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President's Message

Happy almost SPRING! I know you're all working hard in your clubs to help TURN OREGON RED! I've chosen this as my theme and I know you're with me. Our RED REPUBLICAN hearts are more than ready to ditch the BLUE and install the RED.

I'm so happy to report our visit with Mt. Hood Republican Women on February 12th at Gresham was loud, boisterous, and packed out! Prior to the meeting District II clubs elected Margie Hughes as their OFRW District Director. Mt. Hood had several women in attendance who were checking out the club and joining! Then it was on to Pendleton for Round Up RW's meeting on the 13th. They live-streamed me on Facebook; I was their guinea pig! Or maybe their sacrificial lamb! I can't bring myself to watch myself....but it was a good time with a big roomful of like-minded women and men. After lunch and the regular meeting, District VII Director Polly Johnson held a district meeting with Republican Women of Milton-Freewater, Round Up RW and women from Hermiston who are starting our newest club! Lots of great information was shared. There is also interest being shown in the Florence area for a new club! Our work is right before us. We must seize these opportunities to make a positive difference in Oregon.

North Coast RW invited me for their March 5th meeting at the Astoria Golf & Country Club. I'm so looking forward to being with them. They live in a very blue part of the state and not a good feeling to be surrounded by liberalism. I live in RED Douglas County, so I'm not used to hearing these stories of

Trump signs being ripped out of people's yards. I so appreciate those of you who must bear this rage and hate.

The Official Call for our spring Executive Committee meeting and Board of Directors meeting will hit club presidents' inbox the end of February; please forward these to your club members, Presidents. And make copies to have at your meeting. Be sure and read over all the information and plan on attending. We have important business to do and our speaker line up is coming together, including someone from National Federation of Republican Women! I think you'll be glad you came. Club members, I encourage your attendance. These meetings are not just for officers, standing committee chairs, etc. They are for you; to educate, to inform and to involve you in OFRW.

See you all April 3 & 4, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Springfield!

Chris Morgan

Editorial

As a practicing RN what's uppermost in my mind today is the reelection of Trump and the Corona Virus or COVID-19. What's even more coincidental is how the two are seeming to run together just now. First the election, it seems very possible that the Democrat, that Trump is going to run against is Sanders. The Socialist, Communist Sanders who wants to turn America into a Socialist country. Here's a taste of what a socialist government run healthcare system looks like. In 2009 when the Swine Flu crisis hit America, and Mike Bloomberg's New York ran shot of the vaccine. What did Bloomberg (A Communist, Socialist wanna be president do?) He gave the vaccine to the New York Stock exchange, Goldman Sachs and Gordon Stanley and other investment banks instead of the pregnant women and children who were the most vulnerable. This was a government controlled, government decision. This is the danger of a government controlled healthcare system. Look at Venezuela, the bleeding heart democrats say they want to save the Have Nots, but just like Venezuela it ends up with everybody except the government becoming the Have Nots. The Capitalist system works, the Socialist system does not. Having lived in Asia, the knowledge that there was a viral laboratory just down the road in Wuhan, rang alarm bells, that laboratory has had issues with power failures and the like. It is not yet proven but it seems more plausible that that is the site of contagion, not the food market. In my research I find that COVID-19 reactions are mild to 80% of the people, 15% make the ICU and just 3% are very, very ill. In the 2019-2020 Flu season there were 35-45 million flu cases with 18-46,000 deaths, COVID-19 has 85,000 cases with 2,900 deaths. The age breakdown of deaths in Wuhan China of COVID-19 cases is 80yrs+=14.9%, 70-79yrs=8%, 60-69=3.6%, 50-59yrs=1.3%, 40-49yrs=0.4%, 10-39yrs=0.2%. It seems preexisting conditions of the elderly play a major part, with hypertension, diabetes, and respiratory problems being involved. So see your doctor if you have a cough, fever, sneezing, shortness of breath and especially if you think you have the flu. Tamiflu works well with flu and may work to some extent with COVID-19. Costco shelves are emptying fast as Oregonians are hoarding food and supplies. So please for the sake of our beautiful and thriving country do not vote for socialist, communism in America, they are the same fruit of the poisonous tree.

Georgina

The Oregon Citizens Lobby is working hard in Salem to keep us all informed about the issues affecting us. This resource is a great way to keep all informed on what is going on at and in your Capitol.

Please view the website for status on upcoming pieces of legislation that may impact you and your family or your business. On the website you can also find out more information about how to become engaged and involved on the issues both in Salem and from your home. Here is their mission from their web page.

