



# REPUBLICAN *Women* CENTRAL LANE

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

## SEPTEMBER - BULLETIN

### *Dinner with Rick Stewart – September 26, 2011*

**A** native of Roseburg, Oregon, *Rick Stewart* has spent most of his life, in one capacity or another, in the great outdoors. He was awarded several decorations as a firefighter and paramedic during his first four years of military service.

These include a Commendation Medal for saving the life of a young woman involved in an automobile accident in 1979, and a medal for heroism during a B-52 aircraft fire loaded with nuclear weapons in 1980.

Cross training into the SERE community in 1980, *Rick* graduated in the top of his class at the *United States Air Force Instructor Training School*. His reputation, work ethic, leadership, and technical skill presented him with many challenging, yet rewarding training opportunities for working with the most elite organizations of our military and government.

From *NASA to SEAL Teams*, the *CIA* to the *Defense Intelligence Agency*, *Rick Stewart* has provided survival training around the world. In 1984 he was honored by the military as both *Armed Forces Person of the Year and Survival (SERE) Instructor of the Year*. During *Desert Shield*, while providing chemical defense and escape and evasion training for American and coalition forces in Saudi Arabia, *Rick* received



*When:* September 26, 2011

*Where:* Valley River Inn

*Time:* Doors open 6:00p.m.,  
dinner at 6:45  
program 7:20

*Cost:* \$20.00 per person

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an *Award of Recognition* from *General Philip Killian*, then Director of HQ USAFANG.

Rick Stewart has authored hundreds of documents on the subject of survival, disaster planning, and

wrote the protocol used by all USAF personnel for decontamination in a CBRNE environment. He has personally participated in research and development studies for the military related to CBRNE that put him in the proximity and direct contact with “live” weapons grade chemical agents.

As a public speaker, inventor, and entrepreneur, Rick has earned a reputation for his tireless passion, driven intensity, creative innovation, and intuitive approach to business and life in general. He is an ordained minister, Master Scuba Diver, and has even found time to coach and preside as President over Eugene Little League Baseball for three years

In 2003, Rick Stewart was honored by the United States Air Force as an Honorary Chief Master Sergeant, and award that has been given only 4 times in the history of the Air Force Life Support Community.

Today Rick is the Host and Executive Producer of *NRA's Line of Duty Television* and the *Senior Military Advisor* for American Warrior Magazine. He is the *CEO of R.W. Stewart Incorporated*, an Independent Contracting Company and the *President of American Zealot (Zealot LLC)* a business that provides training and equipment to military and government entities.

## WHAT WE DID THIS SUMMER

### *Your Republican Women were busy this summer.*

We participated in the *Creswell July 4th parade* along with the Lane County Republicans and Cottage Grove 912 Project. We did a lot of waving and throwing candy out to the children and it was gratifying to see so many people out to enjoy the day and to welcome us.

Next we supported Lane County Republicans (LCR) and their *EMS Night for our soldiers*. LCR was able to invite and sponsor all the military personnel who wanted to come because of the generous support of all of you Republicans out there. Here are a few photos:



The new PK Park next to Autzen Stadium; right is Soldier winning a pizza for her group.



August saw us at the *Lane County Republican Fair Booth*. Thank you to all the RWCL women for their two days in the booth and for helping LCR to maintain the booth through Sunday. Special thanks to Norma Cable and Chuck Moss for putting it all together.



Becky & Wayne Lemler watch while a voter signs a petition. Right is the straw display. Our winner was Rick Perry at 37%, with Michelle Bachman, Ron Paul, and Herman Cain at 18%. (Romney, 7%, Gingrich, 6%, Santorium, 3% and Huntsman 2%)



### *Events Calendar 2011*

**October 14-15, OFRW State Convention in Medford;** All are welcome and we are looking for one more delegate to officially accompany myself, June Cunard and Terri Moffet. If you want to get a broader perspective on OFRW and hear some great speaker, please call me 541-484-0732 and I'll give you the lowdown. Reservations need to be made soon.

**October 24,** Lunch meeting 11:30 to 1:00 will be election of 2012 officers and Installation plus a special speaker.

No November meeting

**December 9, RWCL Christmas Party.** Ronald Reagan is our theme and we'll have invitations out about November first, plus the first 25 to call Nina with their reservations gets a mystery gift.

**Rubicon Meetings are** at China Buffet at noon. Current speakers: **Sept. 29,** Herb Chereck, U of O Registrar; **Oct. 6,** Bruce Hanna; **Oct 13,** Rick Cunningham, Bethel School Board Member and EWEB Commissioner; **Oct 20,** Mary Spilde, Pres. of Lane Community College; **Oct 27,** Loren Later, Chalmrman of LCRCC. Our website is [www.rubiconsociety.org](http://www.rubiconsociety.org), contact Chuck Moss 541-461-6652 for more information.



### *Kudos and Thanks*

Azillion Beads is an amazing, sparkling store filled with beads, crystals, pearls, charms and everything one needs to make beautiful jewelry.

A small group of us, under the tutelage of Gabrielle made an amazing bunch of bracelets, necklaces and tassels for fund-raising for RWCL.

