

Message from OFRW President Gerry Briggs

Dear members,

Our country was founded on individuals with GRIT. People who came over on ships seeking personal freedoms, people wanting to make a living without overlords, and people just wanting to have an opportunity to make a life the way they saw fit.

The Individual, the Family, Personal rights, Freedom from overlords...

Americans still want those ideals. We still believe in “We The People”, and “All men are created equal with inalienable rights”,... To make sure we continue with our founding fathers’ views,

we must VOTE.

Our battle cry must be, Vote and Vote early. Make sure your neighbors vote. If you know someone that didn’t vote in the last election, get them to vote. If you have relatives that don’t drive, offer to take their ballots into the elections office. And make sure you drop off your ballot at the elections office.

If you don’t want to talk about Trump, then discuss policies: border security, gasoline prices, crime, women’s sports. It is about the policies, and we have seen Trump in action, so we know his positive policies already.

When democrats say Freedom...they mean: Freedom to allow illegal aliens into our country, freedom to destroy the oil industry, freedom for men to say, “I feel like a woman” and freedom to tax and regulate you anyway they can for control of your life.

President Trump stood up to a bullet. We can stand and VOTE.

God Bless America and the next newsletter we will be saluting the 47th President of The United States of America, Donald J. Trump.

Gerry Briggs
OFRW President

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

- **September 20 – 21, 2024 - ORP State Central Committee Meeting**, Hood River
- **October 11-12, 2024 – OFRW Fall Executive Board Meeting**, Salem
- **November 5, 2024 – National Election Day**
- **January 9-11, 2025 – NFRW Western Conference, Regions 1 & 2 Meeting**, Westlake Village, CA and Reagan Library, Simi, CA
- **January 20, 2025 – Inauguration Day** in Washington, D.C.
- **April 3-4, 2025 – OFRW Spring Board Meeting & Legislative Day**, Salem, OR
- **September 25-28, 2025 – 43rd NFRW Biennial Convention**, Orlando, FL
- **October 10-12, 2025 – OFRW Convention**, Location TBD

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

DARLENE HAGER – 15-year member of Mt. Hood Republican Women

DALE BOESE - husband of Eleanor Boese, OFRW Past President and current Bylaws and Resolutions Chair

R. WAYNE LOW – husband of Mary Ann Low, Round-Up Republican Women



L. to R., Gerry’s husband David Smith, Gerry Briggs, Monique DeSpain (running for CD4 against Val Hoyle), Kerry McQuisten, and Solomon Yue at Monique’s fundraiser in Springfield.

OFRW Club Reports

Central Oregon Federated Republican Women had a dilemma this last July. July 4th would have been their regular meeting date.

Solution? They joined the Redmond Fourth of July Parade and doubled-down with a picnic/candidate/music/fundraiser event on July 11th! COFRW called it "Burgers and Politics".

These events really put the club in the spotlight as they passed out bookmarkers, information cards, candy, and good-old-Republican JOY!

The club has made a real effort to earn monies to support the Republican effort. Members will receive free TRUMP signs at the September 5th meeting. They donated \$2,000.00 to a local PAC to go towards Republican Central Oregon candidates. COFRW has also been working together with the Deschutes Republican Party to have a stronger Republican presence in Central Oregon. Voter registration efforts continue at the local fairs and businesses. Can you say, "Coalition"? Ha!

Beaverton-Hillsboro RW enjoys a vigorous Book Club. They meet the 4th Monday of the Month at Café Murray Hill in Beaverton at 11 a.m. This club made a point of reading a timely book, Ben Carson's What We Can All Do To Save America's Future One Nation.

September 23rd's book club selection will be Hillbilly Elegy A Memoir of a family and Culture in Crisis By J.D. Vance. This book club really has appeal! Good books and great ladies!

