



Republican Women Central Lane

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

OCTOBER/FALL NEWSLETTER

October 28 General Meeting at Valley River Inn and ELECTIONS of RWCL Officers

Come join us at 11:30, have some lunch and friendly conversation and don't forget, we are voting for 2014 officers so it is very important for you all to come. ***Please call for reservations so you will be assured of lunch.*** CALL Nina at 541-485-4100 or e-mail her: alnine17@comcast.net and we'll see you at 11:30.

Our very own Sally MacLeod, President of Oregon Federation of Republican Women (pictured here) will be our speaker. Her vision to ***Take Back America***, peppered with humor, will send us out of the meeting energized and ready to go to work as Republican Women!



Nina's Corner

Well ladies, we are at the Crossroads of our RWCL. We either fill the Officer's positions on the Board of Directors for the coming year or face the reality there will be no RWCL starting in January 2014, or at the very least we will be under reorganization and will have 90 days to regroup.

According to the OFRW By-laws, I cannot elect a partial board, which is what I have at the moment. As of now, we need a Vice President, a Secretary, and a treasurer. We do have candidates for Trustees and President.

Your existing officers have held positions for many years and should not be expected to continue forever. We need some members who are new to the board to step up with fresh and new ideas... You must be a member in good standing for 30 days or more. There are many of you that have belonged for some time. Please consider taking one of the positions.

So it is very clear to all of us what we are facing. No RWCL

Nina Rogers, Parliamentarian

RWCL Calendar of Events 2013 Save These Dates

This is a short list, Ladies. Our year is grinding down to a few months. Your board is looking forward to planning, ***An Old-fashioned Christmas Party for Friday, December 6 at Valley River Inn***, details to come.

October 28, general meeting.

This is our last General Meeting so don't forget to call Nina for reservations!

We will have elections and Installation of RWCL officers.

Food for Lane County

We delivered 22 pounds last month!. If we all brought one can each we can have a record showing for the end of the year.

DVD's For Vets

Bring our DVD's that you have seen a dozen times and help distract a vet.

Highly recommended:

The movie, ***JERUSALEM***, now featuring at the Evergreen Air & Space Museum IMAX Theater comes highly recommended by the Rubicon Society. Visit <http://www.ritmeyer.com/2013/08/19/jerusalem-the-movie-in-imax/> to see more about this. Rubicon meets Thursdays, noon at Kowloon Restaurant. See their website rubiconsociety.org for more details.

Words of Wisdom

Our From Our Vice President

RWCL has had a good year!

We have enjoyed and learned from our speakers, had just plain fun times, reached out in support to the *Oregon National Guard's Family Readiness Group*, gave many hours in support to the *Honor Flight Garage Sale*, given dictionaries to school children, and much more.

Even with all these positives, we have found ourselves at a crossroad. October 28, 2013 is a defining moment in the history of Republican Women of Central Lane. We need every member of RWCL to converge on Valley River Inn.

You have all heard that we need every seat on our Executive Board filled or we will need to dissolve our club.

Do we fold or do we move on? I believe our Republican Women is a force that won't back down when the "heat is on". We will collectively rise to the cause and come back stronger than ever because we have weathered the storm. I believe our board positions will be filled. I believe we move on to 2014 to...revive, rebuild and reorganize.

1. REVIVE...our vision, our goals and our drive to meet those goals.

2. REBUILD...our membership. Strengthen our program for bringing in new people, keeping our goals before us at all times.

3. REORGANIZE...our training and help mentor members with the skills necessary to move into leadership roles, beginning with committees and training to move into higher positions.

It's do-able and I believe, together, we can make this happen!

Still moving forward,

Nancy Scalf, Vice President RWCL

2013 OFRW State Convention Review

"Take Back America"

The 25th Biennial OFRW Convention held in Wilsonville, Oregon is relegated to history but the spirit and camaraderie will long stand. OFRW has a long history of successful State conventions and the 25th one was no different.

The mood was upbeat, the Holiday Inn was cozy and comfortable and participants were excited to convene and elect a new 2014 OFRW board and to listen to many excellent speakers.

Saturday morning was spent on the business of updating the OFRW by-laws and electing the 2014/2015 officers.

Only appointed delegates are eligible to vote, and the undisputed board for next year is:

President Sally MacLeod, Klamath Basin; 1st Vice President Andrea Hofmann, Capitol City; 2nd Vice President Linda Neace, East-Clackamas; Recording Secretary Coral Rose Shipley, North Coast;

Corresponding Secretary, Kaye Ridley, RW Central Lane, and Treasurer Eleanor Boese, Polk County.

