



Republican Women Central Lane

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

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OUR MARCH SPEAKER



Troy R. Givens. . . On My Honor

Brigade of White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), NM. After two short weeks at WSMR, Troy rapidly deployed to *Northern Afghanistan* where he would catch up to his unit and subsequently be assigned as the *Personnel Security Detachment (PSD) Platoon Leader*.

For the next two months Troy planned and conducted numerous convoy and route security missions throughout his AO (Area of Operations).

On December 28th, 2010, after dropping off mission essential equipment to the front line soldiers who were clearing a path on a road that was heavily inlaid with IED's, Troy's vehicle was struck by a large IED just behind the front right tire.

"After lifting the 20,000 pound vehicle eight feet in the air it slammed it down in the newly created six to eight foot crater. During the whirlwind of smoke, fire, ringing ears and blinding light the front right door, my door, was ripped from its hinges and ultimately pinning me to the ground as I laid under the hull of my M-ATV in a wet, muddy hole.

After an hour of excruciating pain and honorable determination by the soldiers of my platoon to protect me and keep alive and safe I was loaded onto a German helicopter and flown back to Konduz where the Germans performed the first of many surgeries to come.

You must call for lunch reservations or you may not be served lunch. Please read page

CALL Nina at 541-485-4100 or e-mail her: alnine17@comcast.net
We'll see you at 11:30, program at noon.

Troy Givens started his military career in *May 2006* when he enlisted in the *Oregon Army National Guard (ORARNG)* as a 21B (Combat Engineer). After a year or so went by of drilling with the 1249th Engineer Battalion of Salem, OR, Troy was introduced to the idea of joining *ROTC at the University of Oregon* by another soldier who was also a cadet in the ROTC program.

During the next three years Troy attended LDAC (Leadership and Development Assessment Course) in June 2008, Airborne School in July 2008 and EOCA (Engineer Ordnance Clearance Agent) in August 2008. In mid June 2009 Troy graduated from the UO with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Psychology and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Troy's first assignment was as a *Gold Bar Recruiter for the UO ROTC program*. After a few months there he was called to *Ft. Leonard Wood, MO* where he successfully completed of *Engineer Officer Basic Course*. His first duty assignment as a new Engineer Officer was with the 2nd Engineer Battalion/36th Engineer

I was flown to Bagram Airfield where yet again I underwent more surgery. After I awoke from surgery I was presented with my CAB (Combat Action Badge) and my Purple Heart by Major General John F. Campbell, the commander of CJTF-101 (Combined Joint Task Force). Soon after I was flown to Landstuhl, Germany where I received operations that would stabilize me for the long flight over the ocean to Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) where I would remain for the next few months."



Troy as the The most avid Duck Fan

Troy sustained a myriad of injuries from the IED blast including a broken pelvis in four places, a broken spine, a broken right femur, a dislocated right knee and torn ligaments, a broken right

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fibula, multiple lacerations on right leg and various levels of nerve damage throughout his right leg and some in my left leg.

Due to extensive physical therapy and a team of dedicated doctors Troy is now able to walk without the assistance from his two trekking poles and has gained almost all of the mobility back in his knee, hips and spine.

Currently Troy resides in Eugene, OR with his mother, Janet, and his younger brother, Eric. It is Troy's wish to return to full active duty in the United States Army Engineer Corps.

Troy is an avid marksman and outdoor enthusiast (see above photo). He has placed first in several shooting matches throughout the North West over the past years and has attended several professional shooting schools. Troy has also earned the highest achievement that a young man can be bestowed, the Eagle Scout.

Awards:

Purple Heart
 Army Commendation Medal w/one bronze oak leaf cluster
 Army Achievement Medal
 National defense Service Ribbon
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ campaign star
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Army Service Ribbon
 Overseas Service Ribbon
 NATO Defense Service Medal (ISAF)
 Combat Action Badge
 Airborne Badge
 Civilian Achievements:
 Bachelors Degree in Psychology from the University of Oregon
 Eagle Scout

R.S.V.P to Our Monthly Meetings

Ladies,

We need your help. Last meeting we had 15 more people than we had reservations which created a very bad situation that made RWCL and Red Lion look irresponsible. We had more people than we had food because all of you are not calling in to make reservations. We had some unhappy members.



