



## President's Message

*Dear Members,*

Even though we don't meet as often in the summer, the summer managed to fly by. But with only one regular meeting back at Rock Creek Country Club, we still kept busy with the garage sale in July, the Wine Social in August, the Membership Social also in August and our Candidates Banquet and District 1 Luncheon, both in September.

What a team I have. The members led by Ways and Means really stepped up to our Garage Sale again this year pulling in just short of \$2000. And what about Gary's book sales of over \$1000, all donated to the Club. Barely rested from the Garage Sale, we took a break to have a new social event, complete with souvenir wine glasses. Even though it wasn't intended to be a fund raiser, we managed to raise a few hundred dollars. Holly's backyard made for a beautiful setting for this event.

In August, we held our Annual Membership Social. No shortage of meatballs and other great food at this one. Once again, Laurel was an awesome hostess. We had almost as many guests as members and managed to sign several of these up for membership.

September was a particularly busy month. First, we participated in the annual District luncheon where our own Melissa Laird was elected as District Director. This was immediately followed by our annual Candidate Banquet. During the Banquet, we added a Dessert Dash to the festivities and along with the calories, it brought in quite a bit of money. The Candidates had a lot to share and it was interesting to hear what Dallas Heard had to say about his vision for the ORP. The following week, several of us went to Florida for the Biennial NFRW Convention. What an uplifting experience that was! It really gave us hope for America.

Fourth quarter has a lot to look forward to as well. First is our OFRW Convention in Bend in mid-October. Of course we will have luncheons in both October and November and our holiday event in December. In between all that, we will have Officer Elections and a vote on our updated By-laws. You just can't slow us Republican women down.

*Juanita*



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## BHRW Meetings

### ☆ August Member Social

The annual BHRW member social was held at Laurel Regan's home on August 19th. What a wonderful evening to get together, and after a year of lock-downs and quarantines, much needed! Thanks to all of those who put this event together and all of the attendees who made this such a great event.



Beautiful weather and a beautiful venue set the Stage. Congratulations to all of the Members who contributed to this great evening!



BHRW President, Juanita Lint got the evening started.



### ☆ September Candidates Dinner

The annual BHRW Candidates Dinner was held on September 16th at the Rock Creek Country Club.



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## Candidate's Meeting (cont.)



The theme was ***Turning Our County RED.*** Dinner Attendees had the pleasure of hearing from five Oregon Candidates.



*Guest Speaker, Oregon GOP Chair  
Dallas Heard*

Mr. Heard provided updates to the group on new programs and initiatives the Oregon GOP is working on, such as more visibility, better dissemination of information to the electorate, and better messaging on those issues that the electorate care about. The ORP has developed a user friendly website and is working on a statewide database. The goal for the next election is to be able to effectively use technology and social media to get our message across. His goal is for the ORP to be prolific at every level. One of the messages of the evening was “Stop being bashful. You’ve got to be proud of what you stand for.”



*Oregon's 5th District Congressional Candidate  
Lori Chavez-DeRemer*

Ms. Chavez-DeRemer is on the Happy Valley City Council and was a former Mayor. She believes that this is going to be the best opportunity the GOP have to win, and this is a race to watch. She represents business owners, parents and all of those who have been impacted by severe and unnecessary mandates.



*Gubernatorial Candidate  
Bridget Barton*

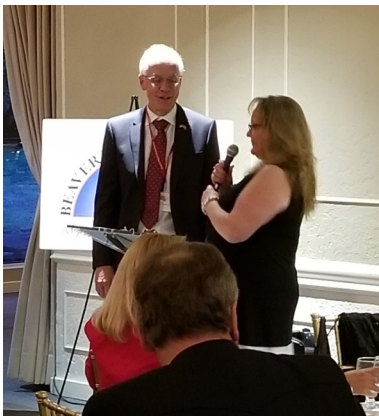
Ms. Barton's message was that the Left has grossly overreached with demands such as CRT, open borders, defunding the police. Add to that rising homelessness, increased economic hardships at all levels, and crimes with no

consequences. Ms. Barton's decades of experience advocating solutions can resonate with an impacted electorate. She pledged that if elected her first day in office she will appoint a new superintendent of public instruction. Ms. Barton believes she can win the primary, and most importantly can win the general election, but needs our support.





Candidate's Meeting (cont.)



*Gubernatorial Candidate  
Bud Pierce, MD, PhD*

Dr. Pierce is a Medical Oncologist. His goal as Governor is to make all Oregonians more free, safer and more prosperous. Keys to success include

- ◆ a health environment... clean rivers and good wildlife and forest management,
- ◆ successful businesses and successful business owners,
- ◆ a strong education system towards a well-educated and successful citizen community and to that end, money that follows the student,
- ◆ adequate and effective law enforcement



*Oregon Senator Candidate  
Darin Harbick*

Mr. Harbick is a business owner. He has served as Chair of a School Board and on the Chamber of Commerce. He entered the race for Senator because he believes it's time for him to contribute to solutions to the problems plaguing Oregonians.



