



# New Mexico Federated Republican Women Newsletter

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

2020 has been a year of surprises with twists and turns that were not foreseen. I have faith that uncertainty will be replaced with confidence in the process of free and fair elections.

New Mexico FRW is full of women with immense talent and knowledge. This was so evident in the NMFRW Fall Board Meeting in October in Ruidoso. The discussion was invigorating and lively with unity and moving our organization forward into a new era. Republican women will play a major role in NM and across this great nation. **We are the warriors of truth and diversity.** The Republican Party has become the party of the working people that make this nation so free and great. NMFRW objectives are to promote an **informed** public through **political education and activity**, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government. There has never been a better time to be a Republican Women, we are prepared for the task at hand.

## **NMFRW Executive & Committee Reports**

### **First Vice President – Marie Sorensen**

It is my responsibility to line up Guest Speakers for NMFRW Board meetings. For the Oct. 16 Social Event I lined up Senator Bill Burt as Guest Speaker and asked Ann Eby to introduce Senator Burt. For the Oct. 17 Board meeting I asked Representative Candy Spence Ezzell and CD 2 Candidate Yvette Herrell to speak. Candy Luhrsen introduced Rep. Candy Spence Ezzell and Rep. Ezzell introduced Yvette Herrell. I participated via Zoom due to health risks that are not compatible with the Corona Virus.

### **Second Vice President – Joan Boué**

The last eight months have been most daunting for our NMFRW Clubs. Many Clubs could not meet and

those that did had many restrictions. Trying to secure new members was most difficult. Current Membership is 834, down a bit from 879 in 2019. There is hope and I am suggesting the following to FRW Presidents & Membership Chairs.

Since this is an election year, most NM Counties have a GOP Headquarters and/or a Trump Victory Headquarters. I was told by those running these headquarters that most of the volunteers (men & women) are not FRW members. These volunteers are registered Republicans from your communities who want to work to get our Republican Candidates elected. Those running GOP Headquarters are keeping logs with the name, address, phone # and email addresses for these volunteers.

I suggest that the FRW President or Membership Chair in your county visit your headquarters & talk with those running these offices to secure the lists for your FRW Club. These are the members that you want to join your Club. They are willing to work.

I am wishing each of you much success in 2021. Let us work together to make our FRW Clubs the best!

### **3rd Vice President ~ Fundraising – Marci**

**Butchofsky** ~ The fund raising turned out to be better than we all thought in my opinion! Following are numbers I just received from Carol Parish (luckily at the correct time :)).

Raffle for 22 firearm	\$1,620.00
Funtracker's	\$ 560.00
Silent Auction	<u>\$ 920.00</u>
	\$3,100.00

Our President is still our President and with God's help will remain our President or we may not have a chance again, if the DEMS do not have to pay a price for their cheating and stealing ways – in my opinion.

### **Treasurer's Report – Carol Parish**

Clubs may start collecting 2021 membership dues now and turn in them so we can report substantial numbers to National in our January Membership 2021 Report. There will be training at the NMFRW February Board Meeting in Santa Fe specifically for

club treasurers. Our bank balance has remained constant since the last report, since we raised funds to cover fall activities. Good News! A member who is a CPA has volunteered to conduct an audit of our NMFRW accounts after Thanksgiving.

#### **Achievement Awards Report – Gwen Poe**

Stay focused and do your best with reviewing the awards program guidelines of last cycle.

I worked early voting from Oct 6 to Nov. 3 and our site processed over 600 voters a day for that much time. A lot of work. Hugs, Gwen

#### **Members-at-Large – Ann Eby & Candy Luhrsen ~ Winning Republican Candidates in Statewide Races as of 11/22/20:**

**U.S. House CD2** Yvette Herrell

We gained a seat in the NM House and lost a seat in the NM Senate. Several counties are demanding recounts or audits (Luna, Dona Ana, and Grant). The Kraken has been released and we are fighting voter fraud as it is revealed across the nation.

