

New Mexico Federated Republican Women Newsletter

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President's Corner **NMFRW President** **Rhonda Stockert**

I attended the NFRW Spring Board Meeting in Alexandria, VA, the location of NFRW headquarters. The city is rich with old buildings and history. As NMFRW President, I

help form the NFRW's voting body. Every state president is required to attend this Board of Directors meeting and a proxy must be sent, if the President cannot attend, so each state has physical representation. This meeting required voting on proposed bylaws' amendments, a convention site for 2021 and on selection of a nominating committee for a new slate of officers to be elected in September 2019. It was a busy session. NFRW Financial Information was also reviewed and an increase in membership dues was recommended and later approved by the Board of Directors. More will be shared going forward with each club's membership. This is where a President can learn about the importance of a state President role.

I have met some of the most knowledgeable and talented women here and have made many friends. We meet for dinner and conversation on our own time and I continue to grow as a leader of this dynamic state. I listen to what they share and bring it home to New Mexico. Tolerance and respect are key character qualities that are shared among this group of women, knowing that everyone brings unique talents to the table to be used for the betterment of this great organization and their state federations. I will attend the 40th Biennial Convention September 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all members of NMFRW a very joyful, safe and happy summer filled with great back yard BBQs, family and friends.

NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports

First Vice President – Joan Boué

As 1st Vice President For NMFRW, I am pleased to announce that our speakers for our Summer Board of Directors Luncheon on Saturday, June 22, were from *Americans for Prosperity*. This group recruits & unites concerned citizens in 35 states to advance policies that will help people improve their lives.

Our two speakers are *Americans for Prosperity* Community Engagement Directors ~ Cristina Arnold from Roswell and Ali Ennenga from Albuquerque.

On Saturday @ 11:30 a.m., prior to lunch, Dr. Gavin Clarkson presented an "Educational Moment," a topic~update on our border situation with the influx on illegal aliens into our state.

Second Vice President – Julie Wright

As of May 31, 2019, club membership was at 794, down by 20 members.

Although our total number has gone down, several clubs have gone up from the previous year. They are Four Corners, Rio Grande, San-Bern, Dona Ana, FRW of Lincoln County, and Socorro. Rio Grande leads with the highest # of members increased by 16. Way to go Carol Chupp and her team! I have spoken to several presidents and helped where needed.

Achievement Awards Report – Gwen Poe

By June 1, the due date, only five clubs reported: Four-corners, Chaves, Grant, Lee, Socorro.

Zia has had multiple issues: MaryAnn Chiffelle passed, Paula McAllister had a bicycle accident (broken leg and surgery and then blood clot). To date I am not sure if others were sent to President Rhonda.

Forms are due to National by July 1. Last cycle we had 100% participation; but with clubs changing officers and other circumstances, we will continue to work on the process. Hugs, Gwen.

Americanism Report – Patricia Rothengass

Our America, Our Republic, Our American Flag, Our American Culture and Americanism are all under attack.

We, the Federated Republican Women of the United States of America, need to do something! Let's find out what is going on in our schools . . .

- Do schools have American Flags in classrooms?
- Do students say *The Pledge of Allegiance*?
- Do our students study U.S. History, *The Declaration of Independence* or *The Constitution of the United States*?
- Do they know what Liberalism, Progressivism, Socialism, and Communism really mean?

We need to know what is happening in our schools. We need to know are parents involved – the direction the school boards are taking.

I encourage NMFRW Clubs to get involved. We need to take back Our Schools and know how our children are being educated as to the American History. We are at a crossroads of losing our American Heritage.

America was and is *The Melting Pot of The World!* Melt means to blend, blend into an already great mixture. America welcomes all those who want to be American and MELT into Americanism.

Caring for America – Charlotte Sweeney

At our October 2018 Meeting, we were given approval to support *Pursonalities Plus*. We officially started the group in April 2019. Members bring items requested and drop them in the red box at monthly meetings. I just received an email stating the level of support has grown and they are expanding. I will share their information with any of the clubs wishing to support them. I also have a card with items suggested for donation.

- Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Mouthwash/Deodorant/ Soap/Shampoo/Small Brush/Comb/Mirror/ Hairspray/Lipstick/Make-up/Hand cream/ Chapstick/Slippers/Socks/Hats/Tissues/Hand sanitizer.

Fundraising – 3rd VP Ginger Paternostro

The quilt drawing raised \$2,200+ & Joan Boué won!

Legislative Initiative – Sharon Mottola ~No Report

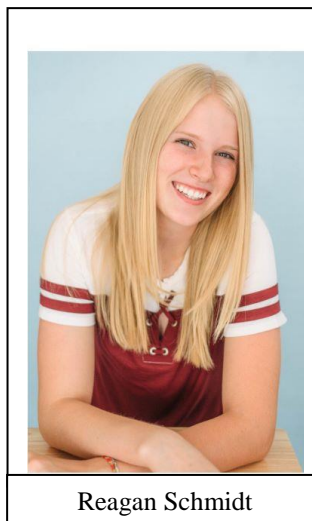
Members-at-Large – Jeanine Bingham-Kelly and Anita Statman ~ No reports.

RNC Report – Rosie Tripp ~ No Report.

Scholarship – Ginger Paternostro

The winner of the NMFRW Scholarship is Reagan Schmidt from Farmington, Region A. She has been awarded a total of \$1,500. Reagan plans to pursue a career in medicine in NM, as a physician like her mother. She moved from a small rural town in the Midwest to Farmington, NM, as a seventh grader and

celebrates diversity and the opportunities available in a larger town in New Mexico.



Reagan Schmidt

New Mexico Club Presidents' News

Region A Director – Sadie Boyer ~

Four Corners FRW's meetings are held the first Thursday monthly at the Leadership Center/ Hills/ Piñon Community Church, 5101 N. Dustin Avenue from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. I encourage all to visit their website at www.fcfrw.com to read more about what they are doing. Their 2019

membership for this last reporting period was 190. Their 2018 total by October's report was 177. Congratulations on surpassing your 2018 total!

The Santa Fe FRW website announces: **Enjoy your Summer!** No FRW lunch meetings for June, July or August. The *Great American Picnic* at Las Campanas' Log Cabin is on Saturday, July 27, from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. featuring *Higher Ground Bluegrass Band!* Bring your boots for dancin' - line dance lessons too! You must register/pre-pay online www.santafefrw.com/EVENTS \$75/pp. Early bird discounts available! Their next luncheon meeting will be September 9. As of the end of the latest reporting period, they reported 58 members. Their 2018 total by October's report was 68.

Los Alamos FRW continues to update their Facebook page. They held their last monthly general meeting at noon, Thursday, May 9. This was a casual lunch at Secret City Kitchen at UNM-LA, 4000 University Dr., Bldg. 2. They have 21 members at last report. This is the same number they ended 2018 with. I am sure they will surpass that number by October.

Taos County FRW has 13 members at last report. Their October 2018 total was 16. They continue to work hard to grow their numbers. The club meets in a meeting room at IHOP Restaurant every odd numbered month on the third Saturday (unless otherwise announced) at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast - meeting at 9:30 a.m. The club has a *Facebook* page and is working with Taos GOP to restore their link there. They are working on a grassroots *Precinct Project* to increase membership numbers and

working to get more registered Republicans to the polls in 2020. They submitted *Club Achievement Awards* and *Campaign Volunteer Hours* reports by the due date. The next meeting will be held Saturday, July 6. NMFRW President Rhonda Stockert and Ginger Paternostro attended their March meeting when Rhonda installed officers.

I appreciate the time and effort of each President, the officers and all members, as they continue to work tirelessly towards accomplishing their goals.

