



## President's Message



*Dear Members,*

Political Activism. We just have to do it. Not talk about it, do it.

The 2019 legislation is underway. Over 2,000 measures have been introduced. A bevy of bad bills are coming

our way, including cap & trade, rent control, gun control, taxes, taxes and more taxes. Now more than ever is the time to let your voice be heard; lead by example.

I hate it when people tell me what to do but do not do it themselves. So, I am writing this message as much for myself as for you. I believe each of us need to make a personal commitment to get more involved. Here's my plan:

1. PICK A BILL I have passion for. My first pick: Cap & Trade.
2. RESEARCH the bill so my arguments are credible and compelling. There is a lot of information out there, so I am collecting the best possible data and ideas for my critique.
3. SHOW UP by written or spoken testimony. I will send in a written testimony be-

cause I do not think I can get to one of the remaining public hearings. I will meet with, write a letter to or call my Legislators as well as send letters to the House and Senate majority leaders and co-chairs of the Joint Committee. I know 1) emails work; 2) phone calls are better than emails; and 3) personal meetings are the best. I will work to do as much as possible. I will be 1) polite and professional; 2) tell MY story in my own words; and 3) tell the legislators what I want them to do. Then I will use my Facebook page to spread the word.

Here is an [interesting article](#) that gave me inspiration. Check out the great quote by Julie Parrish. As it states on our website. "DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THOSE WHO SHOW UP"

*Melissa*

## BHRW News

### ☆ December Christmas Meeting



Our December 13 meeting was another wonderful pot luck lunch expertly orchestrated by hostess Gail Wilhelms. Our members make the best salads and desserts. The Oregon trivia game challenged our memories and gift exchange had a new twist, in keeping with the holiday spirit. It was complete

with bartender Sue Zike and Santa's helper Cathy Holtz. Members again generously donated to Union Mission Gospel Women's LifeChange and the Salvation Army Veteran and Family Center.

OFRW President Linda Neace inducted the 2019 BHRW Officers: President Melissa Laird, 1st Vice-President Juanita Lint, Co-2nd Vice-Presidents Alison Kettenhofen and Susan Pozdena, Recording Secretary Gayla Hyer, Treasurer Laurel Regan, and Corresponding Secretary Pam Wilson (not pictured).



*See additional Christmas pictures on page 6.*

### ☆ January BHRW Lunch Meeting



Senator Kim Thatcher, Chris Barreto, Vice-Chair of Oregon GOP, and Tom Simpson of Oregon Business Plan spoke at our January 17 meeting. Chris presented some upcoming bills. Tom invited us to contact [Brighter Oregon](#) for updates on the Oregon Business Plan. Sen. Thatcher identified key issues likely to be raised during the session. With Democrats holding a super majority in the legislature, this session will be a challenge. Chris and Sen. Thatcher urged us to follow and participate in the upcoming legislative session by writing editorials, testifying on specific bills either in writing or in Salem, and lobbying legislators. [Oregon Legislative Information System OLIS](#) is an excellent site to stay informed and get involved. Also see [BHRWF.org/Oregon Legislature](#) for other tips and information.

### ☆ February BHRW Lunch Meeting.

At our **February 21** meeting, Julie Parrish, an eight-year lawmaker serving West Linn, Tualatin, Stafford, Durham, River Grove, and parts of Lake Oswego and King City, spoke on how we can make a difference for 2020.



Julie stressed the need to build bench strength in the Republican Party across Oregon and to continually outreach to friends and neighbors about Oregon's issues. She also outlined several steps to strengthen our cause while also appealing to non-affiliated and Democrat voters. Julie offered to train BHRW members on the top issues in the Legislature. You can follow Julie on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/julie4oregon/>

Legislative Chair Elaine Woods summarized critical bills under consideration at the 2019 Legislature. [For a summary click here.](#)

Membership Chair Lisa Harris distributed our new member brochure and asked that each of us carry a copy.

Yearbook Chair Gail Wilhelms handed out the 2019 updates and complete yearbooks to new members.

