



Republican Women Central Lane

Happy Thanksgiving

As we gather with family and friends to share Thanksgiving day; remember to count your blessings, remember to let those you love know how much you care for them and what a blessing they are to your life. Share the hugs, the pats on the back, hearty handshakes, make a mental memory of the time going past, we are here for a fleeting moment; it is always the right time to say; I love you, always the right time to say; thank you, always the right time to say I'm sorry, always the right time to show kindness, and always the right time for a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Taken from website: Thanksgiving thoughts and Prayers by Ivy

Thoughts from your President...

YES...we have a new Executive Board Elect for Republican Women Central Lane! This is the most exciting news I can share with you today! I want to thank these ladies for picking up the ball and running with it. They have made *Celebrating 75 years* of Republican Women Central Lane a reality for 2016. We will still be known as the *Life Of The Party...*and the party *WILL GO ON!*

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Family times are so precious these days as we take time out of "our busy" lives that they have become.

Our family began a *Thanksgiving Tablecloth tradition* several years ago. We bought a plain white tablecloth that we use only on Thanksgiving Day. Each year, every person who sits at our table writes, with a permanent ink marker, what they are thankful for.

The tablecloth is far from being plain white now...we have a lot of thankfulness going on at our house! My wish is that each one reading this will have many happy and thankful memories with those who sit at your

table. I am thankful for my family...and my friends!

The day after Thanksgiving, as you all know, throws us into a month-long *Christmas Season*. This is a wonderful time of year when friends get together to just enjoy one another and family.

I'm looking forward to gathering with my Republican Women friends on *December 5th*. Look for the details on page three and be sure to *save the date!* It will be a time to celebrate Christmas and our friends...*by simply having a wonderful Christmas time!*

New Years Day is not that far away. Our 75th year will be a year to be remembered! Let's get behind our new board and make it great!

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

*Nancy Scalf,
President RWCL*

Our New 2016 RWCL Board Elect

President, Jessica Simmons
Vice president, Doris McKee
Secretary, Becky Lemler
Treasurer, Anita Lewis
Ex-Officio: Nancy Scalf
Trustees: Norma Cable,
Kaye Ridley, Nina Rogers,
Jeanette Steele, Gladys Hasse

We do not have a Chaplain, if anyone is interested in this position and we have a spot for one more Trustee.

We had our vote by mail/call in ballot and these are the votes:

Doris McKee, Darlene Raish
Julie Nowaski, Nina Roger,
Gabrielle Guidero, Gerry Briggs,
Gladys Hasse, Nancy Scalf
Helene O'rouke, Kaye Ridley,
June Conard, Jeanette Steele,
Anita Lewis, Norma cable,
Edna Gori, Tami Sakany,
Jessica Simmons, Sandra Mattson,
Lela Trope, Nancy Olp,
Annette Forrer, Sandra Murray,
Mary Elma Shotts.

22 yes votes, one no vote, and 4 abstain. Installation will be in 2016. Stay tuned for information on meetings etc.

VETERANS DAY STORIES



11/11/15, Grand Junction, Colorado; A Medic who saved a fellow veterans life in Afghanistan five years previous, was honored with a surprise elk hunting trip today at the local Cabela's Sporting Goods store..

Sergeant Kenneth Rypstra did not expect what he found at the *Grand Junction Cabela's*, when he visited this morning with his wife.

Waiting for him at the entrance to the store was *Captain Troy Givens* whose life was saved by *Rypstra* while they both were serving in Afghanistan.

As Rypstra shopped with his wife,

Givens voice sounded over the stores loud speaker. *"Today we would like to honor a special hero for his sacrifice and his service"*, said Givens.

While serving in Afghanistan Givens' vehicle was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). He was severely injured. *"Sergeant Rypstra was one of the first medics on scene to our accident, my vehicle struck an IED and it ended up breaking my pelvic my back and various other things."*, said Givens. Givens owns *American Hero Adventures*, an organization that takes veterans on fishing and hunting trips to help them integrate back into civilian life.

His surprise to Rypstra was a five day elk hunt on the Grand Mesa. The Grand Junction Cabela's employees and guests applauded *Rypstra* as he emotionally embraced *Captain Givens*. He was then presented with all the hunting supplies he would need for the trip including a very special hunting rifle. As the surprise gave way to excitement, the sergeant could not contain himself.

"I am amazingly excited; this is the one thing I have always wanted to do."

Givens said it was important to him to honor the man who saved his life on a day that honors all veterans. *"The unique part about this hunt is the hunt starts on veteran days, so I, as a veteran, am thanking another veteran on Veterans Day for his sacrifices and his services to this country."* ❄️



Above: Troy Givens and Kenneth Rypstra on their hunt and top left hugging at Cabela's



Veterans Day in Eugene, saw our very own *Nina Rogers* at an event for veterans; This picture was on the front page of the *Register Guard* along with this caption.

Veterans and their families pray during the annual "11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th month" event at *Veterans' Memorial Building* in downtown Eugene on Wednesday.

The date refers to the conclusion of World War I, which formally ended on November 11, 1918, when the armistice with Germany began. It was called armistice Day until 1954, when U.S. federal holiday was renamed Veterans Day. ❄️



Some Christmas lightheartedness



Merry Christmas



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
RWCL Christmas Gathering

DECEMBER 5, 2015

AT PAPA'S PIZZA ON COBURG ROAD, 5:00 TO 7:30.

**PLEASE COME TO OUR SOCIAL GATHERING AND
CHRISTMAS CHEER PARTY.**

NO R.S.V.P. NECESSARY

Come order a pizza, a salad, a glass of wine, coffee, a beer or nothing at all.

Just come socialize and let's relax and partake of good company!

Until next year, **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

RWCL DUES are. . . Yes, due!

2016 is right around the corner and our club is moving into 2016 with a new board and new ideas.

Remember, 2016 is an election year and though we are reorganizing, we still will have candidates at whatever sort of meetings we organize and we will try and publish ideas and comments by local republicans and National republican races.

Another highlight is our club will be 75 years old. quite a milestone . . . so join the fun and send in your dues now.

\$30.00 for full members and associate members \$15.00. You can download the membership form from our website rwcl.org, then you can send a check or you can charge it on your Visa or master card by filling out the credit card information on our RWCL membership form. Then just mail it to:

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Its all on the form. We will have forms at our December 5th Christmas gathering too.

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