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MT HOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are in the process of closing the books for 2023. When I reflect on the year and how much our MHRW has accomplished, I could not be prouder. The way we come together as a team to achieve our goals is really something to marvel. The last quarter alone has been packed with fundraising, elections, year-end roll up, and new year planning, and the members of Mt. Hood Republican Women have not let us down. Just in the last week, Eddie completed the mailing of the "Dues Are Due" letters, Randi put together 128 MHRW Christmas cards, not to mention Michelle and Becky closing the year with all our thank you cards! And there are still events to come! This is just a small example of how the MHRW members work together. Heading into an election year, we are going to need that teamwork more than ever. The executive board has begun our planning, and it is shaping up to be an exciting year. I cannot thank you all enough for all the community, dedication, and passion you have displayed for our MHRW. Enjoy the holiday season and I look forward to working with you in 2024.



FISHER HOUSE VISIT

In November, we welcomed James Dorcé, the manager for the Vancouver, WA Fisher House as our guest speaker. The Fisher House is an organization that has supplied homes located at military and VA medical centers around the world where military and veterans' families can stay for free while their loved one is in the hospital. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. They have served over 455,000 families since opening their doors. Since our meeting, incoming 2nd Vice President, Navette Martin, and Randi Williams have toured the house and are returning with Terri Ely and Debi Christie on December 12th at 1 PM to offer a little Christmas cheer in the form of a spaghetti dinner. If you would like to join them, please reach out to Navette for more information. If you would like further information on the Fisher House, you can find it on their website at <https://fisherhouse.org/about/>.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Our MHRW club has purchased five wreaths which will be laid across the graves of veterans at the *Wreaths Across America* event at Willamette National Cemetery, located at 11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd, Happy Valley, OR 97086. The event will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, 2023. We are committed to providing five volunteers to help lay wreaths at the event and all friends and family are welcome. If you would like to participate, please contact us at MTHRW@yahoo.com. Volunteers are asked to meet at the flagpole in Willamette National Cemetery located across the street from Lincoln. A ceremony will take place and we will provide brief instructions. Volunteers will split up, some laying wreaths in Willamette National Cemetery and others going to the veteran section of Lincoln Memorial Park to lay wreaths. For more information, please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.



GIFTS & WREATHS FOR AVAMERE AT SANDY ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE



Through a year of hard work and generous contributions from our members, the Mt. Hood Republican Women have chosen to donate gifts of twelve custom Christmas wreaths, lap blankets, and costume jewelry to *Avamere at Sandy*, a senior assisted living and memory care community. These items will be distributed to residents, not only to lift their spirits during a season that can be challenging for some, but also add a little festivity to their rooms. This is part of our senior living center outreach program. We are hopeful that this is the first of many more engagements with these centers.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

12/8 Kathleen Cannon
12/28 Holly Courtright

IMPORTANT DATES:

12/13

MHRW

Member Meeting & Installation

Bumper's Grill & Bar
21935 NE Halsey St
#100

Fairview, OR
(503) 618-1855

1/10

MHRW Social Meeting

Elmer's Restaurant
1590 NE Burnside Rd.
Gresham, OR

1/31

MHRW Executive Board Meeting

Elmer's Restaurant
1590 NE Burnside Rd.
Gresham, OR

2/14

MHRW

Regular Member Meeting

Bumper's Grill & Bar
21935 NE Halsey St
#100

Fairview, OR
(503) 618-1855



MHRW ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

In November, we held our election of officers for the upcoming 2024-2025 term. The new officers for the Mt. Hood Republican Women Club are:

- President – Lisa Cassel
- 1st Vice President – Michelle Cassel
- 2nd Vice President – Navette Martin
- Recording Secretary – Becky Bunting
- Correspondence Secretary – Wendy Young
- Treasurer – Joanna Harbour

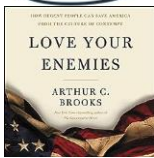
We are working to get the committee chair positions filled by the March regular meeting. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to reach out. We need you!

DECEMBER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our December 13th, our regular meeting will be a little different from normal. We will have a short business meeting followed by a short ceremony to install our new 2024-2025 officers. Margie Hughs will lead the installation ceremony. We will also have a brief awards ceremony. This meeting is specifically to honor the work we have put in all year long, and to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. There will not be a guest speaker, but I have it on good authority there will be an appearance by Clarice's famous fudge! I hope you all will join us for this fun year end meeting.

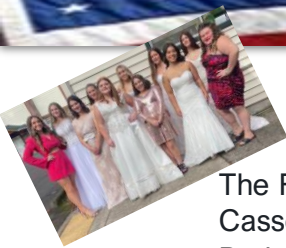


Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women Book Club



The Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women (BHRW) started their Book Club in 2018 and it is still going strong with meetings on the fourth Monday of the month for tea and to talk about the current book they are reading at Cafe Murray Hill in Beaverton at 11 A.M. All are welcome to attend. They just ask that you RSVP to Alison at her email alisonkett123@yahoo.com. The BHRW Book Club is currently reading Love Your Enemies: How Decent People Can Save America from the Culture of Contempt by Arthur Brooks, <https://a.co/d/3O2xT1s>. They chose the book from the MELP Book List for 2022-2023. It is a fantastic way to get to know this great group of women and participate in the conversation.





Fashion Show Recap

The Fundraising Committee, led by 1st Vice President and Fundraising Chair, Michelle Cassel, with committee members Margo Bachhuber, Wendy Young, Terri Ely, Eddie Erwin, and Darlene Hagar worked for over six months putting every detail of the Fashion Show together. They did a fabulous job choosing the food, decorations, and layout. There was something for everyone to enjoy, including five different raffle items and 23 silent auction baskets for the attendees to choose from. The baskets were all beautifully decorated and were timely for the holiday season.

