BHRW Newsletter –Q1 2022



President's Message

Dear Members,

This has been an especially exciting quarter for the BHRW Club. For one thing, most of the Executive Board is starting their second term and it is a two-year term due to some by-law changes made last fall. Many of our Committee Chairs have started out with a bang with new committee members and lots of new ideas. Just as last year, I have a fabulous Executive Board and Committee Chairs who make my job easy.



We kicked off the year with a new event; a joint BHRW club and Young Republicans of Washington County social event. We had a great turn-out, lots of food and tons of networking. This will not be the last of our joint networking.

We kicked off our first fund raiser with a quilt made by Gayla Hyer. The proceeds went to the Armed Services Committee to fund our support for the USO.

As always, we had great speakers to kick off the year starting with County Commissioner Jerry Willey and Attorney Herbert Gray. Our March meeting was particularly fun with most everyone dressing in their finest green for St. Patrick's Day and the entertaining speaker Barry Dennis.

As part of our Education goals, we organized a custom campaign training school taught by Richard Burke. Additionally, the Education Committee created two education brochures, Woke Dictionary and Candidate Resource Guide.

Of course, our most important work is getting our Republican candidates elected and we have had ten represented at luncheons so far this year. Four of our members are candidates for various state and local positions.

With a year starting out as rambunctious as this one, I can hardly wait for what's to come. Make Oregon Red again!

Juanita

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BHRW Meetings

★ January Member Meeting

The January BHRW meeting was held at The Reserve Vineyard and Gold Coursein Aloha, OR

We hosted four candidates and our guest speaker was Jerry Willey, Washington County Commissioner. District 4.



Jerry Willey is running for re-election to the District 4 County Commissioner's seat. After introducing himself to the BHRW members, he provided a summary of some of the challenges Washington County faces and then

opened the floor for question. This provided a fabulous opportunity for attendees to bring up issues of concern such as homelessness and associated issues such as drug use and criminal activity. With regards to criminal activity, we found out that the Oregon legislature has eroded local control. Over 1,000 bills have been passed by the legislature in the area of public safety which restrict both law enforcement and our DAs. Find out more at https://jerrywilley.com/

Army Veteran and Oregon native James A Ball is running for Metro District 4. One of his primary issues of concern is housing in the Metro area. Not only the lack of affordable housing in the Metro Region, but the expanding problem of homologypass.



panding problem of homelessness. Metro resources can be better used to address this very important issue. For more information, contact https://jamesaball.com/



Brandon Merritt is a Bend resident and the youngest elected delegate to serve Deschutes County and the State of Oregon. He questions the current leadership and believes Oregon needs to return to its conservative roots. To learn more about Brandon and his run for Oregon Governor go to go https://www.merritt22.com/

Jo Rae Perkins is running for US Senate from Oregon. She was President, 1st & 2nd Vice President and Secretary of the Linn County Republican



Women. She believes in term limits, is pro-life and pro-police. To learn more go to https://www.perkinsforussenate.vote/



The Honorable David Russ is running for the 6th district of US Congress.David has decades of experience in small business, as a corporate business executive and in government as Mayor of Dundee, OR

for 7 years. He comes with knowledge and skills needed to move Oregon to a thriving successful future. Should he be elected, he has already drafted several bills dealing with CRT, equity and budget. To learn more, go to https://www.russisforus.com/

BHRW Business Notes

Charlotte Bushnell was introduced as our new corresponding secretary.

Debbie Morris was our Board Member introduction for this month. Debbie moved to Oregon from Texas where she was active in her local club. She is the Chair of the BHRW Membership Committee.

☆ February Member Meeting

The February meeting was held at The Reserve Vineyard and Golf Course in Aloha, Oregon. Our guest speaker was Attorney Herbert Grey who spoke on the "Authority, Justice and the Rule of Law: The basis for Republican Government"



Mr. Grey is a part of the Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's largest legal organization committed to and protecting religious freedom, free speech, marriage and fam-

ily, parental rights, and the sanctity of life. Mr. Grey gave an eloquent talk about the nature of authority, justice and rule of law set forth by our Founding Fathers and the challenges to these precepts in recent times.

Susan Weidkamp , Program Chair, introduced two candidate speakers who are running for public office:

Dana Hindman-Allen is running for Clackamas County Commissioner Position #5. Hindman-Allen is a member of the BHRW Club. She is a native Oregonian, having grown up in Portland. Dana sees her candidacy



as a reengagement of citizens and a reunion of the elected with the electorate. She believes that strong local leadership requires strong local leaders. To learn more go to https://www.danafororegon.com/



Ibra A. Taher is running for the US Senate to replace Senator Ron Wyden. Taher's campaign focuses on three areas: *Foreign Policy, where he advocates a noninterventionist approach. *The economy – where he favors a decentralized economy and deregulation at the federal level.