“We seek to empower citizens so that they can be more involved in their government. We seek to hold politicians accountable for their actions and make their records public. We strive to improve transparency in governments so that citizens can be more aware of what their government is doing”.

<https://oregoncitizenslobby.org/>



Voters Decide Elections, Not Politicians!

The Good Life - That Oregon Life

On February 14, 2020, Oregon celebrated its 161st anniversary of Statehood. Many of us have lived most of our lives in this wonderful state filled with the astounding beauty of nature. Oregon's natural resources have given Oregonians the opportunity to prosper as independent citizens working to build strong families and communities. Now we are challenged to preserve those opportunities for our future generations. What can we do?, you ask.

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For starters, work in our neighborhoods to register voters. Become a Precinct Committee Person. Work to Get Out The Vote (GOTV). Share information about our values and candidates with our friends and neighbors.

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Be an informed citizen. Attend a school board meeting. Go to a city council meeting or county commissioners meeting. Testify at a Legislative Hearing. Run for an elected office.

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Volunteer to work at Republican Headquarters. It's fun and you'll meet a lot of interesting people. Volunteer to help with a campaign or event. Republican members have a unique opportunity to work with Republican Women throughout Oregon and across the US. We are community builders who think of and work for future generations of free and independent Oregonians. And we have fun as we work. Sue Hyers UVRW president.

OUR Beautiful Crater Lake...

Accessible or locked up as "Wilderness"?!!! As Douglas County Commissioner Tom Kress has rightly pointed out, current regulations already prohibit logging and off-road motorized recreation within the boundaries of Crater Lake National Park. So do we really need another 500,000 acres designated as a "wilderness" when there are already multiple Federal protections in the road-less areas around Crater Lake? One might rightly ask:

WHY is this Wilderness proposed?

Well, it seems that some folks will never have enough "wildernesses." Never mind that wildernesses are inaccessible to so many citizens. Never mind that "wilderness" restrictions prevent active fire

suppression. Retired USFS Forester Wayne Brady has encouraged all who want to continue using the Umpqua National Forest to contact their congressmen to say "NO!" to this proposal.!

Let's all write and call today!!!

from the Editor at UVRW

DID YOU WATCH IT???

Excerpts from President Trump's 2020 State of the Union Address On Appointing Judges:

"With every action, my administration is restoring the rule of law and reasserting the culture of American freedom."

On the Economy: "Jobs are booming, incomes are soaring, poverty is plummeting, crime is falling, confidence is surging and our country is thriving and highly respected again."

On "Medicare for All" "Legislation endorsed by 136 legislators would wipe out the private health insurance plans of 180 million very happy Americans. We will never let socialism destroy American healthcare!"

On Illegal Immigrants: "The United States of America should be a Sanctuary for Law-Abiding Americans – Not Criminal Aliens!"

On Charter School Choice: "No parent should be forced to send their child to a failing government school."

Memo: from Kay West



Human Trafficking, Regulation, and Education Choice Top NFRW Legislative Agenda

The NFRW Executive Committee, working with the Legislative and Research Committee, has identified three legislative priorities for their two-year term: combating human trafficking (an issue with which the Federation has a long association); education choice (responding to the President's call in the State of the Union for Congress to pass the Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunities Act); and ending unaccountable regulation through the Regulation Freedom Amendment....NFRW President Ann Schockett is already busy on Capitol Hill working our issues, and they will be the focus of NFRW Legislative Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill on March 26.

Cap and Trade Update

Please support all of our State Senators and State Representatives as they continue to fight against Senate Bill 1530, the Cap and Trade Bill. They are sacrificing time with their families and staying away from the capitol in order to prevent a vote on this bill that will ruin Oregon's economy and will end jobs for our rural communities. We need to show them we stand with them. Send them emails and messages of support and prayers. Also send emails, letters and opinions to your local papers encouraging the Democrats to let us the people decide on this legislation

