

WRITINGS FROM THE RIGHT!

MCRW JUNE NEWSLETTER

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NFRW MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

For the NFRW to thrive, we must reach out and expand our membership in local clubs across the country. Not quite halfway through the year, membership already stands at 60 percent of last year's total. With the critical 2018 elections approaching, we are stepping up our efforts with a 30-day membership challenge during the month of May.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- CHECK WITH SUE BENJAMIN, MCRW MEMBERSHIP, TO SEE IF YOU HAVE RENEWED BY CALLING 970-242-1548.
- IF YOU HAVEN’T YET RENEWED YOU CAN PLAN TO RENEW AT OUR LUNCHEON OR [CLICK HERE](#) TO DOWNLOAD A MEMBERSHIP FORM AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE FORM.

Recruit a new member. Bring a friend with you to the next club meeting and encourage her to join - or invite a family member to become part of the NFRW family. They don't have to live locally - the NFRW has clubs across the country (click [here](#) for a directory) as well as offering national "at large" and student memberships (click [here](#) for information).

We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity.
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RUTH EHLERS

MEMORIAL DAY

With the three day Memorial Day weekend coming up I got to thinking of what Memorial Day means to me and why we observe it. Looking up the beginning of this Holiday I see that it was originally called “Decoration Day” – which is what I remember it being called when I was a very young girl growing up in Nebraska.

Decoration Day began after the Civil War. There were more American citizens killed in the Civil war than any other war this nation has been involved in, which required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860's Americans in various towns and cities had begun, in the spring time, holding tributes to the countless soldiers who had given their lives in that war. They decorated the graves with spring flowers, as well as reciting prayers for the fallen. On May 3rd, 1868, General John Logan declared the 30th day of May 1868 as a national day of remembrance. The date remained until 1968 when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. In 1971 Memorial Day was declared to be a Federal Holiday, thus giving all Federal employees a three day holiday.



It always seemed curious to me that my Paternal Grandfather was so adamant about observing this day by gathering the prettiest flowers that were blooming and taking bouquets of peonies and iris to the cemetery, placing them lovingly on the headstones of our ancestors who were buried there.

My Grandfather's Father had come from Tennessee to Nebraska after the Civil war, where his brothers had fought on opposite sides. One was conscripted to fight for the South, the other for the North. This made “Decoration Day” very personal to my Great-Grandfather, he passed this passion on to my Grandfather, who wanted his children and grandchildren to understand what it meant to him, and how important it is to remember the sacrifices made for this Nation.

In the beginning only those killed in the Civil War were remembered, but after World War I, it was decided that all those Veterans from all wars be recognized. Today, we decorate the graves of all our loved ones, attend memorial services for all the fallen hero's and acknowledge – with gratitude- the freedoms that have been passed on to us by countless lost lives.

And so – on this Memorial Day, Ed and I will be visiting the graves of an uncle who didn't return from WW2, a couple uncles who thankfully did return, as well as those graves of our ancestors who have faithfully worked to preserve this nation. We'll again remember, as my Granddad impressed upon me, the importance of honoring and thanking, those who have gone before us.

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LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

ALICE BUMGARNER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR JUNE LUNCHEON

MONDAY JUNE 4TH 11:30—1:00

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

SPEAKER

RYAN CALL

PLEASE RESERVE BY WEDNESDAY JUNE 30TH

TO RESERVE ON LINE [CLICK HERE](#)

OR CALL LINDA G AT 549-8570

Many of us remember Ryan when he was the Colorado State Chairman during the 2008 Elections. Today he is a partner in the Law Firm of Hale Westfall LLC. A native Coloradan, Mr. Call and his wife Brittany now live in Arapahoe County with their four children. Ryan received his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2005, and his M.B.A. in finance and organizational management and B.A. degrees from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Mr. Call served previously as a member of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Alumni Council, as a Commissioner appointed by Governor Bill Owens to the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, as the National Co-Chairman of the College Republican National Committee, and as a legislative aide in the Colorado General Assembly. Prior to joining Hale Westfall in 2009, he served as In-House Counsel and Political Director for the Colorado Republican Party during the 2008 election cycle, and later served for two successful terms as the State Chairman of the Colorado Republican Party and as a member of the Republican National Committee.



WE HOPE YOU WILL COME AND EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR FRIEND AND FELLOW REPUBLICAN, RYAN CALL!

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CFRW ACHEIVEMENT AWARDS

LINDA GREGORY& JEANNIE GORMAN

THE COLORADO FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN have revamped their Awards program for this year. We will cover 2 of the new awards, both have to do with the collection of volunteer hours. These awards cover the time from Jan 1, 2018 through December 31st, 2018. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The Mary Lane Award The Mary Lane Award is presented to a club for its volunteer political hours on a per capita basis for the pe-riod January 1 through December. Political volunteer hours of work are divided into four (4) categories: Volunteer work for candidate(s) Volunteer Party work (i.e.; State, National Party); Volunteer Affiliate work (CFRW clubs, et al); Volunteer elective and/or appointive positions An engraved silver bowl accompanies the award and remains with the winning Club for one (1) year. **The Ruth Parks Trophy** The Ruth Parks Trophy shall be awarded to the club that best implements the State and National Federation Programs, January 1 through December 31, in the following ways: Club programs and activities; Volunteer hours given to community service. Ladies: We have exciting news for all of you who donate your time and efforts to our community or to our republican movement. Keep track of your *Community* and *Political* Hours, at the next Luncheon (June 4th, 2018), you can record your hours with us. I'll have a clipboard with a place for your name, and the two separate hours. I will also have business cards that you can take to record your next month's hours with. Each meeting the clipboard will circulate, you will see your name, your accumulated hours, and a place to fill in your new hours, or you can turn the cards in, and I will use them to get your hours of service. At the end of the year, we will honor you. Community Hours (some examples, but not all of the ways you can donate your time) Church activities, Foster Grandparent, Partners, Community Food Bank, Catholic Out-reach, Public Library, Hospital Volunteering, Girl/Boy Scouts, Meals on Wheels, Hospice, re-ally anything you do for someone/something that you are not getting compensated for (like taking a meal to someone). Thanks in advance for all that you do, you are amazing! Jeannie Gorman **The only thing that stands between you and achieving your dreams, is YOU!**

IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN CAUCUS, COUNTY ASSEMBLY, STATE ASSEMBLY, CAMPAIGN EVENTS ETC GATHER YOUR HOURS! HELP US WIN!

