



REPUBLICAN *Women* CENTRAL LANE

Educating and informing the women of Lane County on the political process

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Dynamic Duo

**to appear
at RWCL meeting
February 21, Valley River Inn**



Last year a new Chairman was elected by the Central committee and Loren Later emerged as a new face in our local politics. Yes, we said good-bye to Chairman Dr. Bill Young after his two-year term and hello to Loren.

Dr. Bill, as he is affectionately known, saw us through the tough times of 2009 and the big times of 2010. Thank you, your executive board and your wife Diana, for your service these last two years.

Now, Republican Women Central Lane want to welcome Loren and his wife Elisa to our general meeting, Monday February 21.

A little background: Loren holds a BA in International Relations from *Brigham Young University* and a Masters of Business Administration from *Angelo State University*. He ran for *United States Senator* in May 2010 primaries. As you would expect he ran as a conservative.

These are some of his statements from the elections pamphlet:

- Loren Later will Focus on Job Creation and National Security as Top Priorities.
- Americans want results.

Whether meaningful new job programs or our effort in Afghanistan, America must remain strong. Only new leadership will help pave the way. It's time for less partisanship and more leadership in Washington.

- Get big government off the backs of the American worker.
- Stop massive tax and spend policies that will bankrupt America.
- Protect our borders and enhance public safety
- Restore trust in our government.

We are also welcoming his wife, Elisa and highlighting her handmade "Totes" called "*Tomboy Totes*." Wouldn't you know he would have a charming, talented wife! Here is a small Bio:

Elisa Later, who worked as a Dental and Surgical Assistant for 30 years, retired and decided to get back in touch with her ARTSY SIDE.

In her own words:

*"TomBoy*Totes* came into the Fashion world in 2007... I had made*

a handbag for myself and it got rave reviews from friends and family so I started designing and constructing them for others. . . (I guess, I'm a carpenter at heart)

Now I do it for fun and it has proven to be a fun little business! I design, and construct each tote myself.

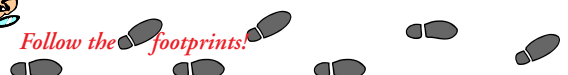
When finished they are "Branded or Laser Engraved" with the TOMBOY TOTE LOGO and then off they go to be sold in stores and on the internet."

You might ask, *What is a Tomboy Tote?* Tomboy Totes are made from simple to highly bold hardware found at the hardware store, hence the name "TOMBOY TOTES". These totes are handmade with minimal sewing, constructed with upholstery nails, studs, grommets, diamond plate metal, and handles made from vinyl covered cable topped off with a castle nut [crown] as every woman should feel like a queen every day of her life.

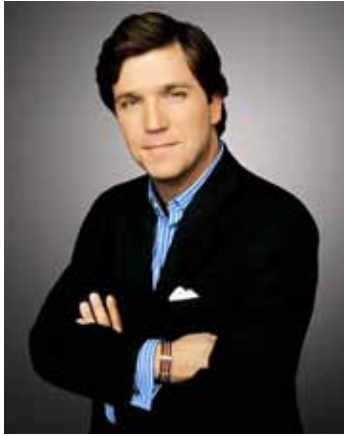
Check out her website as well as her FaceBook page. And guess what? She makes jewelry too.



Follow the *footprints!*



LINCOLN DAY DINNER - MARCH 29, 2011



Sponsored by Lane County Republicans At Valley River Inn:

“Tucker was incredible. He was poignant, on topic for my group, current on all other topics and all with a unique insight. Everyone was thrilled!”
-American Teleservices Association.

In May 2009 Tucker joined FOX News. He has been a frequent guest panelist on FOX’s late night show Red Eye with Greg Gutfeld, has been an All-Star panelist on Special Report with Bret Bair. He has also served as substitute host for Sean Hannity’s television show on FOX News Hannity and produced a Fox News special titled “Fighting for Our Children’s Minds.”

Tucker took to the dance floor in the Fall of 2006 for the “Dancing with the Stars” reality show. When asked why he agreed to do the show he said “I’m 37. I’ve got four kids. I have a steady job. I don’t do things that I’m not good at very often. I’m psyched to get to do that!” After being voted off on September 13th along with partner Elena Grinenko, Carlson said that teaching him to dance was “like

Einstein teaching addition to children.”

