



REPUBLICAN *Women* CENTRAL LANE

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

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JANUARY 2011 — NEWSLETTER

Making Lemonade - President's Report

Our President, Ina McElroy, sent us this note December 9, 2010;
"To All RWCL members & associates, It is with deep regret that I inform you, that I must resign my position as your President as I am moving to California for personal and health reasons. I am proud to say that Gerry Briggs has accepted the position as your President. The position of Vice President is now open. . . It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your president. Please give Gerry and her board the same support that you gave me. . ."

The club is sad to say good-bye but we wish Ina all the best in her new life. Ina's new address is 9408 Wellington Circle, Windsor, CA. 95492, and phone, 707-837-5237.

Our club has had a few ups and downs of late, and I see an opportunity for all of us to evaluate our positions, purposes and goals. As our state legislation meets Monday in an organizational session, so must we reorganize to face 2011 & 2012. We are at a crossroad. We have to reinvent ourselves or fade away as a club. If we cannot be relevant, support our legislative representatives, attract motivated people and announce ourselves committed to these tasks, then we have failed.

I want to see our club attack tomorrow. I want to go on the offensive and create a new paradigm. Our Federal Legislatures are focusing on the Constitution to sift their paradigm and refocusing on the ideals of smaller government and tying each bill to the constitution.

We need to refocus as well. Republican clubs around the state and country are experiencing low membership growth, so if we can launch some new ideas, we can be an example to follow.

One way we can change is to get more input. I want to set up a task force of republican women and non-RWCL women members and figure out how we can move our club into the 21st century by attracting younger members.

We need to think out of the box, change the status quo, and stop letting the same people do everything. We are all tired. So let's get to work and figure out how we can grow this club, keep teaching women about the political process, and help elect more Republicans.

Our State Legislature just elected two co-chairs, Representative Bruce Hanna (R) from Roseburg and Arnie Roblan (D) from Coos Bay to work together because of the 30-30 split in the House.

These are good people and Mr. Hanna deserves all the support and work we can give him this year. Their first working session will be February 1 and with our 3.5 billion budget shortfall they will have their hands full.

So I hope you will join me in reorganizing our club and in keeping abreast of the local politics as well as the national scene.

With Respect, Gerry Briggs, RWCL President

CALENDAR FOR 2011

Place in your Agenda/Calendar book:

PLEASE NOTE: All lunches will be at **Valley River Inn** for 2011 unless otherwise specified.

Our doors open at 11:30, lunch will be served at noon and all speakers will start at approximately 12:15 with discussion and club business to follow.

For all reservations, call Nina Rogers, 541-485-4100 or e-mail her at; alnine17@comcast.net. Due to the cost of lunches, if you make a reservation and do not call to cancel you will be billed, unless you are ill. Bring food donations to each general meeting and items for our soldiers. More on that later.

First meeting this year is **January 24**, 11:30 to 1:30 with special guest speaker **Charlene Carter from Carter & Carter**. Please read her bio in the next column. All future speakers will be announced.

February 21, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30;
No March meeting,

April 1, 2011, Special "April Fool's" Dinner Party, 5:30 at **Eugene Hilton**. There will be more information on this at a later date;

April 25, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30;

May 23, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30;

June 27, Dinner meeting, 5:30 - 8:00;

We will skip July, August and go into

September 26, Lunch meeting, 11:30 - 1:30;

October 24, Dinner meeting 5:30 - 8:00

December 9, Christmas Party.

IN MEMORY OF LISA HASH

With great sadness we must report, that one of our past RWCL members, Lisa Hash, passed away in Annapolis, Maryland on July 12, 2010 after battling cancer.

Lisa served her country in Desert Storm and joined RWCL in 2005. She was RWCL Chair of Military Operations in 2005 and 2006.

Lisa came into RWCL, and our lives, when she walked around the corner to the Republican booth in 2005 at the Lane County Fair. She introduced herself, asked if she could help, and spent the rest of the day passing out Republican literature.

Lisa always had a positive attitude and was proud of her country. She will be greatly missed.

RWCL GENERAL MEETING — 2011

Please Join us at Valley River Inn January 24, 2011 for our first general meeting of 2011.

Since taxes are right around the corner and everything financial seems to be in turmoil, we are presenting **Charlene Carter, of Carter & Carter Financial** as our speaker. Ms. Carter, is a CFP® and President of Carter & Carter Financial. She has been creating wealth and retirement solutions for over 20 years. She started in the financial planning business with her parents in the late 1980s, and has since been providing sophisticated financial plans for individuals and businesses who need comprehensive financial planning and wealth management.

In 2010 Charlene was named one of Barron's Top 100 Women Financial Advisors and she was also ranked #68 in Registered Rep's list of the Top 100 Independent Advisors in the country. Charlene can be heard on her weekly morning radio show, Financial Talk, broadcast on local stations, KUGN 590 AM RADIO and KPNW. Charlene currently serves on the Financial Planning Association.

Charlene has her Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Oregon. She also holds her series 7 and various other brokerage licenses, and has been a "Certified Financial Planner" since 1995. She is also an accredited advisor with the Sudden Money Institute®, and is trained to coach people who have suddenly acquired a large sum of money, be from inheritance, the sale of a business, or other major financial windfall.

Outside of work you can find Charlene biking, reading, or hiking. She has also taken up professional tree-climbing.

