



## President's Message



*Dear Members,*

The May election was brutal for local Republicans. In many ways, I am so disappointed but in other ways, I know Republican Women cannot be kept down!

The May elections ate us. We lost Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) Board

to a slate of novice, radical liberals who campaigned on diverting THPRD money from parks to low income housing. Wha...??? The Hillsboro School District Board remains entirely liberal. We lost our only conservative voice on the Tigard-Tualatin School District Board. In fact, every Republican in a Washington County contested race with a Democrat or a non-affiliated candidate lost. Those who voted spoke and I don't like what they said.

In Salem, our super-minority legislators can do little to stop the onslaught of bad bills. Our Senators walked out of the Capitol at one point to deny the Democrats a 20-member quorum. In the House, our Representatives maintained the requirement to read aloud the bills their entirety to slow things down.

**BUT**, on May 30, the OFRW Day at the Legislature ushered in fresh air to the Capitol. Over 60 Republican Women from across the state traveled to Salem to offer support to our elected officials. Donned in red vests, jackets and blouses we presented a notable Republican presence in

the galleries. Following our "courtesy" introductions, we received smiles and waves from the "right side" of the floor.

To their credit, our legislators were remarkably upbeat when they joined us for lunch and spoke of their legislative endeavors. Sen. Linthicum inspired us with his historical and philosophical perspective. Our freshman legislators enthusiastically described their learning curves and successes in representing their districts. Rep. Greg Barreto always brings calm and encouragement. We are encouraged by the strength of the Republican caucus.

The legislative session is set to end June 30<sup>th</sup> which cannot come too soon. PLEASE take a moment NOW to send a postcard to our **Senators** and **Representatives**. Your kind words of encouragement and thanks will be welcomed

So... I am taking a deep breath, enjoying spring and the songbirds in my yard. If you garden, get out there and make it beautiful. Do what makes you happy. Washington County is a wonderful place to live. Let's keep it that way!

I recently heard the Trump Victory Campaign may come to Oregon. Why not – Oregon is living with disastrous policies of "Democratic socialism"? Think we can help the Trump Train in Oregon? **I DO!** The CHALLENGE is before us in Oregon and America. Think we can do it?? **I DO!** We will stay vigilant. *Track – Record – Educate! Folks will listen.* The tide is turning, the experts say.

***"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."*** William James, American Philosopher

*Melissa*

## BHRW News

☆ At our **March 21** meeting, **John Griffiths**, 20 year Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation Board member, spoke of his challenges for the upcoming election. He urged our support. **David Kilada**, Oregon Right to Life (ORTL), our key speaker, explained the activities of ORTL and the opportunities the organization



has to promote its mission. The *Together We Advocate* Conference was on April 16. For more information <https://www.ortl.org>.



☆ **March 30 Legislative Workshop.** BHRW held a Saturday workshop to learn how to use the **Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS)** to



find and track bills. Members **Melissa Laird**, **Elaine Woods** and **Susan Pozdena** developed the curriculum and led the groups to review a few bills and draft messages and letters to legislators. For documents presented in this workshop, go to Call to Action on our website: [www.bhrwf.org](http://www.bhrwf.org)

☆ **April 18 OFRW District 1 Meeting.** Beaverton/Hillsboro, North Coast, Downtown Portland and Yamhill County Republican



Women groups met for their annual meeting. OFRW President **Linda Neace** welcomed the attendees and introduced the key note speaker **Bridget Barton**, Third Century Solutions, who



Bridget Barton:

spoke about where we go from here offering the notion that Oregon is just a blue state now. Conservative political support companies have left the state. The pendulum will likely swing back “right” as the population suffers the realities of Democrat policies. Ms. Barton recommended watching this video and reading this article: **Seattle is Dying**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpAi70WWBlw>  
City Journal: **Seattle Under Siege**  
<https://www.city-journal.org/seattle-homelessness>

☆ At our **May 16th** meeting, **Heidi Petrowsky, R.D., L.D., C.D.E**, OHSU/Tuality Healthcare spoke about *Extending the Life in our Years*



*through Good Nutrition.* Heidi offered her advice on diet and lifestyle activities to promote our health. Additionally, she quipped, “I wore my rabbit wrap because I figured I’d be safe here!” [Click here for her helpful handouts.](#)

☆ **May 30 OFRW Day at the Legislature**



The eight BHRW ladies in red joined over 60 Republican Women from across the state to cheer on the Republican legislators and share lunch with them. Secretary of State **Bev Clarno** and Deputy Sec. of State **Rich Vial** joined us also.



