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From the President..... Michele Turner



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Marian Bond

Ladies:

The 30th Biennial Convention will be October 9 & 10th in Las Vegas. Please read all the information you will receive regarding this event. One of the most important parts of the convention will be the election of new officers for the next two years. I am happy to see that we have more than one candidate for most offices. Take the time to read each biography and make your decisions accordingly.

In June, I attend the "Women's Summit" in Washington DC. This was presented by the RNC with host Vice Chair Jan Larimer. The main theme was "Women Running for Political Office". I can think of three Republicans in the South that lost to women. We are a large and influential club in Nevada, and we have many strong,

dynamic women who should be taking up the challenge to run for office. It was suggested to start at the city and county levels, that means—getting your name and face out to the public. With the help of your clubs you have a vast network to help with your campaign. The energy is in our clubs; let's take up this challenge to have strong, female Republican candidates.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention. We have great workshops and speakers scheduled. Kay Butchko and Martha Kimpel have worked diligently to get the best rates and location for you, and the price is very affordable.

See you in October! As always, please call or email me with questions and/or comments.

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NFRW Convention—Orlando, FL—September 11-13, 2009

If you plan to attend the convention, please make your arrangements as soon as possible, as flights will be more reasonable.

The Delegates-at-large will be reimbursed from the General Fund in the amount of \$500.00, after attendance. Alternate delegates-at-large will be reimbursed from the Regents Fund in the amount of \$350.00, after attendance.

Each club will determine the reimbursement for its delegate(s) and alternate(s). Please see other information in this newsletter.

The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.
Ayn Rand

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NvFRW Regents-2009

Pam Benzing and Kay Butchko

WE DID IT! We are thrilled to announce that we reached our goal of 100 Regents for 2009. In fact, we surpassed the goal—reaching **103 Regents!**

Special thanks to each and every one of you who took your commitment to the Nevada Federation to a higher level with an annual donation of \$100 to further the political educational arm of our organization.

Our 2009 Regents are listed below. At your next meeting, please recognize and honor these generous individuals.

This is what Regents have accomplished this year:

► Leadership Training reached 150 NvFRW officers and members who received the new Leadership Handbook. This program is open to all members of the Nevada Federation.

► We have assisted two new clubs with their formation this year—Washoe Republican Women and North Valleys Republican Women.

► Two more clubs are close to applying for their charters and will also receive assistance from Regents.

► We will assist each NvFRW alternate delegate-at-large to attend

the 2009 National Biennial Convention in Orlando with a reimbursement of \$350.

► Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Republican women attending Nevada colleges and universities.

We are especially thrilled to turn over to the 2010 team a healthy Regents fund to ensure success in the new term.

Sincerely,

Pam Benzing—NvFRW Northern Director and Northern Regents Chair

Kay Butchko—NvFRW Southern Director and Southern Regents Chair

LIST OF REGENTS

Active Republican Women of Las Vegas

- Barbara Altman ▪ Sandra Frank
- Julie Hereford ▪ Melody Howard
- Maureen Karas ▪ Martha Kimpel
- Peggy Micco-Koning ▪ Khanh Pham
- Dianne Steel ▪ Cherie Wood



Boulder City Republican Women

- Linda Bronstein ▪ Bernice Delabarre ▪ Maraya Evans
- Linda Lovelle ▪ Mike Lovelle ▪ Susan Mazzola
- Anne McNear ▪ Julieanne Miller ▪ Joyce O'Brien

Carson City Republican Women

- Janice Baldwin ▪ Mary Burgoon ▪ Carolyn Knutson

Douglas County Republican Women

- Lorrene Palmer

Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women

- Louise Craddock ▪ Carol Del Carlo ▪ Lorri Waldman

Lahontan Republican Women

- Sandy Hillery

Lyon County Republican Women

- Margaret Spooner

Mt. Rose Republican Women

- Hermie Albers ▪ Kim Baccus ▪ Elena Brady
- Virginia Durgin ▪ Cindy Lake ▪ Ellie Lopez-Bowlan
- Sandy Masters ▪ Alandra Porrazzo
- Dianne Robak ▪ Ginny Yocke

