



President's Message



Dear Members,

The November elections are behind us and, boy, what a beating!

Our goal is to get Republicans elected. How proud I am two BHRW members ran for State House Districts: Dorothy Merritt

and Elizabeth Reyes. Running for elective office is a tough, uphill climb. Our members ran honest and heartfelt campaigns. They can be proud of their efforts to represent Republican values.

And yet I wonder what BHRW could have done differently to make a difference in all the Republican campaigns? We invited Republican candidates to all our meetings. They spoke about their campaigns and identified how we could help. Other speakers informed us about ballot measures. Our members hosted Meet & Greets for our members running for office. Many of you worked directly in campaigns and ballot measures. *Thank you for all you did!*

Maybe all told, we need to find more effective ways to reach others. How do we build a base of support to elect Republicans? BHRW needs to stay in the fight but do things differently for better results. I commit to working with the membership, OFRW and NFRW for ideas for success. The County and State Republican Party and community leaders can help us prepare for a more successful 2020.

On the upside, BHRW had a GREAT 2018! Not only have we reached the 60+-member mark, we expanded our activities to include:

- A second dessert in July with the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center;
- Selling food at the Washington County Republican Party's Loren Spivak training;
- A BHRW Red Shoe Book Club to discuss books from the NFRW booklist; and
- A BHRW Hillsboro Hops baseball game.

BHRW is now one of the largest clubs in the state! What a joy to have you here!

Melissa

BHRW News

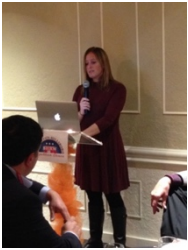
☆ September BHRW Lunch Meeting



Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett and two of his colleagues spoke at our **September 20** luncheon. Sheriff

Garrett addressed law enforcement in the County and his controversial position to oppose the Measure to repeal Oregon's sanctuary state status. In addition, one of the Deputies described the personnel needs of the Department and availability of training. Several Republican candidates also spoke: John Verbeek (U.S. House District 1); Kim Thatcher (OR Senate District 13); Alexander Flores (OR Senate District 15); (OR House District 29); and Dorothy Merritt (OR House District 30).

☆ October 11 Candidates Dinner



At our Candidates' Night with family and friends, Elizabeth Hovde, conservative columnist for *The Oregonian*, spoke about being a conservative in a liberal environment such as Portland. After sharing a number of stories, including the willingness of her editor to rarely edit her column, Elizabeth encouraged BHRW to stand tall and proud, but to always have conservative arguments at hand to counter the adversaries. [Click here for more information about Elizabeth.](#)

Five local candidates also spoke: Rep. Richard Vial (OR House District 26), David Molina (OR House District 29), Dorothy Merritt (OR House District 30), Elizabeth Reyes (OR House District 33) and Michael Ngo (OR House District 34).



Elizabeth Reyes



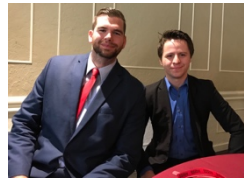
Dorothy Merritt

☆ November 13 Veterans Family Center Dessert and Game Night

BHRW sponsored their 4th Veteran's Day dessert and game night at the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center in Beaverton. This year BHRW led the residents in a rousing game of Oregon Trivia, created by member Gail Wilhelms. Everyone received door prizes. Member Gayla Hyer donated the Grand Prize: a handmade patriotic quilt! BHRW donated goods for the toiletries closet and provided dessert, table decorations, and children's gift bags.



☆ November BHRW Lunch Meeting.



Aaron Withe of [Freedom Foundation](#) spoke at our November 15 luncheon about the activities of his organization. Of great import is the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Janus*, in which the Court held a State employee could not be required to pay public employee union dues as a requirement of state employment and there was no difference between the "representative" portion of the union dues and the "political" portion of the dues. Because this was a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, it applies to all states having such a requirement, including Oregon. [Freedom Foundation](#) is on a mission to inform all Oregon public employees to advise them on the ruling, their opportunity to stop union dues payments (about \$1,100/year) and defend the employees against illegal union and State actions. His colleague, Tony Walker, helped answer questions.

BHRW Member Spotlight

Mary Lou Aman is BHRW's chaplain and a member of BHRW for 10 to 15 years.

Born in Oklahoma September 26, 1928, Mary Lou soon moved to Texas with her family. She has fond memories of being the 4-year-old mascot of the local university's football team. She enjoyed dressing up each week and parading around the football field.

At 9, her family moved to south of Grants Pass, Oregon. Mary Lou's dismay at moving was relieved when she learned her father agreed to ship her horse to the new Oregon ranch. Mary Lou is pictured here on a Texas pony.



Her family ran a beef cattle operation and dairy. Mary Lou says it was a wonderful atmosphere to grow up in. She kept the milking room clean for 25 milk cows. Mary Lou loved joining her dad and others on horseback to move the beef cattle to the mountains in spring and round them up in the fall.

In high school she worked afternoons in the school office. When the school secretary left to help in the war effort (as many did), the principal asked Mary Lou to work in the school office for school credit instead of pay. Mary Lou sang in the choir and had several lead roles in school plays. She recalls working summers at a local grocery, using the old "punch and pull" cash register and coming home with aching arms! Summers also meant teaching bible school. What a busy young woman! It's no wonder her mother would say "Mary Lou, you exhaust me!"

Mary Lou met her husband in high school and they married when he came home from the war. Their first son was born near Grants Pass. In 1948 they moved to Portland, where their second son was born. Even though her husband felt God expected the man of the house to provide and did not think she should work outside the home, Mary Lou worked: - as den mother, room mother, PTA chaplain, Sunday School teacher, all while caring for their children and home. She returned to paid jobs after their oldest son was a senior and headed to University of Oregon.



