



President's Message

Hello Members!



It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. And what a weird summer we had. Bouts of extreme heat followed by some cooler weather to help us recoup before more heat came our way. The wild fires with the subsequent air pollution was the worst ever.

As we move into the fall, the November election looms large. Our goal is to get Republicans elected locally, statewide and nationally. We have our work cut out for us. Throughout the year, our candidates had an open invitation to attend our meetings. They know we are their faithful and they have our vote, but they came so we could get to know them, their platforms and issues. They gave us their time and attention.

Now is our time to reciprocate. We need to step up with our money, our time and our talents to help them **WIN**. If you like to walk, join your favorite candidates and go door to door. If you prefer to call, join in on their call center activities. If you are a social media junkie – post, tweet, share! If you are a writer, send letters to the newspaper editors. Put up yard signs. Attend forums/debates and visibly support them. Donate.

Let's show our candidates, Washington County and Oregon that the Beaverton-Hillsboro Republican Women are a force to be reckoned with!

Melissa

BHRW News

☆ June BHRW Lunch Meeting

The "First Lady of Talk Radio" **Jayne Carroll** spoke at our June 21 luncheon. Ms Carroll is a



conservative political analyst and has been the "First Lady of Talk Radio" in Washington County for more than 20 years. She spoke of the incredible women in the Trump cabinet who we can look to with pride and proven leadership.

Ms Carroll also addressed political topics of the day. You can hear her on her new Podcast; learn more at <https://tunein.com/podcasts/Political-News/The-Jayne-Carroll-Show-p65581/>

Patty Buehler, wife of Knute Buehler Candidate for Governor, gave some background and experience about him and why he wants to be governor. Rebecca Tweed, campaign manager to the candidate spoke and gathered signatures for the Women for Knute Coalition.

Bob Terry, current Washington Co Commissioner and candidate for Commissioner at large also spoke. He explained the Metro Council homeless bond issue as unnecessary and burdensome for Washington County. For more information go to: <https://washcobobterry.com>



☆ June Garage Sale

BHRW Ways and Means committee thanks all of you who helped make our 2018 garage sale a success. We were able to raise \$2200 to support our 2019 programs! Woo-Hoo!



25 of our members that helped in some way. We had donations ranging from teacups to ten-speeds and even a kitchen sink! All donations were appreciated. We also appreciate those who provided food and water, posted ads, sorted, folded and organized items, sold and bought items, cashiered, and helped clean up and haul things on Sunday. It would not have been so successful. We looked great in our new BHRW aprons!



We made money AND gave back to our community:

- ▶ *Assistance League of Greater Portland*: clothes and household
- ▶ *Cascade Medical Team*: jewelry for women patients after free surgery in Guatemala
- ▶ *Habitat for Humanity*: building material
- ▶ *Right to Life Garage Sale*: miscellaneous
- ▶ *Salvation Army*: clothes, household, seasonal
- ▶ *Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center*: household, personal, decorative
- ▶ *Smart Reading Program*: children's books
- ▶ *Union Gospel Mission Life Change for Women and Children*: clothes, household, personal

- ▶ *Washington County Republican Party*: 4pc office desk unit, office supplies

A big thank you to Sue Zike for opening up her garage and arranging for tables and racks to display our wonderful items! Her horses were also a definite draw because many who regularly drive by stopped in to



shop and say "hi".

Thank you BHRW!

Betty Atteberry, Elizabeth Fischer, Gail Wilhelms, Sue Zike, Your Ways and Means Committee

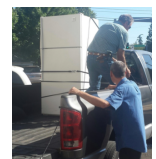
See more pictures on our website:
www.bhrwf.org

☆ 1st Summer Veterans Family Center Dessert and Bingo

We held our first BHRW Summer Dessert and Bingo at the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center (VFC) on July 10. What fun! BHRW provided large trays of prepared summer fruit to the delight of the residents and children. We called four games of Bingo with prizes for everyone. We held a drawing for the Grand Prize, a lovely quilt by member Gayla Hyer (pictured here). BHRW also donated many items to the VFC toiletries closet. Thank you, BHRW, for all your contributions and attendance to this event.