North Valleys Republican Women

- Pam Benzing ▪ Vicky Maltman ▪ Jean Drummond

Pahrump Valley Republican Women

- Lillian Donohue ▪ Rose Marie Johnson

Republican Women of Las Vegas

- Martha Cherry ▪ Mary Ellen Cushard
- Kathleen Larmore ▪ Sherry Rickard ▪ Toni Valdez
- Sharon Williams

Republican Women of Reno

- Mai-Thi Alfred ▪ Kathy Burke ▪ Heidi Gansert
- Mei Herbert ▪ Nancy Holliger ▪ Sally Miller
- Elaine Moser ▪ Heidi Smith ▪ Betty Squires
- Jen Stovall ▪ Barbara Vucanovich

Sierra Nevada Republican Women

- Heidi Cruz ▪ Nancy McDermid ▪ Sally Wiley

Southern Hills Republican Women

- Virginia Bear-Finnegan ▪ Raymond Garubo, Ph.D
- Rana Goodman ▪ Lisa Heck ▪ Dr. Joe Heck
- Helen Frances Linden ▪ Joan Passaro
- Joan Patrick ▪ Sharon Petty ▪ Mary Sardo
- Maria Schlager ▪ Michele Turner

Sparks Republican Women

- Malinda Campbell ▪ Kevin Campbell ▪ Dana Strelbel

Spring Mountain Republican Women

- Libby Bjerke ▪ Shirley Blair ▪ Kay Butchko
- Mike Butchko ▪ Maxine Clark ▪ Doreen Cook
- Tibi Ellis ▪ Donna Hash ▪ Sue Lowden
- Wynn Schottlekorb ▪ Kathy Summers
- Amy Tarkanian ▪ Sharon Whittle

Washoe Republican Women

- Jo-Anne Doxey ▪ Su Kemper ▪ Janet Normington
- Cassandra Smith ▪ Dian Vander Well

Friends

- Stavros Anthony ▪ Joe Brown ▪ Ryan Erwin
- Patrick Flannagan ▪ Dean Heller
- Antoinette Montandon ▪ Mike Montandon

R N C Women's Summit

Jerry Bing

What an honor to have been nominated to attend the Republican National Committee's 2009 Women's Summit! I have been involved in Nevada politics for the last 35 years and this was by far the best summit I have ever attended!

I traveled with Jen Stovall from Smith Valley. The young and old! Our adventure started Tuesday night with Jen spending the night with me in Reno, as she lives 2 hours away and our flight was early on Wednesday morning. After arriving in DC around 4:00 a.m., we took a quick taxi to our hotel, dropped our bags and took a taxi over to the Capitol Hill Club for a reception with Congressman John Boehner. For those who do not know the Capitol Hill Club, it is a "members only", Monday through Thursday club, across the street from the Capitol, and for Republicans only. It has great meeting rooms as well as a great restaurant. At the reception, we met some great ladies from several states! Nevada had a great showing of eight ladies! After the reception Jen and I had dinner with ladies from Arizona and Tennessee. What a great opportunity to meet and speak with women leaders from other states and exchange ideas.

On Thursday, the summit began at 9:00 a.m., with a welcome from RNC Chairman Michael Steele and our host and Co-Chairman, Jan Larimer.

9:30 a.m.— POLLING: WHAT HAPPENED. This was great and very informative. The session was presented by Linda DiVall, Founder, President, and CEO, of American Viewpoint, and Kellyanne Conway, CEO and President, The Polling Company.

10:30 a.m.—COMMUNICATION THE ISSUES: Presented by Dana Periono, former White House Press Secretary and Liz Cheney, former Principal Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. What can I say! These two ladies are so great and down to earth! Their insight was so enlightening.