25th Wedding Anniversary

A building contractor, her husband built every home they shared. In 1973, Mary Lou finished up their home on Kaiser Road after her husband passed away. She lived in that home for 20 more years. Always a horse lover, Mary Lou had enough acreage to house two ponies and two Arabian-Quarter horses and rode the open areas of Bethany. She moved to Claremont around 1993 and continues to enjoy the community. Mary Lou enjoyed their beach house until 2016.

In 1973, Mary Lou retired after 13-plus years in the Counseling Office of the Floyd Light Middle School in the David Douglas School District. She then worked in various offices, including the new Meier and Frank at Washington Square, Alpenrose Dairy and a stock brokerage.

Her older son attended University of Oregon, intending to go into medicine after serving in the Navy. Unfortunately, a tragic accident while

serving, left him disabled. Consequently, Mary Lou raised his two daughters while also caring for her aging mother. Mary Lou now cares for his 16-year-old grandson on weekends. Standing 6'7", this great-grandson of Mary Lou's can look the Blazers in the eye when he and great-grandma attend games.

Her younger son lives in Boise, Idaho, and retired from Travelers Insurance five years ago. However, he then joined Regence Insurance. He's tried to retire several times, but the Company keeps making him offers he can't refuse. He has three sons and a daughter.

In all, Mary Lou has six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. All but two great grandchildren attended her recent 90th birthday party. It provided a wonderful group for cribbage, one of her favorite games she and her husband played often with their sons. She also enjoys playing pinochle at Claremont. She has been fortunate to travel extensively through Europe and has been on many cruises.

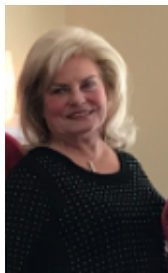


Mary Lou volunteered at the Elsie Stuhr Center's Loaves and Fishes for many years. She is currently a member of the Portland Community Church, coming from the Sunset Presbyterian Church. The Community Church serves a lower income area and many of their activities help the community. She volunteers at the church Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Despite major surgery a couple years ago, Mary Lou continues an active life and enjoys every day. She's a gutsy lady who long ago learned to take the bull by the horns, make the best of life and take care of yourself and your family. Having written this story on her behalf, I now understand why her mother said "Mary Lou, you exhaust me!"



Laurel Regan - Around 1972 Laurel had the fortune (or misfortune, Laurel says with a wink) to become neighbors with Betty Atteberry. Betty promptly recruited Laurel as a Republican precinct community person and the rest is history. Laurel worked within the Washington County Republican Party organization and in the late 90's



became the WCRP Treasurer. She performed these treasurer duties until approximately 2005. In the mid-1990's, Laurel joined BHRW (formerly Beaverton / West Slope Republican Women) while still working at NW Natural Gas Company. Laurel has served as the Club's Treasurer since 2010, moving its bookkeeping from hand-entry accounting to Excel budgeting, spreadsheet, and analysis processing and automated membership rosters. In 2017 Laurel was elected to the position of OFRW Treasurer.

Laurel worked at NW Natural Gas Company for 43+ years in Information and Technical Services. During that time Laurel attended evening classes at Portland Community College for 2½ years, earning an Associate degree in Computer Science with a Minor in Accounting in 1983. Laurel is fluent in MS Word and MS Excel as well as other software programs.

Laurel considers herself a Northwest native, being born and raised in Vancouver, Washington, and moving to Portland Oregon in 1965, nearly qualifying as an Oregon native!

Laurel retired from NW Natural in 2005 and now calls herself a professional volunteer; most of her current volunteering (about 100 hours per month) is with Assistance League of Greater Portland. Laurel has held various positions on their board, does technical support, new member training, presents events and is currently Building Management Vice President.

Laurel worked for many years with Washington County Museum, starting with presenting events and auctions as well as serving on their board. Laurel also produces other various short term / one-time events.

Laurel routinely hosts fund-raisers for Republican candidates. "I am grateful for my circle of

business, professional and personal friends who support these efforts to elect Republicans into office".



Laurel spends time with long-time companion James, (a faithful Republican). They enjoy golf, traveling and just chillin'.



BHRW Membership Meetings:

Our **monthly** membership 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](#))

Our meeting is \$20 per person, including lunch and speaker. Please R.S.V.P. by the Friday before the meeting to 1st VP Juanita Lint at: bhrw1vp@gmail.com

NOTED!!

December 13: December's meeting will be the second Thursday of the month. It will be a **Holiday Potluck Lunch** meeting at the home of Gail Wilhelms. We will install 2019 Board members, exchange gifts, and collect donations to the Veterans and Family Center and the Union Mission Gospel Women's' LifeChange Center. [Click here for flyer](#)

January 17: Luncheon meeting; 11 a.m.; discussion of 2019 elections. Speakers TBD.

Upcoming Events

☆BHRW's new Red Shoe Book Club

When: 4th Monday of every month at 10:30
NO DECEMBER MEETING

Where: Café Murrayhill in Beaverton, 14500 SW Murray Scholls Dr #103, Beaverton, OR 97007
We read and discuss books from the NFRW-Mamie Eisenhower Library Project booklist.
**Contact Alison Kettenhofen: at (971)246-5794 (h) or 503-568-5479 © for details.

Membership Dues are Due Dec 31

2019 BHRW membership dues are due by year end to meet OFRW timeline. Please complete the membership form and send dues to Laurel Regan. Dues can be paid at the Holiday Lunch. [Click here for membership form.](#)

For the latest, don't forget:

BHRW Website: www.BHRWF.org

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