The photo above, pictures a necklace with an abalone shell elephant combined with fresh water pearls and rock crystals that will be for sale, along with a variety of styles at our lunches. Everyone that came and participated had fun and learned much. Thank you to all those ladies and a BIG thanks to Gabrielle for giving us her time and expertise.

### *More Thanks*

Our Historian, Helene O'Rourke is a quick-witted, horse lover that has created several marvelous RWCL scrapbooks that you should check out at our lunches. Helene also just completed a CD montage of RWCL from all of our events from last year and this year. We are planning on playing it at our October Lunch. Thanks so much Helene.

### *RWCL Book Club Report*

Lucy Barnett, Bill Weir and Lesley Craig met at BJ's for lunch on July 23. Several of our members were on vacation or sick. We discussed the Ron Reagan book *"My Father at 100."*

We are now reading *"No Cloak, No Dagger"* by Grace Stoddard and will discuss this in the early part of October.

Because of many other commitments, I will not be chairing the RWCL Book Club in 2012. I have enjoyed my three years very much but it is now time for a new face. I will lead until the last book is read for this year, which is thru Dec. Thanks so much.

*Lucy Barnett*

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Republican Women Central Lane (RWCL) are at a crossroad. September 26, after our speaker Rick Stewart, the nominating committee will report the slate of 2012 officers. I will not be running as President, Doris McKee is retiring as Treasurer after 12 years of service, and Norma is retiring as Secretary. We will not know what positions need to be filled until after the report but I want all of you to think about the possibilities of these offices and to serve as a Trustee. Our By-laws state the duties of each office but does not mention the fun we have, as well as getting to know twelve wonderful women.

The three of us want to mentor whoever would like the challenge of any of those positions. As retiring President, I will be sitting on the board as Ex-Officio president. Terri Moffett will be available, but her focus will be on running campaigns. She is a very valuable member of our team and will be suggesting places to be and phone calling to do to light up next year.

As the Treasurer's mentor, Doris McKee wants to guide the volunteer into their job and "show them the ropes." Doris would love to talk to you and invites you to call her at 541-686-0634 for more detail.

We have six valued trustees and their duties are:

- To attend board meetings,
- Trustees are encouraged to volunteer as a standing committee chair, i.e., Christmas party chair, Program chair, Caring for America chair etc.
- To perform the duty or Auditor of the Treasurer's books
- and to form a committee of three to prepare an audit report for presenting in January to a regular meeting.

Because our lives have become so complicated and our focus for 2012 should be electing national, state, and local republicans, I am recommending some changes for the 2012 board.

Our By-Laws state that we have eight meetings a year but they do not have to be formal meetings at Valley River Inn. I propose we contract for 3 to 4 large meetings and the rest can be informal meetings at LCR office to help candidates during the election or deciding to have a candidate picnic or whatever is appropriate. It will be up to the new President and the board to decide these matters. This simple change will mean less responsibility for the board and more focus on candidates.

Another possibility would be a co-Presidency where responsibilities are split. This would serve two goals: give each person real help and train the next president. The practice could continue, if successful or just dropped after 2012 election year.

RWCL does a lot of projects and sometimes not all of them all the time. To your right is a list of current Chairs and their projects. Please call me to talk about these activities or other ideas you might have. We welcome your enthusiasm!



*Christmas is coming! Save the Date... Dec 9th*

This will be a special Christmas for two reasons. One, we missed our party last year due to a snafu, and two, The Reagan Library has designated 2011 as the Centennial Year for Reagan and now it's time for us to honor him at our Christmas party.

We are in the planning stages and would love to have you join in the fun of planning our party. If you would like to help in those areas please call Kaye Ridley (541-688-7235): Decoration committee, silent auction committee, stuffing and stamping invitation help, and raffle ticket help, possible helping June to sell jewelry.

## 2011 RWCL OFFICERS

### President

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### Vice President

*Terri Moffet*

### Secretary

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### Appointed Chairs

Annual Audit—Gladys Hasse

Lucy Barnett — Book club

Caring for America, Food for Lane  
County & Troop support—  
Anne Haynes & Gladys Hasse

Corresponding Secretary—  
Lucy Barnett

Dictionary program—Doris McKee

Events Chair—Kaye Ridley

Historian—Helene O'Rourke

Membership Chair—  
Helene O'Rourke

Newsletter—Gerry Briggs

Programs—Marion Reed

Volunteer Chair and Jewelry—  
June Conard

## CELEBRATIONS!

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It's a pleasure to report the anniversaries of two of our RWCL members.

To the left is *Lois and Svend Toftemark* who celebrated their *50th wedding anniversary* with a trip in April to the Oregon coast and two parties. They were April 2, 1961 in Eugene.

They have two grandchildren and are members of the Bethesda Lutheran Church and Danish Brotherhood.



Celebrating *40 years of Marriage* is *Doris and Dave McKee*. They blended their family of 8 children on August 22, 1971 in Carson City, Nevada. They spent a week celebrating with their grandchildren in Las Vegas, Nevada then will spend a week in Kauai, HI in January. They have 20 grandchildren

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Congratulations to the four of you and many more happy trails.

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