relocate to a new venue with our Convention Center having sustained significant damage after the Roswell flooding. We held our first board meeting and fortunately we had most of our committee chairs continuing their roles.

In February, we kept the momentum going with our Literacy Committee delivering dictionaries to each 3rd grade student in our rural areas of Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur. Our Caring for America Committee delivered Valentine goodies to our Assurance Home. The February luncheon had guest speakers RPD Captain Lance Bateman discussing crime in the city and Ms. Bobbi Thompson, Director of the National Championship Air Races providing an update on the highly anticipated Roswell Air Races. With Teresa Barncastle's assistance, CCFRW did schedule and facilitate a Zoom meeting for all NM Club Presidents. It was an opportunity to meet and put names to faces. I hope it is the first of many. To date, we have 96 members and our Membership Chair Joan Boué continues to work her magic.

*Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Gurulé
CCFRW President*

Club Reports

Dona Ana County FRW



Hello Ladies, I'm Tricia Quillen, the newly elected President of DOÑA ANA COUNTY FRW for the 2025-2026 term. For the past two years, I was the Fundraising Chair and on the Board of our club, so as an active member I can attest to 2024 being a fantastic year for DACFRW!

This past election year was an exciting and busy time and never before have we had so many of our members actively engaged in assisting Republican candidates on the local and state levels with their campaigns. Ladies were assisting with fundraising, writing thank you notes, calling, handing out flyers, going door to door as walkers, and engaging in lively conversations with friends and neighbors at Meet & Greets. We created a flyer titled "Know Their Votes" that listed conservative candidates running in Dona Ana County. Not only did our DACFRW members blanket our neighborhoods and county with these flyers in order to help educate residents, but members of the Coalition of Conservatives in Action (CCIA), an organization we partner with in promoting conservative candidates, also helped distribute these flyers. One of our monthly meetings featured a brief program called, "Feet on the Ground" that likened members to different types of shoes, to help our members visualize the different campaign areas and activities they could become involved in.

Fundraising has been very active. We promoted our 2.0 t-shirt and matching tote and received a good response. (We have a few left and will sell to FRW ladies at a 10% discount.) We hosted a Spring Paint Party, with FRW ladies from Alamogordo and Los Lunas joining us. We netted \$400 in profit and the ladies had a blast! In order to pay our monthly rent for our meeting room, raffle and jewelry sales are an ongoing staple at each meeting and have a goal to make enough money to pay the rent. Raffle sales for the year ended up being \$1,077 over what we budgeted. As a result, we were able to donate \$250 to Rachel's Vineyard (a psychological and spiritual journey for healing after abortion) and \$400 to Honor Flight.

We had a goal of 85 members for 2024 and exceeded our goal by one member, bringing our total membership to 86. Associate membership doubled in 2024 to 12 members. July, August and September meetings were record setting with 90 people in attendance at

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each meeting; 30 of which were guests.

Our Nominating Committee worked very hard this year to present a slate of officers comprised of ladies who have never held an officer position in this club before. This new Executive Team shows great promise and many members have expressed how pleased they are to see fresh blood getting fully engaged.

We ended 2024 with our December Christmas Potluck and Extravaganza! The members and associate members were delighted to once again celebrate Christmas in this fashion. We had awesome raffle gifts and lots of fun things in the "give-away drawing."

Living in a deep BLUE sea isn't easy, but we are working hard and are very committed to turning Dona Ana County RED. With God's help, we will accomplish this worthwhile goal! Thank you ladies, I look forward to meeting and visiting with many of you during our time together.

*Tricia Quillen
Dona Ana County FRW*

Enchanted North FRW



The Enchanted North Federated Republican Women have been busy.. We come into this new year with 21 members and 4 associates.

After celebrating the Trump/Vance victory and taking a short breather we elected the 2025/2026 officers. Terra Fullbright, President, Vicki Tichenor, Vice President, Patricia Decastro, Secretary, and Pamela Hasford, Treasurer.

The ladies of the ENFRW then got started on our Caring for America project. We donated much needed diapers to our local ALM food pantry. This helps families in Angel Fire, Cimarron, and Eagle Nest.