*A local approach to problem solving—which can more effectively address market and labor issues by eliminating micromanagement at all levels of government. To learn more, go to https://ibrahimtaher.com/

BHRW Business Notes

Melissa Laird proposed a Hillsboro Hops Night for BHRW members and guests. The membership approved for her to pursue organizing this event.

President Juanita Lint spoke to the members about the Armed Services Program which provides support to active service members. The membership voted to establish the Armed Services Committee and Gayla Hyer was named Chair of this Committee.

Gail Wilhelms and Betty Attenbury presented to the Group a proposal for the Abigail Adams Award which would be given annually to an outstanding member of BHRW at our Candidates Dinner in September. The membership unanimously approved the establishment of the Abigail Adams Award.

Dana Hindman-Allen was the winner of the Quilt Raffle. The quilt was made by Gayla Hyer and proceeds will be divided between the Armed Services Committee and the Veterans Committees.

The Essay Contest winner this year is Christian Glancy a student at Liber Learning Academy. A check and award were presented to him by Sue Zike, Gail Wilhelms, and Gayla Hyer on January 26th.



☆ March Member Meeting

The March meeting was held at The Reserve Vineyard and Golf Course in Aloha, Oregon. As our meeting date was St. Patrick's Day, many of the members were decked out in green and Gail Wilhelms offered an Irish Toast to start out the meeting!



Our Guest Speaker was Barry Dennis, author of the book <u>Planet Earth Trumped</u>. A liberal in the early years of the Trump presidency, the book represents Dennis' own journey from fiction to fact

during those Trump years. His speech was entitled "How to Love Democrats Back to Sanity", tips based on his own experiences. While we were all thoroughly entertained, the message was an important one.

- ♦ Live in the World, but not of the World.
- ♦ Be a light to the world, don't get lost in the drama.
- Love your enemies knowing that sometimes your own neighbor can be your enemy.

Susan Weidkamp, Program Chair, introduced six candidate speakers who are running for public office:

Bruce Starr spoke to the group on behalf of Darin Harbick who is running for the US Senate to replace Ron



Wyden. Harbick brings to the table a wide variety of expertise, proven leadership and tested problemsolving skills. To view Harbick's latest ad on the Southern Border, go to https://

oregoncatalyst.com/57569-senate-candidate-darinharbick-delivers-epic-ad-2022.html

Ron Noble currently represents Oregon House Dis-

trict 24. He is running for the newly created Congressional District 6 seat. Noble' priorities are economic freedom, safe communities and quality education. District 24 lies in the heart of the newly created District



and Noble is well versed in the needs and wishes of this community. Find out more at <u>noblefororegon.com</u>)



Bridget Barton is a candidate for Oregon Governor. She believes the Left has grossly overreached with demands such as CRT, open borders, and defunding the police. Rising homelessness, increased

economic hardships at all levels, and crimes with no consequences are all issues of concern. Barton believes she can win the primary, and most importantly can win the general election, but needs our support. And yes, she did really make that basket in her latest campaign ad. To learn more go to Bridget Barton for Oregon



BHRW member Jenny Kamprath is running for Beaverton City Council Position #3. Kamprath is a lifelong Oregonian and has been a member of the Beaverton Community for seven years. She strongly

believes in proactive leadership, a government that treats everyone equally and that the best outcomes are when all voices, opinions and points of view are considered and valued. That's what she will bring to the City Council position. For more information go to jennykamprath.wixsite.com

BHRW member Sandra Nelson announced her candidacy for Oregon's House of Representatives District 24 seat. She is in the preliminary stages of her campaign. To learn more go to <u>SandraNelsonforOregon.com</u>



"We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate."
-THOMAS JEFFERSON

★ WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

BHRW will hold its annual garage sale on August 5th & 6th with setup up the 2nd -4th. The sale will be at Elizabeth Fisher's home, 15500 SW Farmington Rd. We need all members' help to make this a success. Start collecting items now.

We are planning an evening movie/wine tasting event and will set a date soon. Last year we had a fun wine tasting party and wanted to do another.

If you are interested in ordering BHRW logo wear, please check out our website. You will also find info on the garage sale there.

Any ideas or comments, contact Gail at gailwilhelms@gmail.com.

Gail Wilhelms, Chair

VOICES OF THE FUTURE



As I scroll through Facebook and see all the posts and comments about Russia, Ukraine, inflation, etc., it's easy to feel helpless.

What can I possibly do? I'm not in the U.S. Congress. I'm also a young soloprenuer so I don't have extra money to donate to different political causes.

