

# WRITINGS FROM THE RIGHT!

## MCRW MAY NEWSLETTER

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MCRW JUNE LUNCHEON**

**MONDAY, JUNE 5TH 11:30-1:00**

**TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER**

**SPEAKER IS COLORADO STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN THURLOW**

**TO RESERVE A SEAT PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)**

**OR**

**CALL LINDA G AT 549-8570**

**BY TUESDAY, MAY 30TH**

**THANK YOU, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ruth Ehlers

Those of you who attended the Mesa County Republican luncheon on May 19<sup>th</sup> heard Commissioner Scott McInnis discuss the need for a potential ballot initiative this coming November to raise Sales tax a very small amount in Mesa County. A handout which the Commissioner provided states that "In order to replace the "tax revenue" from Oil and Gas collected in 2016 it would take +/- \$1.85 Billion in residential new construction annually (over 8,400 new median priced houses)." Obviously, this isn't going to happen.



A few weeks ago District Attorney Dan Rubinstein and Sheriff Matt Lewis posted an "op-ed" in the Daily Sentinel addressing the need for an increase in each of their budgets to simply keep up with the current operations. Public Safety is one of – if not THE - major necessity of any community.

This brings us to the point of "Why do we need a Sales tax increase?" Our tax revenue has decreased, our needs have increased. The Commissioners have stated many times that "the low hanging fruit" has all been addressed in the County Budget and there are very few places left to cut the various department's budgets – and there is no place to find the needed additional revenue for our Public Safety departments. Sadly, there are folks out there who are misinformed as to where budgets could be cut, they fail to take into account the federal and state mandated expenses that cannot be ignored, as well as other issues that must be addressed. These folks should sit down with the Commissioners to get all the facts.

We will be hearing more about this issue in the coming weeks and months before the November Election comes around. I am as opposed as anyone else to any tax increase, but there comes a time when we need to face the facts. Unless I can be convinced otherwise, I'll strongly support this Sales Tax increase initiative if it is on the ballot this fall.

I understand that our District Attorney Rubinstein and Sheriff Lewis will be speaking at the MCRP luncheon on June 16<sup>th</sup> and I encourage everyone to attend! The only way to know the facts is to hear directly from the elected officials of those departments.

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### LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS Alice Bumgarner

Representative Dan Thurlow graduated from Grand Junction High School and soon after received a Bachelor's Degree from Colorado State University.

He has been a co-owner of two separate businesses over the past 45 years. CPC Solutions, formerly Colorado Printing Company, provided commercial printing and packaging solutions for businesses in the Rocky Mountain region. He has also been a Co-owner and President of Grand Junction Athletic Club.



Representative Thurlow is a proud Eagle Scout and a private pilot. He has three children and seven grandchildren.

Representative Thurlow serves on the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee, the House Local Government Committee, the House Finance Committee, the Joint Technology Committee, and the Statutory Revision Committee.



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**Dan has been very faithful in staying in contact with his constituents by sending out a monthly Newsletter. Send Dan an email if you would**

**like this contact.**

[Click here to watch and listen to Dan in person.](#)



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**AMERICANISM Linda Gregory**

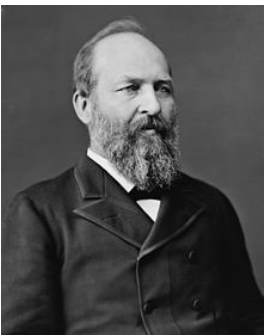


## **The History of Memorial Day**

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national celebration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

**“We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue.”**



**James A Garfield, May 30, 1868, at Arlington National Cemetery.**

**FOR YOUR VIEWING AND LISTENING PLEASURE ON THIS DAY  
WHERE WE HONOR OUR HEROES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES  
FOR OUR GREAT COUNTRY, PLEASE [CLICK HERE!](#)**

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET!**