**RNC Report – Tina Dzuik** – No Report

**Scholarship – Ginger Paternostro** ~ No report

#### **New Mexico Club Presidents' News**

##### **Region A Director – Anita Statman**

There is nothing like a presidential election to bring people out. As Director of Region A, I felt it important to try to respond to every request for support possible. Just after the primary I held a small fundraiser for Alexis Johnson at my home and raised \$7,500. She then asked if I could help facilitate 10 more neighborhood fundraisers across Region A. Working within the network of FRW colleagues, fundraisers were held in Los Alamos and Farmington. Taos tried to help, but it did not work out. Then I turned my sights to Northeastern NM and created events in Clovis, Tucumcari, and Clayton. I also facilitated other events in Santa Fe, Rio Rancho, and Pojoaque for our CD3 candidate. In September I had a blast running from Rio Ranchoto Espanola to support the Women for Trump bus and our candidates in Region A. If fortunate enough to be elected to a second term, I hope to build at least two more FRWs in northern NM. I will not repeat news here that is in the Presidents' reports.

##### ***Four Corners FRW – Heather Curtis***

This has been a summer of overcoming obstacles. FCFRW is comprised of strong and relentless women who have risen to the occasion during what has been one of the most difficult times our club has faced.

Unable to meet in person and therefore unable to collect donations for our fundraising drive for Four Winds Recovery Center, our Club banded together with San Juan County Republican Party for a Pop-up Voter Registration Drive. We called all our members and Associates to inform them of the Pop-up and let them know that we would also be collecting the donations at this event. We were able to collect \$795 for our charity and registered new voters!

Using technology, we were able to bring state and local candidates to our membership. Along with live meetings, candidates have recorded messages to our membership that FCFRW has been able to email attachments for. This allows our members to watch what candidates have to say, at their own leisure.

September was a wonderful month. We helped NMFRW President Rhonda Stockert host a fundraising campaign for Alexis Martinez Johnson. With all that is occurring, we were extremely happy with the attendance of just over 32 people. September also brought us Paul Gessing with the Rio Grande Foundation; San Juan County Clerk Tanya Shelby, who updated us on 3 ways to vote during this election; and a surprise visit from a wonderful comic whom you will all be introduced to today.

Our members worked every Saturday with San Juan County Republican Party at Pop-Up events throughout our county. We had members attend Rallies, both local and in Santa Fe. Our Chairs have paired with the Trump Victory Campaign to recruit and train our members in Campaign Side Kick and currently, many are working the election. Last but not least, through our PAC, FCFRW was able to donate \$10,000 to various candidates.

All in all, while it could have been a very unproductive year, I am pleased to report that FCFRW, its Board, Chairs and members are incredible, innovative, and tenacious women. During a time when all looked bleak, they have risen to the occasion and showed themselves to be the movers and shakers of San Juan County.

##### ***Los Alamos FRW – President Shona Neff***

As is the case with residents all over New Mexico, our Los Alamos Club continues to be affected by the nasty old virus from China. Yay...

We have met a couple of times since the onset of that plague from the East. We met in person (observing COVID safe practices) in September in my backyard. We had seven of our normal crew, but also enjoyed three new faces. Our October meeting was online,

and the attendance was not so hot. But, for us four (or five?) ladies in attendance, it was nice to connect. We hope to finish out 2020 by meeting IN PERSON and getting back to the LAFRW life that we all love.

Despite not being very active due to the China plague, many members of our club have been staying busy with election activities. We have worked hard on campaigns, hosted candidate “meet and greets”, attended rallies, waved flags in downtown Los Alamos every other weekend to the honks of enthusiastic Trump supporters, and walking and door knocking with local candidates and for the Trump Victory Team, and helping staff early voting places. Terra Fullbright (LAFRW VP) and I have also done election-oriented Facebook live shows featuring candidates, commentaries, and patriotic trivia. Our own Jolyn McTeigue is the Trump Victory Team representative for Los Alamos County.

As we limp toward 2021, ready to put the China plague and Democrat rule behind us while anticipating the RED WAVE, we have a great slate of officers for the 2021-2022 executive committee and renewed excitement for a productive 2021.

We bless God, may God bless President Trump, and may we all work to “Make America GREAT Again”!

#### **Santa Fe FRW – President Anita Statman**

SFFRW worked with RP Santa Fe County all summer to turn our county red or at least purple. This is a new level of activism for SFFRW.