It was exciting to see people from so many corners of the Oregon Republican Party attend the MHRW Fashion Show! When entering the event, guests were greeted with hazard orange cutouts of children – each displaying a story of an actual child that has been trafficked. Once through the doors, visitors were welcomed by our very own Randi Williams. Randi graciously hosted the welcome table for the entire event, handling both the money and questions with ease.

It is always so pleasantly surprising to see the way our community comes out to support us. The MHRW's fundraising committee solicited our community for donation items to help support us in the fight against sex trafficking and our community did not disappoint. Some of the businesses that donated were Buster's Barbeque, Baskin Robbins, Black Bear Diner, Five Guys, Frenzi Frozen Yogurt, Prestige Theatres (Sandy Movie Theatre), Timberline Lodge, Boccelli's, and Al's Garden Center. Please visit these locations and thank them for their continued partnership!

I cannot say enough about Adorned in Grace; it was a joy to work with them! Their staff was incredible and the dresses were absolutely beautiful. In addition, Adrienne Livingston from World Venture, our keynote speaker, was equally amazing. Adrienne's years of experience and passion for the fight against sex trafficking was inspirational. Our young models were students from Sandy High School and Sandy Middle School, Southern Oregon University, as well as a young foster care mother, and community members. Many of them are family of our own MHRW members. They were all excited and committed to putting on a good show and were such a pleasure to work with. It is my hope that Mt. Hood Republican Women will continue to partner with these organizations on future projects.

We cannot forget the set up and cleanup of this event. The Moss family led the way on set up with Kevin and Ron doing all the heavy lifting. The fundraising committee had a clear plan and engaged all the spouses to jump in and lend a hand. This entire event was a great display of teamwork and what a small group of people can accomplish in a short period of time if they work together for a tremendous cause.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

'Tis the season to party, to get out, and to socialize! We have been invited to a couple of Christmas parties in addition to our own events this holiday season. If you want to meet like-minded people, this is a fun way to accomplish that!

- December 7th at 2 PM** – Mt Hood Republican Women taking gifts and Christmas wreaths to Avamere Senior Living Center at 17727 SE Langensand Rd, Sandy, OR 97055
- December 12th at 1 PM** – MHRW members are taking a wonderful spaghetti dinner to veterans at the Fisher House
- December 12th at 6 PM** – Jo Haverkamp, from the Executive Club, has invited us to a Christmas Party at Tacho's Mexican Restaurant located at 515 Molalla Ave, Oregon City, OR 97045. The cost is \$25 a person.
- December 13th at 11:30 AM** – Mt. Hood Republican Women's 2024-2025 Officer Installation and regular meeting at Bumper's Grill and Bar, located at 21935 NE Halsey St #100, Fairview, OR 97024.
- December 14th at 6 PM** - East Clackamas County Christmas Party at Gray Gables at 300 Chestnut Street, Oak Grove, OR 97267. The cost is \$25, in addition to a \$20 white elephant gift and an unwrapped gift for a child.
- December 16th at 9 AM** – Mt. Hood Republican Women participate in *Wreaths Across America* at Willamette National Cemetery located at 11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd, Happy Valley, OR 97086

CLASSIFIEDS

MT Hood Republican Women's Regular Member Meeting

The MHRW regular member meeting meets the second Wednesday of every month at 11 am at Bumpers Grill & Bar, 21935 NE Halsey St #100, Fairview, OR 97024.

For additional information please visit our website <https://www.mthrw.org/>, contact us by email at MTHRW@yahoo.com, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/641671717224559/

MT Hood Republican Women's Executive Board Meeting

The MHRW Executive Board meets the last Wednesday of every month at 11 am at Elmer's, 1590 NE Burnside Rd, Gresham, OR 97030. The Board continuously works on future programs for our club. If you have anything you would like to add to this meeting, please visit our website at <https://www.mthrw.org/>, contact us at MTHRW@yahoo.com, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/641671717224559/.

Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women

Regular meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you would like to join them, you can reach them at <https://www.bhrwf.org>

East Clackamas County Republican Women

Regular meeting is the 4th Monday of the month. If you would like to join them, you can reach them at neace26@gmail.com.

Republican Women Downtown Portland

Regular meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join them, you can reach them at pjmorehouse-g@comcast.net.

Executive Club

The Executive Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, at Tacho's Restaurant, 515 Molalla Ave, in Oregon City. All are welcome to attend. Restaurant and (no host) bar will be open and plenty of free parking is available. (Dinner from 5:30 - 7 pm) Dinner reservations are strongly encouraged. Join us for an interesting and lively discussion!

County Party Contacts

Clackamas -

<https://www.clackamascountyrepublicans.org>

Marion - <http://www.marioncountygop.org>

Multnomah - <http://www.multco.gop>

Washington - <https://www.washco.gop>

Oregon Republican Party -

<http://www.oregon.gop>

Clackamas County

There's volunteer options in Clackamas County! Please think about applying to serve on one of the many advisory boards and commissions that communicate directly with Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. This is a great experience that will help guide our county. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.clackamas.us/pga/volunteering-in-clackamas-county>

Multnomah County

For volunteer options in Multnomah County or for more information about how to get involved, visit <https://www.multco.us/services/volunteer-county>

Please Help our children succeed in school by contacting the Smart Program in your area. Call Michelle Gilmore at 971-634-1628 or www.getSMARToregon.org for more information. We can't let our children fall farther behind.

For Sale

Support our Mt Hood Republican Women by purchasing a patriotic red tote bag. So handy to use and easily identifiable to all that you are a Mt. Hood Republican Woman!

\$10 each or 2 for \$15.

Contact us at MTHRW@yahoo.com.



American Flag Lapel Pin.

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