Award Chair Sue Zike urged members to tally their volunteer hours. For the tally sheet, [click here.](#)

### Member Spotlights

**Pamela Wilson**, BHRW's 2018 and 2019 Corresponding Secretary, is a native Californian who moved to Oregon in July 2017. She is now near her only daughter and family who live in Aloha, OR.



Pamela was born in San Bernardino, CA, one of three girls. At twelve, she joined the International Order of the Rainbow, a masonic service organization for girls that teaches leadership through community service. Eventually Pamela served as “Worthy Advisor”, the organization’s term for president.

She graduated from San Bernardino High School where she enjoyed pep squad and participated in the debate team. She attended San Bernardino Valley College where she earned her AA degree and went on to attend Long Beach State University. In 1964 she voted for the first time and voted for Barry Goldwater.

Pamela married in 1965 and moved to Newport Beach, CA. In 1967, they bought a home in Costa Mesa, CA. She joined a four-part harmony singing organization for women called “Sweet Adeline”, similar to a barbershop quartet. Pamela sang for 35 years and made many life-long friends.



As a member of the “Harborlites Chorus” she attended yearly conventions, competing against other choruses. Harborlites Chorus won first place in the international chorus competition several times. Pamela also sang in a comedy quartet called “The Uncalled Four”. Her other musical interests include the ukulele.



In 1990, Pamela joined the Exchange club of Costa Mesa, a community service organization, where she was elected as Vice President.

In addition to singing and community service, Pamela worked for Ingram Micro for

many years. Ingram Micro is the largest distributor of computer hardware and software in the world. As a top salesperson, she achieved President's Club membership and won many awards. She also earned trips to Puerto Rico and Cancun, Mexico. She loves to travel and independently has visited Hawaii, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia and several countries in Europe.

In 1996 Pamela became especially interested in politics when Bob Dole was running for president and when she viewed the video “The Clinton Chronicles”. She became active in local politics in Costa Mesa and spoke often at City Council meetings.

In 2010, she co-founded the Newport Beach-Costa Mesa Tea Party. The organization met once a month, hosting California senators, congressmen and local civic leaders as speakers. This group participated in local, state and federal issues.

When she arrived in Oregon, she searched the internet for Republicans and found the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women. She joined at the first luncheon she attended. She jumped in with both feet, signing up to make phone calls, reminding neighbors to turn in their primary ballots and contacting Republican businesses for donations to the annual Reagan Dinner fund raiser. She also was elected on the state ballot as Precinct Committee Person (PCP).



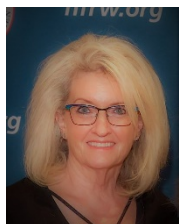
Pamela continues to volunteer every week at the new Washington County Republican Party headquarters in Hillsboro. Whenever she has the opportunity, she tells like-minded women about BHRW and has brought in three new members this year.

She stays in touch with her younger sister now living in Brisbane, Australia and her older sister in Huntington Beach, CA. Both



sisters enjoy frequent travels together around the world.

Most of all, Pamela enjoys spending time with her daughter, son-in-law and her two very active teenage grandsons.



**Sue Zike** has held several BHRW positions, including President (2015 – 2017), and OFRW positions (2017 – 2019). Sue's leadership has made BHRW one of the largest and best run clubs in the state. Sue looks for educational and inspirational speakers for BHRW, as well as fundraising opportunities. She instigated several valuable initiatives – including our web site, current logo and this Member Spotlight. She continues to offer counsel to BHRW and OFRW leadership.



Born in 1952, Susan (Sue) Zike lived in Glenwood, Iowa, where her dad was a psychologist, her mom, an elementary teacher and her sister a 3-year-old. The family moved to Perry, Iowa, in 1955 where her dad became the county school psychologist and her mom established a preschool for 3 – 5-year olds.



Living in Perry meant managing family farms. Soon Sue helped her dad raising corn, soybeans, hay and registered Polled Herefords. At 8, she remembers helping hay the cows in a '49 flatbed Ford with a steering wheel too big to for her see over. Through high school, Sue and her dad farmed at night and on weekends, making the commute from home to the "farm" every night to feed cows or do field work depending on the season.