- This is the first year we had a Joint Republican office along with the RPNM and Trump Victory. Together we respond to walk-ins and try to engage newcomers in meaningful tasks.
- I volunteered to coordinate the county’s *Get Out the Vote* effort.
  - The Trump V Team is focused on calling swing voters statewide and the county GOTV team is focused on calling all 15,500 Republicans in SF County. The Trump V Team is also doing all the local door knocking.
  - By month’s end we hope to make about 30,000 contacts with county Republicans.

We geared up and backed off promoting our Gala as Covid and worse, Covid restrictions, fluctuate. Just last week Tammy Bruce canceled. Ironically, we have more cash to distribute (probably \$15,000) to candidates than if we were allowed to have the Gala. (Everyone was offered a refund, but few took it.)

We continue to publish our quarterly newsletter. Our Fall Newsletter is on our website SantaFeFRW.com. Due to Covid we did not hold a Spring recruitment event and membership is at a low of 72 with 18 associates. If hotels and indoor restaurants remain open, we will have meetings in person this fall. If not, we will resort to Zoom.

#### **Taos County FRW – President Sadie F. Boyer**

TCFRW held meetings in Jan., May, July, Sept., Oct. and Nov. - beginning at IHOP and then COVID hit. We held May and July Meetings at my home and via Zoom. September and October Meetings were held at TCRP HQ and we plan on holding the November meeting there and via Zoom. Activities from May through October 2020 include:

- 2020 Member Dues - \$40; Associate \$20 and Fundraising Donation: \$50 per member. We have more than doubled membership (27) as of Sept.
- Update: *Quilt of Honor* for Veteran’s Day Presentation is on hold as fabric was unavailable.
- JoAnn Obara completed the “Republican” themed quilt for a fundraiser.
- Several members were delegates to the March Republican State Pre-Primary Convention.
- U.S. Senate and CD3 debates organized by Region A Clubs may be viewed on YouTube.
- “Electronic Meetings” Amendment to TCFRW By-laws were approved.
- Several members helped organize the Taos County Quadrennial Convention via Zoom in May. Several members were elected as delegates to the NM Republican Quadrennial Convention.
- Members participated in Sidekick campaign.
- Voter registration was ongoing by Sadie F. Boyer, Linda Rael, Cindy Medina and Abbie Collins: Tom Garcia at *Taos Tack* welcomed voter registration at his business. Sadie & Abbie registered voters at Gunslingers. We registered people at home, restaurants, meet and greets in Arroyo Hondo and Peñasco and everywhere!
- Members took poll challenger training - sign up@ Army for Trump or [www.defendyourballot.com](http://www.defendyourballot.com).
- We held 2 “Meet the Candidates” events in Sept.
- Many members volunteered at TCRP HQ.
- Members worked Election Day as Poll Workers and for 6 days on the Absentee Ballot Board.
- Member volunteers also passed out slate cards, candidate information and put up candidate signs at polling locations on Election Day.
- We donated \$\$, food and supplies to TCRP HQ.

- TCFRW participated in Rio Rancho Trump and Santa Fe Prayer and 2A Rallies, Espanola Women for Trump Bus Tour, TCRP HQ Open House & a Back the Blue Convoy & Peaceful Protest.
- We will give snack bags filled with chips, cookies, water, crackers, and nuts to Law Enforcement personnel - Taos PD, NM State Police, Taos County Sheriff Department, Game & Fish, U.S. Forest Service and Tribal Police.
- We held an Oct. "Meet & Greet" for Ronchetti.
- We will help close TCRP HQ on Nov. 24!
- A Nominating Committee was appointed & will present a slate for election at Nov. meeting.
- We all support President Trump and First Lady, Melania and were honored to work for him and for our Republican candidates. **We believe President Trump won, that truth will prevail & Trump will take office in January 2021!**

**Region B Director** – No Report.

**Albuquerque FRW – Charlotte Sweeney**

My last report was October 2019. We were able to meet in January and February, but since March of this year all meetings in person were forbidden due to the Governor's orders and our meeting location closed down.

Under normal circumstances we collect dues from December through March of the following year. This year we suspended dues collection and membership drives due to the restrictions placed upon us by government mandates.

We continued to send newsletters to members. Our executive board sent candidate information for the primary vote in June. We have held Zoom meetings with candidates.