We held our Christmas dinner with associate member Pastor Stuart Hanold bringing the good word of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Upcoming events include our February meeting with Paul Gessing from the Rio Grande Foundation. He will be giving us an update on the Legislative session. We also will be preparing for our Mother's Day Tea Fundraiser. And, of course, gearing up to get more Republicans elected!

*Respectfully,
Terra Fullbright
ENFRW President*

Club Reports



Four Corners FRW

FCFRW gathered items for the Veterans Stand-down in November. Our speaker was the organizer for the Veterans Assistance office.

In December, FCFRW adopted three families that were suggested by the Veterans Assistance office who were in need. Small artificial Christmas trees were decorated with ornaments for each family indicating what was to be purchased, wrapped and returned for the December meeting including gift cards, toys, and clothing.

NMFRW President Teresa Barncastle installed the newly elected officers in December.

In January, our Republican legislators gave a preview of the upcoming legislative session and what bills to look for to oppose or support.

In February, Mayor of Farmington Nate Duckett presented a really outstanding look at where the City of Farmington currently is fiscally. He also shared the projects currently underway and the ones that are going to be started soon.

We held a 'renew now' drive and members who paid their dues by 1/29/25 was entered into a drawing of \$100. One of our most dedicated members was thrilled to win the prize.

We have a new chairman of social media, outreach and public relations. Chrystina Strickler is currently gathering hundreds of hits on our Facebook page and getting new members.

We continue to work to achieve the diamond level in the Achievement Awards, fund scholarships for Republican women attending our local college, and donate books for the MELP award.

*Respectfully submitted,
Karen Bayless, President
FCFRW*

Lea County FRW

Membership Increase

Due to efforts this year made by the Board and Club, we ended 2024 with 37 members, which was a 131% increase
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Quote of the Month: "The Media and our friends in the Democratic Party kept saying, 'We needed new Legislation. We must have Legislation to secure the border,' but it turned out all we needed was a new President" - President Donald J Trump



Lea County FRW (continued)

from the total of 16 we held in 2023, as recorded. With these efforts, we qualified with NFRW's "Empowering 70k Voices" campaign.

The Membership Application was updated to include digital payment for member dues and other Cub purchases and fundraisers, and contact information on it was updated.

2024 Election Efforts

- Our Board presented and Club approved a \$2,000 budget for efforts to encourage votership: purchased a sixty-second radio slot and several digital billboards in 3 locations.
- Volunteered in August at the Lea County Republican Party's booth at the Lea County Fair & Rodeo

2024 Club Meetings

Our focus is to increase Membership, their engagement, and their confidence in daily efforts and involvement in politics!

June

- Nominations (President, VP1 & VP2)

July

- Hosted the Deputy County Clerk and candidate for Lea County Clerk Carrie Sandoval to train and certify all attendees to serve as Voter Registrars; certified 8 during this process

August

- Hosted Hobbs Municipal Schools (HMS) Superintendent Gene Strickland to hear HMS's standing in relation to political climate and Title IX impacts
- **Hosted a social outing with a private viewing of the movie Reagan. Members attended along with their friends and family members for an almost full house!
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September

- Hosted a Panel on Local Economy and Financial Challenges for Local Agencies and Residents with elected officials: Hobbs City Commissioner Finn Smith,
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Lea County FRW (continued)

- Representative of District 61 Randy Pettigrew, then Representative-Elect for District 62 Elaine Sena-Cortez, and Senator of district 41 David Gallegos

October

- Hosted Representative of district 55 Cathrynn Brown on the topic of Solutions to Increase Votership in Southeast New Mexico

November

- Annual Members Meeting
 - Voted by acclamation on Slate of Officers for 2025
 - Gave free LCFRW t-shirts with "Empowering Voices" to all who renewed/enrolled 2025 Membership that night
 - Increased Membership fee starting January 1st in 2025
 - Held Standing Committee signups as well as gathered interest for consideration of future committees to be established
 - Received 33 Membership applications and payments for 2025 this month.

December

- Received 4 membership applications and payments this month, for a total of 37 Members for 2025 by the end of 2024.

Submitted by
Megan Mooney
LCFRW President

Los Alamos FRW

After the Fall NMFRW meeting in October, our members got back to work volunteering for our Republican candidate for the Los Alamos County Council. We helped with work parties, canvassed neighborhoods, flag waving to Get Out the Vote, were Poll watchers and did text and phone calls to encourage Republicans and Independents to vote. We also helped man the RPLA table at Trick or Treat on Main Street handing out candy and promoting our candidate.