Tucker Carlson has interviewed, profiled and eaten dinner with every major player in national politics. George W. Bush, John McCain, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, John Kerry, John Edwards- he knows them all from Crossfire and the campaign trail. Tucker Carlson gives audiences a glimpse into what people who run Washington are like when the cameras are off.

The Lane County Republican Party is excited to announce Tucker Carlson as the keynote speaker for the 2011 Lincoln Day Dinner. Invitations are in the mail!

And Who is Tucker Carlson?

“An original voice in political media. Tucker brings insightful commentary, infused with humor and passion.”
-Washington Speakers Bureau

“Tucker Carlson not only gave an excellent speech, he was engaging and absolutely fantastic!” - Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors.

RWCL To Have Our Own Tables!

Please come to Lincoln Day Dinner to support Lane County Republicans and show our solidarity for the Republican Party.

Invitation are coming but if you want to sit with your fellow RWCL members please indicate that on their response card or fill out the form I have provided below and send it in with your money. Any questions call Gerry (541-484-0732 or e-mail gerrybriggs@hotmail.com. Thanks so much.

Lincoln Day Dinner form for Republican Women Central Lane ONLY

Name Phone

Address City/State

E-mail Zip

*I want to sit at RWCL TABLE for Lincoln day dinner. I want ___ Tickets cost @ \$125.00
OR I want ___ @ \$250.00 (The \$250 ticket includes private reception with Tucker Carlson only).*

Names of guest(s) _____

Payment method: Check Visa Mastercard Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ Vee code _____

Signature _____

*Make checks payable to: Lane County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC)
and include with this registration form.*



CALENDAR FOR 2011

Place in Agenda/Calendar book
and PLEASE NOTE:

All lunches will be at *Valley River Inn*
for 2011 unless otherwise specified.

Our doors open at 11:30, lunch will be served at noon and all speakers will start at approximately 12:15 with discussion and club business to follow. Cost of lunch is \$15.00. For all reservations, call Nina Rogers, 541-485-4100 or e-mail her at: alnine17@comcast.net. Due to the cost of lunches, if you make a reservation and do not call to cancel you will be billed, unless you are ill. Bring food donations to each general meeting and items for our soldiers. More on that later.

Next meeting is *February 21*, 11:30 to 1:30 with special guest speaker *Loren Later, our new Lane County chair and his wife Elisa*. Please see front cover for bio.

No March meeting,

April 1, 2011, Mystery dinner theater with the Poison Pen Players at *Eugene Hilton*, 5:30 to 9:30 invitations will arrive after February 21.

April 25, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30 with guest speaker Paula Gelatt from Shelf Reliance. She will present a food storage product for emergency uses.

April 28, OFRW Legislation Day at Salem. Plan on carpooling up to Salem to meet and listen to our representatives. If you've never been, now should be your first time!

May 23, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30 with Jeff Kropt from Americans for Prosperity. Jeff is a great speaker and will share with us some surprising facts.

June 27, Dinner meeting, 5:30 - 8:00. Our speaker is still in the planning stages for this meeting and the rest of the year.

We skip July, August.

September 26, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30;

October 24, Dinner meeting 5:30 - 8:00

No November meeting

December 9, Christmas Party.

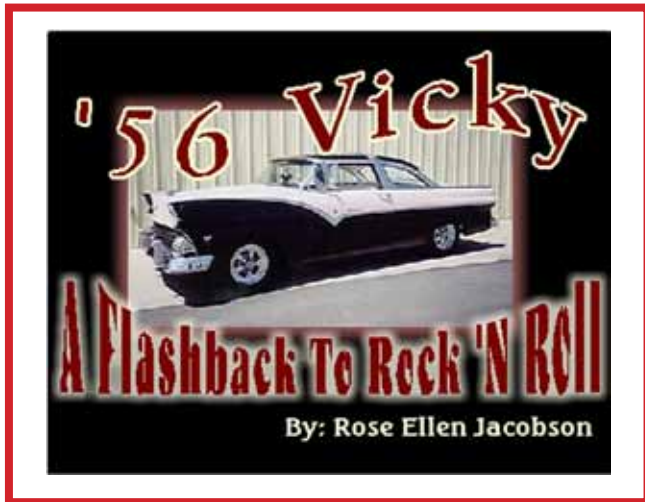
Rubicon Meeting are at China Buffet at noon. Contact Chuck Moss 541-461-6652. Speakers for February:

02/10/11, Christine Lundberg, Mayor of Springfield.