The Red Lion is not a restaurant, they have our food brought in, so it is imperative they receive an accurate count of people attending... This is why your reservation is so important..

I will answer every communication, so you will know you are on the lunch list. This situation can only be solved if each of you would remember the deadline is always the Friday before the Monday meeting. We want our meetings to go smoothly so everyone can enjoy the day. Please help us by calling or emailing me by the deadline, Fridays before Mondays meeting. It is also important that the Red Lion gets the right count from me.....Thank you,

Nina Rogers, 541 485 4100 or e-mail: alnine17@comcast.net.

2012 in Review

2012 was a good year for RWCL. Our membership was approximately eighty which lent itself to good attendance. 2012 was an election year so the beginning of the year was given to promoting candidates to insure our membership understood the issues and candidates.

RWCL had an exciting summer with a picnic fundraiser at the *Greg and Therese Stallings Polled Hereford ranch*. Our candidate speakers ranged from state level down to local. This was a great success in spite of the rain!

Other summer events that we participated:

- *4th of July parade* at Creswell and the
- *Lane County Fair booth*, both outreach to possible new members.
- *"Meet & Greet"* for our *OFRW President, Sally McCloud* at Tami and Nate Sakany's beautiful home.
- Thirteen women and two mini Republicans went to Salem to celebrate the *100-year anniversary* of Women's Right to Vote in Oregon

The grand finale of the year was our Christmas Party, *"That's Entertainment."* No hidden motives...just pure fun for about 64 people who shared Christmas cheer and fine entertainment.

Our 2013 membership is down, but we are putting our efforts into bringing in new members. *Chelle Young*, our first speaker of the year, shared information on the *Family Readiness Program* for the *Oregon National Guard*. She is the State Lead Coordinator over the 5 Units in Oregon's Battalion.

Our February meeting had *Paul Barnett*, the new *Lane GOP Chair*, who shared his GOP vision. Paul then introduced *Lane County Commissioner, Jay Bozievich* who informed us on critical issues currently facing Lane County.

On the agenda for the next few months is

- March, *Troy Givens* our adopted wounded warrior for the last couple of years.
- April, *"Buckets of Sunshine"* a fashion show with Christopher & Banks. OFRW President, Sally McCloud will be a speaker and we are hoping to draw new members for this exciting event.

This is our line-up to this point...a promising year to promote *Republican Women of Central Lane!* Moving ahead in 2013,

Nancy Scalf, Vice President RWCL

Club News & Events



BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Book club will meet at *Lucy's house on April 13 at 1 p.m.* We will discuss "*Killing Lincoln*" by Bill O' Reilly. Lucy will provide snacks and beverages so please *R.S.V.P* by phone or e-mail. Meanwhile, start looking for "*Fall of Giants*" by Ken

Follett in paperback, our next read.

This is *Book One* of Ken Follett's magnificent new historical epic of five interrelated families who move through the momentous dramas of the First World War, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for women's suffrage. It promises to be as magnificent as "*Pillars of the Earth.*"

Call for directions to Lucy's house at 541 465 1388.

CARING & SHARING CORNER . . .

Our President June Conard will be having knee surgery March 18th so have good thoughts for a successful surgery. She will be checking in on us and our activities after March 23.

Say a few prayers for Lucy Barnett's Mum who is in Hospital with a failing heart. Last Sunday was "Mothering Sunday" in the UK and Lucy thinks it may be her Mum's last. Our sympathy's to you Lucy.

And remember our continued support for our Vice President, Nancy Scalf as she continues her recovery. And let us not forget those who have had the passing of loved ones; Doris McKee ,Anita Lewis and Ginger Newman.