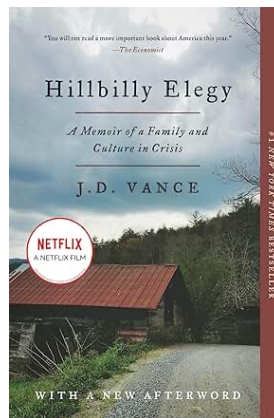
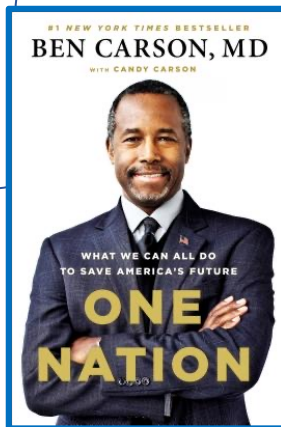


Board members having fun!

Entertainment at the Burgers and Politics picnic.



New COFRW Banner for the Redmond 4th of July Parade.



Benton County RW Club's President, Carolyn Webb reports on "a wonderful tea party" on July 22! It sounds like a great meet and greet opportunity. Sometimes we forget to just spend time together and get to know each other. Benton County has that figured out! Check out their photos! They tell the story.



Beautiful Benton County tea pots and guests.

NFRW puts out the call for the Fall 2024 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting will be by ZOOM on Oct. 5, 2024, at 10 a.m. EDT. Follow the link above or go through your email and register to virtually attend this meeting.

...More OFRW Club Reports

Joyce Michelangelo is President of the **Jackson County RW**. Cindy Sawyer is one of their very busy members! Cindy and crew have worked in conjunction with Polk, Yamhill, Clackamas, and Douglas counties to collect signatures against Measure 117, AKA Ranked Choice Voting. Good job! She hand-delivered them to the Oregon Secretary of State. This is the kind of work that will pay off!
Jackson County RW are having their website built out. We will be watching for that! See the article on Ranked Choice Voting for further information on the topic.



President of Mt. Hood RW Lisa Cassel, OFRW President Gerry Briggs, and Northwest District Director Linda Neace at a Mt. Hood Summer Gathering.

Lisa Cassel, President of the **Mt. Hood RW**, had the opportunity this summer to attend a VP-candidate J.D. Vance rally in Henderson, NV! She reports amazing enthusiasm and shared purpose. Last election's Republican Gubernatorial candidate, **Christine Drazen**, was a surprise guest at MHRW's July 10th meeting. Very inspiring! They were fortunate to have a member and an associate attend the RNC. The reports back gave the club firsthand knowledge of the historic event. As usual, this club is busy!

Josephine County RW President, **Linda Smith**, reports that their club hosted the **Southwest District Meeting** on July 23rd. The location was the lovely Grants Pass Golf Club. JoCRW met on August 20th at their club meeting with speaker, **Perry Atkinson**, host of radio show Focus Today. He is the owner/CEO of The Dove Radio Station in Medford and a past ORP Chair and RNC Platform Committee member.



Joyce Michelangelo, Gerry Briggs, Dordie Lamphier, and Rejeana Jackson at the Southwest District Director's Meeting.

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Watch your emails for the weekly edition of "Capital Connections".

NFRW Committee Report September 2024

The **NFRW Advocacy Training Committee** is one of a handful of special committees assembled by your NFRW President, Julie Harris. Our mission is to prepare advocacy training for NFRW leadership on given topics.

The Chair is former three-time COFRW President, Deborah Tilden, now of Montana. This summer, Deborah presented a "Bite-size" video on the

importance of stepping up and helping others. Our talented committee has also developed a handout intended to educate voters on our Presidential election and a spreadsheet of elected US officials by affiliation.

Respectfully,

Margie Crawford, NFRW Advocacy Training Committee. Secretary,

OFRW District Directors' Meetings

News from the road to Southern Oregon – Billions and Billions of TRUMP signs!

I was fortunate to be able to attend **Dordie Lamphier's Southwest District Directors' Meeting** in Grants Pass to meet and chat with the 42 attendees from her three clubs: Umpqua Valley-Roseburg, Jackson County-Medford, and Josephine County. Everyone was very friendly and upbeat. They have many great reasons to be as they live in a different world than many of us. Here is their world: billions and billions of TRUMP signs everywhere! (A prize for anyone who can tell who I just mimicked here.). I got to be cheery, too. Not so much in Bend.