We held an Election Watch Party and then cheered when our candidate, David Reagor won which was really a miracle in a BLUE COUNTY thanks to everyone's hard work. LAFRW was also present at the swearing in at the county building.

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Los Alamos FRW (continued)

LAFRW was well represented at the Veterans Day Observance and VFW and First Responders Luncheons and RPLA Thanksgiving Potluck.

LARFW participated in the NFRW program on the Next Generation: The Resurgence of Conservatism in America's Youth.

At our December meeting, we had our guest speaker Shirley Redmond give an entertaining presentation of Christmas traditions during WWII with an interactive game for all the members.

A member's children also sang a very nice Christmas song. New officers were also elected to our board and sworn in by NMFRW Region A Director Sadie Boyer and we enjoyed a tasty lunch.

LAFRW President also attended the monthly RPLA meeting and gives reports on our activities to their board on November 7, December 5, January 2, and February 6.

Our January meeting, we featured Jennifer McKerley who gave an update on our Constitution Day Essay Contest.

In January RPLA held their Biennial gave the LARFW quarterly report, and our group recruited new members. Many of our women are also on the RPLA Central Committee and active in our WARDS.

In February LARFW gave 2 books to the Chamisa School and White Rock libraries in memory of Marie Todd 1929-2025. The books were titled One Flag, One America (the story of the American Star by Michelle Hirstius and



Why America Matters by Dr. Ben Carson with Valerie Pfundstein. This was also part of the NFRW Mamie Eisenhower Library Project. [See on Facebook](#) & [The Daily Post](#)

RPLA gave LAFRW a page on their website where we promoted the Women in Red Event at the Roundhouse on February 21, 2025.

We have also been encouraging our LAFRW members to sign petitions with Better Together New Mexico to ban poor legislation from passing in this Legislative session.

We had some members also spent time on pro-life work to include HOPE Pregnancy Center and helping pregnant women.

Upcoming events:

Constitution Day Essay Contest elementary, middle and

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Club Reports

Los Alamos FRW (continued)

high school students.

LAFRW Women's Sunflower Tea – we have invited Crystal Brantley to be our speaker and will have a silent auction fundraiser.

*Submitted by
Linda Bullock
LAFRW President*

Rio Grande FRW (continued)

be hosting a dinner theater with Van Ann Moore, a world

acclaimed actress many of you have seen, as the Unsinkable Molly Brown. We will send details when they come.

Our main focus this year will be on membership growth (we want to run with the big dogs), working hand in hand with RPVC, showing our members that work and meetings can be fun and engaging the club in community events. We are working hard on details and plan on hitting the diamond award again this time around.

*Respectively Submitted
Nancy Brenna
RGFRW President*



Rio Grande FRW

The Rio Grande FRW ended the year on a fun note as we celebrated the holiday season with a party. Cindi led us in a fun game involving plenty of chocolate!

Tereasa made the trip to Los Lunas to install our officers and join in the fun.

We don't meet as a club in December, but our incoming and outgoing board met to pass the baton. We are so excited about the new board and all the ideas that have been set in motion.

We headed to Santa Fe in December to lay wreaths for Wreaths Across America – thank you to everyone that helped us with our endeavor – this is a yearly event for us so we will share details along the way. This year our pickup in January was not met with snow up to our knees but with undelivered trash bins to collect the wreaths...that led to some fun as we ran around Santa Fe trying to find the land fill.

Before the beginning of the session, we invited our four legislators and their families from Valenica County to a breakfast with RGFRW and RPVC board members and their families. What a wonderful way to get to know your representatives. We listened to their plans for the legislative session, what bills they were planning to introduce and the struggles they experience as the minority in both chambers. Tanya's husband gave us his perspective as an outsider looking in. The breakfast ended with three pastors praying over the legislators, which moved them tremendously.

Valencia County Days will take place at the roundhouse February 6th. Many of us from around the county will be participating in the Matanza and have contributed to the gift bags that will be given to the legislators.

We are working on our first fundraiser. April 12th we will

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Rio Rancho FRW



The past four months have been incredibly busy and extremely rewarding. Our primary focus was to support and campaign our Republican candidates for both local and state offices while intensifying our fund-raising efforts.

