



## President's Message

*Dear Members,*

Our June Member meeting took place at Si Señor Mexican Family Restaurant in Beaverton. As you may be aware, we have been looking for a new location for our monthly meetings. This is a beautiful space for our meetings. Members enjoyed the delicious food, the service, and the space! We look forward to returning.



We take a break from club membership meetings in July and August. That frees us up to do so many activities! As we begin the summer, many of us will be attending the HOPS game on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thank you Melissa!), helping out at the Washington County Fair July 22 thru 31<sup>st</sup> (Thanks Lauren), and collecting items, or helping out at the garage sale August 5 & 6 (Big Thanks, Elizabeth Fischer, Gail Wilhelms and LeeAnn Pack! ). Please be thinking of friends you can invite to our evening August Membership Drive on August 18<sup>th</sup>, which Laurel Regan has graciously agreed to host at her home. (Thank you Laurel!)

BHRW goes to the beach! I invite you to plan to attend our District meeting in Astoria where we meet with other Northwest District clubs on August 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be a wonderful event and a good opportunity to meet other likeminded women in our District.

I joined BHRW because I met so many resolute, hardworking, and knowledgeable women who I found inspiring and fun to get to know. Although I have only been serving as President since April, there are many women I know I can count for their assistance and who take very seriously their commitment to achieving our club goals and objectives with excellence.

One of our Annual Events that has always been well received is our Candidates Banquet. This year it will be held at THE STOCKPOT in Beaverton this year.. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 8:30, when we will celebrate "RED, WHITE, and BLUE, THESE CANDIDATES ARE FOR YOU!" Local jazz artist Rebecca Hardiman and her husband will provide some easy listening jazz during the cocktail hour and a fabulous menu will be complemented with our super successful annual **Dessert Dash**. How can you help? LeeAnn Pack,

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*President's Message (cont.)*

Chair of the Ways and Means Committee is ready with her list! Give her a call, send her a note, or catch her at an event.

Last, but certainly not least, our community needs wise, active, prayerful people like yourself to help them learn of alternatives to our current government. As Kim Rice reminded us, in Jeremiah it reads "And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace." We live in Oregon for a reason. We can inspire and encourage change in our community. I look forward to seeing you all volunteering, campaigning and having fun at our summer activities. Please joining me in praying for our club members and our candidates as we prepare for the election ahead!

Susan Weidkamp



## BHRW Meetings

### ☆ April Member Meeting

The April BHRW meeting was held at The Reserve Vineyard and Golf Course in Aloha, OR

We hosted three candidates and our guest speakers were Glenn Miller, Washington County GOP Treasurer and Zach Murdock, Washington County GOP Precinct Organization Chair.



Mr. Miller talked to the Members about Volunteering and how Volunteers are the GOP Special Forces. The success of political campaigns relies heavily on volunteers, whether you are walking your neighbor promoting a candidate or casually discussing conservative principles with your neighbors. Every volunteer serves a very important role.

On way to volunteer is to become a PCP (Precinct Committee Person). As the PCP Organization Chair, Zach relayed to the group that PCPs represent the grassroots of political activity. Personal contact is the most effective way of getting a message across. Washington County has over 1000 PCP spots available. Those interested are encouraged to contact him.



Amy Courser Ryan is a business woman from the Salem-Keizer area. She is running for the new Congressional District VI seat. Her platforms include holding the government accountable, backing the blue by hiring more Police Officers, humanitarian issues such as homelessness and the foster care system, national security and border control. For more detailed information, go to <https://amyfororegon.com/about/>

Kevin Barton is the current District Attorney for Washington County. He believes his primary job is to keep everyone safe. He is running against a George Soros funded candidate who is a criminal defense attorney and believes DA Barton is too tough on criminals. For more information, go to

<https://www.electkevinbarton.com/about-kevin>



Vance Day is running for the Oregon Court of Appeals Position 3. He believes that the rule of law should be applied equally to all. He brings a wealth of hands-on experience to the position, both in and out of the courtroom. For more

information go to <https://teamvanceday.org/>

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*April Meeting (cont)*

**Meeting Notes:**

Since our March meeting we had a number of resignations.

Upon the resignation of Juanita Lint, 1st Vice President, Susan Weidkamp has accepted the position of President.

Upon the resignation of 2nd VP Gayla Hyer, we have a vacancy.

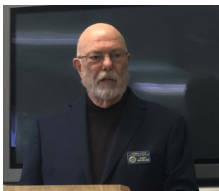
Membership Committee, Debbie Morris also resigned.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for candidates for the 1st VP, 2nd VP and Membership Committee Chair.