In June of 2019 we held our annual fundraiser. With funds from the fundraiser and money collected from members, we were able to send donations from our PAC to several local Republican candidates along with the U.S. Senate candidate and a Congressional candidate for the current 2020 elections.

Members of our executive board have made calls to all our members during our mandatory "Stay at home". We continue to send members information regarding absentee voting, early voting, and locations. We also sent members a list of Republican Judges, so they could forward the list to others. As new information comes, we send it out to members.

A nominating committee is conducting recruitment for a new executive board. As of this report we do

not have a slate of new officers for members to vote on, but our nominating committee is continuing to work on a slate for next year.

**Metro FRW – President Gayle McCormick** ~ No Report

**Rio Grande FRW – Carol S. Chupp** - No Report.

**Rio Rancho FRW – Barbara McClain**

Several club members staffed Trump Victory headquarters for 5 months, others walked door to door. In September we had a luncheon meeting under a tent for local candidates. In October we met again under a tent. Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull reported how the city has handled protester threats. Our Police are incredibly good. Very comforting.

The COVID -19 has hit Sandoval County and Rio Rancho hard, so we will not meet again this year.

**Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!**

**San Bern FRW – Julie Wright** ~ No Report

**ZIA FRW – Paula McAllister**

The Zia Board initiated a way of getting members and candidates together by using an event called a "DROP IN" in July. Our Treasurer, Linn Furnish, has allowed us to use her shaded front yard as a place to drop in. We wear masks and Social Distance. We provide beverages and members bring a sack lunches. Candidates are invited to drop in and visit with us. It has become quite a success for us to share time with candidates and carry on conversations.

We invite candidates from all over Bernalillo County to come to our events and we may have as many as 3-5 candidates that will come to our "Drop In" events.

Our March, April, May, and June meetings had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. However, we continued to update our members with list of candidates and contact information. We gave them information on their individual NM House and Senate Districts. We shared links to the NM voting websites and the County GOP offices. We now have three Bernalillo County offices and many of our members are volunteering to staff those offices.

We are proud that 8 candidates are members of our chapter. 2 U.S. Candidates, 5 NM House and 1 PRC candidate. We have given significant donations to our candidates' campaigns. Members have also contributed their time to candidates.

The ZIA Chapter is also providing rides to Early Voting Locations. Our members are also working the polling locations. Thank you for this opportunity to share this information with you.

**Region C Director – Caren Lulich**

Just when I had thought it would be safe to start visiting clubs in Region C, Covid 19 cases increased in several counties. I decided to put it off again so as not to catch the virus or, since Dona Ana County has a high infection rate, I would not want to unknowingly take it with me to somewhere else.

I have tried to stay in touch with our 6 clubs by email, sending updates or information regarding absentee ballot application issues, reminders and sometimes just some humor.

I would like to say I appreciate the hard work many clubs in Region C have done to promote candidates and have kept up their community services projects during all of this.

I am hoping 2021 will be better for all with Donald Trump as our President again. Wash your hands, wear a mask, and stay well.

***Chaves County FRW – Teresa Barncastle***

Chaves County Federated Republican Women was finally able to have meetings. Having a membership of over 150 including associate members and an average of over half attending, makes our meeting a ‘mass gathering’. We were able to have two Zoom meetings with Yvette Herrell speaking in August and Mark Ronchetti speaking at a special meeting in early September. We were able to have in-person meetings, practicing social distancing in a DOH approved restaurant setting in September. Our guest speakers were Senator Bill Burt and Representative Greg Nibert at our regular meeting. A special September meeting was held to get information out concerning our judge candidates and bond questions.

Members are working with Trump campaign staff and also distributing information on Ronchetti, Herrell, and our judge candidates. Members handwrote 250 Trump notecards and 500 notecards for Yvette Herrell. Members also handwrote 1,000 postcards encouraging voting for Mark Ronchetti.

Trump Campaign Regional Director, Robin Morgan will be our guest speaker in October and Major General Jerry Grizzle will speak at our November meeting, where we will be honoring our veterans.

***Doña Ana County FRW – Patricia Rothengass***

Eight months ago, the Governor shut down NM and in doing so she shut down DACFRW meetings. We tried to find new meeting places but to no avail.

