



President's Message



Dear Members,
**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

Christmas is time for love, giving, family traditions, and joyful celebrations. To show BHRW support to President Trump, member Diane Gruber drafted a letter to the President, praising his success and reaffirming BHRW's support for him. I read the final letter at our Christmas Party to the approval of the members. All the BHRW officers signed the letter. I think everyone felt the sentiments of the season by taking action to support President Trump during a challenging period of history. I encourage all of you to actively support our President and participate in the 2020 re-election.

BHRW had a wonderful 2019. Our program brought you inspiring speakers, thought-provoking candidate conversations, fun social activities, engaging conventions and heartwarming charitable projects. We also earned the coveted NFRW Diamond Achievement Award.

As we move into 2020, let's take a new look at our club's philanthropy. We can clarify our goals, assess our current program and consider new charities or activities. Our Summer 2019 newsletter detailed our existing program. See: https://www.bhrwf.org/uploads/4/5/2/3/45231705/bhrw_newsletter_summer_2019_final.pdf The Board and I are interested in

your insight and suggestions for 2020 philanthropy. Personally, I would like our donations to help produce a future for others that was not going to happen "anyway." I'd like our efforts to make a difference and be newsworthy. Our projects should include gifts of our time, talents and treasure.

Thanks to so many of you who joined us at Gail's home for our Christmas Party and officer installation. It was a great kick-off for the season for me and my family. Hoping all BHRW members had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you soon!

Melissa

BHRW News:

☆ BHRW's November Membership Luncheon



Gary Wilhelms, BHRW associate member, spoke at our November 21 meeting on "How to Kill a Gerrymander". Based on the upcoming 2020 Census, the Oregon Legislature will undertake redistricting of House and Senate districts. This effort is critical to determining the balance of power in our legislature. Redistricting is based on population not registered voters. A non-partisan effort is underway in Oregon to remove the redistricting task from the Legislature. You can learn more about this effort at <https://www.peoplenotpoliticiansoregon.com> Find out more about gerrymandering by clicking here: [click here](#).

☆ BHRW's Christmas Party

On December 19, Gail Wilhelms hosted our annual Christmas Party. Members brought salads and desserts, a gift to exchange, as well as donations for two of our charities: The Salvation Army's Veteran and Family Center and the Gospel Mission's Life Change for Women and Families.

Following a brief business meeting and delightful and diverse salad lunch, OFRW President, Linda Neace, installed the 2020 BHRW officers. Gail created an entertaining U.S. President trivia quiz. We each drew a ticket with a President's name. When the answer to Gail's question was the President on your ticket, you got to pick a present from under the tree. No trading or stealing! The remaining highlight of the day was the marvelous array of desserts to send us all home with a sugar high. Nearly 30 members attended and those who didn't missed a great kick-off for the season. *(See more pictures on last page and on website).*



BHRW 2019 Year in Review:

January At our lunch meeting Senator Kim Thatcher spoke, along



with Tom Simpson, Oregon Business Plan and Chris Barreto, Vice-Chair, Oregon Republican Party, discussing "What's coming in the 2019 Legislative session".



February: Julie Parrish, former Oregon Representative, spoke at our monthly meeting on the need to build bench strength in the Republican Party and offered tactics for engaging with non-affiliated and Democrat voters.



March:

- At our lunch meeting, John Griffiths, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Board candidate, spoke of the changing atmosphere in Washington County elections, even in THPRD elections.



- Melissa Laird, Susan Pozdena and Elaine Woods presented a Legislative Workshop at Sue Zike's home. BHRW members learned how best to understand and influence the legislative session with research and personal contact.



April: BHRW hosted the OFRW District 1 clubs' (North Coast, Yamhill County and Downtown Portland) Spring Luncheon at Rock Creek Country Club. In addition to re-electing Margo Pfeifer as D1 Director, Bridget Barton, Third Century Solutions, spoke on what Republicans can expect in the Oregon in coming years. Her message: "Hold on; it will get better."



May:

- At our lunch meeting, Heidi Petrowsky, R.D., L.D., C.D.E, OHSU/Tuality Healthcare, offered her advice on diet and lifestyle to promote women's health.
- Eight BHRW members attended the OFRW day at the legislature in Salem. We heard from the Republican legislators who always appreciate the power of the "red jackets" in the Senate and House galleries.



June: John Charles and Kathryn Hickok of Cascade Policy Institute discussed the differences between conservative and liberal political views at our monthly meeting. The invited liberal speaker unexpectedly canceled. Our Cascade Policy Institute guests carried the day!



- BHRW members joined WCRP at the Washington County Fair booth. The club helped procure over 1,000 signatures to recall Governor Kate Brown and registered 38 new Republican voters. We handed out BHRW fans, a great hit with the women and kids on hot Fair days!
- BHRW members, family and friends enjoyed a catered dinner and an evening Hillsboro Hops baseball game.



August: Sue Zike hosted BHRW's primary fund raiser, the annual garage sale. Fabulous quality donations produced over \$3000! A new record!!



September:

- September brings our tradition evening Candidates Dinner. We upscaled this year with a brass quartet and silent auction. Oregon Senator Dennis Linthicum offered an inspiring keynote



address, encouraging Republicans to adhere to our values to change the landscape in Oregon. Three candidates, Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett; HD 24 Rep. Ron Noble; and Yamhill County Commission candidate Lindsay Berschauer also spoke. Donated items from the Rock Creek Country Club, local businesses and members raised over \$1000 at the silent auction.



- Four BHRW members attended the 2019 NFRW Biennial Convention and received BHRW's Diamond Achievement Award for the club's 2018/2019 programs and events.



October:

- At the monthly meeting, BHRW President Melissa Laird shared her personal and professional leadership and team building lessons. Members elected 2020 officers and approved the 2020 budget.
- Seven BHRW officers and members attended the 28th Biennial OFRW Convention in Canyonville, OR. Delegates elected the OFRW 2020-21 officers and heard from local and state Republican officials. BHRW member Diane Gruber spoke on "Unequal Enforcement of the Law in Oregon Against Christians & Conservatives".
- BHRW filled over 2 tables at WCRP's Reagan Dinner. Laurel Reagan and Sue Zike organized the silent auction raising reportedly over \$5,000.



November: BHRW again celebrated Veteran's Day with the residents of the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center in Beaverton.



Upcoming BHRW Meetings:

★ **Our monthly luncheon meetings** are 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 are \$22 per person, including lunch and speaker. Special events prices may vary.

☆ 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.
(Next meeting will be in January)

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

BHRW Facebook: [click here to be invited](#)

Don't forget: 2020 Membership Fees are Due December 31, 2019!! Send

fees to Laurel or go onto BHRW, sign into "For Members"

<https://www.bhrwf.org> and pay on-line.

