



MT HOOD REPUBLICAN WOMEN PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With the sun came many Republican party events to attend in May as is evident by this month's newsletter. As you read through all the different activities, it is important to remember that our work is not done; there are a couple bills sitting in the Senate that need our attention, especially HB 2002 & 2005. Please take a moment to review the bills, educate your neighbors, and write to your senators to let them know your feelings.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Measures/Overview/HB2002#>

2023 Dorchester Conference

On April 28th and 29th, I attended the Annual Dorchester Convention, which is a Republican conservative conference that started in 1965. There was great weather for Friday's golf and dinner. The Friday dinner event included the most delicious prime rib, wonderful speakers, and the presentation of the "Person of the Arena Award" to Representative Lucetta Elmer (District 24). Saturday began early with the Gail Wilhelms Women in Leadership Breakfast. Our Margie Hughes said a beautiful prayer to start the day off. Former Oregon Speaker Lynn Snodgrass, Former State Representative Christine Drazan, Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer, and hostess Angela Wilhelms, each gave a fantastic and motivating speech! Then Angela Wilhelms accepted the very first "Gail Wilhelms Award" for her mother, Gail Wilhelms! All of these women were so inspiring! With such wonderful mentors and examples in leadership, the future for Republican Women in Oregon is bright.

Oregon's Mom Union hosted a panel on the "Year of the Student." The first debate for this year's conference was about Greater Idaho – should we have part of Oregon join Idaho or not? Congressman Cliff Bentz gave us an update on what is happening in Washington, D.C. and he is very grateful that we, the voters, doubled the Republican house caucus by electing Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer.

After lunch, there were panels on public safety, drug decriminalization, and the homeless crisis. Daniel Garza, a guest speaker from Texas, spoke about uniting the party. Then there was another strong panel on the 2022 Election and how to win 2024.

Hosted by ORP Executive Director Larry Morgan, the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) had a panel that included Chair Justin Hwang, Vice Chair Angela Plowhead, and National Committeewoman Tracy Honl. It was good to hear what the ORP goals and priorities are.

There was a break before the Saturday dinner. And what a fun dinner! Michelle Cassel joined me and we sat at a table with Kevin Moss, a delegation from Freedom Foundation, and three wonderful women from Hood River. "The Rising Star Award" for 2023 was presented by last year's winner, Clackamas County Commissioner Ben West. This year's recipient, State Representative Shelly Boshart Davis, gave such an impactful and powerful speech. I see how she got the "Rising Star Award." In fact, her speech was so good that US House Representative Majority Whip Tom Emmer kept referencing it in his own speech. The second debate was on whether we should move our primary up to be in February. The idea I favored the most was that of moving election day to the same day as taxes, so people would feel the pain of the government taking from their wallet when they voted. After dinner, there was a tent party hosted by PAC West and a vote to see which side would win on the two debate topics (Greater Idaho, and moving the primary up), and who should be vice president. However, I did not stay for the results of those polls.

This is the second Dorchester Conference I have attended. Both times I have learned a great deal. It was a blast meeting new people, visiting with others I know, and hanging out with like-minded people. We don't agree on everything, but we can have a civil debate. And that is what makes this event so much fun. It is important to expand and gain knowledge, but also to socialize with fellow conservatives. I look forward to what the Dorchester board will do next year!

Contributed by: Joanna Harbour



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Navette Knows The News!!

Welcome to the **CLUB**



Navette Martin is a valued member of the Mt. Hood Republican Women! She is the first person members and guests see when entering our meetings. She has all the relevant information for the meeting of the day and most past meetings. And Navette is happy to help with any questions. Navette can be found most evenings on the phone with fellow Mt. Hood Republican Women members discussing upcoming events and ways to

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improve our meetings and come together socially. She is knowledgeable about current political events and is passionate about forwarding the Republican agenda. She is a true asset to our club, and we are privileged to have her. If you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to give Navette a call! I guarantee if she does not have the answer, she will find it!

Scott Presler – Voter Registration

Multnomah County Republican Party invited Scott Presler to speak on ballot harvesting, voter integrity, voter registration, and voter participation in May.



It was an informative evening filled with insight on new and inventive ways to get out the vote. Scott energized the room with his passion for moving the conservative agenda forward. The Multnomah County Republican Party stated that a plan to work on ballot harvesting was forthcoming. I am excited for the Mt. Hood Republican Women to have a role in educating voters on the importance of their vote in the future.