Do not hesitate to contact me, whenever the need arises. I have included my e-mail address and phone number: (575)770-0993 and sadie130@gmail.com.

Four Corners FRW – Heather Curtis

Donna Hilliard, our new 2nd VP and Membership chair, has set a goal for 200 members. Currently we have 193 members and of those 50 are new. We have 59 associates, 14 of whom are new.

We had an update by County Commissioners, a recap of the legislative session by local legislators, and the difference between Republicans and Democrats presented by our County Chairman. We also had an update from Sheriff Ferrari on Second Amendment Sanctuary Counties, where our county stands, and why he has chosen to defend our rights as armed citizens. In May, George Sharpe of Merrion Oil and Gas, gave an informative presentation the role of fossil fuels in our energy future.

Our 3rd VP and Fundraising Chair, Neeva Meeks, is organizing a golf tournament as our bi-annual fundraiser. The event will be September 7. Team slots are quickly filling up, giving us a positive step towards our \$11,000 goal.

FCFRW worked closely with San Juan County RP on community events. We recently staffed a booth for *The American Legion Centennial Jubilee in Aztec* and will help staff and organize the *July Ice Cream Social and Rally*. By focusing on being a large presence in San Juan County, we are hoping to surpass previous membership and keep **San Juan County red**. Our club has applied for a Diamond Status in 2018/2019 and looks forward to an exciting rest of the year.

Los Alamos FRW – President Shona Neff

As 2019-2020 officers settle into their roles, we are finding successes, as well as experiencing some of the same challenges from 2018.

First the successes. After not having any fundraising in 2018, we were excited to hold our first ever *Personali-TEA*, which was met with better than

expected attendance and great feedback. According to long-term members, it was one the most successful fundraisers ever held by LAFRW. We did not have an annual yard sale last year, but are planning one for July. We hope to be more visible in our community.

Another unexpected success is our outreach on *Facebook*. Our page “likes” are up about 15 since January, and I have been able to engage several wonderful women online. We hope this will translate to new visitors/members, when their schedules and location challenges permit.

An area of challenge is still membership. I am hopeful in this area because our county Republican Party is gaining strength after a weak 2018. The new county Central Executive Committee is working well together. Their increased effort on community visibility benefits our club, since we work closely. We have joint booths scheduled at Friday night community summer concerts, plans to participate in July 4 festivities, and involvement in our county fair.

I am thankful for the women who serve with me on the Los Alamos Executive Committee and cannot sing their praises enough. They are all gifted leaders, who have been instrumental in every success we have enjoyed. We hope to add numbers to the wonderful members, who have contributed so much this year. The NMFRW Executive Committee has also inspired LAFRW leadership through their encouragement, and we thank them for that.

Santa Fe FRW – President Anita Statman

We issued the first two issues of our new quarterly newsletter since 2015. You can see it online at SantaFeFRW.com. We shared articles on human trafficking, gun violence, and mental health.

We’ve had 50-65 attendees at monthly luncheons and speakers on similar policy topics and legislative session updates. We heard from NM Business Coalition’s Carla Sonntag, NRA State Director Alexandra Garza, Bobbie Terrazas, NMSP on Human Trafficking, Anita Statman on the Border Crisis, and Anisa Golden-Morper on Optimism.

We’re currently on our June – August summer break, though the board is preparing for our first 2020 election cycle fundraiser - our **Great American Picnic**. If you’re looking for a one-day getaway, our picnic may fit the bill. We have live country music, dance instruction, yard games, and raffles galore, and of course a full BBQ. It’s July 27 in Las Campanas from 4:30-7 p.m. We’ve sold 65 tickets out of 100.

The board has initiated monthly meetings with our County GOP. We decided it was time to put the women of SFFRW to work alongside the GOP. We have the manpower and they have the know-how to get out the vote. Together we have distributed precinct data to all SFFRW members attending our meetings. We are empowering our army to light a spark in their neighborhoods, to get to know 'closet Republicans,' invite them to our events, and get them more active in SFFRW and GOP efforts to re-elect President Donald Trump.