We have been in communication with members via our Newsletter and phone calls. Last month DACFRW had a Peaceful Protest at an undisclosed place (did not want shutdown police to show up) and it was so good to see members face to face. The Nominations for the 2021-2022 DACFRW Board were presented as our bylaws requires and the nominees will be voted on by members in October.

Early Voting has started and the lines have been long.

We will again another Peaceful protest in October.

**Looking forward to a getting back to a FREE AMERICA.**

***Grant County FRW – Candy Luhrsen***

GCFRW has still held monthly Shopping Sprees at a member’s store. While we shop, we discuss issues/ plans and listen to candidates and special speakers. There has been no trouble from the gendarmes or public with these events and we will meet the 10 meetings/year requirement for Achievement Awards.

Our *Caring for America Committee* purchases bulk snacks and donates them to a local mission for the needy and homeless. We helped with the *Annual Old Hurley Store Pumpkin Patch*, serving 2 purposes – fun for kids and mission donations. For 3 cans of food children chose a pumpkin. Becky Spann buys 2 tons worth. We bought battery-operated candles for the pumpkins to put in candy bags.

I prepared and printed about 4,000 palm cards for five candidates. Members have gathered 1-2 afternoons weekly to assemble voter information packets and distribute them door to door. GCFRW also donated \$200 each to the seven local candidates and purchased \$385 of larger signs for Trump, since we could not get them.

We volunteer to work and challenge at the polls, which is unpleasant due to our hostile county clerk.

Our largest outreach to educate voters is our new local radio station ad program. It began July 1 and continued through election day. Vice President Frost wrote and produced the ads for 3 months (3 each 30 second ads daily during the Rush Limbaugh Program). We voted to increase ads to 5 during Rush + 5 ads on the Country Music FM station.

In the absence of events, I am selling patriotic hats and merchandize out of my trunk. Have hats, flags, and stickers - will travel! Wyatt Earp bumper stickers and No More Bullshit flags are the best sellers right now, of course.

We have held sidewalk protest rallies for 13 weeks on Friday nights from 4:30 to 6 p.m. We protest the Governor's Shutdown, mandatory masks and vaccines. We rally for Freedom, Trump, Law Enforcement, 2A, and Jalisco's Restaurant. Three Tea Party gals and many people off the street join us weekly. Few FRW or RPGC members attend, but people who have not shown up at meetings or other events are joining the group and having a good time holding signs, waving, and smiling. Motorist support increased each week. The hairdresser across the street closes her shop early on Friday now, because of the noise. Hey, happy people make noise.

### **Lea County FRW – Carol Parish**

What an interesting year! It started out with Gretchen and I attending the Santa Fe NMFRW Winter Board meeting. Then everything went downhill from there – as, we all know the Virus hit! We all hid in our homes not knowing what to do. Then as the tough women that we are...we started thinking outside the box. If our candidates cannot come to us, then we need to let the public hear from the candidates at no charge!

### **2020 Highlights include:**

- Louise Hudson, Gretchen Koether and Katie Espinosa conducted interviews by Zoom. In June, we had 2 primary debates and 25 general election candidate interviews with candidates across the state (Judges too). These interviews can be found on our Facebook or You Tube channel by typing in Lea County Republican Women.
- Trap Shoot - fundraiser
- Donations to Candidates
- Live Meetings since June with candidate speakers as well as Hobbs Superintendent of Schools.
- Sold 400 Trump caps (Purchased and embroidered in Lea County)
- Sold Trump Jewelry
- Stuffed envelopes and prepared invitations for Ted Cruz and Mike Huckabee fundraisers to support Congressional Candidate Yvette Herrell.
- Put together a *bazillion* mailers for Representative David Gallegos.
- Prepared *large* mailer for Rep. Larry Scott.
- Drove to Albuquerque / spent 2 days walking/knocking for Senate candidate Sandra Rausch
- Helped Senate Candidate Crystal Diamond chase votes (over 4 counties).
- Helped chase votes for NM Public Education Commissioner District 9, KT Manis (covering 7 counties) in the Primary and General elections.