Dordie invited three wonderful ladies to speak on different topics: OFRW President Gerry Briggs addressed the assassination attempt on Former President Donald Trump and encouraged us to be "Strong in Standing" with Trump: and to vote early; Jackson County RW President Joyce Michelangelo shared some of her experiences at the RNC Convention; and Rejeana Jackson, Chair of the Klamath County GOP and currently running for a Commissioner seat. Rejeana was powerful and inspiring as she described why she got into politics and her personal struggles."

After the meeting a few of us went to Schmidt Family Vineyards for a little delicious wine tasting. Many thanks to **Linda Smith** and **Dordie** for getting us together. We only talked for two hours; always about club topics, of course.

In fellowship,

Linda Dykwel. OFRW 2nd VP

Willamette Valley District Meeting

Sharon Schmidt, manager of the Willamette Valley District, hosted the June District Meeting in Salem. Sharon oversees Benton County, Capitol City, Polk County, Yamhill County, and Central Oregon Republican Women's clubs. Here is a recap of the day:

1. Reviewed the NFRW website. A member can find job descriptions, book lists, and legislative information among the many topics. Check out the "Keep Nine" Initiative for the Supreme Court, a proposed amendment for the US Constitution.
2. Oregon House Bill 204 is now **Measure 117** - Ranked Choice Voting. This would impose an unworkable (as proven in other states) method of voting and ballot counting. The OR House and OR Senate would be exempt!
3. Vote and do it early this year! Did you know that 40% of Republicans don't vote?
4. **Bryan Iverson, Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson's** husband, had a great slide presentation on the 2022 election.
5. What do we need to do to produce a successful Nov. 2024 election? Vote early. Encourage others to vote!

Thank you, **Catherine Oak, COFRW**, for this report.

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Benton County RW, Capitol
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FRW, Linn County RW, Polk
County RW, Yamhill County
RW

NW Region 1 Upcoming Meeting

October 5, Saturday,
11-2 pm

Spaghetti Factory in
Hillsboro

Linda Neace, District
Manager

Ballot Measure 117 Ranked Choice Voting



These next 2 pages are meant for distribution to anyone interested in this ballot measure. Please print and hand out.

A United Effort: ORFW's Triumph in Gathering Signatures Against Ranked Choice Voting

The Oregon Federation of Republican Women (ORFW) has always been a force to be reckoned with when it comes to representing our values and ensuring that our voices are heard. Our recent campaign to gather signatures for our opposition statement against Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the Oregon State Voters Pamphlet is a shining example of what we can achieve when we work together.

Our goal was ambitious: collect 600 signatures from across the state to ensure that our opposition to RCV is presented clearly and powerfully to Oregon voters. While we ultimately gathered 380 signatures, the effort highlighted the power of our statewide organization and the commitment of our members.

This campaign was an unusual and complex one, especially with Washington County Republicans simultaneously collecting

signatures for around 30 different opposition statements. This led to some confusion in certain counties, as many mistakenly believed our statement was already included in the broader packet. Since it was not included, we unfortunately missed out on gathering those signatures at the various fairs and events where our republican women helped with signature collection. Nevertheless, our women were instrumental in helping the Washington County Republicans succeed with their opposition statements.

Special recognition goes to the incredible women who led this effort: Marlene McClintock and the Republican Women of Milton-Freewater, Viven Battjes and the North Coast Republican Women, Elaine Woods and the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women, and Brenda Clarke and Gay Purnell from the Capitol City Republican Women. Their dedication and leadership were instrumental in driving this campaign forward. Jill Brandt of Washington County Republicans was the incredible force behind their huge success with 30 opposition statements in the voters' pamphlet.

Although we didn't reach the 600-signature mark, we are switching our opposition statement to a fee-based statement, ensuring that our message will still be heard. More importantly, this effort showcased our ability to mobilize as a statewide organization, and it provided us with a valuable opportunity to promote our values and our mission to a broader audience through the voters' pamphlet.

Looking ahead, our next endeavor will be letter-writing campaigns to non-affiliated voters on behalf of Will Lathrop for Attorney General, as well as other candidates who seek our support. This is just one of many initiatives that will continue to strengthen our presence and advance our conservative values throughout Oregon.