Taos County FRW – President Sadie F. Boyer

TCFRW's general meetings are held five times a year on the third Saturday of the following months (unless otherwise re-scheduled): January, March, May, September, and November. Our meetings are held at IHOP in Taos, NM, at 9:00 a.m. with a no-host breakfast, followed by our program and business meeting. The officers are: Sadie F. Boyer, President; Geraldine Sanchez, Vice President; Linda Rael, Secretary and Virginia Laughlin, Treasurer.

Since my last report:

- TCFRW reports 13 Members and 3 Associate members. We ended 2018 with 16 members.
- We collected dues: Members (\$25) & Assoc. (\$15) & discussed ways to increase membership;
- NMFRW President Rhonda Stockert and Ginger Paternostro attended our March meeting when Rhonda installed the officers.
- We completed our Club Achievement Awards and Campaign Volunteer Hours Reports and submitted them by required due dates;
- The club has a *Facebook* page and is working with Taos GOP to restore their link to it.
- We sold 70 Quilt drawing tickets!
- We are working on a grassroots Precinct Project to increase membership and get more registered Republicans to the polls in 2020.
- We helped organize the *Trump Watch Party* held June 18 at IHOP Restaurant.
- We will host an **Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, August 11 at the Juan I Gonzales Agricultural Building in Taos with the County Republican Party. There will be conservative speakers and declared candidates throughout the day. Come and enjoy free ice cream from 11 to 4 p.m.
 - I reported on the NMFRW Winter Board meeting to club members, distributed information received from Anushya Ramaswamy and reviewed information available on the NFRW Website.

Region B Director – Hazel W. (Winnie) Schmidt

Region B will facilitate the **NMFRW Biennial Convention October 24-26**. It is the 80th Birthday for NFRW. The Convention will be held at Courtyard by Marriott in Albuquerque. We will send out "A Save the Date" flyer with event information.

We have met and planned since February. Each Club is represented on the Committee. Each Club will bring an auction item for Thursday's evening reception. Higher value items are solicited for Friday's evening auction. An out-of-state guest will speak after dinner.

It is exciting to see new members joining our Clubs. I attend as many meetings as possible to see what exciting things are happening in the groups.

President Paula McAllister of Zia FRW had an accident recently, breaking her leg. A blood clot formed, so a filter was placed in her leg. Her doctor advises no weight-bearing for another 4 weeks at least. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Albuquerque FRW – Charlotte Sweeney

We had our *9th Annual Hagen Daz and Champagne* Fundraiser earlier this month. It was a small, but nice turnout and raised some money for our Republican candidates, as they announce their candidacies.

We have maintained membership numbers and will not be changing membership much at this point, as our official cutoff date was April 1, 2019. Those interested in joining our club are welcome anytime. We always appreciate additional members.

Metro FRW – President Gayle McCormick ~ No Report

Rio Grande FRW – Carol S. Chupp

In March, we celebrated the defeat of *HB 51- Radical Abortion Bill* that the current administration worked so hard to pass. We were also thrilled that the *Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide Bill* and *Marijuana Bill* did not make it to the floor for votes. Many of us worked very hard to ensure these bills were defeated.

In February, we celebrated with our own State Representative Kelly Fajardo on those victories and talked about all the ins and outs of the legislative session and how brutal it was for the few Republicans Reps. I was glad that the NMFRW Winter Meeting encouraged several NM Republican Legislators.

In March, Rick Lopez, RPNM First Vice Chairman and Tina Dziuk, Roosevelt County Republican Party Chairwoman, spoke to us about how to organize and encourage candidates for future elections. Tina was

especially interesting as she has created a program called, NM DOES, which is an acronym for Desert Organization Excavating Socialism. The goal is to help young people examine the history of socialism and its effects on economies and freedom.

