

BEAVERTON HILLSBORO REPUBLICAN WOMEN NEWSLETTER

The President's Message

Here it is April and spring is taunting us. More importantly, it's tax month. I'm not happy about how much I am taxed by the Federal government, the state of Oregon and even my own Washington County. I don't know about you, but I could support at least one other person with my collective tax bill. What can we do about it? ELECT REPUBLICANS! From local politics to the White House, I have had enough of this too-long-of-an-era of big expensive government. Here at Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women we work year-round, campaign year or not, to help elect Republicans with voter registration, information, projects, scholarships, outreach and candidate campaign volunteer efforts. And we could use more help from you, your Republican sister, sister-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, grandmother or aunt.

The recent Oregon Federation of Republican Women Spring Board Meeting in Salem reminded and re-assured me that there is strength in numbers, lifetime experiences and youthful exuberance. I think Republican women in Oregon can make a difference. Amidst a plethora of ideas of Republican outreach, we learned about Oregon Patriot Camps for first through fifth graders, Republican Women's thank you notes to first-responders, Republican Women's dinners for veterans and spouses, and Republican Women's bake sales at community parades. Each is an opportunity to be proud of our conservative values and heritage.

We will wear our red proudly when, as a Federation, we visit the Oregon Capital on our Day at the Legislature April 30 to support our elected Republican officials and let the rest of the Legislature know that "we've got our eyes on you"!

Sue Zike



OFRW District 1

Patriotic Luncheon

April 16, 2015
11:30 A.M. (Check in starts at 11:00 A.M.)

Rock Creek Country Club
5100 NW Neakahnie Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97229

Cost: \$20.00

Speaker: Joan Hunter from DAR

BHRW, RWDP, NCRW, YCRW

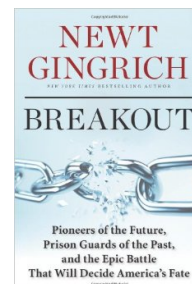
You are all part of District 1 and we would like you to join us for a fun time. We promise a great speaker, good food, fun music, prizes, and a chance to visit with fellow Republican Women. Each president will be able to give a short presentation about their club and each club is asked to bring a basket for an auction to take care of expenses.

Gail & Lois, District Directors

R.S.V.P. to: gailwelshms@gmail.com or 503-533-8966 by April 10th.

RECOMMENDED READING

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project Book of the Week:



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[Breakout - Pioneers of the Future, Prison Guards of the Past, and the Epic Battle That Will Decide America's Fate by Newt Gingrich](#)

Meeting News

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March meeting highlights

In the spirit of this year's theme of "FYI" the members welcomed our speaker, Sandy Raddue to our March luncheon meeting. Sandy is ORP Elections Integrity Chair, and is a driving force in the [Election Oregon](#) Group.

Sandy left us with no doubt that each one of us could make a difference, and as a group we could have even more influence on legislation.

Through a series of slides she laid out what the problems in getting our side heard in Salem, and how to be recognized as legitimate representatives of conservative opinions through citizen activism.

Following her inspiring talk, there was an enthusiastic discussion of what we could do as a club to follow through on some of her suggestions.

Thanks Sandy for getting us energized to be active in the voter integrity area of the May elections.

May Meeting Preview

Members are looking forward to welcoming guest speaker, Bruce Starr.

Starr was Elected to the state legislature in 1999. He served two terms in the House, and three terms in the State Senate.



Bruce grew up in Hillsboro, Oregon and graduated from Portland State University

Bruce is married to Rebecca and they live in Hillsboro with their two children.

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Spring Board Meeting

On March 27, our President and several members of the club traveled to Salem for the Oregon Federation of Republican Women's Spring Board Meeting.

After a meeting of club presidents our group joined many of those from other clubs from around the state for dinner. It was a great time to meet new Republican women, and renew old friendships.

Next morning the main work of the day began with reports, nominations and election of delegates to the 38th NFRW Biannual Convention, and other business, followed by guest speakers.