- Helped Senate Candidate Melissa Fryzel.
- I believe that we have hand addressed around 50,000+ pieces of mail.
- Currently working at the County GOP headquarters and educating the public on candidates and ballot issues.

### **Lincoln County FRW – President Ann Eby**

FRWLC despite meeting restrictions, fundraising opportunities as usual, and limited access to some normal past participation with shutdowns; our club has grown substantially in membership, monies raised for candidate contributions, and added more volunteer hours than years past.

- At the time when the state attempted to squelch freedom, our Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County stepped up and reached out. We gained new members, improvised how and where we met, and created a new merchandising system.
- Our membership has grown by 30 new members, total 68 with 10 associates.
- We were able to donate \$13,000 to Republican candidates statewide, a record large amount given this year. Overcoming the obstacles came about from commitment, teamwork, and seeing a surge in newly involved members rising up.
- Our club is close, works well together and ready at all times, holding one another in high esteem.
- Standing strong together in faith we are determined to reach our great end.

### **Socorro County FRW – Rosie Tripp**

SCFRW has been very busy the last few months. Despite or 'in spite' of the Governor's lockdown we have been meeting in person since June.

Our June meeting was a catch up one getting back on track. We did some planning for the NMFRW Board meeting to be held in Socorro in July.

We hosted NMFRW in July for 27 members who attended from around the state. The Friday night get together was hosted by SFRW and Mark Ronchetti, Michelle Garcia Holmes, Alexis Johnson, Gail Armstrong all attended. For our July meeting we had NM Senate Dist. 28 Candidate Jim 'Jimbo' Williams as guest speaker. We will donate \$200 to several female candidates and judges.

For the August meeting Trump Field Organizer Michael Candelaria was guest speaker. We finalized our annual September Ice Cream Social. Members also helped Rosie & Don with a Ronchetti fundraiser.

September was a very busy month. We had a drive-thru Ice Cream Social. Even though it was a beautiful day it was not as well attended as ones in the past. But there were lessons learned. People prefer homemade ice cream to store bought and they like the personal interaction with candidates and friends. We sold raffle tickets. Members helped with a MAGA meet up on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We served hot dogs and candidates attended. About 125 people attended and we held our raffle. On the 25<sup>th</sup> some of our members also attended a fundraiser for Yvette Herrell at Don and Rosie Tripp's home. Senator Ted Cruz was the featured guest.

October is proving to be just as busy. We continue to help our County Party by volunteering at HQ. We have registered new people and converted many to Republicans. Trump flags are flying out the door. We have Veronica Pound, the Socorro General Hospital Administrator, as our guest speaker this month. She will educate us on the mill levy issue that will be on the ballot. We are starting to plan the 2021 NMFRW State convention. We are excited about hosting all of the FRWs from around the state. SFRW is helping to turn New Mexico RED.

**Editor Notes:**

President Stockert reports our next NMFRW meeting will be February 4, 5 & 6 in Santa Fe at the Hilton.

**Protest Rallies & BBQs Are in Vogue.**

Protests and rallies are a hoot, you ought to try it! They also build the base, because motorists and pedestrians, who thought they were alone in their views, see that someone else is brave enough to stand up to the Governor and stand up for Trump.



FRWLC Rally at Ruidoso

BBQs in rural locations are successful. People are hungry to see their friends and have conversations with real people, instead of the television or the wall.



GCFRW September BBQ

**Because Doing Nothing Is Not an Option Report Voter Fraud and Irregularities**

If you were a poll challenger and witnessed or experienced an incident at your polling location and are willing to sign an affidavit, please click the link below: <https://form.jotform.com/203244813503042>

Or

"If you have PERSONALLY experienced voter fraud, suppression and / or irregularities you can report it by calling this number 1-888-630-1776. Please have all facts and evidence. This information is being submitted to the Department of Justice and will only be accepted if it is a verifiable personal experience."

Or

[https://defendyourballot.formstack.com/forms/voter\\_fraud?utm\\_source=protectthevote.com](https://defendyourballot.formstack.com/forms/voter_fraud?utm_source=protectthevote.com) AND

President Trump is asking that we write him a letter and ask that ALL the States have a FULL AUDIT because of voter fraud and corruption. His address is: President Donald J. Trump, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500. This is something we all can do cheaply.