



Republican Women Central Lane

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

JUNE NEWSLETTER - LUNCH AT VRI

RWCL Calendar of Events 2013 Save These Dates

Please R.S.V.P. Nina at 541-485-4100 or alnine17@comcast.net for all meetings so we can have an accurate count for food.

June 24, Lunch meeting at Valley River Inn. Jeff Kropf to be our speaker. Doors open at 11:30. Cost \$15.00

July 2 The Support the Troops baseball barbeque and EMS game.

July Fourth, the 4th of July Creswell Parade. Want to be in an old-fashioned parade? RWCL are participating again with the Lane County Republicans. We will gather at 9:00 Call June to let her know you're coming and where to meet. June 541-514-3883.

July 27, Book Club:

Come out to Noble Estates Winery to discuss Ken Follet's "Fall of Giants. Call Lucy, 514-465-1388.

July 24 to 28, Lane County Fair booth:

Come work a two-hour shift at the booth on the 24 or 25, as those are Republican Women Days and have some fun conversations. Call Gerry 541-484-0732.

If you can't work those days, Call Lela to work July 26 to 28 541-914-4623.

August 17, Wine and Cheese Party.

This will be our special summer get-together at Tami Sakany's home in the county. It is in the planning stages now but everyone will bring an hors d'oeuvre or wine to share. . . .

September 23 general meeting.

Place and speaker to be determined. The Nominating committee will announce it's recommendations for 2013 RWCL Officers.

OFRW Convention, October 11-13.

Plan on attending the OFRW Convention, held at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. Stay tuned for more information.

October 28, general meeting.

We will have elections of RWCL officers and Installation of Officers.

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Lunch with Honorable Jeff Kropf

Former State Representative **Jeff Kropf** represented Oregon House District 17 for eight years, serving the people of Linn and Marion counties. He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1998 and served 4 terms until retiring in January of 2007.

He is married to Peggy Sue; they have a 34 year old son Cris, daughter in law Dawn, grandson Carter and own a farm north of Sublimity. He is a fifth generation Oregon farmer from the Halsey/Harrisburg area and small businesses owner.

During his tenure, he served on the Legislative Emergency Board, was a member of the full Ways and Means Committee, various sub-committees, Transportation committee and was the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee for two legislative sessions.

Nationally, he served as the Chairman of the National Conference of State Legislature's (NCSL) Agriculture and Rural Development committee and as a member of the NCSL Homeland Security Task Force.

After retiring from the Oregon House he lobbied for a short time until he became the state Director of the Oregon Chapter of Americans for Prosperity, a grassroots, limited government political organization. He is currently the Executive Director of the Oregon Capitol Watch Foundation whose mission is to educate Oregon citizens on how their tax dollars are spent.

Jeff serves on numerous boards

including the Sublimity Rural Fire Protection District, Oregon Connections Academy and Water for Life.

In 2004 Jeff was embedded

as a radio broadcaster with the Oregon National Guard in Iraq and again in Afghanistan in 2006, bringing live reports and interviews with Oregon Guardsman from the combat zone.

He started in talk radio in 2003 as a substitute for Lars Larson, then spent five years hosting a week day radio talk show during early morning on 1360 KUIK in Hillsboro Oregon. He is currently retired from talk radio. His website is www.jeffkropf.com

Jeff has received numerous awards from conservative business and government watchdog organizations and is a founding member of the New Budget Coalition. He is a passionate advocate for common sense government budget reform and speaks regularly to various organizations around Oregon on this subject.



**Lunch at Valley River Inn
Call Nina for reservations
541-485-4100 or email:
alnine17@comcast.net by June 19.
Bring your friends. Lunch is \$15.00**

EMS Ball game fro the TROOPS

*Take them out to the ball game
Take them out to the park.....*

Yearly, the Republican Party of Lane shows its appreciation for our servicemen by hosting them at an EMS game. We treat them to tickets, and a barbecue picnic at first base: hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, two drink vouchers. If you are not a baseball fan, or are unable to attend the game, please consider buying a ticket or more to honor the men who help keep our country free and safe. Otherwise, join a group of Republicans and servicemen to root, root, root for the home team. Tickets for dinner and the game are \$22.