WE DID NOT STOP FOR LUNCH! We had a working lunch—THE GENDER GAP. This was presented by Kate O'Beirne, President, National Review Institute and former Washington editor of the National Review. And of course, we all know about the gender gap!

1:30 p.m.—POLITICAL BRIEFING: "WHAT DOES 2010 LOOK LIKE". This was presented by Gentry Collins, RNC Political Director, Brian Walsh, NRCCC Political Director, Randy Bumps, NRSC Political Director and Angela Sailor, RNC Coalitions Director. It appears our own Harry Reid is the # 3 target! We just need a good candidate to run against him and we will have help across the states. We, apparently, are not the only ones who want to see Harry Reid replaced!

2:45 p.m.— CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT: "THE GOP NEEDS MORE GOOD CANDIDATES". We heard from a number of women candidates and elected officials. Among them was Congressman Marsha Blackburn, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Barbara Comstock, candidate for delegate, and Rita Meyer, Wyoming State Auditor. The topic was the difficulties a woman candidate faces and how to handle problems.

4:00 p.m.— VOTERS AND NEW MEDIA. This was presented by Todd Herman, RNC Director of New Media and Sharon Day, RNC Secretary. And of course, the topic was now the RNC has a director of new media. They are serious about the direction in which we should be headed.

The summit ended at 5:00 p.m., with Co-Chairman Jan Larimer and a wrap up. What a fantastic woman. The RNC is lucky to have such a talented co-chair. Ms. Larimer gathered the best of the best to put on this summit and as you can tell, this summit moved! There was never a dull moment!

Friday we spent the day at the Capitol! What a day to be there! They were discussing and voting on the Cap and Trade Bill! Congressman Dean Heller's office supplied us with gallery passes and we were able to watch our own Dean Heller speak on the floor. What a thrill to be a part of this historical bill! After the Congressman spoke, we met with him and talked about his upcoming race and whether he would be running against Harry Reid. He then gave us a tour of the Capitol building. After leaving the Congressman, we wandered around the building, grabbed something to eat and found our way back to the Congressman's office through the great tunnel system that traverses building to building.

This trip was truly a great experience. We were part of a fantastic women's summit, met some great women for future networking, and experienced a little of life in Washington DC!



Campaign Training

Julie Hereford



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CLARK
COUNTY
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PARTY

Proudly Present

Campaign Training For 2010

"Flying Upside Down"

By



Date: Saturday August 29, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: The Venetian Hotel, Bassano Room 2601 ~ 2605
3355 Las Vegas Blvd. South

Session: **Flying Upside Down in the 21st Century** – an updated version of an American political classic

Agenda: Basic “**M**”s of Politics:
Meaning, **M**essage, **M**anagement, **M**edia, **M**oney,
and **M**omentum

Guest Speakers: Sue Lowden—Chairman NRP
Richard Scotti—Chairman CCRP

Who should attend: Candidates, Campaign Staffs/Volunteers, Coalition/Precinct Leaders,
and Activists

Cost: \$25 (Lunch & Workshop Packets)

Seating is limited and RSVP is required. To reserve your seat call or email:

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Campaign Registration

Julie Hereford

Nevada Republican Party / Clark County Republican Party Campaign Training for 2010

August 29, 2009
9am ~ 3pm

The Venetian Hotel ~ 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Bassano Room 2601—2605
Costs: \$25.00 for Lunch & Training Packet

REGISTRATION FORM

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Candidate Information



**Candidate for President—
Lynne Hartung**

I have submitted my application for the position of President of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women. I would appreciate your consideration of my goals and experience when you vote for the next NvFRW President.

My first goal would be to work with all of the clubs and members of the NvFRW. I would like to help develop new opportunities for all of us to get to know each other; to learn from each other; to put our combined talents and experiences to work to elect Republican candidates—but most of all, to enjoy the friendships that have always been such a part of being a member of the NvFRW.