☆ **May Member Meeting**



The May meeting was held at The Reserve Vineyard and Golf Course in Aloha, Oregon. Our guest speaker was Gary Wilhems, Oregon State representative, lobbyist and legislative staffer. Gary is also an Associate Member of the BHRW and husband of BHRW member, Gail Wilhelms.



Mr. Wilhelms has been a state representative, Republican leader, a lobbyist for 17 years and a top legislative stature. Mr. Wilhelms shared with the Members a bit of the history of the Oregon State Capitol and gave us a current up-

date on the Oregon Capitol Renovation Project.

The current State Capitol building has been in use since 1938. There have been several expansions and renovations over the years. Legislative wings and a parking structure was added, damage repair and concrete and steel reinforcements followed the “Spring Break Quake of 1993. But overall earthquake stability and electrical and plumbing issues which make some areas unusable, require major upgrades and renovations. Each floor will be modernized and stabilized in the event of an earthquake. The Capitol Building is estimated to be out of commission until 2025. In the meantime, many Capitol functions will be held off site or likely be

virtual until the Capitol reopens. To date the approved budget for this project is \$245,000,000.00.

As a staffer in 2001 and 2011, Mr. Wilhems became well familiar with the process of redistricting. What he didn’t realize was exactly just how political the process. There is an initiative underway to form a commission which would be in charge of the redistricting process. At this point, the Oregon Redistricting Commission initiative is collecting signatures. As the deadline is looming for this year, it is anticipated that the Initiative will be on the ballot for 2024. Twelve States have a Redistricting Commission which generally consists of 4 Democrats, 4 Republicans and 4 non affiliated Independents. The process is conducted in public and while there is always the possibility of fraud, it is much more difficult under a Commission set-up.

Mr. Wilhems gave the Members his perspective on the May elections held earlier this month. There are three women running for Governor. He said there is some question as to whether Betsy Johnson, running as an independent will pull candidates from the left or the right. However, he did believe that Republicans have a good shot at winning this time.

Oregon’s vote by mail damages confidence in voting because of the potential for fraud. However, he did not see this process changing.

**BHRW Business Notes**

Gail Wilhelms announced Lee Ann Pack as the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Gail will be the new Chair of the Membership Committee

There will be a NW District Luncheon on August 24th at the Country Club in Astoria, all are invited. Check the website for details.

**SAVE THE DATES**

BHRW Annual Candidates dinner - September 8th  
Reagan Dinner—September 18th  
BHRW Veterans Dessert and Game Night Nov 15

## ☆ June Member Meeting

The June meeting was held at Si Señor . The BHRW is looking for a new venue for our monthly luncheons and this was definitely a hit.



**Our Guest Speaker** this month was Sarala Ram. She is the Case Manager at the Salvation Army Veterans Family Center in Beaverton. Her organization has a strong partnership with the Veterans Administration to help

veterans transition to permanent housing. Three case managers on site help to provide services to veterans such as drug and alcohol addiction, financial and anger issues and mental health services. They can always use volunteers on the cleaning crew, in the garden on the advisory council or monetary donations are always welcome.

### Candidates

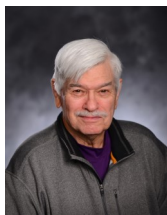
Three candidates spoke at our meeting, Kim Rick, Sandra Nelson and John Woods.



BHRW member Kim Rice is running for Oregon Senate District 18. Her primary issues include reducing the tax burden of Oregonians, return Parents to the Driver's seat when it comes to their children and education, restoring funding for the police and returning government to its

rightful place in our lives. Find out more at <https://kimricefororegon.com/>

BHRW member Sandra Nelson is running for Oregon State Representative House District 27. Her years of experience volunteering in her community as well as a PCP in Washington County have shaped her very grass roots campaign. She believes that the best way to serve her community is to listen to what people are saying and to that end, at the end of every issue discussion, she asks for voter feedback. Find out more at [SandraNelsonforOregon.com](https://SandraNelsonforOregon.com)



John Woods is running for Oregon House District 34. His priorities include fully funding the police, restoring safe neighbors, returning parents to their rightful role in their children's education, school choice with pupil funding attached, reduce the tax burden of all

Oregonians, and better management of Oregon's natural resources. (By the way, John is the husband of BHRW member Elaine Woods. )Find out more at [johnwoods4oregon.com](https://johnwoods4oregon.com)

### BHRW Meeting Notes

Award hours are due by June 24th Contact Susan Weidkamp for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE!

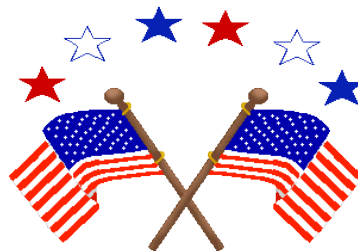
July 22nd—BHRW HOPS baseball game and party. See More information on our website.