Pictured above are Sec. Clarno, Dep. Sec. Vial, Rep. Boles, Sen. Linthicum, Reps. Barreto and Boshart Davis and the Ladies in Red.

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## Member Spotlights

☆ **Gayla Hyer**, always willing to help, is BHRW's 2019 Recording Secretary. She learned about BHRW from Pres. Laird in 2018 at a Washington County Republican Party meeting and JOINED!! BHRW has benefitted ever since.



Gayla was born in Wenatchee, Washington, the fourth of six children, one of two girls. She had three older brothers. They were all close in age, so her mother had four children under five. She grew up in a neighborhood full of kids and fun. Her mom kept them busy walking to places and doing games and chores.

Gayla married and had two children, a daughter and a son who are the love of her life. They are both successful and married with children of their own. Later, Gayla welcomed five stepchildren into her life. Love abounds! She is blessed with 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, going by the nickname "GG". When her 5-year old great-grandson introduced her to his little sister, he said, "It's okay, she's GG." Her family and God are her life. She spends a lot of time with both.

Gayla retired in 2016 from Fred Meyer warehouse after 26 years. She's amazed at how busy she has become and wonders how she had time to work a fulltime job!



Gayla loves to sew and has a small business, sewing for others and making waterproof bags for underground utility locating machines. She has created several quilts and table clothes for BHRW and other Republican events. Gayla is seen here is with the quilt she made for the BHRW Veteran's Dessert at

the Salvation Army's Veterans and Family Center. She considers herself super blessed to be involved with BHRW and the Washington County Republican Party.

At Southlake Church, Gayla joins a group of ladies who sew and meet once a month for lunch and share their projects. She teaches a bible study at Southlake on Thursday evenings. She is also active in women's ministry and the events team at Southlake. She has met so many wonderful people and women at all these places and activities, who bless her life continually.

"Life is good", Gayla says, as she enjoys every minute!



☆ **Holly Menashe** joined BHRW in 2017 bringing energy and a modern twist to things we do.



She is currently our social media chairperson, posting timely messages to our membership on Facebook. Go to [BvtHillsboroRepublicanWomen](#) on Facebook and ask to join this informational site.

Holly is a native Oregonian. Her story belies her current positive and independent view of herself and the world. She was raised by a single mother who, although brilliant, suffered from bipolar illness. Holly's mother spent most of Holly's formative years' dependent on Social Security Disability public assistance. Though the best mother she could be, Holly's mom spent several stints in the Oregon State Hospital. In her early childhood, Holly and her mom lived in a Salem one-bedroom apartment behind a beauty parlor (perhaps influential in Holly's subsequent fashion flare), dependent on public transportation.

Traumatically, a mentally ill friend of her mother's abducted Holly, when she was 7 years old her, held her for 48 hours and later abandoned her in Ontario, Oregon. No harm was intended and after a short stay at a foster home, Holly returned home to her mother. At that point, Holly and her mother moved to Gearhart, Oregon to live with her widowed grandmother. She continued to live in Gearhart until she left for college at age 18.



Dance and cheer teams kept Holly busy in junior and high school. She worked locally as a maid for a Seaside hotel and local clothing stores while attending high school. She studied Fashion Merchandising and Interior Design at Oregon State University and graduated in 1988. The struggles with her mother's mental illness continued during Holly's college years, forcing her to testify against her mother to facilitate continued treatment at Dammasch State Hospital in Wilsonville. Holly continues to live by the phrase ***"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger"***.