I believe the upcoming mid-term elections are to

be the most important for our party in many years. As a team, we can and will make a difference for our party and our candidates.

I will use the experiences I have gained in serving both Republican and other civic organizations for many years, including Vice President and Treasurer of Sparks Republican Women. I have also served as President of Lahontan Republican Women, Vice President and Secretary, as well as Vice Chairman of the Churchill County Republican Central Committee. In addition, I was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Nevada.

I am currently the Controller for KTVN, Reno's CBS affiliate. I have over 30 years experience in organizational and fiscal management, accounting, and budgeting.



The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people

Theodore Roosevelt



Candidate for President—Sandy Masters

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have indicated support and encouragement in my quest for the office of President of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women. I look forward to speaking with each and every one of you at the convention in October. Additionally, I will be representing our club at the National convention in September.

While wonderful delegates were chosen to represent our state at the national convention, I would like to attend and bring back information. I feel that it is important to represent our state in record numbers, and I have our president's proxy, as she will not be able to attend.

I have witnessed an energy level starting to grow regarding the turnaround of our candidates in the upcoming elections. People are **finally** beginning to see what a mistake it was to turn the country over to Democrats! I hope to build on this enthusiasm, and to get all the members in the clubs to take on a single activity—**getting new voters registered in the state!**

In examining the numbers of registered Republicans in our state, we have that momentum on the way and we can approach other subjects. We are almost 100,000 behind the Democrats in Nevada and we must rectify this situation. That, along with positive energy, is what will unite us and carry us to a wonderful conclusion at election time.

It is with great anticipation that I look forward to seeing all of you at the October convention in Las Vegas. God Bless and have a wonderful rest of the summer.



Candidate Information

**Candidate for 1st Vice President and Programs Chair—
Maraya Evans**

I believe the meeting is the first has of any organization. The purpose of our bers and guests.



impression a visitor and prospective member programs should be to educate and inform mem-

Education should begin with who we candidates.

are and that our mission is to elect Republican

As 1st Vice President-Programs, I propose to: (1) Discuss the responsibilities and requirements of each club's programs chair in accordance with their respective club, NvFRW, and NFRW bylaws; (2) Encourage balance in programs between educational and social issues; (3) Structure the program for the year. The Achievement Award workbook is a valuable tool that can be used as a blueprint to assist in planning effective programs; (4) Encourage clubs to be open to searching out new ideas. Look for imaginative approaches to developing a program; (5) Recommend clubs expand their programs to include individuals from local community organizations and local young Republican groups.

I believe that by strengthening our local club programs, we will have a greater impact in our commu- nities. Programs engage members and make them excited to attend our meetings.

Thank you for your consideration for the position of NvFRW 1st Vice President and Program Chairman.



The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.

Ralph Nader

**Candidate for 1st Vice President and Programs Chair—
Kelly Green**

I am running for NvFRW 1st Vice President because I believe in the importance of presenting educational, motivational, and socially pertinent programs and workshops to our membership, and assuring the presentations are directly related to the ultimate goals and objectives of the NvFRW.



The 1st Vice President must also work in an encouraging and cooperative manner with the membership chairs of each NvFRW club, making the effort to inform them as to their duties, availability, and propriety of potential speakers and assist them when necessary.

I am sincere in my intentions and willingness to work with anyone and everyone to further our great conservative cause and to promote our party. This can't be about individuals—it must be about everyone working together as a team. My resume` illustrates I am able to work with people, both as a leader and as a member of the team.

A unified NvFRW is crucial to our being a productive, viable source of support for our candidates and members. As 1st Vice President-Program Chair, I can play an important role by providing the most fitting and appropriate speakers to encourage, enable, and unite our membership in achieving our ultimate goal of electing



Candidate Information

**Candidate for 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair—
Kay Butchko**

It has been my honor to be your NvFRW Southern Director for 2008-2009.

