



President’s Message

Dear Members,

Well, I have almost finished my first three months of my tenure as President. My Board makes it easy; that’s for sure, but because we are such an active club, they keep me busy, too. But first, for those who couldn’t attend our March luncheon either in person or via Zoom, let me tell you a bit about myself. I grew up in Eastern Oregon, went to school at OIT for Computer Science, spent 23 years leading teams building and maintaining computer systems for telecommunications before retiring at age 41. I have been married to RJ for 33+ years. He and I built a winery in Gaston starting in 2007. In 2016, I ran for House Representative in District 29. Unfortunately, I did not win against the incumbent but I met the wonderful ladies of the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women club and joined shortly thereafter. In 2018, I became 1st VP, a title that stuck for 3 years until this year. Last year, in May I took over as Executive Director of the Forest Grove/Chamber of Commerce, a job I absolutely love.



In January, for our first meeting of the year, we were honored to have the Washington County GOP Chair, Alexander Flores, come speak to us about his vision for the county. He emphasized communication as the key to success in getting conservatives elected. We also finalized our Essay contest winner to speak at the February meeting.

February, we got our motors running by supporting the efforts of the Communities for Sensible Schools to find conservative candidates to run for school board positions. We invited those candidates to our February meeting along with Bruce Starr, a consultant for Communities for Sensitive Schools. Shortly following the meeting, our own member, Jeanette Schade, became a candidate for the Beaverton School Board. Also, in the February meeting, we had our Essay winner with her Mother. Congratulations, Sarah! The audit team completed the financial audit with no negative findings and the By-laws team completed their review and edits. The Red Shoe book club met for the first time in a year and lastly, the Activist Committee of one sent out several calls to Action for bad bills, redistricting, and campaigning for school board commissions.

Busy month!

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In March, we had our first face-to-face luncheon in a year. Our leading topics were Legislation by Jeff Stone and Jeanette Schade discussing her school board platform. It was a great meeting and luncheon, and we were joined by several ladies over Zoom. Not to be outdone by February, we had an awards action and planning meeting. The Activist chair along with several other ladies taught a second class on written and verbal testimony. Many hours of campaign support have been provided and almost all of the open school board seats have conservative candidates running.

So I can truly say, we have hit 2021 running and with a State Board meeting, District meeting and two conventions to look forward to, there is no slowing down.

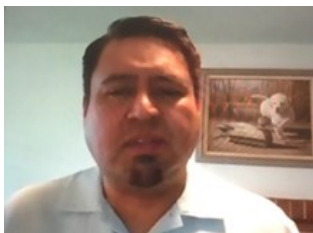
Sincerely,

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BHRW Meetings

☆ January Membership Meeting

Our January 21, 2021 Membership meeting was held via Zoom again. We had several first time attendees and several guests for a total of 26 attendees.



Alexander Flores, Chair of the Washington County Republican Party, spoke about his plans to improve communication and expand involvement in the County's Republican Party. Several attendees participated in the ensuing discussion mentioning opportunities to get involved with the Washington County GOP as well as other key local efforts and training.

☆ February Membership Meeting

Our February 18, 2021 membership meeting via Zoom was again well attended by current members and guests.



Gayla and Gail deliver essay prize to Sara Baker

The winner of our 2021 essay contest, Sarah Baker, joined us along with her mother to read the winning essay entitled *The History of America and Why it Matters*. Due to Covid restrictions Gayla Hyer and Gail Wilhelms delivered our check and certificate to Sarah prior to our meeting.

Our speakers were 3 of the 4 conservative candidates for the Hillsboro School Board who spoke of the concerning situation in Hillsboro with the Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and other curricula and the frustration parents have trying to have input to their children's education. Former Oregon Representative, Bruce Starr, also joined us to voice his support of the group. You can find out how to help on their website [Community for Sensible Schools](#) or their [FaceBook page](#).

☆ March Membership Meeting

After a year of Zooms, the March meeting was a Zoom and in-person hybrid. Four people participated via Zoom and there were xx attendees at the Bethany Public House.