Supporting election activities included participation in the Sandoval County initiatives; serving as Poll Watchers and Challengers; volunteering as Voter Registration Agents; waving candidate signs on Election Day; assisting with candidate Phone Banks on multiple days for multiple candidates; providing financial support through our PAC in the amount of approximately \$6,000.00.

Additionally, our monthly speakers have included Teresa Barncastle, State FRW President in December who served as the Installation Officer for our 2025-2027 officers. In January, the Mayor of Rio Rancho provided a State of the City report to members. Then in early February we were honored to host Amy Barela, the recently elected Chair of the New Mexico Republican Party. Our speakers have provided excellent input for our goals and initiatives.

Our membership drive was a real success. In January we held an Open House event beginning in the early afternoon, continuing until 7:30pm. Each officer contributed three or more heavy "munchies". A memory

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Rio Rancho FRW (continued)

board was prepared highlighting with pictures activities our organization has participated in over the years; and new member packets were made available to new members that evening. Those attending included elected a Rio Rancho City Councilman, Sandoval County Commissioner, past Sandoval County Republican party Chair, and current aid to our recently elected Sandoval County Senator in addition to our prospective members. Three individuals joined as Full Members, and one individual joined as an Associate with one more joining subsequently.

Rio Rancho FRW members also supported the New Mexico Biennial Convention in Truth or Consequences to include selling of merchandise and assisting with voter counts; served as the Temporary Secretary of the Sandoval County Republican Biennial Convention; donating monies to the local Storehouse West food pantry at Christmas and attending fellow FRW chapters to elicit ideas for improvement within our organization. Thank you to Albuquerque FRW for welcoming us to your January meeting!

Members are actively planning additional initiatives during the coming quarter in support of increasing our membership, continuing with fund raising sales, and supporting Sandoval County Republican party.

*Submitted by
Anita Leivo
RRFRW President*

San-Bern FRW

We held monthly meetings and luncheons in October, November, December, 2024 and January 2025. This being the 3rd Friday of the month, we encouraged our members to join us here in Santa Fe for the "Ladies in Red" event in lieu of our February meeting! We had six candidates speak to us in October, including Nella Domenici! Three of them won their races and three did not. I was proud of our wonderful candidates and the effort they put into their campaigns! Our November meeting honored Veterans! Our SBFRW member, Pat Quick, with her husband, Colonel Jim Quick, Ret., organizes the Annual Folds of Honor Banquet Fundraiser! Three veterans spoke to us,

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San Bern FRW (continued)

as well as, a woman who is the wife of a veteran and the mother of three veterans! There were 60 members and guests!

Speaking of 60, we celebrated our 60th Anniversary at the Christmas luncheon! NMFRW President Teresa Barncastle gave us an interesting History lesson on the beginning of the Federation of Republican Women's Clubs and the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote! She then installed our new officers on the SBFRW Board of Directors. Five former SBFRW Presidents celebrated our Anniversary and Christmas party with us! Members once again brought gifts and cash donations for the "Toys for Tots" Holiday Drive organized by a Marine veteran. In January we watched the informative video and heard "The State of the City: Rio Rancho" Annual Report given by Mayor Gregory Hull.

Our members participated in the Sandoval County & the Bernalillo County Biennial Conventions. I am on the County Central Committee and the State Central Committee.

We have nine new members and accept the challenge of adding many more! Our fundraising has been through the 50/50 raffle at meetings and merch. sales.

The biggest achievement of this period, after our blockbuster Summer Candidate Fundraiser in September, was the new SBFRW Board of Directors! Three officers retired and we were able to recruit three others plus a new newsletter editor!

We are working on Cross-Training the officers and re-starting our website!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Jans
President, San-Bern FRW*

Santa Fe FRW

Since the Fall Meeting, the SFFRW has been busy reaping the Goodwill of our September fundraiser, in which we brought the Babylon Bee to Santa, and focusing members to local matters, which probably won't get

the support of the Trump agenda.

In November, conservative Christian and local business
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Santa Fe FRW (continued)



owners Eli Bransford gave a report on crime - drawing materials from his website and documentaries called "What's Happening to Santa Fe?" This well attended event has inspired us to create a class that instructs members on how to approach the City Council.