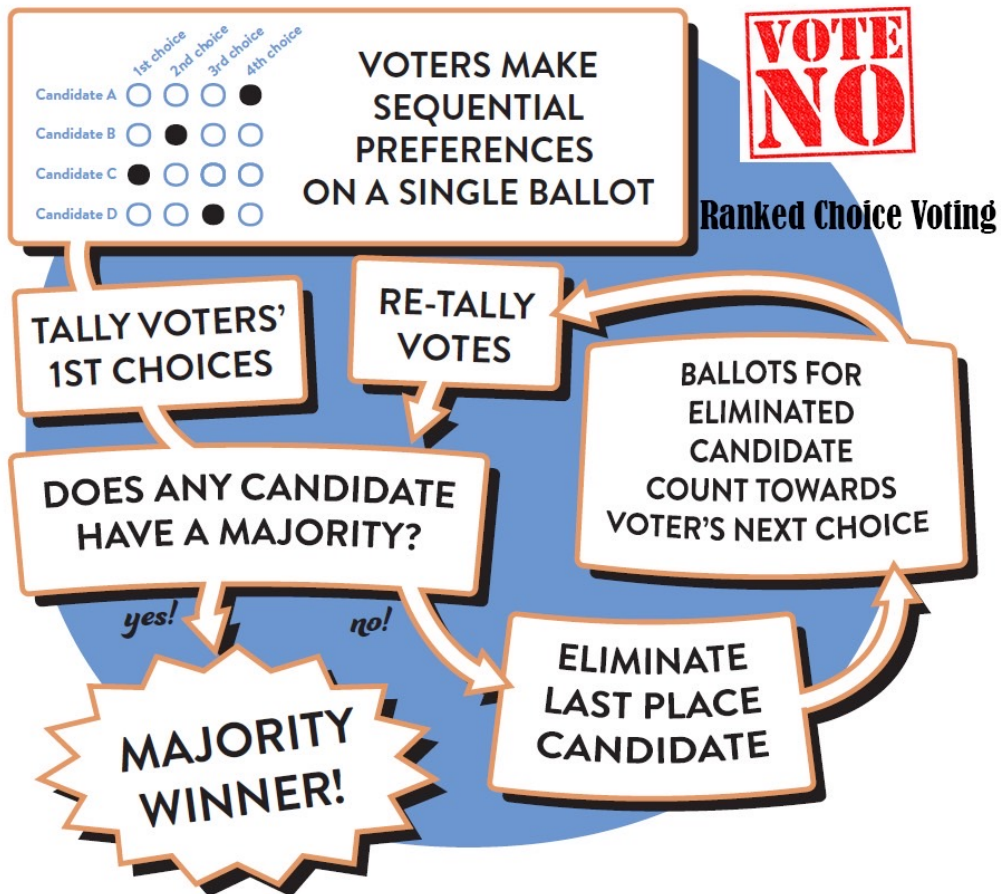
The Republican women in this state are truly remarkable and powerful. Together, we have proven that we can overcome challenges and make a lasting impact. Let's continue to build on this momentum and fight for the future we believe in.

Cynthia Sawyer



The Truth About Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) or How the Liberals Want to Cancel Our Votes.

You think this is a jumble? Yes, it is.
This is the mess they want to create.



**This is not Partisan!
VOTE "NO" on
Ballot Measure 117
Ranked Choice Voting**

What is an exhausted ballot?

"An Exhausted ballot occurs when a voter ranks only candidates that are eliminated from contention.

~ Common Critiques ~

RCV does not save money.

New machines, more staff, voter training, more challenged ballots will result in increased election costs.

Alaska has dealt with RCV.

This has resulted in election costs increasing by 328%. They now have their lowest voter turnout ever. With the lowest percentage of the vote, a Democrat won Alaska's U.S. Senate seat.

Alaska is currently trying to repeal RCV.

- It's too complicated
- It's too expensive
- The person with the most votes can lose
- Your vote might not count if it's "exhausted"
- It delays the results
- It violates "one person, one vote"

“Keep Nine”.

Nine Supreme Court Justices, that is!