The first to speak was Alison Thiessen, president, Polk Co. Republican Women presented an inspirational talk entitled *The Five F's*. Be Friendly, Be Fair, Be Firm, Be Fortright, Be Factual, and one her beloved father added, Be Forgiving.

A surprise guest speaker was Bill Currier the new ORP Chairman, speaking on building momentum and unity.



The next speaker was Jason Williams, Executive Director of Taxpayers United who informed the group of this session's legislation concerning taxes, entitled *What we all need to know about taxes...the 140 Tax bills in the Queue at the State*. The outlook was not encouraging, but he had great cartoons, some of which you can see on [The Funny Side](#) page.

The last guest of the day was Senator Jackie Winters who inspired us as she addressed us in a talk entitled *What it's like to be in the super minority and the Unity of Our Republican Party*.

At the end of the afternoon, the results of a "Presidential Straw Poll" were announced:

- 1 Scott Walker 30.2%
- 2 Ted Cruze 26.1%
- 3 Carly Fiorina 12.3%
- 4 Jeb Bush 8.6%
- 5 Marco Rubio 8.0%
- 6 Ben Carson 6.2%
- 7 Chris Christie 4.2%
- 8 Ron Paul 3.8%
- 9 Rick Perry 0.6%

Other dates to note, the OFRW Biennial Convention will be in Pendleton, Oregon, October 16-18, and the OFRW Day at the Capitol is April 30, 2015. Registration is due April 20. Send to:

[OFRW Treasurer Eleanor Boese](#)



In the news

Grand OLD Party? About that...

News from the House Republicans

As House Republicans, we work every day to ensure that we are communicating to every corner of America. And that starts by representing every corner of America. The Members who comprise our Conference are dynamic, inspiring, and – believe it or not – young! They're moms and dads, farmers, nurses, small business owners, doctors and teachers. And their experiences – and the people they represent – influence how they legislate and what they fight for in Congress.

So it could not be further from the truth that Republicans are “too old” or “out of touch” to relate to the next generation. In fact, House Republicans are – on average – younger than their Democratic counterparts. Let's let the numbers speak for themselves

Average age of House Members:

House Republicans: 55

House Democrat: 61

Republicans are on average 6 years younger:

Average Age of House Leadership:

House Republican Leaders:

Speaker of the House John Boehner – 65

Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy – 50

Majority Whip Steve Scalise – 49

Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers – 45

Policy Chair Luke Messer – 46

House Democratic Leaders:

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi – 75

Minority Whip Steny Hoyer – 75

Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn – 74

Caucus Chairman Xavier Becerra – 57

Republican Leaders are on average 19 years younger

Republicans have 20 members under the age of forty — nearly twice as many Democrats (11) under the hill.

So, what was that about being the Grand OLD Party? Au contraire. Times — well, they are a changin'.

McMorris Rodgers: Certainty for American Seniors, Children, and Families

MARCH 26, 2015

WASHINGTON, DC – House Republican Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) released the following statement today after the House passed H.R. 2, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015.

“People across Eastern their best interests first, and to After 17 short-term patches to 11 years, today, in a bipartisan flawed formula and worked system. A system that provides and low-income families, and a improving care. These broad, to the work we can do for the American people – the men and women who make this country great.



Washington elected me to lead – to put advocate for them in every way I can. the Sustainable Growth Rate in the past fashion, we governed. We eliminated this together to create a better health care certainty for American seniors, children, system that saves taxpayer dollars while patient-centered reforms are a testament

“In this spirit, as a proud member of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Health Subcommittee, I look forward to continuing my efforts to advance 21st Century Cures – legislation which will further medical innovation and accelerate the discovery of cures. I commend my colleague, fellow Energy and Commerce Committee member Dr. Michael Burgess (R-TX), for his tireless efforts to improve health care for the American people. While the debate over how people access quality and affordable health care in this country is ongoing, today marks a step towards strengthening the future of Medicare reform, and a step towards helping people across the country access care.”

The Funny Side

(Or not so funny)

