

BEAVERTON HILLSBORO REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER



President's Message



Dear Members,

Let me tell ya - Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women get around! I continue to be so grateful for this membership's willingness to help and participate. October and November were busy Republican months. You are an

amazing bunch! Below is a summary of our activities so look further below for more details and photos of BHRW amazing efforts in October and November!

-Oct. 16 - 18, Elizabeth Fischer, Alison Kettenhofen and Gail Wilhelms joined me at the 2015 OFRW Biennial Convention hosted by the Roundup Republican Women in Pendleton, Oregon. Our eastern Oregon cowgirls put on a fantastic convention and we applaud them and their efforts! Aside from the business at hand, we took inspiration from the speakers. BHRW donated funds to the Blue Mountain Action Council (veteran support) and to the Umpqua Valley Republican Women for community support after the Community College shooting. Hats off to the Roundup Republican Women!

-Nov. 5 saw the first Reagan Dinner fund-raiser for the Washington County GOP and the first BHRW table with ten guests. We met up with six other BHRW members around the room. When the emcee asked PCP's to stand, our whole table stood! What a showing! The Republican women were in force!

-November 10 saw our first Veteran's Day Dessert at the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center.

-December 17 brings our traditional Christmas Party, business meeting and installation of 2016 officers.

-Lastly, Associate BHRW members Delinda Morgan and Hein have invited us to join them and other Republican Women on Nov. 19, 2:00 pm at Farmington Gardens, 21815 SW Farmington Rd., Beaverton, OR for a wine-tasting of Morgan Meadows wine and wreath-making. They're planning a fun afternoon. Let's caravan out there after our meeting.

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BHRW news

October Luncheon

At the October meeting, BHRW welcomed the Secretary of the Oregon Republican Party, Chris Barreto.



Chris and her husband of 36 years, Oregon Representative Greg Barreto, are the parents of eight children.

Her message to us was so positive and inspiring. Here is an excerpt:

"The next two years are critical to our party, state and nation. Where we go is up to us. Trust must be restored, not only within the Republican Party, but also with our Caucus, donors and conservative friends. It is essential that we all work together to protect our principals, our values and our Constitution. We can be effective in turning Oregon red, with the right plan, the right people and the right attitude."

I have lived the uphill battle of achieving goals through hard work and a "can do" attitude. I pledge to use my energy, vision and resources to work for the success of our party and our state."

-Chris Barreto

November 19 Meeting

The next election cycle (which will begin in earnest directly after the holidays) has a number of issues for Oregon. We all want to be as informed as possible. Therefore, our program for the November meeting will be a series of "round table" discussions.

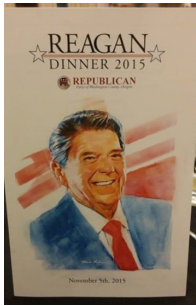
Our club has always been and will always will be a forum for ideas and opinions. Everyone is respected and welcome. This is a great place to make our thoughts on issues and concerns known - and to learn from each other.

BHRW news (continued)**Christmas Party**

December 17 is our traditional Christmas Party, business meeting and installation of 2016 officers. Member Gail Wilhelms has graciously offered her home. We'll have a brief business meeting, OFRW 2nd Vice President Linda Neace install the 2106 officers. We'll enjoy a scrumptious potluck, followed by a fun-filled gift exchange. The Board suggested we bring additional donations for the Veterans Family Center. Good idea to you? More details will follow.

BHRW well represented at WCRP Reagan Dinner

November 5th saw the first Reagan Dinner fund-raiser for the Washington County GOP and the first BHRW table with 10 guests: Gail and Gary Wilhelms, new member Trudy Good, Lois OBrien, Betty Atteberry, Alison Kettenhofen, Sue Zike and Doyce Pitsenbarger, and Christiana and Adam Mayer. Around the room I saw BHRW members and guests: Trish and Roger Hoar, Priscilla Warren, new member April Davis, Tracy and Christian Honl, associate members Laurie Hein and Jeff Grossman, and Delinda and Lance Morgan.

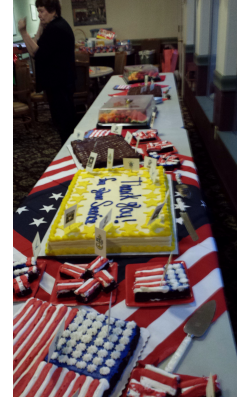


The BHRW baskets brought in about \$100 for the WashCoRP. Thanks for the donations and Gail's creative hands!