In December, we had our usual member appreciation holiday party, with Teresa Barncastle giving us a history of the NMFRW, and swearing in the '25-26 board.

In January, we had two speakers: first was Lee Zlotoff, who heads up a nonprofit that is fighting the installation of a highly dangerous lithium battery solar facility in Santa Fe County between El Dorado and Rancho Viejo. Then, we heard from minority whip Gail Armstrong on her preparation for the legislative session.

A few weeks later, we showed the important documentary *The Eastman Dilemma* at the Light at Mission Viejo. Associate member John Eastman, one of the lawyers attacked nationwide for advice he gave President Trump in 2020, answered questions afterward. This was especially fun for our members as a few of them were able to attend the premiere at Mar-a-Lago a few weeks before.

In the beginning of February, we held a Valentine membership drive at the Aldea community center. In this event, sponsored by Bakery Feliz, members and potential members were instructed how to decorate Valentine's Day cookies.

Our February luncheon features Republican Senate leader Bill Sharer and Senator Jay Block who update on the legislative session.

In addition to our quarterly Newsletter, we've been doing weekly email updates of the Legislative Session weekly updates, including links to the Better Together New Mexico calls to action. Our membership as of January 31 includes 89 members and associates, which is much higher than it was at the end of January for the past several years. To inspire more membership, we are exploring monthly coffee get-togethers, and a monthly happy hour.

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne Doherty
President, Santa Fe FRW*

Socorro County FRW



The club collected personal hygiene products for distribution to the battered women's shelter in Socorro, we had a gun safety class with the former Chief of Police. We also had a special project for Christmas for the Ranches (boys and girls ranch in Veguita), we put together baskets with snacks, hot cocoa, and blankets for the kids. We held elections in November and installed officers at the December member appreciation lunch. We delivered dictionaries to the 3rd graders countywide and are working on the Mamie Eisenhower book for the Magdalena school's library.

*Submitted by
Gail Rogers-Tripp
President SCFRW*

Taos County FRW



TCFRW met on November 16th, December 9th and January 18th at the Republican Headquarters in Taos, NM. We have 23 paid members and have several more interested in joining.

Our spirits were uplifted with the outcome of the election, and we welcomed President Donald J. Trump & First Lady Melania Trump back to the White House, along with Vice President, J.D. Vance, and his wife Usha! Working as election workers, poll challengers, voter registrars, making phone calls, manning the Republican headquarters, putting up signs, talking to our family and friends and much more was rewarding!

On Monday, December 9th we held a Victory/Christmas Open House at the HQ. We donated all the wrapped toys to the Giving Tree to be distributed to the community children!

We honored outgoing Secretary, Linda Rael, for her many years as Secretary and welcomed Amalia 'Molly' Martinez as our newly elected Secretary.

We completed and submitted our Political & Campaign Volunteer Awards report for July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024, reporting 2,145 hours and 885 calls. All

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Taos County FRW (continued)

members were encouraged to keep track of calls and hours for the next report, January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025. An informational handout was distributed to all members to assist with the report.

Standing Committees Appointments for 2025 were made. Sadie congratulated each member for their willingness to lead. We also set the meeting calendar for the year.

Several of our members signed up to staff the Headquarter. Duties include updating the public on what is happening at the Legislative Session, encouraging participation in the Calls to Action, conducting voter registration, working on cleaning up our voter list and distributing information.

We created a Lifetime Membership Program for members 80 years old & up with at least a 20-year membership history. Their membership dues may be waived and covered by the club.

We continue to follow through with the BTNM Calls to Action. We also participated in the Concerned Women's 'Encourage-a-Legislator' project. NMFRW & NFRW Newsletters were sent to all members.

We elected the following Officers: President: Sadie Boyer, VP: Sue Simmons, Secretary: Molly Martinez, and Treasurer: Cindy Medina. They were installed by Terra Fullbright, NMFRW 1st VP.

Sadie presented Terra with an NFRW scarf as a gift.

Several members attended the RPTC monthly meetings and organized the RPTC Biennial Convention on January 17th, to

elect new officers. Congratulations to Sadie F. Boyer, Sue Simmons, Nickie McCarty, Cindy Medina and Linda Rael on their election.