The NFRW is championing an Amendment to our Constitution to **“Keep Nine Justices ONLY.”** To this goal, we must pressure our Congressional representatives to co-sponsor this Bill. OFRW President Gerry Briggs and “Keep Nine” Chair Linda Hellenthal are asking each club to pass their own resolution in support of this objective. Templates have been sent out to all Club presidents to fill out and vote for it at their club meetings. If you have not received one, please notify Linda Hellenthal at lindajh@hotmail.com or Gerry Briggs at gerrybriggs@gmail.com. With these resolutions, we can petition Rep. Lori

Chavez-DeRemer and Rep. Cliff Bentz to stand up and co-sponsor this important legislation. This is how we make a difference. For reference, go to these links: NFRW [letter](#); [Amendment](#); [Frequently asked questions](#) about the Amendment; NFRW [Initiative](#); and the [Supreme Court website](#).



Voting for a Sheriff?

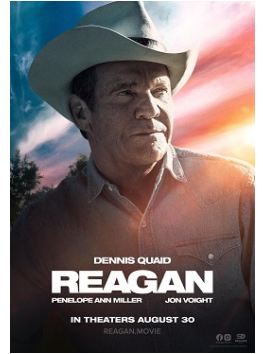
Go to an event where you see him/her in person or email or call and ask the question, “Do you support the Constitution?”

Voting for a County Clerk?

Ask them about Ranked Choice Voting. Would it mean new counting machines? Voter training? Is auditing even possible? Will it take longer to produce results? How do you become a poll worker?

Reagan Movie

NFRW President, Julie Harris, [interviews](#) Jon Voight about his role in the new movie, REAGAN. It stars Jon Voight, Dennis Quaid, Penelope Ann Miller, Alex Sparrow, and others. It takes the viewer from Ronald Reagan’s childhood through his Presidency. In theaters August 30.



Time for Voter Registration

Go online and check your address, affiliation, name www.oregonvotes.gov. or call

1-866-673-8683 or pick up an **Oregon Voter Registration Card** and fill it out!

Does your neighbor or family member need to do the same? Help them out! Help yourself out!

Walk around your neighborhood or arrange to sit outside a store, library, coffee shop and HELP folks register. Go to your County Clerk and request cards.

Remember: if you have moved, you will need to reregister in your new county with your new address. If you were a PCP in your old county, you will need to tell them that you are now out of county.

October 15, 2024, is the last day to register.

Need a Break? Take a Hike.

You can take a virtual 3-minute hike on the [Pacific Crest Trail](#) from the comfort of your home ;)

NFRW

Printable Door Hangers coming soon.

COMING SOON

Stay tuned for a downloadable version of our door hangers. NFRW will be using these on our 7 deployments. If your club will be door knocking and would like to send these to your local printer, we will have that available on the NFRW website soon!



NFRW Involvement

Christine Morgan, Election Integrity Committee
Alison Kettenhofen, Education & Literacy Committee member since 2019

Linda Neace, Education & Literacy Committee since 2022

Margie Crawford, Sec. Advocacy Training Committee



WEEKEND SCHEDULE

~ ~ ~ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 ~ ~ ~

1:30PM-5PM Training for attending Delegates & PCPs

1:30[m-3:15pm. GOTV for 2024 General Election

3:30pm-5:00pm. Social Media and Communications

6:00pm-9:00pm. MEET & GREET RECEPTION

Come and meet old friends and new ones!

~ ~ ~ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 ~ ~ ~

ORP STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

7:30am Registration and Credentialing

(Coffee & Tea only no light breakfast)

9:00am Call to Order

12:00 Buffet Lunch

4:00pm Adjournment (apprx)

Please register online!

Online Registration Link:

<https://secure.anedot.com/orgop/registersept2024>

Official Call was emailed on August 19, 2024

**Our state ORP is holding a Training Session & State Central Committee Meeting
the weekend of Sept. 20 & 21.**

**This is a still a busy time on the Columbia River so feel free to find your own
accommodation. You may want to check out the Bed and Breakfasts
accommodations in the area.**

**Best Western Plus Hood River Inn
1108 E. Marina Way
Hood River, OR 97031**

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