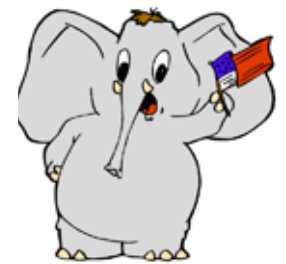
After a sit-down luncheon, where your humble editor actually "won" the centerpiece pictured here, it was back for the afternoon speakers; *Deborah Tompkins of Tompkins Benefit Group* on the pitfalls of the Affordable Health Care Act; A film on Sex Trafficking in Oregon by *Shared Hope*; and Carol Oakley's panel of representatives on the state of Oregon Legislature, their ups and downs in this last session.

It was a treat to hear *Senator Brian Boquist*, and *Representative Julie Parrish* just to name a few of the speakers. Special Thank you also to *Senator Doug Whitsett, Rep. Gail Whitsett, OFRW Page Daria Boquist and Holly Swanson.*

After breaking at 5:00 for a little rest, we all gathered for a delicious dinner and to hear our featured speaker of the weekend, *National Federation Republican President Rae Lynne*

Chornenky.

What a fireball and an exciting leader for the Republican Federation.



The convention concludes on

Sunday where there is always a prayer breakfast and a memorial service for members that have passed on. Any unfinished business is completed and by noon the convention is closed.

The convention is open to any Republican Woman in good standing with her club.

I encourage all club members to go to our State convention in 2015. The place to be determined after all clubs put in bids to have it in their town. Stay tuned, *Gerry Briggs, Editor*



Email correction: Please revise Barbara Lundberg's email address to:

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and it's a "q" as in quail!

Honor Flight Garage Sale! FABULOUS



The Honor Flight project was the brain child of Cindy Land, Stan Kerr and Mark Cosby who had everything organized by the time I (Helene O'Rourke) came on board in August. What an exhilarating couple of months we've all had.

October 11 & 12 was the actual garage sale and we had people lined up for hours around the building, patient and understanding and waiting to get

inside as they could not all fit at once.

It was like a crazy and fun Black Friday shopping day. As of this writing, we don't have an accurate total, but we did pass our original goal of \$5,000 a few days before the final weekend sale started. It looks like we might have enough to send at the very least, 22 or even more of our World War II veterans to Washington D.C in 2014.

This purpose of raising money for our WWII veterans was something that all the volunteers took pride in, and because of the selfless way everyone worked, it created a great success. I can't thank them enough for being there to help. Nothing was too big or too small for our these guys. They just made it happen by going all over town picking up donations, making and building shelves, moving furniture, and so much more. This team was the best!!!

We received great coverage from our local media, radio coverage, and other advertising venues. It was a line up for both days and long hours. The folks wanted to congratulate us for our work in helping these veterans, many expressed how they all loved this idea, and wanted to know if it would happen again next year. Along with our sale we had the local veterans set up a booth to display their pictures, books for sale, and share experiences of their own stories from their Honor Flight mission. Wonderful two days.

I want to express my many thanks, as does the rest of the team, to one group that really was there giving so many hours, and it is our Republican Women of Lane County who made each room inviting and stocked it with care and thoughtfulness; These ladies gave so much time and energy for such a worthy cause, and for me to see everyone come together for these heroes made everything all worthwhile. Again, it was the women making this event one of the most successful endeavors to happen in Honor Flight. You kept coming back more than just once, you came to help for days and days;

A 'high five' to you, YOU all are awesome: *June Conard, Nancy Scalf, Kaye Ridley, Candace Cottell, Norma Cable, Gladys Hasse, Lela Trope, Barbara Lundberg, Leslie Craig, Lucy Barnett, Ann Parameter.* Not only did we help the heroes of Honor Flight, we helped others. Just one of many *gifts of giving* we got to experience, was one I would like to mention. We had a donation of a gently used beautiful two-person kayak. The donor was torn about giving it up, but then he did. And because he did, this kayak went to a man who wanted to be able to do more active things with his wife; she was paralyzed from the waist down last year.

THANK YOU again and again to everyone who gave their time and donations.

Helene O'Rourke, RWCL, A tired but happy volunteer

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Janis Ross, Threse Stallings

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

“Bits and Pieces”

National Republican Achievement Award

This award is handed out every two years to the Republican Women's clubs who have worked hard as volunteers for the Republican party, national and local elections, for charities and a LONG list of other endeavors.

Through the two-year cycle we are to keep track of our volunteer hours and then give them to the club president or designated point person, when it is time for the tally's to be given to National.

This year Our President June Conard was awarded this certificate for the Gold Achievement award. Congratulations all of you hard-working Republican women.

Next time, with all the hours you all put into the Honor Flight Sale, you should win the Diamond.

To see the Diamond award, Check out June's lapel at our next meeting! We won the Diamond a few years ago.



An Old-fashioned Christmas

Friday, December 6 at The Valley River Inn will be the time and place for our last party of 2013. We hope to see you all there and just enjoy this special time of year.

We will be bringing Toys for Military families. More information at a later date but do gather those toys.

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