Two guest speakers were featured . Jeff Stone, Executive Director of the Oregon Association of

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March Meeting (cont)

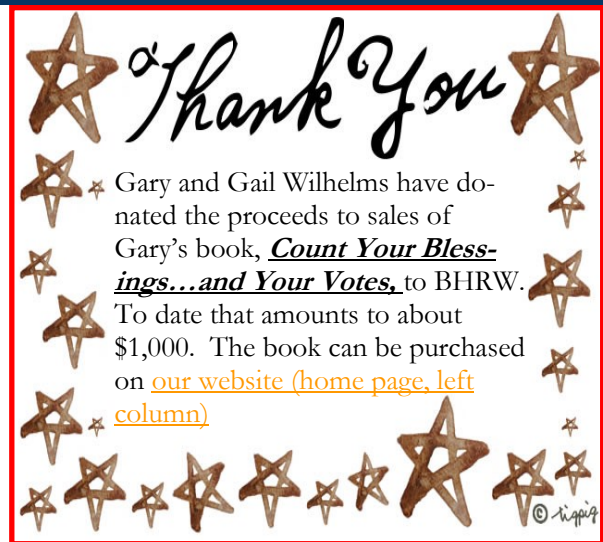


Nurseries, is a Federal and State Lobbyist. He spoke about up and coming and coming Legislative issues and the challenges in the State of Oregon and emphasized the importance of having your voice heard.

Jeanette Schade, member of BHRW, is a candidate for the Beaverton School Board. She discussed her candidacy and her platform with the group. She engaged the group in a discussion of school curricula and the current state of public education in Oregon.



Lively discussion, a wonderful lunch and meeting up with friends old and new... a good time was had by all!



Gary and Gail Wilhelms have donated the proceeds to sales of Gary's book, *Count Your Blessings...and Your Votes*, to BHRW. To date that amounts to about \$1,000. The book can be purchased on [our website \(home page, left column\)](#)

★ Red Shoe Book Club

BHRW's February 22 book club discussed *Planet Earth Trumped* by Barry A. Dennis and they were joined by the author.



Pictured here are Mr. Dennis and friend with member Alison Kettenhofen.

This month's book is *Count Your Blessings and Your Votes*. The Club will be joined by the author, Gary Wilhelms. The **BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club** meets the 4th Monday of every month in Beaverton at the Café Murray. For more information about the Club or to join this wonderful group of conservative Republican Women, contact: alisonkett123@yahoo.com.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



Kathy Montgomery:

Kathy has been active in and added sparkle to several of BHRW's efforts.

Kathy was our generous hostess for our July 16, 2020 Membership Meeting. In the midst of the Covid pandemic, BHRW was able to meet in person at her lovely home.



July 2020 Meeting

Kathy's account of her history: I was born and raised in Sioux, Iowa. I would say that a lot of who I am was formed by the mid-western values of family, church, and work ethics. After graduating from high school, I went on to college. I spent 3 years at Morningside College and 1 year at the University of Iowa. I majored in Physical Education, loved sports, and played basketball at the University of Iowa as well as swimming on the synchronized swim team. I was also on the drill team and a cheerleader for Morningside College. I went on to graduate school at the University of Oslo, Norway to study gymnastics. I was fortunate to travel to Sweden, Denmark, and Finland and tour gymnastic schools and facilities. I even got an opportunity to learn how-to cross-country ski.

After returning to Iowa, I began my first teaching position at Anoka Senior High, in Anoka, Minnesota. I loved teaching there and started a drill team that is in existence today. I had a marvelous principal that believed in me and gave me the opportunity to form the drill team so more girls in high school had options to get involved. I had 35 girls on the team and remember vividly the standing ovation they received on their first appearance at a basketball game. The "Tornado Twisters" began their long legacy of dance excellence. They actually performed

in Jimmy Carter's presidential parade.