02/10/11, Doug Robertson, Douglas County Commissioner on Rural School Acts.

02/17/11 Mary Kay Edwards, Cascade Policy Inst

02/24/11, Pat Farr, Eugene City Councilor



April First Special Mystery Event

Republican Women Central Lane
are presenting the Poison Pen Players in:

"56 Vicky: A Flashback to Rock'n Roll"

Authors: Michael & Rose Ellen Jacobson

Director: Melanie Heard

Synopsis:

Everyone on the high school reunion committee thought that the party would be a blast to the past. But when old wounds are re-opened for one last time, and a classic car becomes a bone of contention...you just never know what could happen next! Do you think you know who killed Ricky Lee Autry? Buckle your safety belt, and join us for an event "to die for!"

YES, Come for the very first RWCL Dinner theater at Eugene Hilton. Doors open at 5:30 for social hour no-host bar. Tickets are \$48.00 per person and include dinner and the play.

Invitation are coming 02/21/11 with response cards.

Please R.S.V.P to RWCL, P.O. Box 7084, Eugene, OR 97401.

For information call Nina 541-485-4100 or e-mail her at:
alnine17@comcast.net.



In Remembrance

Our longtime RWCL member *Sonia Flinn* lost her husband in December. Here is a memorial article to him.

A private memorial service was held for *Don Flinn* on Sunday December 12, 2010 at his home in Eugene, Oregon. He died on November 3, 2010 from the complications of a stroke he had suffered several months earlier.

Don Flinn was born *October 3, 1923* in Tulsa Oklahoma to *Grace and George Flinn*. He grew up in *Joplin, Missouri*, the eldest of three sons. Like his father, he went to medical school, and graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1946, at the age of 22.

The following year, he married the love of his life, *Sonia Opalinsky*. He enlisted in the Air Force and rose to the rank of Colonel. He joined N.A.S.A. and was involved in U.S. space exploration, from its inception. He helped select the Mercury and Gemini astronauts and was one of a team of six physicians who would examine them immediately before each flight then examine them again, on the recovery aircraft carrier, after they splashed down.

After leaving the Air Force in 1967, he turned to academia. He served as the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Texas Tech, was the Assistant Dean of the U.C.L.A. Medical School, and retired from U.C.L.A. as Professor Emeritus in 1993.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sonia, three adult children, Don Jr., Cindy, and Gary and two brothers, Rob and George.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our book club met Jan 26 at Marie Calendars for lunch. Present were Bill Weir, Lesley Craig, myself, (Lucy Barnett) and Joan Chipman. We had a very good lunch and spirited conversation on our book "*The Last Stand*" by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Next we will discuss David Limbaugh's book "*Crimes Against Liberty*" at Barnes and Noble Coffee Bar at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. One of our newest members, Joan Chipman will be our facilitator.

Heads up... the next read is "*Decision Points*" George W. Bush's autobiography.

Any questions please email or call, Lucy Barnett 541-465-1388, tututango@clearwire.net

LCR NEEDS OUR HELP

Loren Later, Chairman of LCR has asked RWCL for help in keeping a presence in Lane County by staffing the office headquarters on Coburg Road for two days a week until the LCRC committee can raise capitol to keep it open.

I have agreed to support their effort and I hope you can too. Jenn Thompson will continue to work on Mondays to do the bookkeeping and other tasks, while we can work Wednesdays and Fridays for 4 hour shifts.

If you can work one of these dates, please call me (Gerry 541-484-0732) so I can schedule your shift:

- Wednesday, Feb 23 _____
- Friday, Feb 25 _____
- Wednesday, March 2 _____
- Friday, March 4 _____
- Wednesday, March 9 _____
- Friday, March 11 _____
- Wednesday, March 16 _____
- Friday, March 18 _____
- Wednesday, March 23 _____
- Friday, March 25 _____
- Wednesday, March 30 _____

Invocation RWCL January 24, 2011

Dear Heavenly Father,

On the start of a New Year, we ask for your blessing upon this group of women who are preparing for a successful year with their endeavors. They are proud to be a Republican group, but they still have time to help out our community where there is big need.