The only thing I've figured out I can do is start local. I can help conservative candidates with their websites, social media, phone banking, and canvassing. My time is much more valuable than my dollar. At the local level I can see how my efforts impact the political landscape.

For example, I'm House Captain for HD 35 and I recently got to meet some of my PCPs. That was super great since I can see there's people that are passionate and want to help. We were able to come up with three goals for 2022. I love

Voices of the Future (cont.)

Action items to focus on. When it seems like there's too many problems to solve, I focus my efforts on local stuff like working on the new Washington County GOP website or scheduling posts for BHRW. It helps me know that I'm doing something to help America stay free.

Lauren is a BHRW member, BHRW Webmaster and member of the Education Committee

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Cathy Kingery



My name is Cathy Kingery. I am a Sales Manager for a local Mortgage Company in HIllsboro.

I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and have been in Oregon for 30 years now.

My hobby is volunteerism. I have been involved with the Hillsboro Elks Lodge for 15 years. I have gone through the officer Chairs, Exalted Ruler, 3 years as a Trustee and back to being an officer this year. I am involved with fundraising for the Washington Family Justice Center, several non -profits , Rock 'n'Rooms, Howcanwehelp and the Hillsboro K-9 Foundation. When I am not doing events, I am spending time with my 3 year old grandson, that is the best treasure in life. Oh wait, I also am a HUGE Yellowstone Fan. I was invited to a luncheon by LeeAnn Pack and after 1 meeting I joined. I am excited to be a member.



☆ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Charlotte Bushnell

Democracy grows stronger in a nation whose citizens practice personal responsibility. Conservatives know this fact and value this quality. That is why I belong to the Republican Party.

In October 2019, I visited the grand upper level of the National Archives Museum for the first time and saw the originals of all three of America's Founding Documents: The Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States, and The Bill of Rights. As a student in the public school system in Anaheim, California in the 60's, I had seen and studied these precious documents in the pages of my American history and government textbooks. I was in awe on finally seeing their originals!

In the summer of 1973, headlines in the American newspapers urged the impeachment of Richard Nixon over Watergate. I was on my summer abroad in Mexico City as a junior at California State University, Fullerton. I was living with a Mexican family while taking classes at the Universidad Ibero-Americana. We American college students were bombarded daily by our Mexican counterparts about our president, our government and what we thought about Watergate.

My political science class was taught by a 30-something Mexican woman who had attended a university in New York City for one year. Her English was flawless. One afternoon, she told our class of Americans that the Mexican press would not ever dare criticize current president, Luis Echeverria. "You would immediately be thrown into prison and forgotten," she said with bitterness in her voice. I was grateful for our First

Charlotte Bushnell (cont.)

Amendment rights.

After earning my BA in Spanish, I moved to Salem, Oregon and taught English as a Second Language to refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. At my church, I met George Bushnell, who introduced me to Rush Limbaugh's radio talk show. George and I raised his niece and enjoyed a very happy marriage until he passed 40 years later.

For 26 years, I taught all levels of Spanish to students in grades 8 -12 in Hillsboro. I loved my work. On election night of 2016, we had parentteacher conferences in the large cafeteria. During a break, I asked the young teacher next to me with a laptop, "Who is winning?" She responded sadly, "It doesn't look good for us!" I turned my face and smiled with excitement! The next morning was our usual Wednesday staff meeting. Our assistant principal got up to speak. She was all doom and gloom. Trump had won the presidential election. She said that counselors would be available for students should anyone feel angry, depressed or frightened over the election results. Of a teaching staff of 60, only 7 of us were conservatives.

Now I am retired. I love archery, hiking, pastel chalk drawing, swimming and travel. I



am so pleased to be a Charlottte and grandson

member of BHRW. The members are friendly, smart, and have good common sense.

Charlotte recently accepted the position of BHRW Corresponding Secretary. Welcome to the Board!

☆ MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership committee has regrouped for 2022 and consists of the Chair Debbie Morris, yearbook leader Gail Wilhelms, and two new club members Carlyn Myers and Gina Kaveny. The three main goals for our committee this year are

- 1.) to increase both membership and retention,
- 2.) to have a designated month to encourage Associate membership, and
- 3.) to introduce a new level of membership to our club (Patron status).

We will be working monthly on membership/ attendance. We hope to have the Associate member blitz in May, and the Patron project will be introduced at the end of the year during renewals. As usual we will have our annual Club Membership Drive in August, with more details to come.

We appreciate all input regarding membership!

Debbie Morris
Membership Chair
bhrwmembership@gmail.com

☆ ARMED SERIVICES COMMITTEE

BHRW member Marianne Kennedy and I headed out on March 1st to purchase items for the USO at Portland International Airport. We purchased approximately \$150.00 worth of items which Jeff

Keller, the manager of USO Northwest at PDX, indicated that their center could use.