Our Dictionary Program



Doris McKee stands in the front of the class as she presents "the Student Dictionary"

Our Dictionary program started about five years ago and continues to be a very good program headed up by **Doris McKee**. Last November **Ina McElroy and Helene O'Rourke** accompanied Doris to Creslane Elementary and McKenzie Elementary schools. The third graders, teachers and principal were amazed and happy with the books at each of these classes.

The teachers were particularly enamored with the lessons in the back of the dictionary on the American Flag, the Constitution, a list of U.S. Presidents, the States, Maps, and many other facts. The students loved the longest word.



The club will sponsor Creslane Elementary School for next year.

TROOP SUPPORT — SECOND LT TROY GIVENS



Gladys Hasse, troop support chair, sent six Christmas packages to Second Lt. Troy Givens and his comrades November 17, so they could have a piece of “home.” Troy (and his band of brothers) became our “adopt-a-soldier” for his tour of duty in Afghanistan. We were honored by them when they sent this wonderful photo of their group and their treats (see below). It warmed our hearts to know we could make them smile.

On December 29, we received word that “Second Lt. Troy Givens, along with other members of his platoon, was severely injured by an improvised explosive device while on duty in Afghanistan. He has made it through initial surgery in AFG, having received multiple breaks in his leg and pelvis. He has internal bleeding which they are unsure of at this time. Troy is a recent graduate of the University of Oregon and accepted his commission as an officer having completed the UO’s ROTC program.”

We have since learned that he is currently in Germany waiting clearance from the doctor so he can travel. Once he gets to Walter Reed he will get a quick medical review and then be transferred to Brook Army Medical Center in Texas.” At that time his family will leave to be with him.

Requested by the family, the ways you can help:

1. Keep Troy and his platoon in your prayers.
2. Whether you wear civilian attire or your team’s uniform, stand at attention when the flag is presented. Let the UO, this season and for seasons to come, be the national leader in teaching by example the proper way to respect the flag and Pledge of Allegiance at all its sporting events. Sing along as the national anthem is performed.”

Please send cards and encouragement to. . .

*Troy Givens
The Givens Family
3850 Ashford Drive
Eugene, OR 97405*

Second Lt. Troy Givens is pictured in the back, to the right of the bulletin board with his band-of-brothers. We pray for their speedy recovery.

Special thanks to Victoria Doyle from Doyle Harley-Davidson for their scarves for the troops and a special surprise for the commander



BOOK CLUB NEWS

The RWCL Book Club is reading “Crimes Against Liberty” by David Limbaugh through the end of February.

Our present book on George Custer is “The Last Stand” by Nathaniel Philbrick and we will meet to discuss it at Marie Callender’s, 1300 Valley River Drive, the Library Room on January 26th at noon. Bill Weir will be the facilitator.

As per usual you do not have to read the book to enjoy our meetings. Please come and listen. RSVP to 541-465-1388.

Thanks, *Lucy Barnett*

See David Limbaugh

Jackson County Republican Party presents: 2011 lecture Series, “An Evening with David Limbaugh” Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 8:00pm.

Tickets on sale at the Craterian Theater, Medford, OR. General admission, \$35.00, Orchestra, \$25.00.

NOTE: limited tickets for Cocktail Party Reception to meet and speak with Mr. Limbaugh. For information on sponsor tickets, please call Tiny Robertson at 541-890-8359.



RWCL IN NEED OF

Vice President: Duties, to take the place of the president when she is unable to attend meetings etc. Also to groom for President, but not necessarily.

Public Relations: Duties, to call and/or e-mail club announcements to Register Guard and to keep track of the website by gathering up items that need to be added or changed.

100% Club: Duties, to visit high schools to have students participate in a scholastic essay on the 19th amendment. Winner gets money.

Newsletter: To produce 5 or 6 newsletters for the year with help from the Board and members. Please call Gerry if interested in any of these.

Jewelry: Duties, order jewelry when stock is low, suggest items to buy for resale, sell at our meetings.

Food for Lane County will meet first Thursday of the month, February 3 & March 3. Fred & Gladys Hasse and Anne Parmeter had the first session January 6th. Please think about supporting them. In the last 3 months we have donated 79lbs of food and 17lbs of paper goods.

TO JUNE CONARD – ONE OF OUR HARDEST WORKING VOLUNTEERS



June Conard is pictured here at one of our rallies for republican candidate, Chris Dudley, running for Governor of Oregon.

When I asked June Conard to please write a brief bio for the newsletter, it was like a deer in the headlights. She's always one of the first to volunteer and the last to leave the room when work is to be done and I wanted to know more about June.

She said she was born in Riverton, Wyoming in the late '30's (*she said: "we will leave it at that"*). She moved to Oregon when she was 10 and life was good growing up in Eugene (*then the population was about 35,000*). She moved to Jasper and graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in 1956 (*are we getting closer to her age now*). Then she joined the Air Force, worked as a dispatcher and spent the next 4 years between Texas, Mississippi and Florida.

After she got out of the Air Force she worked for the Eugene Police

Department for a couple of years as a dispatcher and married her husband in 1960. They invested in horses to give their only daughter some purpose in life besides bad boys and it was a good investment. For 10 years, all three rode the gymkhana circuit and even competed in Washington State. (*I've seen her trophies, awesome*)

Her daughter joined the Air Force, so June was a great role model. In 1980 they moved to the farm and after that they just fed the horses and didn't have time to ride.

June worked for twenty-five years as the parts and service departments manager at Emerald Pool and Patio. When she retired she started volunteering. She's been a Republican all her voting life so it became natural for her to get involved with Republican Women.

By Helene O'Rourke

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