After OSU, she worked at Nordstrom and eventually found her talent in sales. She worked for Mitsubishi Corporation selling oils all over the USA for several years. Holly seized the opportunity of her travel by staying weekends on the road, befriending many of her customers. Holly has worked in several fields the last 26 years, including owning her own daycare business and interior design business. She recently accepted a position as the Oregon Sales Consultant for Saxton-Bradley, a school furniture distribution company.

Holly met her husband, Nace, at Oswego Point Bar and Grill 27 years ago. Nace owned and operated the House of Uniforms at Washington Square and several other locations. He later sold the business when they married and became a CFO and controller at New Horizons and later Tar LLC. Nace is currently the purchasing agent for Tarr and looks forward to retiring in the next 5 years. Holly converted to Judaism when she and her husband married.

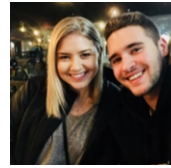
Nace came to the marriage with two sons and they went on to have two children of their own.



Their children, a son, 24 and a daughter, 22, are well versed in political and philosophical thought thanks to discussions with their parents.

Both Nace and Holly encourage them to develop their own opinions and arguments. This has led

to valuable exchanges. For example, their children have introduced them to the more libertarian thought leaders such as Dave Ruben, Ben Shapiro, Dennis Prager and Candace Owens. Her children are hard workers and "own" their situation. As her daughter said recently, "you mold your own clay", making Holly cry with pride.



Holly holds conservative political opinions despite her mother's very liberal views. Her mother thought Reagan was a horrible president because he closed many of the hospitals for the mentally ill and did away with disability coverage for the mentally ill. While Holly and her mother were "best friends", they continued to be at odds politically until her mother's death in the fall 2016 from kidney disease.

On the whole, Holly feels no one should consider themselves a victim. She believes government handouts largely remove motivation for hard work – although she's conflicted about this given her mother's need for help and how that helped enable her to have a very good childhood, despite the challenges. She believes people have the right and the intelligence to make their own decisions. Holly does not want government to act on her behalf or tell her what to do.

Holly's "happy place" is in her kitchen cooking for the many themed dinner parties she and her husband host. She loves sewing, crafts and caring for her lovable Corgi, Arya Addie Brienne – a Game of Thrones reference.



## 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 \$22 per person, including lunch and speaker. Please R.S.V.P. by the Friday before the meeting to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, **Alison Kettenhofen** at [alisonkett123@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonkett123@yahoo.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### ☆BHRW at Hops Baseball Game - July 29,



Sign up soon! 30 people limit at the Party Deck. We'll have a fun dinner and game night with friends. \$54 pp.

Contact [2ndvicepresidentbhrw@gmail.com](mailto:2ndvicepresidentbhrw@gmail.com) if interested.

### ☆BHRW's Summer Garage Sale

Our main fund raiser will be **August 8-10** (set up on the 6 and 7) at: 21005 SW Rosedale Rd, Aloha, OR 97078. Please start saving items for the sale. There are lots of opportunities to help whether it be setting up, bringing refreshments, selling or helping during the sale, or cleaning up. A sign-up sheet will be emailed to all members where you can indicate when and how you can participate. We always have a great time, whether hot or rainy! [Click here for guideline regarding donated items.](#) The nicer the stuff, the nicer the rewards \$\$\$.



### ☆BHRW's Membership Evening

Mark **August 21 6:00-8:00 PM** on your calendar for our annual member evening when we can welcome prospective members, introduce them to BHRW activities and enjoy each other's company. Contact friends and neighbors who you think might be interested in BHRW activities and invite them to join us at 3801 NW LoriAnn Dr Portland, Or 97229.

### ☆BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club

**When:** 4th Monday of every month at 10:30AM  
**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.

### ☆For the latest, don't forget:

BHRW Website: [www.BHRWF.org](http://www.BHRWF.org)  
BHRW Facebook: [click here to be invited](#)



*The Oregon Federation of Republican Women fill the Rotunda at the State Capital, Salem, Oregon for the OFRW Day at the Legislature, May 30, 2019.*