Armed Services Committee (cont.)

We asked about other ways that the Armed Services Committee might be able to be of assistance. He also indicated that they could always use volunteers at the airport and take food donations at any time.

It was very nice meeting Mr. Keller and Marianne and I had a lot of fun.

Gayla Hyer

Chair, Armed Services Committee

WE, THE PEOPLE

Why I am running for office

If you would have asked me 2 years ago if I was interested in running for public office it would have been the furthest thing from my mind. Not that I have a



disdain for politics but rather a satisfying career and family life. We have all watched from afar as our tax monies were sent off to wars we didn't want and witnessed new laws under the guise of protecting us while slowly taking pieces of our liberty in stealth unnoticeable ways to all but the observant eye. We figured things would somehow work themselves out, because after all we are Americans striving towards similar goals. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Then Covid came in like a lion roaring its way through society stoking and provoking some of the most rampant fears we have witnessed among people. Political leaders got caught in a silent and brazen quest to stamp it out and compete amongst themselves to eradicate the disease through sheer force. As I watched this unfold there was a point that I realized the magnitude and opportunity for those with a quest for power in their hearts to harness the emergency

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We, the People (cont)

to their own advantage and benefit while stripping the public of their most basic human rights. It was then I realized these things called liberties and freedoms were as fragile as a kite in mid-flight, ever balancing on the breeze only in the right conditions. One strong unforeseen wind can bring the whole thing crashing down.

This is where my desire was born to rise to the call, to hold this thing called liberty like a cherished dream lived and sought after for a millennium, down through the ages struggled for by some and achieved by others. A call to share my heart for what is good and right and to pass on an honorable future to those yet to come. It is these principles that will guide my decisions going forward, never to forsake what has been earned by others, so that I may speak and step freely into the future. For those that hear the call, there is a place for you in the pattern of life weaving a better future for our children. If the desire to serve beckons, go forth and be a beacon of posterity!

Dana Hindman-Allen is a BHRW member running for Clackamas County Commissioner Position #5. For more information go to

https://www.danafororegon.com/

Associate Member Blitz Drive

The Membership Committee
is pleased to invite you and a guest
to the May Member Meeting.

Save the date—May 19th and invite your
Republican spouse, significant other,
male friend or business owner or a guest
who is a member of another Federation
Club. All are eligible to be Associate
members of BHRW!

Lunch, guest speaker, candidates, prizes.

Register to attend at BHRWF.org

☆ ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



Gail Wilhelms, Gayla Hyer, Christian Glancy, Sue Zike

Christian Glancy, a student at Liber Leadership Academy headquartered in North Plains, Oregon is our 2021 Essay Contest Winner.

On Jan. 26th, Sue Zike, Gail Wilhelms, and I presented Christian with the check and certificate for his winning Essay.

Christian is a very nice young man and was very excited to meet us and receive his award. His mother was also there, whom we met. We were also able to visit with some of the people at the school. We were very encouraged to see people that are really concerned about their children's education.

Liber Leadership Academy is a commonwealth school where parents and home-schooled children get together once a week for classes taught by other parents.

Gayla Hyer Chair, BHRW Essay





☆ RED SHOE BOOK CLUB

Come join us on April 25th! The BHRW Red Shoe Book Club will be discussing <u>1984</u> by George Orwell. A timely read!



☆ UPCOMING EVENTS

☆ Monthly Membership Meetings

Our luncheon meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are looking at new venues, until we find a new permanent location it will be noted on the Meeting announcement and on our website Save the dates: April 21st, May 19th, June 16th

☆ BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club

Who: YOU!

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

Where: Café Murray Hill in Beaverton, 14500 SW Murray Scholls Dr., Beaverton, OR 97007

Book: <u>1984</u> by George Orwell RSVP: <u>alisonkett123@yahoo.com</u>

★ AN ASSOCIATE AFFAIR! SAVE THE DATE

What: Associate Member Blitz

Who: Republicans eligible for Associate Membership including spouses of current member, men, and members in

another Federated Club.

When: May Membership meeting, May 19th

Where: The Reserve Vineyard and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon

How: Preregistration required for our meal count. See bhrwf.org to register and prepay for your meals.

☆ BHRW Annual Garage Sale

When: August 5th & 6th with setup up on August 2nd -4th. Where: Elizabeth Fisher's home, 15500 SW Farmington Rd. How (can I help): contact Gail at gailwilhelms@gmail.com.

☆ SAVE THE DATE—Annual Veterans Dessert and Game Night

Who: YOU!

When: November 15th

How (can I help): contact Alison at alisonkett123@yahoo.com

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