In April, the Los Lunas Gun Club President and Vice President spoke about *Second Amendment Rights* and answered questions about how the latest gun control legislation will affect gun owners in our county.

In June, we held our first ever *5 K Fun Run* with over 50 runners/walkers and 26 sponsors in the River Park at Los Lunas. We had t-shirts made and a good time. We plan to make this an annual event.

In addition, I have been meeting monthly with our District Group to plan the next NMFRW Biennial Convention to be held in Albuquerque, October 24-26. We hope this will be a fun and productive event.

At the last state meeting I reported that we were up to 30 members from our total of 23 last year, our first year. We are currently up to 43 members. We have a fantastic board with many gifts, talents and the same passion for our county, state, and country. We continue to embrace our motto to *Expand, Educate, Encourage, Empower, and Excite* Republican Women in Valencia County!

Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain ~ No Report
San Bern FRW – Julie Wright

Our club meets monthly in El Pinto Restaurant's lovely garden room. The atmosphere and food are wonderful. The change in venue accommodates club growth, as we currently have 60 members/16 associates. Our club name "San-Bern" means representation from Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties, so members come from Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, Corrales, Bernalillo, and Placitas. County Party Chairs, I as Bernalillo County Chairwoman and Dan Stoddard, Sandoval County Chairman give monthly reports.

Our membership has grown primarily due to "word of mouth;" advertisements from both County parties, and our web page, www.sanbernfrw.org. We are actively engaged in both FB and Twitter.

Club members attended Sandoval County Commissioner Jay Block's campaign announcement in Rio Rancho. Several of us are active with Sandoval County RP. We attended the Bernalillo County Central Committee Meeting and the Robert Barnes May event. Many members attended the NM Business Coalition's BASH event at the Marriott.

We had several exciting programs, highlighted by a forum emceed by Programs Director, Linda Shaughnessy, with hard hitting questions to Senator Craig Brandt and Representative Jason Harper. In addition, Zachary Fort, President of the *NM Shooting Sports Association*, spoke on defending the *Second Amendment*. We also heard from certified firearms instructor Jodi Newton; Scott Stiegler formerly from *KKOB News Radio*; and Heather Cordasco with *Capitol Research Center*. Former NM Repr. and CD1 Candidate Janice Arnold-Jones spoke on FRW and its possibilities.

We donate our change to our annual recipient, *Folds of Honor*. One of our board members is the Director.

I have much praise for my team of ladies, as they dedicate much time to our programs, communications, treasury, and operations.

ZIA FRW – Paula McAllister ~ No Report

Region C Director – Teresa Barncastle

Region C continues to have the most members. All clubs have renewed at least 70% and some have increased their membership.

All Region C clubs, Chaves, Dona Ana, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, and Socorro, submitted Achievement Award packets on time. Some of the clubs qualified for the Diamond Award. Congratulations to all the clubs. Good Job!

Most clubs are conducting fund raisers including a *Fashion Tea* in Lincoln County and a *Cowboy Prom* in Chaves County. For information on tickets, contact club Presidents.

All clubs are gathering signatures on support petitions to enhance the case going to the *NM Supreme Court* to get *SB8, Background Checks on Firearm Sales* put on the 2020 ballot. If the Secretary of State ever approves a petition, they will continue the effort to overturn some of the far-reaching legislation recently passed.

The *Cowboys for Trump* spokesperson was a guest speaker at several clubs. Couy Griffin is a dynamic speaker and has a powerful, motivating message. Check out their *Facebook* page for more information and to schedule them to come to your meeting.

All clubs are instilling Republican conservative values throughout their communities.

Chaves County FRW – Teresa Barncastle

Roswell Mayor Dennis Kintigh was our February guest speaker. He introduced members to a book that

he refers to often, 'Witness' by Whittaker Chambers. Chambers was an American editor, who denounced his Communist roots and became respected by the 1950s American Conservative Movement. After early years as a Communist Party member and Soviet spy, he defected and worked at *Time Magazine*. Mayor Kintigh suggested substituting the term *communist* with *progressive* while reading the book.