Sadie F. Boyer and Amalia 'Molly' Martinez will attend the NMFRW Winter Board Meeting in Santa Fe on February 21-22, 2025.

Our next regular meeting will be on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Headquarters w/ Potluck Breakfast.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sadie F. Boyer
Taos County FRW President*



ZIA FRW

Zia Chapter was recognized for increasing our membership by 25 percent.

We also had various candidates speak at our luncheons.

Zia with Albuquerque & San Bern FRW's again supplied bottled water for the Veteran's Day event in Albuquerque, at Veterans Memorial Park.

We also worked with AFRW to supply clothing for Title 1 Elementary and Middle School children.

We continue to supply non-perishable food items for the Airmen's Pantry. We donated eight turkeys for Thanksgiving.

In December, we delivered toys to the Albuquerque Police Department Foothills Command Center.

We also donated books to the ABQ Police Chaplains office for them to use when at an event that involves a young child. The book is titled, "When Dinosaurs Die" a guide to understanding death.

On January 10th, 2025, we celebrated our 85th Anniversary. We had a luncheon and received a Proclamation from the City of Albuquerque presented by our City Councilor.

Valentine gift bags were distributed to the veterans at the VA Hospital.

Other donations were made to the Ranches, Albuquerque Fischer House, NM Dream Center and the Marian Martin Fund.

*Respectfully
submitted,
Denise
Foor,
Zia FRW
President*



Zia FRW Celebrates 85th Anniversary

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**Zia FRW 85 years
Happy Anniversary**



Final Thought...

Just want to leave everyone with a final thought, we can't do this alone. We have important elections coming up. Trump is doing so much good for this country but the left is spreading dissension. People are confused and don't know who to believe—these local elections will be crucial in our communities.

Gwen Poe left us with an apropos quote by Pope Francis.

"Rivers do not drink their own water;
Trees do not eat their own fruit;
The sun does not shine on itself;
Flowers do not spread their fragrance on them
selves.

We are all born to help each other.
No matter how difficult it is;
Life is good when you are happy;
But much better when others are Happy:
Because of you."

We need to be out in our communities spreading information.
Informed people make good decisions. Good decisions make
happy people!

-Nancy

NMFRW Club Presidents

Albuquerque FRW	<i>Sarah Jane Allen</i>
4th Wed—Tanoan Country Club—noon (except June & November)	
Chaves Co FRW	<i>Charlotte Gurule</i>
3rd Wed—Roswell Elks Club—noon	
Dona Ana Co FRW	<i>Tricia Quillen</i>
4th Friday—Trinity Lutheran Elks—11 AM (except July & November)	
Enchanted North FRW	<i>Terra Fullbright</i>
Four Corners FRW	<i>Karen Bayless</i>
1st Thurs-Farmington Civic Cntr-11:30 AM	
Lea County FRW	<i>Meghan Mooney</i>
3rd Wed—County Rep HQ Hobbs—11 AM	
FRW of Lincoln Co	<i>Marci Butchofsky</i>
4th Mon—K-Bob's—11 AM	
Los Alamos FRW	<i>Linda Bullock</i>
2nd Thurs The Open Door Church 1 PM	
Metro FRW	<i>Jillian White</i>
2nd Wed—Jinja Bistro (NE Heights) 11:30 AM	
Otero Co FRW	<i>Monica Coble</i>
1st Tuesday—Johnny Carinos—6 PM	
Rio Grande FRW	<i>Nancy Brenna</i>
4th Tues—Grounded Coffee Shop & Bookstore— Belen —6:00 PM	
Rio Rancho FRW	<i>Anita Leivo</i>
2nd Mon—M'Tucci's Moderno, RR —11:30 AM (except July & August)	
San-Bern FRW	<i>Maura Jans</i>
3rd Fri—Pelicans West—11 AM (except June & July	
Santa Fe FRW	<i>Anne Doherty</i>
2nd Tues—Santa Fe Country Club—11:30 AM	
Socorro Co FRW	<i>Gail Rogers-Tripp</i>
3rd Wed—Socorro County Rep HQ 11:30 AM	
Taos Co FRW	<i>Sadie Boyer</i>
3rd Sat (odd months) Rep HQ—9 AM	
Zia FRW	<i>Denise Foor</i>
3rd Thurs-Pelican's - 11:30 AM	