We listened to speakers Wayne Allan Root, Author/Commentator, and Peggy Grande, Former Executive Assistant to Ronald Reagan, Greg Leo, and Sen. Bruce Starr. It was great night at the new Embassy Suites, Tanasbourne.

**Our First Veteran's Day Dessert at the Salvation Army Veteran and Family Center**

November 10 saw our first Veteran's Day Dessert at the Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center. BHRW Chaplain Mary Lou Aman led the Pledge of Allegiance and a special prayer of thanks for the 60+ veterans and their families. Big thanks to the following members for their participation and camaraderie: Alison Kettenhofen; Gail Wilhelms; Judy Lamy; Elizabeth Fischer; Mary Lou Aman; April Davis; Tracy Honl; Priscilla Warren; Betty Atteberry; JerryLynn Reel, and Christiana Mayer.



More than 20 patriotic centerpiece decorations were offered and went quickly. Attendees were free to sort

through the toiletries, socks, books, Christmas and all occasion cards, and wrapping paper, donated by BHRW. The Board voted to purchase bus tickets and stamps to donate to the Center. Once the membership approves the expenditures, we finish up this celebration. A happy evening!

**OFRW news****Oregon Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention**

In October, BHRW members Elizabeth Fischer, Alison Kettenhofen, Gail Wilhelms, and Sue Zike represented BHRW at the OFRW Biennial Convention in Pendleton, Oregon. The Round-Up Republican Women presented a great weekend of focusing on our military veterans, enjoying local attractions, and tending to OFRW business.



NFRW news

Kentucky Shines Red as Two GOP Women Elected Statewide

Joining Governor-elect Max Bevin. Congratulations to these FRW members. If Kentucky can turn "red" so can we here in Oregon.



Lieutenant Governor-elect Jenean Hampton, is the first African American woman elected to statewide office in Kentucky.

Allison Ball, Kentucky's new Treasurer, is a charter member of the East Kentucky Federated Republican Women.



Book Review

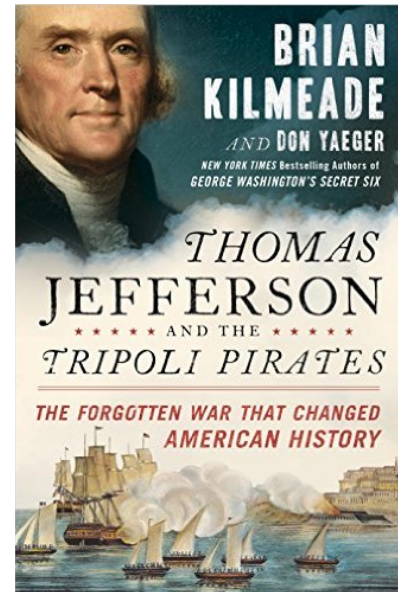
Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History

by Brian Kilmeade (Author), Don Yaeger (Author)

This is the little-known story of how a newly independent nation was challenged by four Muslim powers and what happened when America's third president decided to stand up to intimidation.

When Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801, America faced a crisis. The new nation was deeply in debt and needed its economy to grow quickly, but its merchant ships were under attack. Pirates from North Africa's Barbary coast routinely captured American sailors and held them as slaves, demanding ransom and tribute payments far beyond what the new country could afford.

Over the previous fifteen years, as a diplomat and then as secretary of state, Jefferson had tried to work with the Barbary states (Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco). Unfortunately, he found it impossible to negotiate with people who believed their religion justified the plunder and enslavement of non-Muslims. These rogue states would show no mercy—at least not while easy money could be made by extorting the Western powers. So President Jefferson decided to move beyond diplomacy. He sent the U.S. Navy's new warships and a detachment of Marines to blockade Tripoli—launching the Barbary Wars and beginning America's journey toward future superpower status.



As they did in their previous bestseller, *George Washington's Secret Six*, Kilmeade and Yaeger have transformed a nearly forgotten slice of history into a dramatic story that will keep you turning the pages to find out what happens next. Among the many suspenseful episodes:

Lieutenant Andrew Sterett's ferocious cannon battle on the high seas against the treacherous pirate ship Tripoli.

Lieutenant Stephen Decatur's daring night raid of an enemy harbor, with the aim of destroying an American ship that had fallen into the pirates' hands

General William Eaton's unprecedented five-hundred-mile land march from Egypt to the port of Derne, where the Marines launched a surprise attack and an American flag was raised in victory on foreign soil for the first time.

Few today remember these men and other heroes who inspired the Marine Corps hymn: "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea." Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates recaptures this forgotten war that changed American history with a real-life drama of intrigue, bravery, and battle on the high seas.

The Funny Side

(Or not so funny)