I left Anoka to marry my husband Jeff and join him in Portland, Oregon where he was assigned to carry out Army Intelligence during the Viet Nam era. We welcomed the birth of our twins the following year. Can I tell you that the next few years were a blur of diapers, baby bottles, and laundry? Mike and Mark survived all my first parenting issues trying to keep them corralled. One twin always went one direction as the other headed off in the other. I returned to teaching when the twin's turned 3 so that we could save money to buy a home. That lasted one year, and we were able to put a down payment on a home with the aid of a VA loan. A year later, our third son, Steve arrived to complete our family.

I went back to college to get my master's degree from Portland State and then returned to teaching. I started my career in Oregon at Parkrose and then on to elementary school for 20 years in Beaverton. I started at Hiteon Elementary School, on to McKay for 11 years, and ended up at Errol Hassell. I loved teaching elementary school age children. Each and everyday was fun and exciting. I truly loved the variety of age groups, each with their own benefits. I enjoyed being part of Beaverton districts PE Planning committee that directed the curriculum taught in the 32 elementary schools. I was fortunate to be nominated by my principal for the Disney Teacher of the Year. I was voted one of the top one hundred teachers in the nation and one of the top 3 elementary physical educators. It was a tremendous achievement that happened my final year in elementary teaching.

I was asked by Dr. Tom Greene to apply for a position at the University of Portland. After interviewing, I started my 12 year career teaching Early Childhood and Elementary Physical Education and being a Supervisor for student teachers.

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Kathy Montgomery (cont)



Kathy with her Women's LaCrosse Team

I also enjoyed being the faculty advisor for the Women's Lacrosse Team. We went from being a Division 2 team to claiming our sport as a Division I team playing teams like University of Kansas, UNLV, and BYU, as well as OSU and U of O. I retired 4 years ago and still miss my university students.

I try to stay involved with kids by volunteering at Randall's Children's Hospital and the Chelsea Hicks Foundation that delivers free costumes for children in hospitals for therapeutic dress up and play. I am fortunate to have two wonderful grandchildren. Quinlan, 17, a senior at Mountainside High who loves basketball, and Owen, 15, a freshman at Mountainside High that also loves basketball and baseball.



Kathy with husband and grandkids



Wendy Thompson:

Wendy has been a member of BHRW since it was called Beaverton/West Slope Republican Women. Her aunt Roberta Tuthill invited her to a meeting, and she joined shortly afterwards. The lunch cost only \$5 and she recognized other members Betty Atteberry and Laurel Regan from Washington County precinct meetings.

Wendy was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1946. She lived with her family in MI through her high school years and considered Hillsdale College in MI. FYI: Hillsdale College now offers free online courses on the Constitution, the founding fathers, and important conservative issues; and monthly publishes "Imprimis", delivered free for the asking. In 1964, she moved with her family to PA, and in 1968 graduated from Westminster College in New Wilmington with a degree to teach Latin and English. She taught both subjects at a junior high school for one year, then did substitute teaching.

In the 1970s, Wendy lived in PA and worked as a restaurant manager. She met Art Thompson and they married in 1976. Art was traveling and working for a pictorial church directory company based in the Eastern U.S. He had grown up in Prineville, loved OR and wanted to live there, and asked for a transfer when the company expanded to the Pacific NW. Wendy left restaurant management and a job offer in New Castle, coincidentally where she had

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Wendy Thompson (cont)

grown up, and they moved to OR in 1977. They lived in Forest Grove for a year, then moved to Hillsboro and rented a house which they now own.

Wendy and Art were PCPs for about 20 years, starting in the 1980s. Wendy worked with Art in his NW Portland photography studio. She became a sports fan when Art photographed the Beaver baseball team and Portland Winter Hawks hockey. She continues as Art’s assistant, traveling and photographing for Masonic organizations. Wendy joined a ladies’ Masonic group, Daughters of the Nile.

Wendy enjoys volunteering. She helps once a month at a food pantry in Hillsboro. Until 2018, she volunteered at the Washington County Museum in Hillsboro, a perfect fit with her love of history.