**EMS vs. Hillsboro Hops (Eugene vs. Portland rivalry)
Tuesday July 2, 2013, Picnic: 5:00--6:30, Game: 7:00
Reservations must be in by Tuesday June 18.
Questions: Contact Candace Cottell 541 344 0616**

**MAIL the following information to:
Lane County Republicans, P.O. Box 10247, Eugene, OR 97440**

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*The
Bush
Library*

On May 24, 2013, I got the opportunity to visit the *George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum* located right on the campus of the *Southern Methodist University*, a beautiful landscape of native Texas trees, grasses and flowers in a 15 acre urban park. I did miss the grand opening in April by just a month, but it felt good to be there and a part of American history. The above photo of me with these lifelike bronze statues of Senior Bush and George W. Bush is in the Texas Rose garden area.

I was so taken at every section depicting all the activities, and events, good or bad that this man, our past president did and endured while serving our country. His pride, his love of family and children from all over the world was on display. And Laura with her graceful nature was in every picture. Everywhere you went this library of history impressed you whether you did their audio-tour or self-tour.

I am now, more than ever, proud that George W. Bush was our president. He was an honest, straight hitter of a man who believes in freedom, strong families and strong beliefs can make for a better country.

I am so glad I spent the day there, walked around, and saw the beautiful gifts presented to them both. I even shared tears with other visitors who watched a video about his daughters talking about their dad, the comedian, and what it meant for them to grow up in the White House. This was really special.

At the very end of the tour, you visit The Oval office where you have your photo taken as if you were really in D. C.

When you plan your next trip, stop in Dallas and put this on your agenda. It was worth seeing, feeling the warmth, appreciating the first family as they traveled, but most of all were loved by all. Yes, this did humble me many of times. To see more, *visit: www.Georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu*.

Kaye Ridley, 2nd VP OFRW



Thoughts from your Vice President...

January was the kickoff to six months of success for Republican Women of Central Lane.

As many of you remember, Chelle Young, volunteer Lead Coordinator for the Oregon National Guard Battalion Family Readiness, was our January speaker. She has been awarded the Oregon Commendation Medal twice and has, also, received a Meritorious Service Medal. In December 2012, Chelle was inducted into the 162nd Regiment Hall of Honor as a Distinguished Supporter of the Regiment. Being comfortable with asking RWCL to help on a new project for the Family Readiness Group and our membership connecting and stepping up to the plate, Chelle's inspiration has started us on the path to strengthening our Armed Forces program.

"A Co. is deep in the planning stages of their picnic and has some needs", Chelle wrote. When I passed a sign-up sheet at our dinner with Joe Tokatly itemizing her requests, it was returned with every request spoken for...plus a generous donation by two others allowing us to add three gift cards to restaurants in the area. Those who have signed up to give to the A Co. may bring those items to the June 24th luncheon with speaker Jeff Kropf. If you aren't able to attend this meeting, please give me a call @ 541-321-2767 and someone can pick it up. What a great membership we have in RWCL! Thank you!

Although our membership numbers are down this year, our attendance has been strong and people are engaged with our programs. Just think what more we could do if we had more Republican women to join with us to make a difference. Moving ahead in 2013, we plan to finish strong!

Nancy Scalf, Vice President RWCL

Open Letter from Lane County Chair Paul Barnett



**Paul Barnett, Lane County
Republican Chairman**

Suzanne Gallagher, the Oregon Republican Party Chairperson, has stated that she wants to see 200,000 new Republicans registered in this state by next year's election. The first question that comes to mind is, "Is it do-able?" The answer is "maybe". But, even a bigger question is why do we need that many new Republicans? To get the answer all we need to do is look at what is going on in Salem.

A Democrat controlled Senate and House are poised to pass some of the most far reaching legislation to come out of our state capitol in many years.

Look at what is happening up there.

Let's start with the recommendation to register 16 year olds to vote. Or maybe the fact that ballot destruction will occur AFTER any recounts are completed. Or, how about drivers "cards" for illegal aliens? As if that were not enough, our Governor and Senate have come up with a typical Democrat ploy to fleece the people of our fair state. Until a few weeks ago most Democrats in the Senate felt that a \$275 million shortfall in the budget would mean raising taxes. Cut programs? Heaven forbid!