*Washington County ORP Chair  
Alexander Flores*

Mr. Flores key message to the group was that Democrats seem to outspend us every time. If we want to turn Oregon **RED**, we need to stand together and start working together.



☆ Reagan Dinner 2021



At least ten BHRW members attended the Reagan Dinner sponsored by the Washington County GOP. The dinner was held on 2 October 2021. Key note speaker was former Vice-President Mike Pence. Also speaking was Cliff Bentz, Oregon Congressman and Christine Drazen, OR House Minority Leader Representative.

## ☆ BHRW Officers for 2022-2024

It is time to elect new officers for President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

At the October meeting, a slate of candidates for office will be presented to the membership. Description and duties of each position is in the By-Laws.

New officers will be voted on in November and nominations from the floor, will also be accepted. New officers will be installed in December.

If you wish to be considered for one of the positions, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee, Melissa Laird, Debbie Morris, or Gail Wilhelms.

## VOICES OF THE FUTURE



We've been working hard to gain new members for the Young Republicans of Oregon. We almost have a whole Executive Team which is

super exciting. All we need now is a Social Media Coordinator.

We got the amazing opportunity to interview the Pennsylvania Director for Freedom Foundation Hunter Tower. He was the former Executive Director of Lancaster County GOP in Pennsylvania. This county was run so well that it was more powerful and influential than the state. All presidential candidates have to go through this county for a successful race in PA.

You can view that interview on our YouTube or podcast. Links are on our website:

<https://www.youngrepublicansoforegon.org/>

*Lauren is a BHRW member and Vice-Chair of YRO.*

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Debbie Morris**

Hi - I'm Debbie Morris and I'm excited to be a part of the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women!

I was born in Texas and spent my childhood moving around the south and the southwest. My father worked in the oil business and was frequently transferred to meet the needs of the job. So by the time I was in the 9th grade we had lived in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Colorado, and back to Texas. My mother always said this contributed to my out-going nature, and she said I knew everyone on the block the first week we moved.

I was always interested in the medical field, and this led to a long and wonderful career as a Physical Therapist. Along the way I served as the Rehab Director for the county hospital in Odessa, Texas and continued there for 15 years. I went back to school to get my Master's degree and then became for Operations Officer for a local Home Health company that provided therapy services. After 13 years in that role I decided to retire early and haven't looked back. I was rewarded all along the way in a career that I loved.

Community has always been important to me; I was involved in Rotary Club for many years, helped with the United Way, delivered Meals on Wheels, enjoyed church membership, and in

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Debbie Morris (cont.)



retirement I joined the Ector County Republican Women for my last year in Texas.

Moving across the country last year was

an exciting challenge and new chapter for me. I joined my older son Paul who has been here for two and a half years, and recently married. My younger son Alex joined me shortly (and temporarily) after I moved and started on his graduate studies. I am hoping to make him an Oregonian as well!

It has been interesting to say the least moving a week prior to the pandemic. It really threw my plans for meeting people and getting involved for a loop! Luckily I have some wonderful neighbors, have found a church, and have started to join activities.



I'm really thankful to be a part of BHRW, and have most enjoyed the fellowship of fun and like-minded women!

### ☆ Red Shoe Book Club

The Next BHRW Red Shoe Book Club is Monday October 25 at 11 A.M. at Cafe Murray Hill in Beaverton. Please RSVP to Alison Kettenhofen if you plan to attend. The book we are reading is American Marxism by Mark Levin. We will discuss the book on October 25 and then pick the next book. The Book Club will not meet in November or December because of the Holidays.

### ☆ Veterans Dessert and Fun Night

The BHRW had planned to host a Dessert and Fun Night for the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center on November 9, 2021. The event has been cancelled due to Covid. However, we will still be delivering needed items. See the list below. Please plan to bring your donated items to the October 21st Member meeting..

Toothpaste	Shampoo	QTips/Vaseline
Toothbrushes	Conditioner	Baby Wipes
Combs and Brushes	Body Wash	Diapers
Denture Cream	Hand and Body Lotion	Men's Boxer's
Deodorant	Hand/Face Soap	Twin Sheet Sets
Mouthwash	Feminine Products	Blankets
Shaving Cream	Hair Styling Supplies	Towels
Laundry Soap	Stamps	Notecards
Women Undergarments	Bus Tickets	

### ☆ BHRW Garage Sale

The garage sale was a huge success making over \$2,000 for the club. It could not have been done without so many members helping. A big thank you to Elizabeth for her willingness to let us invade her home and garage! We went in on Tuesday to set up, did the sale on Friday and Saturday and were cleared out by Monday. A big thank you to Susan W and her truck to pick things up and haul things away even if it did have problems in front of my church. At least Gary was there to help!

