



President's Message



Dear Members,

At the October monthly meeting I presented a leadership workshop, developed from personal key learnings I have applied and reflected on over many years. I

find these learnings apply to more than job skills, but are life skills for anyone who wants to make a difference.

As I journey through life, I repeatedly ask myself: Am I doing things that motivate me, inspire me, challenge me? Am I doing things I have a passion for and allow me to learn and grow? Am I making a difference? Are my efforts appreciated? Am I valued?

If so, then I ask myself: Do my actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, become more? If so, then what we do together is more fun and rewarding for everyone and I am being successful leader.

BHRW is a place where I have chosen to spend my time and talents. Life is a journey and I want to go down it with people who want to learn and grow, be challenged, move a group forward. I have found this fellowship in BHRW. I am so honored to be re-elected President. Thank you for

your trust in me. Together we will make 2020 the best year ever!

Melissa

BHRW News

☆ BHRW's October Membership Luncheon



The October agenda was chockful! President Melissa Laird shared her personal and professional life lessons of leadership and team building. The NFRW 2018 – 2019 Diamond Achievement Award, presented at the 2019 NFRW Biennial Convention in Indianapolis, reflects Melissa's leadership of

BHRW. BHRW officers create the speaker program and club activities to promote Republican values and National objectives.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Members also elected the 2020 BHRW officers:

Melissa Laird, President;
Juanita Lint, 1st Vice President;
Alison Kettenhofen, co-2nd Vice Pres.
Susan Pozdena, co-2nd Vice President;
Laurel Regan, Treasurer;
Gayla Hyer, Recording Secretary; and
Pamela Wilson, Corresponding Secretary.

And approved the 2020 budget.

Lastly, Jeff Gudman, 2020 candidate for Oregon Treasurer, spoke of his upcoming campaign and his enthusiasm for a successful election.



☆ OFRW 28th Biennial Convention, Canuonville, Or

OFRW held its 28th Biennial Convention, October 18-20, 2019 at the Seven Feathers Resort, Canyonville, Oregon. The Umpqua Valley RW hosted the event. Seven BHRW members attended: President Melissa Laird; 2 delegates,



Juanita Lint and Gayla Hyer; 3 state board member, Sue Zike, Laurel Regan and Alison Kettenhofen; and one members and invited speaker, Diane Gruber.

An important and well-debated issue faced the delegates: whether to raise the state dues from \$16/member to \$30/member. The motion passed and will take effect January 1, 2020. This action allows OFRW to be able to meet the increased NFRW dues of \$20/member. In addition, OFRW will accrue \$10/member annually to be allocated to additional OFRW officer travel for club support and two new programs: *Action Plan for Club Improvement* and *Building State GOP Relations*.

The Roseburg VFW Post 2468 presented the Colors and the Honorable Machele Briggs Mayfield and Shellie Briggs sang the National anthem. Throughout the Convention delegates heard from local officials, State Representatives and Rep Greg Walden.

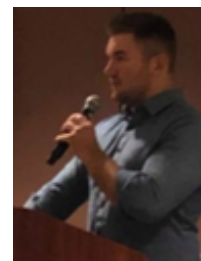
Additionally, Republican Women offered motivating speeches to the delegates. Lynette Wyrick,

ORP Precinct Chair, spoke on “The Power of Unity”, Deborah Tilden, Co-Founder, S.M.A.R.T. Women’s Health Care, President, Central Oregon FRW addressed S.M.A.R.T. Successes; and Diane Gruber, Attorney, member, Beaverton Hillsboro RW, spoke on “Unequal Enforcement of the Law in Oregon Against Christians & Conservatives”.



In appreciation of local law enforcement, the Roseburg and Winston Police Department shared their K9 partners, Axle, Grimm and Zoro. It was an action-packed presentation.

Real time local hero, Alek Skarlatos, presented the Keynote address at dinner. Mr. Skarlatos related his experiences with his friends in stopping a gunman on the 15:17 train to Paris in 2015 and his acting role with Clint Eastwood in a movie of the same name.



The delegates also elected the 2020 OFRW Officers:



Treasurer: Laurel Regan, Beaverton Hillsboro
Correspond Sec: Nannette Cramer, Yamhill Co
Record Secretary: Eleanor Boese, Polk Co
2nd Vice President: Pam Kniffin, Capitol City
1st Vice President: Gerry Briggs, Linn County
President: Christine Morgan, Umpqua Valley

All delegates shared their appreciation for the service of the outgoing OFRW Officers and the efforts of the Umpqua Valley RW to organize and host the convention.

☆ Washington County Reagan Dinner

BHRW members purchased over 20 dinners to support the Washington County Republican Party's Reagan Dinner, November 2, at the



Tigard Embassy Suites. Former Governor Scott Walker (WI) was Keynote Speaker, who spoke of his successes as a Republican governor, twice defeating a statewide recall. Among many laughs and funny stories, Gov. Walker spoke to a greater inner truth held by Republicans and offered assurances that voters will elect the candidates who speak truth from their hearts. Other speakers included TimberUnity President Mike Pihl and Portland reporter Andy Ngo. Peggy Grande, World for Brexit, Chair, (former personal assistant to President Reagan) was Special Guest Speaker. BHRW members, Laurel Regan and Sue Zike, organized and implemented the Silent Auction, raising a record amount of donations



☆ 6th Annual Veterans Dessert and Game Night

On November 12, BHRW again celebrated Veteran's Day with the residents of the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center in Beaverton. We provided fresh fruit and cookies, brownies and candy and played a US trivia game with prizes. Thanks to the donations of our members, BHRW provided the Center with much needed



toiletries, prizes and quilts made by Gayla Hyer. Committee chair, Alison Kettenhofen says a big THANK YOU to her committee and to those who donated items.