Kentucky Derby Party

East Clackamas County Republican Women hosted a Kentucky Derby watch party at the Trail Distilling, a bourbon bar located in Oregon City. Republican women from around the local area attended the event in their beautiful hats and party attire. There was a raffle, party games, and prizes for the best hat, which went to their very own Linda Gordon. All guests enjoyed a buffet lunch, including assorted dessert trays. Custom drinks were enjoyed while watching the Kentucky Derby on the big screen. It was a fun afternoon enjoyed by all.

Jeff Helfrich Town Hall



A town hall welcoming all from Clackamas County was held in Welches, OR recently. The guest speaker was House Representative, Jeff Helfrich, from District 52. Representative Helfrich was informative and candid about the business of the state. He answered every question put before him by the community and did not waver on the tough ones. On the issue of gun control, Rep Helfrich shared that he believes gun violence is due to mental health and that owning a gun is part of our Constitution, and thus should be respected. Rep. Helfrich stated that he not only own guns, but that his wife is a competitive shooter.

When asked about the Senate “walk out,” he defused the gentleman’s anger by letting him know that he is from the House, not the Senate, and assured the man that he is going to work every day. He also explained that the Senate Republicans walked out due to Bills 2002 and 2005. In addition, when Representative Helfrich was asked a question he did not know the answer to, he immediately made a call to House District 51 Representative James Hieb to insure he had the most updated and correct information to answer the question. As the meeting ended, it was evident that the community members were impressed with Representative Helfrich. One was even heard saying “He actually showed up and answered all our questions!” Contributed by Michelle Cassel

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MHRW JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/12 Gail Cerveny
6/24 Sharon Petri

IMPORTANT DATES

06/14 MHRW Member Meeting
M & M Restaurant
137 N Main
Gresham, OR

07/12 MHRW Social
Hosted By: Navette Martin
McMenamins Highland Pub & Brewery (11 a.m.)
4225 SE 182nd
Gresham, OR

For details, email:
MTHRW@yahoo.com

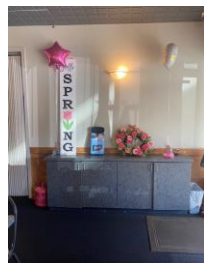
8/27 MHRW Social
Hosted By: Terri Ely
BBQ/Bunko
For details, email:
MTHRW@yahoo.com

08/30 MHRW Executive Board Meeting
Elmer's Restaurant
1590 NE Burnside Rd.
Gresham, OR



2023 Baby Shower

I am so proud to be part of a group of women that give with their whole hearts! The Mt. Hood Republican Women's 2023 Annual Baby Shower, in support of the Sandy and Estacada Pregnancy Resource Center, was held in May and it was an incredible success! For over 27 years, the Pregnancy Resource Center has had its doors open to young women, ages 15 to 22 years old, and for 20 of those years, the Mt Hood Republican Women have supported them! The Resource Center offers a free ultrasound to every young mother that comes through their doors who is up to eight weeks pregnant. In addition, it provides parenting classes and adoption counseling. Every service they offer is free.



The Pregnancy Resource Center accepts no money from the government. It is a faith-based organization that works with Heritage House, as well as with churches and businesses. In May, our Mt. Hood Republican Women celebrated the Sandy and Estacada Pregnancy Resource Center by donating over 100 of their most requested baby items. These items will be placed in Pregnancy Resource Center's Clinic Store where their young mothers can shop for items they need for their babies with the "baby bucks" they earn from attending parenting classes. The Mt. Hood Republican Women's Annual Baby Shower, which included baby shower games and prizes, was a great way for all of us to have fun while celebrating these unborn children.



The laughter and smiles in the meeting room were infectious; it is no wonder this is a coveted annual event for the Mt. Hood Republican Women! And we are not done yet! Everyone that wanted to participate took home an empty baby bottle to fill with extra change, which will be donated along with the baby shower items. We will collect the remaining bottles in June and let everyone know the total amount contributed.

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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>

MT Hood Republican Women's

Executive Board Meeting

The MHRW Executive Board meets the last Wednesday of every month at 11 am at Gresham Elmers, 1590 NE Burnside Rd in Gresham to work on future programs. If you have anything you would like to add to this meeting, please contact us at MTHRW@yahoo.com.

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 Meeting

The Executive Club meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Tacho's Restaurant, 515 Molalla Ave, in Oregon City. All are welcome. Restaurant and (no host) bar will be open and plenty of free parking is available. (Dinner from 5:30 - 7 pm) Join us for an interesting and lively discussion.

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>

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>

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.

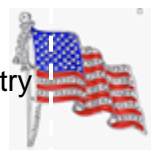
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