REMEMBER . . .

Food for Lane County and DVD's for our military. January we collected 14 lbs of food and February we donated 32 lbs. CONGRATULATIONS!

LIONS CLUB EVENT

Eugene Downtown Lions Club will present an "*Evening With Abraham Lincoln*" with historical actor Steve Holgate, *Sunday April 7th 4 to 6pm at The Ford Alumni Center UO* (next to Matt Arena).

Admission is \$12 and there is parking for a minimal charge. Lucy Barnett is selling tickets so call her at 541 465 1388 to purchase. This is a good opportunity to enjoy history coming alive and it is for a good cause the Lions Charities and it ties in with our book selection of "*Killing Lincoln.*" Any more questions call Lucy and she will be happy to fill you in on all details.



**Buckets of Sunshine
A Fashion Show**

**REMEMBER TO CALL NINA (541-485-4100)
FOR RESERVATIONS APRIL 22, 2013 AT THE RED LION INN
FOR LUNCH AND A FASHION SHOW.**

**INVITATIONS ARE IN THE MAIL! IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT
CALL GERRY 514-484-0732**

New Officers 2013

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Calling Committee —

Dee McManus

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Jeanette Steele

Corresponding Secretary—

Lucy Barnett

Dictionary program—

Doris McKee

Events Chair—Kaye Ridley

would like to pass this on to an interested lady. Please contact Kaye

Historian—Helene O'Rourke would like to pass this on to an interested lady. Please contact Helene

Membership Chair—

Therese Stallings

Newsletter—Gerry Briggs

Programs—Nancy Scalf

Jewelry Sales —

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



Rep. Richardson: **Rethinking Education Funding,**

by Christiana Mayer, (Taxpayer Association of Oregon Lawmaker Profile)

Right now public education in the United States is behind such countries as Ireland, Estonia and Poland. It is clear that something needs to be done. Representative Dennis Richardson believes that local control over public education is a crucial part of reforming education and making sure that our children get the education that they need.

“Reform education by returning education control to the lowest level – The level closest to the student. And ensure that funding follows the student,” said Richardson.

Taxpayers are constantly told that in order to have a good public education system more money is needed for our schools. Several bills to reform the **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)** have been introduced in the

current legislative session to find more money. Most school districts blame the escalating cost of PERS as one reason why they have had to trim budgets. Some of the ideas being talked about in the State Capitol are the PERS reform plan to limit the cost-of-living adjustments to the first \$24,000 of a retiree’s benefits, which saves \$400 million a year. Another PERS reform plan, to limit cost of living adjustments for higher end users, would save \$225 million a year. Unfortunately Representative Richardson does not believe that meaningful PERS reform will pass this legislative session.

For example, *there are two different state departments that are directly involved in public education. The Department of Education and the Teacher Standards and Practices*

Commission create a series of hoops and barriers for teachers according to Representative Richardson.

It is a layer of bureaucracy that keeps dollars out of the classroom. Since Salem is always looking for ways to put money in the classroom perhaps the functions of these two departments could be combined.

Parents need to take a greater interest in the education of their children and that will help change the system. Citizens should run for school board positions and volunteer in the public schools to make sure that they understand how the system works.

Reprinted with permission from Oregon Catalyst. Dennis Richardson, of Central Point, represents District 4 in the Oregon Legislature. (3/6/2013)



OFRW News — By Kaye Ridley

May 16 is our RWCL Legislation day with a possible ‘mob dance’ at Capital wearing a new T-shirt from **Oregon Republican Party (ORP)** called **ROCK OREGON**, which is ORP’s new theme for bringing back Oregon to Red. More information will be coming on T-Shirts and dancing at the capital. Those interested in attending and T-Shirts contact Kaye at 541-688-7235.