From 1960 - 1970, Sue and her sister showed their cattle in 4-H and open shows. In 1961, after enough begging, Sue got a buckskin pony, named Toby. At 16, Sue got her driver's license and a much bigger horse, Skipper, who tagged along to college in 1970!



Sue's high school activities included piano and dance, art, choir, Latin and architectural drafting and a Republican club. She enjoyed 4 years of cheerleading.

Sue studied Landscape Architecture at Iowa State University (BS '74) and joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority. The US Forest Service hired her in 1975 as a Forest Landscape Architect for the Huron-Manistee National Forest, Cadillac, Michigan.

As one of the first female Landscape Architects in the agency, Sue experienced unexpected bias and barriers. Nonetheless, she designed recreation sites and the Shore-to-Shore horse trail from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron, assessed visual impacts of projects and helped design threatened Kirkland warbler habitat.



Sue transferred to the Custer and Lewis-Clark National Forests in Montana in 1978 and expanded her expertise in environmental analysis and land management planning. If you visit Red Lodge, MT, check out the barrier-free Wild Bill Fishing and Picnic Site, a product of her handiwork.



In 1979, Sue's attention turned to environmental analysis of oil and gas development on the Little Missouri National Grasslands in

western North Dakota. As a part of the interdisciplinary team, she helped approve over 400 producing oil wells.

As the result of a 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruling, Sue became the team leader for an environmental impact statement for the application of Roundup (glyphosate) on the National Grasslands. Sue asked, “The 9<sup>th</sup> what?” as did many others. Thus, her interest in law began. Sue applied to law schools in 1986, choosing Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland because it offered a natural resource program and the Forest Service Regional Office was near. If law school didn’t work out, maybe the Forest Service would rehire her! The family moved in 1987.

Fortunately, Law School worked out (JD ’90). She clerked at the firm Bogle and Gates and worked briefly for a land development company. The Forest Service asked Sue to return in 1991. She established the first environmental litigation program for the Oregon and Washington National Forests (all in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals!) and the only program headed by a licensed attorney.

Sue retired in 2010 after 34 years of public service, serving under seven presidents, from Carter to Obama. Politics played a big role in how willing the US Department of Justice was to defend her agency. Republicans - YEAH! Democrats - BOO!



Sue’s greatest accomplishment, however, is her daughter, Melissa. Melissa and Sue showed American Paint horses over 12 years. Melissa recently received her Master of Science

in Strategic Communication from Purdue University. She and husband, Travis Wittman, blessed the world with identical twin daughters in 2016.



Sue joined her daughter during her pregnancy and joyfully celebrated the birth of these two perfect gems: Margaret (Maggie) Marie and Stella James. Melissa and her family live – *er--*survive in Tioga, ND with recent temperatures reaching -48°.

Sue’s goal in retirement was to ride her mare, Sierra, every day and in local shows. She achieved her goal for nearly five years.



She lost Sierra to degenerative joint disease Feb. 9, after 22 years of partnership. Spring will bring gardening and flower-arranging. Horse art and sculpture collecting

will continue and grand-mothering from 1200 miles away will include a new baby girl in May 2019.

### **BHRW Membership Meetings:**

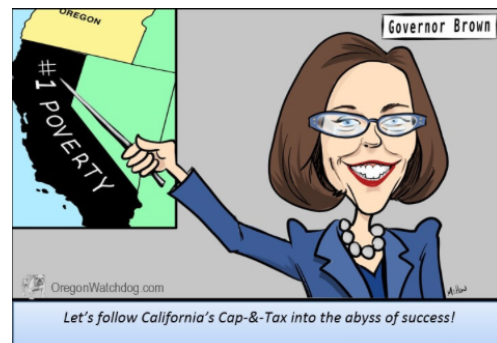
Our **monthly** membership meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, unless otherwise noted, at:

**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)

**March 21:** Luncheon meeting; 11 a.m.; Speaker TBD.

**April 19:** District 1 meeting; 11 a.m.; Rock Creek Country Club; Speaker John Tapogna, President, EcoNorthwest





## Upcoming Events

### ☆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](#)

### *BHRW Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange*