This is the craziest legislative session that Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, has seen. And that was before he and most other Republicans walked away from the 2020 Legislature. And before the four Democrats on the House Rules Committee voted Thursday afternoon to subpoena the missing House Republicans. "The pace is like nothing I've ever experienced before," Post said when we talked last Friday. "But I almost feel like every year I say, 'Whew, there can't be a session that was bigger or harder or tougher or longer than this one.'" "Well, I'm saying it again. This is the craziest session I've been involved in yet and this is now my – which is hard to believe – sixth session, counting long and short." Back in 2010, Oregon voters approved annual legislative sessions. Measure 71 limited sessions in odd-numbered years to 160 days and created 35-day sessions in even years. The ballot measure did not specify what business could be conducted during the short sessions. There's been a lot of talk about whether the 2016, 2018 and 2020 sessions, because of their complexity of issues, were what the voters intended. However, in checking legislative records, Post found little definition of what the short session would be. "If you go back and look at the ballot measure, it just said, 'Do you want annual sessions? Yes or no.' It didn't say, 'Annual sessions in which we'd do budgets only,'" he said. "I think because of the time constraints, naturally people just thought this would be budgets and simple policy bills." But the number of controversial issues has ramped up each year, he said. This year's overwhelming issue – what Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, described variously as the 10,000-pound chicken in the room or the 6,000-pound penguin – is carbon cap and trade. On Monday morning, the Legislature's Joint Ways & Means Committee passed the Senate version, SB 1530, on a near party-line vote. Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, voted no. Courtney had supplanted Johnson from the committee when last year's version came up for a vote. This time he showed Johnson, a co-chair of the committee, more respect. He simply added himself to the committee to ensure sufficient votes for passage. Republican senators, with the exception of Tim Knopp of Bend, then left the Capitol and have not been seen there since. When the award-winning Summit High School Robotics Team brought its robot to the Capitol on Thursday, Portland Democratic Sen. Michael Dembrow leaned down and told the robot, "Find Republicans." It didn't work. On Monday afternoon, House Republicans had held a public meeting to quiz state officials about the House Democrats' version of carbon cap and trade, HB 4167. A few state officials showed up. A few Republican representatives came and went. The legislators sought to pin down Kristen Sheeran, the director of Gov. Kate Brown's Oregon Carbon Policy Office, and other officials on Republican talking points. On Tuesday morning, House Republicans joined the walkout – except for Cheri Helt of Bend. That means lawmakers in each chamber are one person short of having the required two-thirds membership present to conduct business. Knopp and Helt represent swing districts, so it is not surprising that they would be the ones to remain at the Capitol doing their work. Deschutes County has about the same number of Democrats and Republicans, but Helt's district has a large Democratic edge. She has been filling in for her Republican colleagues, including taking over meetings with their constituents who've traveled to Salem. As for Rep. Post, on Monday he issued a statement supporting what he said was Keizer Sen. Kim Thatcher's "bold move" to walk out and protect Oregonians from the costs of the carbon plan. In his statement after joining the walkout Tuesday, Post said, "We are using one of the last tools we have in the minority by denying quorum to ensure this legislation does not move forward." If Republicans do return, the betting is that it will be on the last scheduled day of the session – Sunday, March 8. They could agree to suspend the regular rules that day and pass dozens of budget bills and other non-controversial pieces of legislation but not allow either carbon bill to come to the floor. If they returned earlier, a carbon bill could advance to a floor vote, which Republicans don't want. Democrats count on voters being upset with Republicans for being absent, which

Democrats are calling "a taxpayer-funded vacation." But Republicans have strong backing within their districts, saying the Democrats' refusal to work Republicans led to the boycott. "I've told Senator Courtney that we will come back with enough time to pass the bills that the short session was intended for, if cap and trade dies or is referred to voters," Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger of Grants Pass said in a statement Thursday. Throughout the Capitol, the mood is grim. When asked how she was doing, one legislative staffer muttered, "I'm upright." Another staffer likened the political process to a baseball game: The final score doesn't tell what happened. You have to watch it play-by-play. By the way, if Gov. Brown winds up calling a special session to deal with carbon and budget bills, June could be a potential date – after the May primary election and before the fall election season. To make sense of all this, I turned to veteran political analyst Jim Moore, a psephologist (a person who studies elections) and political science professor at Pacific University. "The walkout is about making a statement to base voters. Most seats are completely safe," he said Wednesday. "In fact, with the way things have gone in the past two days, if the walkout were to end, there is a danger that Republican incumbents might attract primary challengers who would run on the 'get out and stay out' platform of continued walkouts. "If this dynamic occurs, the primary election could be very interesting. "As for November, it is a long time between now and then. The presidential race, possibly some ballot measures, and issues of economics, jobs, health care will most likely be on the tops of voters' minds – not a walkout eight months earlier."

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The state of Oregon voted almost exclusively republican from it's founding until 1984, 1912, 1964 and during the depression and WW11. Starting in 1988 the state went democratic and has done so to this day. It currently has seven electoral votes. Current projections has it going to 8 electoral votes for the 2024 elections.

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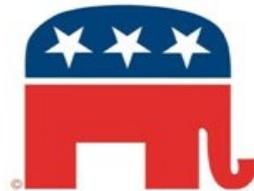
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