At the Dessert, BHRW learned VFC needed a refrigerator and meal boxes so residents, who are unavailable for meals, can get those meals after the kitchen is closed. With a quick review of BHRW budget,



Pres. Melissa authorized Gail Wilhelms to order meal boxes and Sue Zike to purchase a reliable used refrigerator. All have been delivered to a grateful Center

August Stump Speech Practice

Did you know member Dorothy Merritt is running for HD 30? Gail Wilhelms invited BHRW and others to listen to Dorothy's stump speech, ask her questions and offer answers and ideas. It was an opportunity to give her feedback and find out how we can help. For information you can contact Dorothy at dorothymerritt@live.com



★ August Membership Event

Despite the smoky skies, nearly 30 people attended our fourth annual membership event. At least 6 were guests. Board members provided abundant, beautiful hors d'oeuvres accompanied by wine and lemonade from our host, Laurel, and centerpieces from Sue Zike's garden. President Melissa welcomed everyone and shared BHRW'S purpose and activities, introduced board members and BHRW House District candidates Dorothy Merritt (30) and Elizabeth Reye (33). 1st VP Juanita described the remaining 2018 program highlights. Campaign Chair and



WCRP Chair Tracy Honl described WCRP's upcoming Reagan Dinner, Sept 20. Melissa thanked our host, Laurel Regan, for providing such an enjoyable evening and

sharing her lovely home.

See more pictures on our website:
www.bhrwf.org

BHRW Member Spotlight

Ruth Bendl - Ruth comes from a uniquely international family. She's lived in four countries and on four continents. Born in Israel to a Polish composer and a Viennese singer, Ruth moved to England with her mother and new step father when she was



5. She learned English in a matter of weeks having spoken only Hebrew and German.



At 14, her family moved to Sidney, Australia where she graduated high school and fulfilled her dream of becoming a nurse declining the coveted Commonwealth University Scholarship.



On a traveling holiday, Ruth ventured to the US (reconnecting with her father), England and Europe. On the ocean liner "Queen Elizabeth", she met a passenger from a very prominent Scottish family who would become a long time friend of hers and her family. He introduced her to Scotland's ceremonies, castles and other notaries. During the year and a half stay in England, she worked with the Civil Service and moonlighted as a home nurse.

Ruth learned a valuable life lesson during this period from the interference of her father who had pressured her to take on a singing career and her mother who had urged her to marry the Scot. Ruth vowed, if she had children of her own, she would never interfere in their adult lives. She's held true to that vow.

Ruth returned to Australia on a ship that weathered Hurricane Flora in 1963. After three grueling days and nights on deck, she and a fellow

passenger promised to marry if they survived the experience. They were married three weeks later. They lived in Australia initially but later moved to Israel and had a daughter, Leora, and a son, Guy. The marriage ended amicably, and Ruth returned to Australia with Guy.

Along the way, several friends and acquaintances suggested that Ruth learn bridge. So she joined the bridge club across the street from her nursing job at the Sydney Red Cross blood bank. As luck would have it, she met Ivan Bendl Sr at one of the games. They were married in 1973, and bridge remained an important part of their lives.



In 1976 Ruth and Ivan planned a vacation in America. They discovered her father had been looking for her to sponsor her for a green card. On a previous trip, Ivan had enjoyed Oregon because it reminded him of his native Czech Republic.

They agreed to move to Oregon. Ivan set up an Atari Shop, the first of many of his successful businesses. They had two sons, Mark and Ivan Jr, who now live in Portland. Guy lives in southern California while Leora remains in Israel. Sadly, Ivan Sr recently passed away from long term health challenges. (Pictured here: Ivan Jr, Ruth, Guy, Mark and Ruth and Ivan at a Valentines Day dance).



Ruth joined the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women (formerly Beaverton/West Slope Republican Women) shortly after she arrived in Portland. A neighbor welcomed her to the neighbor-

hood and, after chatting, said "You sound to me like a Republican". She invited Ruth to a meeting, and Ruth has been a member ever since. Ruth became BHRW Recording Secretary several years later.

Ruth became active in Republican politics shortly after Ivan Jr was born. Ivan Jr's first memories, at about age three, are of stuffing political envelopes at the family's dining room table.

Ruth built a name for herself in voter integrity efforts focusing on Washington County voting processes as well as issues surrounding Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). She started by volunteering at the Election Office. She lobbied for tighter procedures for ballot processing observers, such as handling the ballots from voting location or ballot drop to the Elections Office and allowing observers to sit closer to those employees processing the ballots.

She has attended numerous Washington County Commission meetings encouraging colleagues to join her to argue for safer and more regulated transport and handling of ballots. She often lobbied legislators to take action on ballot handling. She is recognized by the Washington County Republican Party, legislators and BHRW as a leader in voter integrity.

As a friend of with Lars Larson, American conservative talk radio show host based in Portland, Ruth has appeared on his local TV and radio shows to discuss voter integrity and PERS. Now she asks for no public recognition of her efforts because she senses a growing threat to whistle blowers. Nonetheless, she continues to stay informed, involved and to participate in BHRW activities.