Women in business: Expand your business with other Republican women throughout the state. Send your business information to Women in Business, CO: Andy Hofmann, 670 Snead Dr. N, Keizer, OR 97303 or call our 1st VP OFRW Ande Hofmann, 503-390-9661. Send an email for further questions to: RickAndrea@aol.com. Get your business listed in our state catalog, deadline: May 1, 2013.

OFRW Spring Board meeting was March 7-8 in Seaside, OR. It was another very good meeting, good networking and sharing at Dorchester. We had many amazing and informative speakers as well as representatives and senators who came to visit. Our well known **Holly Swanson** highlighted her new book: *“Training for Treason.”*

ORP Chair Suzanne Gallagher, stated we need to promote Republicans, also **TJ Reilly** spoke on “How Republicans Can Win Elections” and not last, **Jim Ludwik** spoke on “immigration” with amazing information.

Remember, this fall is our **OFRW Convention October 11-13th**, held at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. Call for room Reservations: 503-682-2211, a great weekend of good speakers and activities are already being planned. Mark you calendar, and plan to attend.

We must stay informed, and be part of the action. More information on our convention coming soon. *We need to reach out to our women to vote. Their count was down 15% this last election.*

Nancy Aamodt OFRW membership chair awarded two clubs on their membership growth. **Money Awards** were giving to the club President and their District Director for the highest membership increase for this last year. Our **District Director, Emily Blakely** and Umpqua Valley recieved \$100.00 each for increasing their membership along with **Jan Johnson District Director**, and **Marge Hughes for E. Clackamas Co. Republican women**. Lets try and win this award next year. Invite someone to our meetings. Lets increase our membership.

For your convenience here is a list of RWCL meeting dates and other event dates, for the first six months of 2013. Location is Red Lion Inn, unless otherwise stated.

Please R.S.V.P. Nina at 541-485-4100 or alnine17@comcast.net

March 25, Lunch meeting;
1LT Troy R. Givens is our speaker

April 22, Lunch meeting;
Fashion show with Christopher & Banks. More info soon. Volunteer???
Call Kaye 541-688-7235

May 16; OFRW sponsored
Legislation Day in Salem. Possible
“mob dance” at Capital. OFRW
will have new T-shirt “ROCK
OREGON” to bring back the red to
Oregon. If interested in carpooling
call Kaye (541-688-7235). More
information coming on T Shirt
orders and dancing at the capital

May 20, Dinner meeting;
Speaker will be Joe Tokalty who will
talk about the Arab Spring

June 24, Lunch meeting
Coming, OFRW Convention
October 11-13th, held at the
Holiday Inn, Wilsonville.

Back to Basics

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed . . .”

Second paragraph, Declaration of Independence, 1776

Were the Founding Father’s concerned about whether we had health care, or public transportation or how much sugar we ate? Or were they concerned about the possibility of a developing tyrannical government like the one they left behind? They instituted a Constitution to control government with checks and balances so that Government would **derive Their just powers from the consent of the GOVERNED.**

Our issues: We are bombarded with inane regulations; banning 32oz sodas; monitoring trans fats; taxing of candy bars and teachers belittling boys

This is an editorial written by Gerry Briggs. If you wish to write an editorial with the subject matter “Back to Basics” e-mail it to me briggs06@comcast.net.

This is meant to start a dialogue about our conservative ideas, to frame the narrative and help our members think about the issues and talk about them. Let me know if this is helpful.

for playing Cowboys and Indians by pointing a finger at another kid because it looks like a gun. We have criminals being released from jail, policemen being furloughed, and no White House tours because a government wants to play politics with our tax dollar.

Where does one begin? One begins in the beginning. We need to read the Declaration of Independence again. We need to ask our children and grandchildren if they even know what it is? Print it off the web, get it from your Kindle, or Nook or IPAD and read it again, and again, and again. . . Government was NOT created to dominate our lives. Then read the Bill of Rights passed September 25, 1789 and then read the rest of the Constitution. Start thinking about your major concerns; Formulate your basic ideas of what government should be from these documents.

Then start talking to others. Formulate your conservative philosophy and start talking.

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