Member Spotlight



Trudy Good, joined BHRW after attending our summer membership event at the Rice Museum in 2016. She has been a PCP and a campaigning role model, walking door-to-door to support local candidates, since the 1990s.

Trudy was born in 1939 in Southern Germany. Her father had been a Missionary in Tanzania and came back to Germany because of rumors of war. He was almost immediately inducted into the Army. For a while he came home periodically to serve at the local Methodist Church. The church was in the middle of their apartment complex that sustained three bomb craters. The craters were still there when she visited 50 years later. At the end of the war in 1945, her Dad was picked up by the British and became a prisoner of war in Northern England. Trudy remembers

thanking God she was a girl, because she never wanted to become a soldier.

Food was very hard to come by in those years and in 1945 most of the family found their way to West Germany to live with paternal grandparents in Hanover. But Trudy was too ill and malnourished to join them. She lived with her maternal grandmother and aunt for a few months. Their daily diet was soup with "delicious" pumpkin chunks, which was a totally foreign food to Trudy. Once Trudy got stronger, she and her aunt decided to make the trek to West Germany to join her family, and they were eventually released to West. Once reunited with her family in Hanover, she remembers being thrilled that she could have more than one piece of bread at meals.

In 1948, her father was released and returned to his family. She was not really sure the man who showed up at the door was her dad, but her mother seemed awfully glad to see him. Having spent three years in England, he started talking about wanting to take his family to the Land of Opportunity - America.

He was assigned to a Methodist Church in Hamburg recently built on the grounds of a large destroyed Methodist Church, as had all the brick homes in the surrounding area. Her dad questioned where he would find parishioners, but soon learned surviving residents lived in the homes' basements.

Invited by the U.S. State Department, Trudy's dad made two trips to America. Because he had a Seminary Education as well as a PhD, he was offered a teaching job at a Free Methodist Junior College in Michigan. He also served at a local Community Church. Trudy remembers well they also raised rabbits.

In 1950, they all moved to Portland, Oregon, where her dad had the opportunity to preach in German because many residents in the area were from Germany. He also taught at Cascade College, then a Christian College, on what is now the Cascade Campus of PCC (on Killingsworth). After high school, Trudy entered Cascade College for two years of pre-nursing education. There she met the man who would become her husband. In 1959, one year into her nurses training at Oregon Health Sciences University, they were married.

Her husband joined the Foreign Service and they were assigned to Thailand for four years. In fact, their third child was born in Thailand, and Thai became her preferred language. Next came law school in Berkeley, CA. for her husband. Then off to Chile for two years, where the marriage ended. After six more months in the country of Colombia, Trudy returned to the USA with her kids to live with an aunt in Salem, Oregon.

A believer in God and involved in the little-known Christian and Missionary Alliance, Trudy's aunt helped her learn more about the denomination and grow in her faith. After two months in Salem, Trudy took a job teaching nursing in Salem, then at Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Portland. Her employer convinced her she needed to earn a master's degree in nursing. She did, but it was not easy as a single mom with three teenagers at home. After a year Trudy moved to Hillsboro and became a member of the local Christian and Missionary Church; the pastor's wife became her best friend.



When the Good Samaritan School closed in 1985, Trudy taught one year at PCC Sylvania, then applied for a staff nurse position at the Portland Veteran's Administration Hospital, where she remained for 19 years. As her favorite job, Trudy worked until she was 72 on a part time basis.



Trudy has enjoyed her independence although it took her some time to learn how to be independent. She remains very active in her church, politics and hospice care (and helping BHRW with the garage sale). Her political work started when someone in

church asked her to put a political sign on her front yard. She started her famed door-to-door efforts for Charles Starr whose wife became a close friend. Bruce Starr was a small boy at the time. Once he ran for office, Trudy “walked” for him as well. She estimates that she knocked at 1200 homes when our Juanita Lint ran for office. Going door to door and speaking with voters has always been something she enjoys. Trudy has also been a hospice volunteer for about 12 years visiting one patient at a time once a week for anywhere for 1 to 4 hours. Those who know Trudy know how active she is. She can keep her calendar by her gym visits - if it's Monday, Wednesday or Friday, she'll be at the gym.

Her latest excursion was in October when she ventured to Spain on a mission in the “Cities of Plastic”, the world's largest concentration of greenhouses, raising hydroponic plants, along the Alboran Sea coast. Many Moroccans are imported to work in these facilities. After the mission, her group visited Morocco.

Meetings usually \$22 per person, including lunch and speaker.

The program for our **November 21** luncheon meeting will be a presentation by BHRW Associate Member, Gary Wilhelms, who will discuss redistricting in Oregon – past, present, and, especially, future. Redistricting has a significant effect on the future of Oregon politics. Don't miss this speaker

Our **December** meeting is a holiday meeting at the home of Gail Wilhelms where we will enjoy a potluck, gift exchange and install our 2020 officers. Gail always surprises us with a game of some sort. Stay tuned for details!

☆ 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
Contact alisonkett123@yahoo.com

☆ For the latest, don't forget:

BHRW Website: www.BHRWF.org

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

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](#))

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