It is well known they work once a month at Food for Lane County, they send boxes of supplies to the troops overseas, have a project of giving new dictionaries to the grade schools and they are always ready to help when asked. This is truly a "*nothing can stop us group.*"

Today we ask for the safety of our many men and women in the service. We ask you for the support for those returning home after several years facing a big transition. We have noticed how many Veterans are standing on the corners holding signs asking for help to find a job. They are homeless and need food. The change from being in the service to coming home is almost impossible for some to handle. They gave of their time to keep us safe and return home with very little help to pickup their life as it had been.

Lord, please give them the encouragement to face the days that are ahead ...with the knowledge that you will always be with them. All these things we ask in the name of the one who taught us to love one another. AMEN

by Nina Rogers, Chaplain





Pictured is Gladys Hasse and Terri Moffett as they enjoy the 1920's theme of the OFRW 2007 Convention!

Terri Moffett has generously accepted my invitation to be Vice President of RWCL. At our next general meeting we will be voting for both Terri as VP and Nina Rogers as our new Chaplain. For those of you that don't know Terri, here is a brief Bio.

Originally Terri, is from South Carolina, but she and her husband, Dale, have lived on a family homestead, west of Junction City, for nearly 49 of the 168 years it has been in the family.

They raised cattle, sheep, timber and 3 daughters on this ranch until 1979, when a herbicide used for vegetation management came under attack by women in Alsea Valley.

Terri managed the logging office and did all the things moms do with very active girls; brownie scouts, school sports, PNSA ski racing, 4-H livestock, entertaining, fund-raising, general contractor of the Junction City High School Track and Soccer field, all the usual stuff.

Terri's first trip to Washington, DC was with *Oregon Women in Timber* to lobby the Carter Administration on it's potential ban of the herbicide 2-4-5-T which was sprayed on the forest for vegetation management, but women in Alsea claimed was causing miscarriages. They lost!

This trip was followed by many others where Mom and her girls (two went on to work on the hill) would lobby on behalf of the industry with

Terri Moffett to be elected Vice President

Associated Oregon Loggers and Oregon Lands Coalition. On two trips, she served as the NW coordinator for a national effort that brought hundreds to DC with lots of publicity about the spotted owl. They lost again!

This background set the stage for getting involved with a young man from Pendleton's U.S. Senate race against Ron Wyden in 1996 for the seat being vacated by Senator Bob Packwood.

Gordon Smith lost that race (our first mail in ballot in January of 1997), but went on to run again in November of 1997 and won the Hatfield seat.

Senator Smith remains the only person who has ever run for the U.S. Senate twice in one year.

Smith opened 5 offices around the state and Terri became the *Western Oregon Field representative* located in Eugene. She served as the go-to person for the Senator to seven counties for twelve years. Terri continued to work on not only his campaigns, but also volunteered on the 2000 presidential election when *Dick Cheney* came to her home town of Junction City; she then served as the 2004 Regional Chair for the *Bush/Cheney campaign* when *Vice President Cheney* came to Eugene.

After *Senator Smith* was defeated by the "Obama Wave" Terri worked for *Allen Alley* for a year and then for Jim Huffman. She is delighted to have finally won an election (after 3 losses). Mr. Alley won the seat of Chairman of the *Oregon Republican Party*.

Somewhere about 25 years ago she became a *PCP of the Lane County Central Committee* and worked with other great republicans to reinvigorate the party after the 2000 election of President Bush. This was about the time she became a member of the

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Republican Women of Central Lane which was guided then by the ever-so-enthusiastic *Sandy Reed*.

She has finally found time to be of service to our organization and very much looks forward to learning and working for a vibrant organization under the direction of *President Gerry Briggs* and her board "I am honored and ready to serve" she said.

Troop support! We want to send a care package to our new soldier so please bring items like: peanuts, beef jerky, chapstick, hand lotions in small sizes for their packs and any other ideas you might have. Remember it has to be nonperishable.

They also like Sudoku books and crossword puzzles. Thanks

Food for Lane County will meet first Thursday of the month, March 3, and April 7. Fred & Gladys Hasse and Anne Parmeter had the first session January 6th and Gladys and Fred were there in February along with . Please think about supporting them.

And don't forget to bring food contributions to our general meetings.

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