The Ways and Means committee are grateful for all who contributed items to sell, brought snacks, made signs, helped set up and sell, helped advertise, and helped with clean-up. It does take a village or at least dedicated women! You all know who you are!



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Garage Sale (cont.)

We were able to donate books to three different libraries thanks to Gloria and Susan P. and Elaine took a carload of items to the Union Gospel Women's.



Again, many thanks to all and especially to a great Ways & Means team—Gail

\*PS: We still have an accordion that we are hoping to sell for \$200!

## WE, THE PEOPLE



Jeanette Schade

Have you ever wondered what your child's teacher was teaching in the classroom outside of your absence? Did the thought come to you to look at the budget and how the school district is spending the tax-payers' money? Or, did you disagree with a decision a school district made, and you wanted to know how they came to that particular solution or

resolution? These are all things we should be concerned and worried about whether we have children in the public school system or not. Since my school board election, I have wanted to know how Beaverton School District has been spending our hard earned tax-dollars to push critical race theory into the classroom of every child in the school district. I quickly learned about the public records request law found in ORS 192. [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors\\_chapter\\_192](https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_chapter_192)

After reviewing the law, I looked at the Beaverton District site and found a very simple online form to fill out to request public records within the school district. By the way, EVERYTHING is a public record in a public entity. The only things off limits in a school district are student records, teacher salaries, and emails between district counsel and other district staff. Beyond that, you can ask for anything. As I was learning the process in submitting public records requests, I have hit many jackpots. The biggest one is where I learned BSD ascertained a contract with Center for Equity and Inclusion (CEI) just shy of \$400,000 for one year without following the proper laws or board policies. CEI is a company that trains people in diversity, equity, and inclusion, i.e. critical race theory.

In further digging, I discovered that Pat McCreery, the Equity and Inclusion Administrator, promised the contract to CEI outside of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process which is against not only state law, but also board policy. I also learned the owner of CEI, Shafina Fazal-Gardner, was the PTO president of Errol Hassle Elementary School up to July 2021 where she stepped down after receiving the almost \$400,000 contract. Can you say quid pro quo? Back to Pat McCreery, when he was told he had to go through the RFP, he still promised CEI that they would be awarded the contract and he would help them with the RFP process which is unethical and against ORS 279 A and B.

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We, the People (cont.)

Lastly, I found that Pat McCreery along with several of the upper administration signed their names on a legal document stating there wasn't any unethical or biased behavior which they all knew what Pat had done, and this is punishable by heavy fines if investigated by the right entity. There is much more to this story, but it is much more information than I have room for here. Anyone know of a good lawyer who wants to look at this further?

This is just a taste of what can be unearthed when doing a public records request. I urge people to do them regularly on any topic they find they want to research. In submitting a public records request, you do want to be clear and concise in what you are requesting. Don't make the ask too big, or the government entity can charge you for the time and materials it takes to pull the information together. Electronic copies are better than paper copies as there usually isn't a cost associated with electronic documents. If the information is going to be disseminated, and it is in the public's best interest for the sake of argument, you should not be charged any fees. I also learned that when you request emails between certain individuals, those requests need to be narrowed in scope and have a

date range. For example, I asked for emails between Pat McCreery, David Williams, Don Grotting, Mike Schofield, and Shafina (CEI CEO) between the dates of June 2020 and December 2020 because in a separate request, I discovered those were the people involved in this contract. I also learned to make sure that I put no duplicate emails or calendar invites because another request batch that I paid close to \$700 for was filled with duplicate emails and calendar invites. That was a very expensive lesson to learn. Since that expensive lesson, I have narrowed my scope and most of the other PRRs came in with no fees. I have learned many other intricacies of submitting a PRR, but the last I will discuss here is to know that if a government entity does charge you and you feel you should not be charged, or the government entity is not following ORS 192 and giving you a hard time, you can appeal to the District Attorney's office or the Attorney General's office depending on who has jurisdiction over that particular government agency. For a school board, it would be that county's DA.

The point of telling you all of this, is we ALL need to get more active in knowing what is happening in our local governing bodies and to hold them accountable. I encourage each of you to submit a PRR of your choice and find out what you discover. I have submitted over 30 PRRs to BSD, and I am still unearthing all kinds of information. It is amazing what they think they can get away with when the agencies over them are not doing proper oversight, i.e. ODE. It is up to us, the voter and citizen, to hold them accountable and report what we find to the proper entity who does have oversight. It takes time. It takes patience. It takes courage. However, the payoff is huge.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Monthly Membership Meetings

Our luncheon meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Rock Creek Country Club.

Save the dates: October 21st, November 18th!

**Veterans Dessert** : Details to follow, watch for emails!

### ★ BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club

**Who:** YOU!!

**When:** 4th Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** **Caf  Murrayhill in Beaverton**, 14500 SW Murray Scholls Dr., Beaverton, OR 97007

**Book:** American Marxism by Mark Levin

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