

**WRITINGS FROM THE RIGHT  
MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

**MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN ARE VERY  
HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALL OF OUR  
LUNCHEONS IN 2018 WILL BE HELD AT THE  
DOUBLETREE INN  
743 HORIZON DRIVE  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO**

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Now is the time to renew your MCRW membership! Your annual membership of \$25 includes one-year memberships in the National Federation of Republican Women and Colorado Federation of Republican Women. Also included are networking opportunities with other successful Republican women and opportunities to meet Republican officials and candidates. You must be a registered Republican woman voter to join.**

**Associate memberships of \$15 are available for registered Republican women voters from other Republican women's clubs and registered Republican men.**

**Renewal forms will be available at our next meetings. If it is more convenient, I can mail you the form. Please call me, Sue Benjamin, at 970-242-1548. Thank you.**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## RUTH EHLERS

Happy New Year!

As I write this Christmas is still a couple days away, but by the time you read this it will be nearly New Year's Eve. It's a time to reflect a bit on the past year and look ahead to the coming year.



Congress has passed the Tax Reform act and it's waiting for President Trump's signature. This is a huge accomplishment, not only for the President but for the GOP. We have been deluged with news that the GOP was ineffectual (at times it did seem that way), but by passing this tax legislation we can hope this is only the beginning. There are many issues that must be decided – a budget for one. Then there is the situation with DACA. In talking with Rep. Tipton it seems there are some very constructive ideas on this issue.

It has been said that President Trump has accomplished more in his first year as President than any other President. The nomination of Justice Gorsuch was one very monumental accomplishment. This can affect the United States for years to come. The number of Federal judicial appointments also exceeds that of previous Presidents. Then there are the numerous mandates and Presidential rulings from the previous administration that have been removed or overturned. The Stock Market has been surging and public confidence at an all time high.

Another very critical election is coming as we turn the calendar to 2018. It will be essential that we keep the majority in both the U.S. House and Senate. Representative Tipton will face a tough campaign against the Democrat nominee, whoever that may be.

Now let's look closer to home – it is so important that the Republican Nominee win the Governor's race. With the new Primary format it will be interesting to see how party lines will be crossed, etc. The Legislature would be much better if it were in GOP hands!

Many of our County offices are open this year, due to term limits we'll be looking at new candidates. Let's be sure to keep these county offices in GOP hands!

The Caucuses will be coming up on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The County officers are in the process of securing locations, so be on the watch for news from them. Questions? Feel free to contact me, or any of the Officers. It's so important to participate in these neighborhood meetings.

Don't forget - the MCRW luncheons will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in 2018. We'll see you all there on January 8<sup>th</sup>!

Best wishes for a great New Year!

# LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

**HELLO, MCRW MEMBERS & FRIENDS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH, MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH 11:30—1:00 DOUBLETREE INN**

**743 HORIZON DR \$15.00 AT THE DOOR**

**OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE MELISSA LYTLE AND TOM ACKER  
THEY WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN ME-SA COUNTY**



**TO RESERVE CALL LINDA G 549-8570 OR [CLICK HERE](#)**



Melissa Lytle is the Executive Director of . the Western Slope Center for Children and has been employed with the Center since 2014 Having lived in Mesa County for most of her life, Melissa graduated from Fruita Monument High School and Mesa State College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. Melissa has worked in the human services field in Mesa County for over 15 years. Many of those years were at the Mesa

County Department of Human Services in child protection intake and supervision of the child protection assessment team. She then spent approximately one year with the Kempe Center coordinating and providing child welfare training in 18 counties across Western Colorado. Melissa worked closely with the Center through her previous employment as a trained forensic interviewer and as a member of the Western Slope Center for Children Advisory Council. Melissa is actively involved in and chairs committees in the community related to human services and child abuse including How Are The Children (HATCH) and Western Slope Against Trafficking (WSAT). In her “spare” time, Melissa loves spending time with her two teenage boys (when they allow her and she’s not an embarrassment to them)!

Tom Acker has been a professor of Spanish and Colorado Mesa University since 1999. In 2003 he was a founding committee member of the Dual Immersion Academy for Spanish and English in district 51. He has been a member of Hispanic Affairs Project since its founding in 2007 and is now the Board President. He is also one of the founding members of the Western Slope Against Trafficking and sits on the Colorado State Human Trafficking Council since 2015 representing a rural initiative. He is a former board member of Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition. He is married to Diana and they have three sons: Stanislaus, Henry and Dante. Tom and Diana are the proud owners of 9 chickens, and a new bee hive with thousands of workers.

# **AMERICANISM**

## **LINDA GREGORY**



**“We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.”**

**Ronald Reagan**

**The following comments are from the Reagan.com blog**

**Personal responsibility is what created the United States. Literally.**

**When our forefathers' declared independence from England, they sent a signal to the world that freedom and liberty are only possible when each person is allowed to determine how to live their life.**



**They called these God-given rights. And with these rights come responsibilities.**

**We teach our children they will be held accountable for their actions. We tell them they will reap what they sow. Yet they often see lawbreakers set free, or never arrested in the first place. Many who are sent to prison commit more crimes upon their release.**

**This cycle repeats itself time and time again until the laws cease to be a deterrent. They become a mere nuisance to the criminals.**

**As President Reagan stated, it's time to put a stop to this. Laws are laws for a reason. We need them in order to have a functioning society.**

**Some may disagree with a law. Fine. Seek to change it. Until then, live within the law. When laws are not enforced, lawbreakers are in essence being told that their actions are permitted.**

**Laws are not the problem. Lawbreakers are the problem.**

**Personal responsibility is not a burden. It is a requirement for a country that was founded on the God-given rights of freedom and liberty.**

**To be truly free, one must be personally responsible.**