

# BEAVERTON HILLSBORO REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

*Dear Members,*

Have I told you lately what a great bunch of Republican women you are?? What a joy to have the our meetings so well-attended, offers to help so abundant and ideas for actions so plentiful! We are a fortunate organization. I am privileged to be invited to lead you again in 2016. Thank you!

While BHRW takes a brief break from membership meetings in July and August, that doesn't mean the Board isn't on the job. 1st VP Trish Hoar kept a keen eye out for speakers for the remaining 2015 meetings, 2nd VP Priscilla Warren kept her eyes peeled for interesting news, book reviews, and cartoons for our first-ever August newsletter, Parliamentarian Christiana Mayer eyed the Washington County Precinct Committee Person list for potential members and chaired the first-ever Autumn Salad Luncheon for new member recruitment, and Community Service Chair Alison Kettenhofen focused in on setting up the first-ever Veteran's Day Dessert at the Salvation Army Veteran's Family Center (details coming) and a toiletries collection and donation for later in the year.

On September 11 - 14, I represented BHRW with the Oregon delegation to the NFRW Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Read more about it below [and](#) on our website [bhrwf.org](http://bhrwf.org). In coming months, BHRW will host speakers to continue our "FYI" 2015 theme. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join us **October 15** to hear enthusiastic **Oregon Republican Party Secretary Chris Barreto**. We'd like a full house to welcome Chris to BHRW. We have it on good intel that we have added at least three new members so far - let's be sure to welcome those new faces at our next meetings. Also mark your calendar for **November 10** to serve our veterans and their families coffee and dessert at the Veteran's and Family Center in Beaverton.

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## BHRW news

### BHRW Membership Luncheon

The BHRW held its first membership luncheon this September. Washington Co. PCP's and other potential new members were invited to the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals for lunch and a private tour of the museum by the founder's daughter, member Sharleen Rice Harvey. (Full Story including pictures, on page 3)

### September Luncheon

Our featured speaker was Rebecca Tweed, Political and Communications Director for State Street Solutions. Rebecca has been a political consultant and campaign manager in Oregon for the last eight years and during that time has worked on over 40 different campaigns varying from judicial, mayoral, city council, ballot measures, and state representative races across the state.



In 2010, she served as the Political Director for the Oregon House Republican Caucus where she led the charge on the campaigns leading the Oregon House to a historical 30-30 tie between Republicans and Democrats in the 2011 session, and served as their Political Director during the 2012 cycle as well. Rebecca serves as President of the Board for Emerging Leaders for Oregon, and is regularly asked to speak at high schools, colleges and conferences about political strategy.



Always a favorite speaker, Rebecca shared with us some of her strategies for successful campaigns tailored for Oregon.



## OFRW news

### Oregon Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention Oct.16-18

BHRW members Elizabeth Fischer, Alison Kettenhofen, Gail Wilhelms, and Sue Zike will participate in the OFRW Biennial Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. The Round-Up Republican Women have prepared a great weekend of focusing on our military veterans, enjoying local attractions, and tending to OFRW business. Let 'er rip! Hee-haw!



## NFRW news

### National Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention

On September 11 - 14, Sue Zike represented BHRW with the Oregon delegation to the NFRW Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.



For a complete story on the Convention plus some great photographs and comments, see [bhrwf.org](http://bhrwf.org). The weekend saw Presidential candidates, GOP vendors of gifts, goods, collectibles, and important NFRW business.

Workshops focused on membership, public relations, and campaigns. Speakers shared insights on human trafficking, polling techniques and results, and national politics.

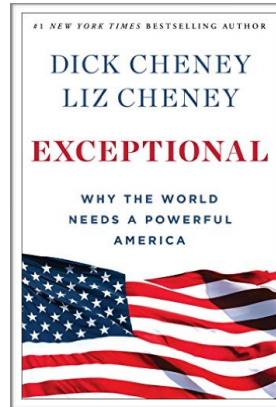


The accommodations at the "JW" (Marriot Desert Ridge) Resort were excellent, including the signature Convention cocktail: the Pink Elephant!



## Book Review

### *Exceptional: Why the World Needs a Powerful America*



#### Restoring American leadership

President Obama has dangerously surrendered the nation's global leadership, but it can be ours again—if we choose his successor wisely.

Dick Cheney served at the highest levels of government and the private sector for more than forty years. He was White House Chief of Staff under President Gerald Ford and was elected six times to the US House of Representatives from Wyoming, eventually becoming the minority whip. He served as Secretary of Defense under President George H.W. Bush, overseeing America's military during the 1991 Operation Desert Storm. He served as chairman and CEO of Halliburton, a Fortune 100 company. As the 46th Vice President of the United States during the dawn of the Global War on Terror, he played a key role in events that have shaped history. He and his wife Lynne Cheney have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Liz Cheney served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State under President George W. Bush. She also served in the State Department and at the Agency for International Development under President George H.W. Bush. She is an attorney and specialist in US Middle East Policy. She is a national security policy contributor for Fox News and is the founder, along with Vice President Dick Cheney, of the Alliance for a Strong America, a non-profit organization dedicated to education and advocacy on behalf of a strong national defense. She is married to Phil Perry, and they have five children.



The Autumn Salad Luncheon, by all accounts, was a SUCCESS on Saturday, September 19, 2015! BHRW member Sharleen Rice Harvey opened her family's Northwest Rock and Minerals Museum, Hillsboro, for sixteen BHRW members and nine guests for lunch on the patio and personal tour of the Museum. Sue Zike welcomed our guests, giving a short history of the club, our many charitable donations, community outreach projects, as well as our goals for the upcoming political cycle.

Member Gail Wilhelms served from the variety of fresh salads provided by our board members, while keeping the pesky fall wasps at bay. Member Priscilla Warren treated all of us with luscious handcrafted strawberry tarts and petite meringues.



BHRW President Sue Zike encouraged our guests to consider joining forces with BHRW to help assure Washington County continues to be a Republican County. We had a number of positive replies.



Member Sharleen Harvey shared the family history of the Museum. Starting as a result of a weekend family outing to the Oregon Coast, the Rice family picked up a handful of agates and jaspers simply because they were "pretty". A local rock shop polished the stones, revealing their greater beauty. From ordinary pebbles to gleaming beauties, the Rices' lifetime



romance with rocks and rock collecting began. In 1996, Richard and Helen Rice, Sharleen's parents, founded the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, reflected their lifelong love affairs with rocks. The Museum is considered a premier collection of rocks and minerals from around the world, attracting local and international scholars, scientists, collectors and visitors.

After lunch, Sharleen invited everyone to join her in a tour of the museum, pointing out many of the outstanding displays.



The Museum is located in the mid-century Rice home, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. All the rooms in the Rice's stylish home have been converted to galleries or educational classrooms. The former garage is now the Gift Shop. In 2005, the building once serving as "Richard's Workshop" was converted into the Northwest Minerals Gallery. In addition, the Museum offers walking trails, outdoor rock displays and resting benches for visitors to enjoy the natural setting. More photos of the event at the [bhrwf.org](http://bhrwf.org) website.



The Museum is located at 26385 NW Groveland Dr, Hillsboro, OR 97124. Information can be found at [ricenorthwestmuseum.org](http://ricenorthwestmuseum.org). If you did not join us on Saturday, please visit the Museum for a very enjoyable outing for the entire family.

# The Funny Side

(Or not so funny)