August 1—3rd. - Annual BHRW Garage Sale, See Fail for more information. Details posted on website.

August 18th Membership Evening Social. See website for details.

August 24th— OFRW NW District Luncheon at the Country Club in Astoria—RSVP on the website after August 1st.

September 8th—Annual Candidates Banquet . Gail Wilhems will send out details to all of the members via email.



## ☆ BHRW Annual Garage Sale

### BHRW WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BHRW will hold its annual garage sale on August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> with setup up the 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be at Elizabeth Fisher's home, 15500 SW Farmington Rd. We need all members' help to make this a success. This is our biggest fundraiser.

First we need items to sell which can be brought between August 1st and 3rd!

Second: We need workers for set up and the sale on August 4th and 5th. Please see the attached information on the garage sale and the sign-up sheet.

For questions or more information contact Gail Wilhelms at [gailwilhelms@gmail.com](mailto:gailwilhelms@gmail.com).



### VOICES OF THE FUTURE



Is it enough to have a Republican candidate in every state house and senate race no matter who they are?

I'd say no. I think it's more important to have Republicans with integrity in the Oregon elections rather than any Republican. Some conservatives are too religious and homophobic. The younger generation doesn't care what your sexuality is so having a conservative candidate that isn't ok with people being gay is not representative of the current population. As long as you don't force me to think the way you think, I don't even care if you're a trans person. Some candidates are close-minded and think former President Trump is this higher-being that has a plan that just hasn't been developed yet. I don't want those people in office!

### Voices of the Future (cont.)

I want a conservative that dresses well, speaks concisely, and has previous political experience.

Some conservative candidates look like they've been living in the wilderness for 5 years. How you look matters in politics. If you don't like that then you shouldn't be running for office. I'm not going to take you seriously if you haven't shaved your beard and you look like a deer in headlights in the Voter's Pamphlet. I want a candidate with a warm smile and confident eyes. Someone that is running for the people not for name recognition.

I also do not like candidates that don't know how to speak publicly. They read from their notes, never looking at the audience and they don't stick to their allotted time of 5 minutes. If you don't respect my time, why should I give you my vote? Your message isn't clear. I don't understand what you're trying to say. I'm not going to vote for you.

Lastly, I want a candidate that takes politics seriously. That has held local office and is involved in the community. I want a candidate that has been a PCP in the Washington County Republican Party for more than 3 months. Being a public servant isn't a cake walk. You have to have the right attitude to learn on the job. If you're too arrogant, then you're not going to get done what you said you were going to get done during your campaign. You have to be persuasive and build relationships. I left the corporate world because no one would hire me because I didn't have any experience. However, to get experience someone needed to hire me.

No one did. That's why I love politics. You literally can volunteer for anything: Washington County Republican Party, Community Participation Organizations, advisory boards, committees, and commissions. All you need is

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an interest and availability. It's so easy to get experience. That's why I don't like to vote for people with no political experience. If they haven't volunteered for anything in their communities, it tells me they aren't serious about being a public servant. They don't actually care about the people. I want a candidate that cares. You can show you care by getting experience.

*Lauren is the 1st Vice President of the BHRW, BHRW Webmaster and member of the Education Committee*

### ☆ BHRW Annual Candidates Banquet

The Candidates Banquet Planning team would like to announce we will be hosting this year's event at THE STOCKPOT in Beaverton.

On September 8, 5:30 to 8:30 we will celebrate "RED, WHITE, and BLUE, THESE CANDIDATES ARE FOR YOU!" Local jazz artist Rebecca Hardiman and her husband will provide some easy listening jazz during the cocktail hour and a fabulous menu will be complimented with our annual Dessert Dash.

Please consider donating gift cards (valued at \$25.00—\$100).for the event. These gift cards will be placed in our BHRW wine glasses for \$25.00. You can give the gift cards to LeeAnn Pack , Chair of Ways and Means or bring them to an event this summer in July and early August.

We also need volunteers to help solicit businesses for silent auction items, and sponsorships. Send details of silent auction items to Laurel Reagan by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors will be mentioned in the banquet program. I

In addition, a RED sponsorship of \$1000 or more will entitle the donor to 8 seats, a donor name



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### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

#### Patricia Cropp



I am an Oregonian at heart and was raised on a farm in North Plains, OR. After marrying I was fortunate enough to be a stay-at-home mom for most of the school years for my 5 children.

Staying home allowed me to volunteer part-time for my church. When my youngest child was in high school, I took a job with Providence Health & Services and worked in the business office for 25+ years before retiring. I chose to end my career with a part time position which allowed me the time to begin volunteering once again.

Over the years I volunteered for my church, Oregon Food Bank, St. Vincent Hospital Neonatal Unit, different cafeterias in the Hillsboro School District and classroom aid at McKinney Elementary. Then COVID hit and it all came crashing down. The down time allowed me to enjoy my hobbies of gardening, working in the yard and my art working with driftwood.