In March and April our State Senators and Representatives described the disastrous legislative session. They tried to be positive and informed us of some of the legislative actions that will affect us locally. Chaves County is receiving funding for infrastructure that will benefit all its citizens.

CCFRW celebrated its 45th Anniversary in April - complete with cake. We recognized past Presidents and Deb Goluska as longest member.

Scholarship recipient, Seth Diaz, spoke in May and brought down the house. *Cowboys for Trump* Founder Couy Griffin rallied the 120+ crowd with his inspiring presentation. Griffin described his trip to ride in DC and his phone call from President Trump. He explained how our political process has turned everything upside down. Whereas, 'We the People' should be at the top with local government below us, then state government and then federal. It should not be the other way around with the federal government trying to control everything all the way down to local government. We can govern ourselves at the local level based on our beliefs. It left everyone ready to work to 'Make America Great Again.'

Cowboy Prom is July 20 from 6 to 11:30 p.m. at Eastern NM Fairground's Pavilion. We will serve dinner, have silent and live auctions, and the *Lincoln Road Band*. Tickets are available for \$60.

Doña Ana County FRW – Patricia Rothengass

Back from Santa Fe and gearing up for November Elections. DACFRW membership is growing every month. Each month is Membership Month, our January goal was 60 Members. I am proud to report we reached that goal in May. Thank you DACFRW Members, you are awesome, new goal is 70!

We are inviting interesting speakers each month . . . March - Ever Vidana, who chaired NMSU College Republicans. Ever, organized our March Community Service Project. DACFRW joined with the *NMSU Pro-Life Chapter* to collect baby items – 2,000 diapers and 5,000 baby wipes - a year's supply! Ever is a remarkable young man and a great Republican.

April, Mayor Andy Nunez, born in NM, Andy has long been involved in New Mexico's political scene, being the Mayor of Hatch is not his first rodeo.

Also, Gavin Clarkson brought DACFRW up to date on conditions at our border and Wall construction.

May, Agent Imelda Sanchez, Las Cruces Investigations Bureau, NM State Police. Agent Sanchez informed us on trafficking in Las Cruces. Agent Sanchez is eager to do her job ensuring trafficking in Las Cruces does not go unchecked.

Community Service Projects are ongoing each month: *Safe Haven Animal Shelter*, *Asombro Institute*, and *City of Hope Apartments for Vets*. We continue to educate and help Las Cruces' needy.

DACFRW Members look forward to getting involved in the November Elections and getting out the Vote!

Grant County FRW – Candy Luhrsen

Members work to support veterans, students, and community programs. We back FRW programs by



Carol Lutz & Candy Luhrsen registered voters at high schools.

interacting personally with neighbors and community in the following activities:

- Hosted a booth at Annual Hurley Classic Car Show – distributing candidate materials, *U.S. Constitutions*, and American flags.
- Registered Voters at 2 High Schools, offered *U.S. Constitutions* and 'Now You Are 18' booklets.
- Awarded a \$250 Scholarship to a deserving Silver City High School Senior girl.
- Donated cases of chips to the *American Legion Auxiliary* Snack Cart at Silver City VA Clinic.
- Will give dictionaries to County 7th graders.
- Attend *Grant County Strong* and *Grant County Patriots* Groups, who support Republican principles for free enterprise and our *Second Amendment* rights.
- Obtain signatures on *SB8 Go Rogue Petition*.
- Support Grant County Pro-Life Group
- Attend Border Security Rallies & meetings.
- Purchased 5-book set of the Rush Limbaugh children books for local schools for MELP.