Then the May 2013 Quarterly Revenue Forecast was released that projected the state income would increase by \$272 million. So no need for a tax increases, right? Wrong. The Democrats still want to increase taxes by \$200 million and, because Republicans can't see any reason for that, we are then accused of not caring about the children. In addition, small businesses will bare the brunt of these taxes (as if Props 66 and 67 didn't destroy enough Oregon businesses). Sound familiar? In addition, the Democrats have managed to find a way around the State Constitution, which says that tax increases can only be passed by a 3/5 majority.

These are just some of the things going on in a Democrat controlled House and Senate in Salem and right now there isn't much that we, as Republicans can do about it except make our views known to our individual elected officials in hopes of killing these bills. But, there is something else we can do that will have far reaching effects. Let's begin our registration drive right now! 200,000 Republicans voting in 2014 can, and will, bring about the changes that are necessary in our State and local government. Together we can do this, one voter at a time.



**Stuzanne Gallager, Chair
of ORP speaking at our May
Fashion Show.**

RWCL Help OFRW for October Convention



OFRW had a reception for our legislatures the night before our **May Legislation Day**. To help raise money for our **October State convention (October 11 to 13) in Wilsonville, Anita Lewis** made one of her cuddly teddy bears and **Nina Rogers** made a lavender blanket.

Kaye Ridley finished it off with other knickknacks and **Voila**, we have the "**Granny Basket**." It was a big success and brought in \$130.00 for the OFRW. Overall OFRW raised \$2,000 to defray registrations cost for it's members.

So mark it on your calendar, it should be a wonderful time to see old friends and make new ones.

Our 2013 Officers

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Appointed Chairs

100% Club—OPEN

Americanism — Norma Cable

Annual Audit—Gladys Hasse

Awards — Helene O'Rourke

Armed Forces — Nancy Scalf & Helene O'Rourke

Book club — Lucy Barnett

Caring for America — Jeanette Steele

Communication/Website—Janis Ross

Corresponding Secretary—

Lucy Barnett

Dictionary program—Doris McKee

Events Chair—OPEN (Kaye Ridley would like to pass this on to an interested lady)

Historian—OPEN (Helene O'Rourke would like to pass this on to an interested lady.)

Hospitality/Phoning—
Dee McManus, Nina Rogers

Leadership/Legislation— Terri Moffett

Literacy/Mamie Eisenhower— OPEN

Membership Chair— Norma Cable, Terri Moffett, & Therese Stallings

Merchandise Sales— Gladys Hasse, Janis Ross

Newsletter— Gerry Briggs

Outreach/recruiting—OPEN

Programs—Nancy Scalf

If you wish to volunteer, contact Gerry,
541-484-0732



*Revenue Forecast is up over \$200 Million
It seems never be enough
by State Representative Sal Esquivel*

Less than 24 hours before the release of the states latest revenue forecast, Governor Kitzhaber held a press conference, in which he expressed support for higher taxes on Oregon business. This comes after a bad month for many big businesses throughout the state.

Integra is moving its corporate headquarters from Portland to Vancouver, WA. The last lumber mill in Josephine County has closed down. Greenbrier is laying off 200 workers at its Gunderson LLC plant in Northwest Portland operations. Xerox is laying off 300 workers on Coos Bay and North Bend. Kinder Morgan pulled the plug on plans for a proposed coal terminal in Columbia County, and CentureyLink just announced the closure of Hood River call center.

These are just the big businesses that are struggling, and does not include all the small businesses throughout Oregon that are also having a hard time right now.

Calling for higher taxes on businesses sends the wrong signal to job creators at a time when Oregonians need jobs more than ever. The Public Employees Retirement System (PERRS) reforms that the governor has signed are a good first step. But they don't solve the problem.

I've been saying for years that our state government needs to get its spending in line before asking anyone for more taxes. PERS costs affect every school district, city and county in the state. We need to fix those issues immediately, instead of continuing to kick that down the road.

Correction



This lovely lady that use to be such a wonderful member of RWCL is Muriel Adler. . . When I published the story I mistakenly put Kurtz as her last name. Hope I didn't confuse anyone.

REMEMBER "Food for Lane County." Bring dry goods and canned goods for Jeanette. She is bringing a food barrel for our lunch. Lets get lots of pounds contributed to them from RWCL!

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