I currently volunteer for the Hillsboro Library and Village Northwest. In case no one has heard of Village Northwest it is a local organization that offers services for those who want to age in place and stay in their own homes. It started in the east coast area and has expanded throughout the nation. And now I am interested in giving BHRW some of my time. I currently reside in Hillsboro and feel very much at home, but then, I've never left "my back yard" so to speak. And the best part of all is that all of my children live locally, within a 25 minute drive, so I know that I have been blessed immeasurably in many ways. Life is good!

*(Candidate Banquet cont)*

recognition table card, and mention at the dinner. A WHITE sponsorship of \$600 or more will entitle the donor to 4 seats. A BLUE level sponsors of \$300 or more will entitle donor to 2 seats and an Elephant donation of \$100 or more will provide opportunities for members who may or may not be able to attend but would like to contribute their support.

Please contact LeeAnn Pack to volunteer or if you need more information.  
homes4u@packfirst.com

### ☆ Veterans Dessert and Fun Night

The Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center is Scheduled for Tuesday November 15, 2022 .

We need donations. Please bring Items to the September 8 Candidate Dinner Meeting and the October 20 Meetings! A list of items is attached. Such as Patriotic Items, Seasonal Items for Fall Thanksgiving and Christmas . Please bring to the September 8 and October 20th Member Meetings.

If you prefer to donate cash, your donation will be used to purchase items for the Veterans and their Families.

If you are interested in helping to plan the event, the next planning committee meeting is Monday, September 19th at Café MurrayHill at 11AM. The Reservation is under Alison K Community Service for 8 People. Please RSVP to Alison if you'd like to attend. Email: [alisonkett123@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonkett123@yahoo.com) or call home (971) 246-5794 or cell (503)568-5479 .



## WE, THE PEOPLE



The Precinct Committee Person (PCP) is the foundation of the party. Becoming a PCP is about finding your path in the Republican Party. You have a vote in the party which means you have a voice and an opportunity to make change. You decide who the party leadership is, how money is spent, what issues we focus on, and what kinds of activities/efforts we undertake

As a PCP you are elected by the Republicans in your voter precinct. These Republicans are your constituents who you represent to the Washington County GOP. You are elected for a 2 year term. (If, for any reason, you no longer want to be/cannot fulfill the duties of being a PCP, you can resign at any time by notifying the Chair and the Secretary.) No matter your age, if you're a registered Republican for at least 6 months, you can become a PCP.

There are around 1,590 PCP positions in Washington County. I don't know the exact number of PCPs we have right now. We're still compiling the list. The count before the May primary was around 230.

To find out more, contact Lauren at [lauren.kristensen@washco.gop](mailto:lauren.kristensen@washco.gop) or 702-235-8777.

*Lauren Kristensen is a Washington County PCP Captain. She is also the 1st Vice President of the BHRW, BHRW Webmaster and member of the Education Committee*

## ☆ UPCOMING EVENTS

### ☆ Monthly Membership Meetings

Our luncheon meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Location on the meeting notice. Save the dates: July 21st, Sept 8th, Oct 20th

### ☆ 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:** The Intimidation Game How The Left is Silencing Free Speech by Kimberley Strassel

**RSVP:** [alisonkett123@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonkett123@yahoo.com)

### ☆ HOPS Baseball Game and Party

**Who:** YOU!

**When:** July 27th Festivities start at 6:05 PM; Game starts at 7PM

**Where:** Picnic Pavilion, more information on the website

### ☆ BHRW Annual Garage Sale

**When:** August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> with setup up on August 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup>.

**Where:** Elizabeth Fisher's home, 15500 SW Farmington Rd.

**How (can I help):** contact Gail at [gailwilhelms@gmail.com](mailto:gailwilhelms@gmail.com).

### ☆ Membership Evening Social

**Who:** BHRW, guests, new members and those interested in joining

**When:** August 18th at 5-7 PM

**Where:** Home of Laurel Regan—details to follow

### ☆ OFRW NW District Luncheon

**Who:** BHRW Members

**When:** August 24th at 11:30 AM

**Where:** Astoria Country Club—see website for more information

### ☆ Candidate Dinner

**Who:** YOU and YOUR GUESTS!

**When:** September 8th

**Where:** The Stockpot, Beaverton OR See website for details

**How:** Preregistration required for our meal count. See [bhrwf.org](http://bhrwf.org) to register and prepay for your meals.

### ☆ Annual Veterans Dessert and Game Night

**Who:** YOU!

**When:** November 15th

**How (can I help):** contact Alison at [alisonkett123@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonkett123@yahoo.com)

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