



President's Message



*Dear Members,
In a few short weeks, our lives
have been upended and have
become surreal.*

*We are watching as the
coronavirus spreads throughout
the world taking lives and
wreaking havoc. We are being barraged with
orders changing on a daily basis in an attempt to
contain the spread. It feels like we are no longer
in control of our lives, that we are spiraling out
of control. We are in fear that the virus is
winning. But it is not. We can win this war.*

*For me it comes down to faith in America. As
Tucker Carlson of Fox News stated, "The
solution is science. If we can cure this disease or
meaningfully treat it, lives will be saved and so
will our economy. The chances are we can do
that. This is the country that created the airplane,
the transistor, the polio vaccine, the atom bomb
and many other things. More than any other
place in the world, America made the modern
world modern."*

*Capitalism encourages the basic human spirit of
independence and initiative. It fosters
innovation. I worked at Intel for 23+ years. I
witnessed many times that just when we thought
there was a technology wall, a new product, a*

*new material, or a new process would get
invented that broke down that wall and created a
new technology trajectory.*

*I am confident we can beat this virus. But I am
outraged on how politicized this situation has
become.*

*I am outraged that China is not only getting
away with creating a global pandemic, they are
actively trying to blame the US, with the
mainstream media echoing their propaganda.*

*I am outraged that the globally minded
Oregonians who backed Governor Brown's
diabolical cap and trade scheme to reduce
carbon emissions from a state that accounts for
less than two-tenths of one percent of global
emissions give China a pass for creating a global
pandemic that has killed over 10,000 people and
inflicted over 245,000 ... and rising.*

*History will set this all right. Hopefully sooner
than later.*

*In the meantime, take care of yourself and your
loved ones. Be kind to your neighbors and help
them. Hang on to as many of your routines as
possible. Walk the dog. Read a good book.
Exercise. Meditate.*

Be healthy, be safe, be at peace,

Melissa

BHRW News

☆ BHRW's January Membership Luncheon



The January meeting welcomed three energetic and passionate speakers. Michael Kraans, Chairman, [Oregon Federation of College Republicans](#), brought college spirit and enthusiasm about the Republican Party and principles. He explained his organization's efforts to create and maintain chapters at Oregon's colleges and universities. Mr. Kraans also described the seemingly concerted efforts to silence the Republican voices on campuses across the state. BHRW will consider College Republicans in its 2020 philanthropic program.

In the next age group, Dennis Porter, [Oregon Young Republicans](#), described his organization's duty to attract a new generation of Oregonians to the Republican Party. The Young Republicans intend to reach out this campaign year to those disillusioned with the lack of constructive legislative action to address the needs of our communities.



To that end, Lisa Holcomb, General Manager of Ecoshuttle, and committed and passionate member of [#TimberUnity](#), spoke about efforts of [#TimberUnity](#) to represent the logging and agricultural rural communities' outrage at the proposed "Cap and Trade" legislation's deleterious effects on Oregon economy. Ms. Holcomb organized the participating trucks, tractors, and supporters' convoy for the February 6 Rally at the state Capitol. Ms. Holcomb recently announced her intentions to run for a House seat.

☆ BHRW's February Membership Luncheon

Hillsboro senior, Kaitlin Hergert, and her parent joined the BHRW luncheon in February. Kaitlin won the BHRW's 1st annual scholarship essay contest, writing about "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?". She read her essay to the group then received her \$500 check. For her winning essay, [click here](#). See the Member Spotlight for Kaitlin's biography and pictures.

President, Melissa Laird, gave the 1st annual BHRW "State of the Union", recapping the organization's many activities and accomplishment in 2018 – 2019. She included: supporting Republican candidates, educating members, member participation in OFRW and NFRW roles, and record-breaking fund raising and philanthropy. BHRW won the NFRW Diamond Award for Club achievement. BHRW grew 20% in the past two years and now has 62 members. For a copy of her presentation, [click here](#).

BHRW always welcomes Republican candidates to address the members at its luncheons and February was no different. [Jeff Gudman](#) stopped by



to confirm his candidacy for Oregon State Treasurer. Mr Gudman lost the last election for Treasurer by a few

thousand votes and has since secured the endorsement of 3rd party candidate Chris Telfer. BHRW supports this experienced and talented candidate.

☆ Coronavirus Consequences!!