Lois O'Brien - has led an impressively active life politically, musically and physically. She was born at home in Hollywood California, "tap dancing out of her mother's womb" she says. Her



family moved around until settling not far from University of California - Los Angeles when she was 8 years old. She was third in the lineup of seven children. Hers was a musical family and she danced and sang from childhood on.

Lois started working as a baby sitter at 11. When she was 13, she received special school permission to work at Bobbie's Beauty Shoppe 1.5 hours a day after school. At 15, she worked during Christmas break posting at a drapery factory. The next year Lois trading her cheerleading position for a job at the new Newberry store near home and worked 20 hours a week, saving Fridays for dates and Sunday for church.

After graduation she worked at Dohrmann Hotel Supply Co. and during her marriage until their first daughter began school. Lois married husband, Tom, in 1956 and they have two daughters. Lois thought twelve children would be better, but today enjoys 5 grandchildren.

The family moved to Torrance, California where she sold Avon and later Tupperware, later becoming manager. Lois kept busy with other activities including swimming, 5 levels of Red Cross tests, playing group guitar, singing with the Mother Singers at PTA meetings and many other venues. She, Tom and the girls rode bicycles with the Los Angeles Wheelmen Club, with weekly rides and tours.

While in California, Lois joined her daughter at El Camino College, taking yearlong classes in bicycling (10 mile rides each day), Dancercise and backpacking. Her classroom presentation "How to Pack for Long Trips" earned her the opportunity to teach other classes. Backpacking was a part of her life, completing a two-day solo trek to the Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Lois and family moved to Oregon in 1978 following Tom's employer, Wacker Siltronics. With the move, Lois continued her active life. She took two years of German at Portland Community College, plus audited German classes. She danced disco and theatrical jazz for seven years, disco roller skated and joined the Road Runner Club. For 16 years she ran almost every fun run race in Washington and Oregon, rain, snow or hot sun, Lois brought home blue ribbons.

Lois has been involved with politics for many years. She began loving America and the military at the early age of 3 when she learned to sing "God Bless America". It is no surprise, Lois will gladly lead singing at BHRW meetings. Her political interest started around 8 as she listened to her mom's radio and read news articles from the Daily News.



Lois became especially involved in Oregon politics. She was a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1996 (elected to the Rules Committee), 2000 and 2008. She became a WCRP delegate to all Oregon Republican Party platform conventions between 1996 and 2015 and has been a PCP since 1994. Lois successfully planned WCRP Lincoln Day Dinners in 1998 and 1999. Working with then WCRP Chair Jeff Smith, Lois helped design and set up the Party booth at the Washington County Fair in 1996. Lois made curtains and donated colorful decorations. Lois has helped at the booth nearly every year since 1996.

(Below: Lois with Chris Dudley, Herman Cain and Lars Larson)



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 and includes lunch. Please R.S.V.P. by the Friday prior to the meeting to 1st VP Juanita Lint at juanita@plumhillwine.com.

September 20: Lunch meeting 11:00 am to 1:00. Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett will discuss sanctuary status, homelessness, and Washington County's ability to hire new recruits.

SAVE THE DATE of October 11: EVENING MEETING, 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Hovde, conservative columnist for The Oregonian, speaking on current Oregon political topics. Candidates will also speak. **Invite friends, family and neighbors to our more formal evening dinner meeting with a dynamic speaker who walks our walk and talks our talk.**

November 15: Luncheon meeting; 11 a.m. to 1:00. Aaron With, Freedom Foundation, speaking on the group's recent courtroom successes.

Upcoming Events

☆BHRW's new Red Shoe Book Club

When: 4th Monday of every month at 10:30

Where: Café Murrayhill in Beaverton, 14500 SW Murray Scholls Dr #103, Beaverton, OR 97007

Contact: Editor - 2ndvicepresidentbhrw@gmail.com

We read and discuss books from the NFRW-Mamie Eisenhower Library Project booklist.

****Contact Alison Kettenhofen: 503-568-5479 for details.**

☆Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center Dessert and Bingo

When: Nov 13, 4:30 pm set up, 7:00 pm program

Where: 14825 SW Farmington Rd, Beaverton, OR

Toiletry Closet needs: baby wipes, body lotion, combs, denture cream, deodorant, diapers, hair conditioner, mouth wash, Q tips, razors, shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, and Vaseline. Also useful: bus tickets, dog treats, postage stamps, twin bed sheet, note-cards and pillows, blankets and socks in new or excellent condition

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