

BHRW Awards Sue Zike, BHRW Awards Chair

"How many times have you heard the excuse that 2020 was such a difficult year for everyone? Well, it's true for the BHRW awards program, club-sponsored activities and volunteer hours accounting too! So here we go with two months to go before reports are due to the state Oregon Federation of Republican Women.

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) sponsors the awards program and recognition is made at the biennial NFRW convention, this year September 23-26, 2021, Orlando, Florida. It's always inspiring to hear your club's name called, walk across the stage and pose for pictures with the NFRW President. BHRW has some history of earning awards!

There are four awards focused on club activities: Club Achievement, Volunteer Campaign Hours, Caring for America and Membership. For 2020-21, BHRW is focusing on three awards: Club Achievement, Volunteer Campaign Hours and Membership. Caring for America award requires a specific project with tracked hours and participants with photographs and press coverage.



2019 BHRW receives Diamond Award for Club Achievement at NFRW Convention, Indianapolis, IN. From left: Laurel Regan, Treasurer, Juanita Lint, 1st Vice-President, NFRW President, Jody Rushton, Sue Zike, Awards Chair, Immediate Past President



BHRW receives 2017 Gold Award for Club Achievement at NFRW Biennial Convention, Philadelphia, PA. Pictured left Sue Zike, President, NFRW President Carrie Almond

The Club Achievement award is earned by meeting the required NFRW activities mostly focused on the Club's program of membership and community education. The BHRW Program Chair is responsible for developing a 2-year program in line with the NFRW requirements. BHRW is proud it achieved the top award, Diamond, in 2019, orchestrated by then 1st Vice-President and Program Chair Juanita Lint. The Club earned a Gold Pin award in 2017.

BHRW reported a record Volunteer Campaign Hours in 2019 of 19,571 hours. BHRW expected an OFRW and NFRW recognition of those efforts. It remains unclear why the recognition was not awarded for a club of our size. But we remain undaunted to promote Republican ideals and Republican candidates.

The Volunteer Campaign hours form is available [here](#) and on the bhrwf.org web site. You need to go through your July 2020 – June 30, 2021 calendars and document your monthly hours. Please submit those reporting forms to Sue Zike, Awards Chair, szike123@aol.com by May 20, 2021. You will have to project your expected hours from May 20, 2021 to June 30, 2021. You will be on the honor system to perform those projected activities.