BHRW's March Membership Luncheon

BHRW invited Rep. [Christine Drazan](#), Minority Leader of the Oregon House of Representatives, representing House District 39 in Clackamas County, Oregon to speak at the March meeting. Also invited were Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett and District Attorney Kevin Barton to address the Washington County Public Safety

Measure. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus risk, President Laird cancelled the meeting. BHRW will try to reschedule these speakers. In the meantime, please see [a recent opinion piece from Rep. Drazan](#).

OFRW Spring Board meeting April 3 – 4 re-scheduled for May 22 – 23, Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield, OR

NFRW Spring Board meeting March 26 – 28 canceled. Reschedule TBD

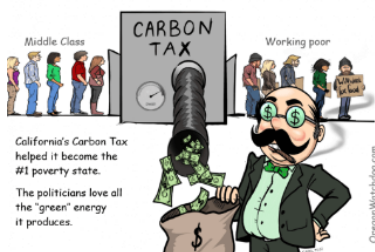
☆ Timber/Unity Rally in Salem



On February 6, ten BHRW members boarded its own dedicated motor coach chartered from EcoShuttle, and headed to the state Capitol to join the #TimberUnity convoy of log trucks, tractors and pickups and more than a thousand opponents of the 2020 Legislature's proposed "Cap and Trade" legislation.

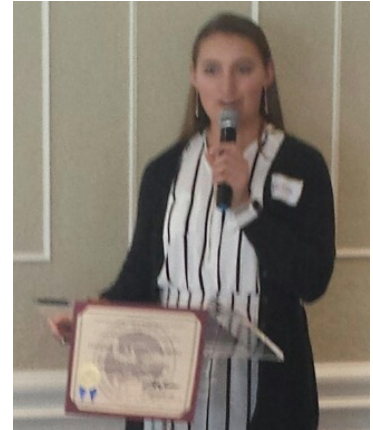


The convoy and supporters surrounded the Capitol and graciously, but insistently, let the legislators know they were in town and opposed the legislation. Within days, the Republican Representatives and Senators walked out of the Capitol denying the needed quorum to vote on the poorly conceived legislation.



Spotlight

Kaitlin Hergert won BHRW's first high school scholarship essay contest when she wrote about "What does Patriotism Means to Me?". Kaitlin and her parents attended BHRW's February luncheon where she read her essay and received the \$500 scholarship.



Kaitlin is a high school senior and has an impressive four years. She has been on the Superintendent's List with Distinction all four years. With her 4.1 GPA, she ranked #2 in the Class of 2020. School teachers elected her to the Student Ambassador Team, giving many speeches and tours to advertise her high school. Teachers also recommended Kaitlin for the National Honor Society, based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

In addition to being an exceptional student, Kaitlin succeeds in extra-curricular endeavors. She is



a volleyball player and served as Varsity Team Captain her junior and senior years. She earned Offensive Player of the Year 2018 and received Honorable Mention All-League 2 years in a row. Softball has been her other main sport, serving as team captain all four years of high school and made the All Stars team her last three years. Additionally, Kaitlin earned a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo, is a hunter, outdoor enthusiast, and speaks Spanish.

As a worship team leader, she leads students in chapel, prayer and devotions. Finally, after 12 years playing piano, she completed the Piano State Syllabus Level 10 exam.



Kaitlin has been a responsible babysitter and currently is a Jimmy Johns employee. But her goal is to become a nurse. In spite of her young age, Kaitlin experienced several major medical conditions requiring intensive treatments and surgeries. These experiences,



coupled with her fundamental desire to better the lives of others, will inspire her in her nursing aspirations. BHRW is proud to support this young woman in her future endeavors.

Upcoming BHRW Meetings:

★ **Our monthly luncheon meetings** are usually the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, unless otherwise noted, at:

Rock Creek Country Club
5100 NW Neakhanie Ave.
Portland, OR 97229 ([see map](#))

Meetings usually are \$27 per person, including lunch and speaker.

Our **April 16** meeting will feature a fashion show of [GHM \(Gung Ho Ministries\) Boutique's](#) re-sale clothing. GHM's income helps serve the homeless veterans, needy, and the underprivileged.

On **May 21** OFRW District 1 clubs (Downtown and North Coast Republican Women) will join BHRW for the annual spring meeting at Rock Creek Country Club.. Author [Barry Dennis](#) will speak about how we are living in two diametrically opposed Americas - only one of them is real and yet they both, somehow, exist.

★ **BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club**

Who: YOU!!

What: Read and discuss books from the NFRW Mamie Eisenhower Library Project booklist.

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

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

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★ **For the latest, don't forget:**

BHRW Website: www.BHRWF.org

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