Club Business:

- Achieved Diamond Status!
- Updated GCFRW Bylaws

- Moved women to different executive officer roles, per their preference of duties.
- After 5 years at WNMU Cafeteria, we moved our meetings to Silver Bowling Center and to the 3rd Mondays at 11:30, to avoid \$50 rent.
- We received a \$250 donation to promote GCFRW and increase membership. Will use it to reduce membership dues to \$10 for the remainder of 2019, among other things.
- Created business cards with club meeting day, time, and location to pass out at Walmart.

Fundraising

- Sell Trump T-shirts, Trump hats, patriotic jewelry and neck coolers, (all items made and/or purchased and donated by members!).
- Five Item Drawing – five winning tickets will be drawn at the Sept. GC Fair. Tickets are 1 for \$2 / 3 for \$5 - placed in one of five containers to win.

Lea County FRW – Carol Parish

We have 44 members with 19 associates. Our **new** club *Bylaws and Standing Orders* are complete. Now, we are working on **Membership Booklets**. They will contain our Bylaws and Standing Rules, where to obtain NM and Nat'l. Bylaws, Republican Philosophy, History of Republican Women, Difference between Republicans and Democrats, contact information for elected officials and the club, Executive Board, club committee chairs and more.

The aggressive phone and email campaign of our Lea County FRW members resulted in Lea County Commissioners passing resolutions stating that Lea County is a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County, a Sanctuary County for the unborn, and pro-fracking.

The trip to Hobbs is 500+ miles from the NW corner to SE corner of NM. We were honored that Pres. Rhonda Stockert and 3rd VP Ginger Paternostro made the trip to swear in club officers.

County Assessor Sharla Kennedy, spoke on her "Guide to Property Assessment", explaining what needs to be evaluated/re-evaluated, due dates, property assessments and tax notices.

In March, NM Representative David Gallegos reviewed what happened at the NM Legislative Session and with the *GO Rogue* NM Sheriffs.

Senator Stuart Ingle defined what an increase in population means to NM and how redistricting will change NM's House & Senate. Senator Gay Kernan went over the *HB56 Tax Reform Bill and Increase Amendment*, resulted in a **\$26 million tax increase**.

In April, Repr. Phelps Anderson spoke about NM's budget increasing \$7 billion, going up next year. He showed us what money came into Lea County.

Our club provided personal care items to *Humphrey House*, a residential treatment center for teenagers - one of our Community Service Projects. Members send birthday cards to young people living at Humphrey House monthly. Often this is the only recognition they receive on their birthdays.

Representative Larry Scott also spoke on NM's budget and that taxes increased by 13% overall to balance the budget. The tax increase was voted in the last day of the session.

In May, Nicholas Maxwell, a Lea County technology professional spoke on cybersecurity. He told us how to protect passwords, anti-viruses, scams, and identity theft. Nick also spoke on *The Secret Ballot at Risk: Recommendations for Protecting Democracy*. Good information in simple language!

Our Americanism Chair gives us information on protocol and history monthly. We continue to help local veterans-in-need.

Lincoln County FRW – President Ann Eby

FRWLC mainly concentrated on our *2nd Annual Afternoon Tea & Fashion Extravaganza*, which proved an even greater success than our first. With more members, we covered more businesses and involved more of the community in our program. The purposes are to promote goodwill in our business community, generate a better economy, stimulate tourism, and showcase our Republican Women.

Last year, our selected 501-c-3 was *Life-Way*, a Pregnancy Resource Center assisting in choosing life with education, resources, ultra-sound, and adoption assistance. We were able to donate \$900, plus contribute a sizeable amount to our PAC account.

This year, we assisted a new endeavor in Lincoln County - Hope Harbor, NM. A Christ-centered home for women and their children, who came out of domestic abuse or violence. It is a no cost, education, retraining, life-skills, two-year commitment helping mothers and their children to begin again.

Our efforts, along with our beautiful supporters donated \$2,000 to Hope Harbor NM in Capitan, NM. We deposited close to \$3,000 in PAC from this event.