Wendy (left) with member Aunt Roberta Tuthill at BHRW’s 2018 Christmas lunch

One day she ran into Betty Atteberry who was arriving for their board meeting. Wendy has been an active member of St. Bede Episcopal Church in Forest Grove since 1977.

Art taught Wendy marksmanship, and they enjoy shooting at their gun club. They each qualified Expert in pistol and Distinguished Expert in light rifle. In the 2011 State Games of Oregon, they earned gold medals. Shooting is a skill and a sport; and you never know when it may save your life from a four-

legged critter, or a two-legged one. Wendy enjoys reading and sewing again, after recent cataract surgery and corneal replacement in both eyes .

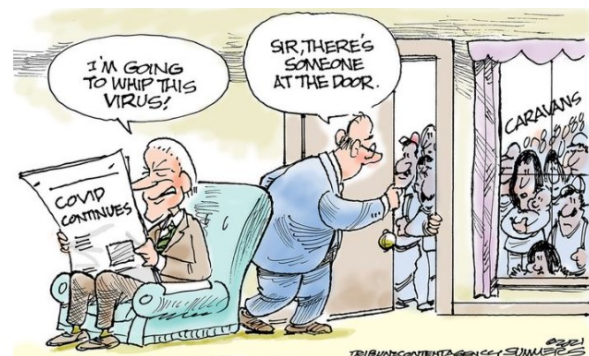
Art and Wendy’s kids are the over 1.3 million Shriners Hospitals kids, as well as their ten cats adopted over 40 years. The cats they have now, Wendy got at a BHRW garage sale about five years ago. She was talking with another BHRW member who had rescued a pregnant feral black cat, then with three kittens had more cats than she could keep.



Wendy’s cats

She persuaded Wendy to adopt the mother and the black kitten. They are “Momma Cat” and “Shadow” aka “Zippy” because she is always dashing about.

As a BHRW member, Wendy enjoys being with like-minded women who work to promote Republican ideals and make a difference!



☆ 2021 Yearbooks Distributed

Gail Wilhelms prepared our 2021 Yearbook with lists of our members, officers, meeting dates, standing committees, and more. New Yearbook pages were emailed to members.



For our new members, Gail personally delivered them, e.g., to new member Sandra Nelson.

It's a huge job performed perfectly, as usual, by Gail. Thank you!

BHRW AWARDS

Submitted by Sue Zike, BHRW Awards Chair

"How many times have you heard the excuse that 2020 was such a difficult year for everyone? Well, its 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. Its 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 at 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

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 receives 2017 Gold Award for Club Achievement at NFRW Biennial Convention, Philadelphia, PA. Pictured left Sue Zike, President, NFRW President Carrie Almon8

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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 <https://www.bhrwf.org/uploads/4/5/2/3/45231705/bhrwvolunteerhoursform.pdf> and on the www.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.

OREGON LEGISLATURE WORKSHOP

Voice Your Views to the Oregon Legislature Workshop

The Oregon Legislature is in its long session which started January 19th and will end June 28th. To help BHRW members voice their views to the legislature, Melissa Laird, Elaine Woods, and Susan Pozdena gave a Zoom workshop on March 3. They covered finding out about important bills, tracking the bills, and how to testify both in writing and virtually in person. Go to our website to find some helpful links <http://www.bhrwf.org/oregon-legislature.html> OR sign into For Members on our home page to find materials used and to view a recording of the workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

★ Monthly Membership Meetings

Our luncheon meetings are the **third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Due to Coronavirus, we are holding Zoom meetings. When we can meet in person again, we will notify the membership. **Save the dates: April 15th, May 20th, June 17th!**

★ **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. **Save the dates 4/26, 5/24, 6/28**

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

Book: Count Your Blessings...and Your Votes by Assoc Member, Gary Wilhelms who will be there.

RSVP: alisonkett123@yahoo.com

★ **OFRW Convention—Save the Date October 15th, 16th and 17th**

Bend, Oregon

★ **BHRW's Garage Sale Date TBD. Start setting aside your saleable items!**

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