In two years, with blood, sweat, and tears, we have observed: our board growing and unified; support from fashion shops - eagerly joining and growing in number; extremely supportive business community;

and a sizable donation to help women and their children start new lives, plus donate to elect 2020 Republican candidates.

Our membership has grown to 51, with many NEW MEMBERS - members who came on board to help!

We now have a NEWSLETTER, prepared by a new member - because she was asked. All this to say, I would have liked to have given this report in person, because it is uplifting.

God Bless you all.
God Bless New Mexico
God Bless America

Let us ever remain Strong, Free, Courageous

Socorro County FRW – Rosie Tripp

Socorro FRW held regular meetings in April and May. Our Treasurer, Joyce Aguilar, retired in April and we elected Martha Salas. We finished delivering our dictionaries. We purchased *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts and *Santa's Last Stop* by M. A. Malone and delivered them to Magdalena Elementary School for our MELP Project. We also took scholarship applications to Socorro HS. We gave NMFRW raffle tickets to members.

On May 15, President Rosie Tripp presented our SFRW Scholarship to Destiny Davila. Destiny wants to become a nurse and will attend UNM/Valencia in September. We hustled our bustles and now have 34 members and 8 associates. We attained a Silver award and had 4,331 volunteer hours.

The NM Patriots came to Socorro and asked the Socorro County Republicans and SCFRW to get signatures for HB8. We worked many hours for two weeks and obtained almost 500 signatures. We are still taking the petitions with us wherever we go.

Our annual *Ice Cream Social* will be August 18 at Don and Rosie Tripp's home. Announced State and County candidates are invited. We will assist the county party with the July *Old Timers* event in Magdalena & the County Fair Labor Day weekend.

Focus on NMFRW Member

Roswell Daily Record Sunday Spotlight – Inspiring Lives, by Alex Ross, May 5, 2019

Our own Joan Boué was featured in an article, which described her background, religion, politics, and abundant volunteer work. Raised in Philadelphia, she graduated with a BA in Education from Villanova Augustinian Catholic University. Joan later earned a degree in theology in the mid-1970s. She married her first husband and had a son, John, and daughter,

Lisa; moved to Massachusetts and then Albuquerque. As a stay-at-home mom, she volunteered in activities that involved her children and her church.



“For Joan Boué, politics has always been a passion.” It was when she served as Central Committee member on the Bernalillo County RP and RPNM Central committees in 1978 that she met husband Hudson Boué, who was running for sheriff. They married in 1990 and moved to

Virginia, so Hudson could take a job as attorney for the U.S. Department of Interior. While there, they were “fixtures in Republican politics” and entertained famous Republican elected officials and other newsworthy conservatives. The Boués attended the Bush 41 and 43 inaugurations and were invited to the 2005 White House Christmas Party.

The Boués retired to Roswell, where Joan joined CCFRW and grew membership from 28 to 202. Joan served as Chaves County FRW President from 2014-2017. Under her leadership, the club has funded college educations for as many as 5 people through scholarships, honors veterans, and initiated the very successful Annual Cowboy Prom Fundraising event.

Her other volunteer activities include working with low income children, women, and the homeless.

An Encouraging Note: Editor Candy Luhrsen: You’ve heard different strokes for different folks? Well, the Democrats do not believe in that. They have strict rules about what you can say, do, think, and who you can vote for. Their talking points are set in concrete. Thank goodness we are Republican, have differing opinions, and can think and decide issues for ourselves; though of course, voting for Democrats is never an option.

Various NMFRW Clubs approach problems differently and use divergent methods to solve similar problems. This is good. We do not need to move in lock step as we support conservative values and promote FRW programs. Also, contrary to what Hillary Clinton contends, Republican women do not need men to tell them what to think. Go Team!

Reminder: NMFRW’s next Board Meeting and Biennial Convention is October 24-26 at Courtyard by Marriott in Albuquerque. It is also NFRW’s 80th birthday. Group room rates are \$96+tax. Early registration is \$136 (includes 4 meals).