My highlights for the last two years are:

- ◆ Organized NvFRW Leadership and the Leadership Handbook
- ◆ Coordinated BOD meetings.
- ◆ Visited all seven Southern clubs multiple times.
- ◆ Visited nine Northern clubs.
- ◆ Assisted Washoe RW and North Valleys RW in chartering.
- ◆ Attended and advised Winnemucca RW and Desert Heart RW.
- ◆ Assisting organization of Mesquite RW.

As Southern Regents Chair, I am delighted Regents

exceeded the goal of 100 for 2009. Thank you again Federation women and friends! Your commitment and generous donations support our goals of education and growth.



As NVFRW Convention Coordinator and Campaign Workshop Co-Chair, I am thrilled with plans for an exciting NvFRW Convention in October. Expect valuable content for membership growth and the important campaigns of 2010.

Having served on Executive Committees in three states, as club president and other offices, I know the strength of our Federation is at the member level. I will bring energy and innovation, along with ideas from other states and National, to grow our membership.

I would be honored to serve as 2nd Vice President-Membership.

The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.

John Maxwell



**Candidate for 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair—
Melody Howard**



I hereby submit my application for nomination to the position of 2nd Vice President, Membership of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women. I am running on a platform of: Outreach, Technology, and Activism.

I enjoyed serving as the 2nd Vice President, Membership Chairman for Active Republican Women of Las Vegas. In 2008, our club's membership expanded by approximately 50 new members who had never been involved in a Republican Women's organization. ARW won Membership awards from the State for two years. In addition, as Membership Chair, I created the website for ARW, one of the first under the State Federation.

I have been married to my wonderful husband for 10 years, and have 2 children. My son is currently serving in the Army. My daughter will be going to college next year after having been homeschooled for almost 10 years.

I have been a legal assistant for 25 years, and have worked for Kemp, Jones & Coulthard for over 12 years. Additionally, I serve on the Executive Board of Clark County, County Commission C, am the Literacy Chair for the Nevada Federation of Republican Women, served as the 2nd Vice President of Active Republican Women and am currently the 1st VP of Active Republican Women.

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women is very important to me. I have both the experience and the desire for this position and would be honored to serve as the 2nd Vice President of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.



Candidate Information

Candidate for Treasurer—
Christine DeCorte

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Treasurer of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.

A quick synopsis, beyond my credentials as a lifelong Republican—I am securities and insurance licensed and a financial planner with Mass Mutual. I have served as 1st Vice President for Active Republican Women for two terms. Also, I have been a resident of Nevada for over 30 years, been married over 20 years, , and am the mother of two “high honors” students now attending UNLV and George Washington University.

In 1957, I arrived in the United States with my

British-born parents and my older brother. In my late 20s, I wanted to fully participate in the political process of my adopted country, and I became a naturalized American citizen. Since that time, I have never missed an opportunity to vote in this land of tremendous opportunity.

My parents, who were small business owners, instilled in me the values of family, hard work, and entrepreneurship. Although my parents never obtained their U. S. citizenship, they laid the groundwork for me to be a fiscally strong “Republican believer”.

If elected Treasurer, I look forward to getting to know all of you on a more personal basis as we work hard to help make Nevada “red” again. Thank you for your support.

P. E. M.

Paula Schlegelmilch

It is extremely important for all clubs to have full delegations to the NvFRW Biennial Convention in Las Vegas in October. If finances are a concern, particularly for those in the north, please make use of the invaluable NvFRW resource, the Political Education Memorial Fund—P.E.M.

The money in this fund is derived from donations received from our

members, and is used to help in the political education of our members by assisting them, if needed, to attend NvFRW Board Meetings, Biennial Conventions, Leadership Training Classes, and Campaign School. Applications are to be submitted using Form 300, along with a cover letter, in triplicate, sent to the P.E.M. Chairman.

It would be extremely helpful if all club presidents announced the existence of the fund periodically to their members. A small note in a club newsletter is also recommended.

For further information, contact:
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Candidate for Recording Secretary—
Virginia Durgin



I am interested in being elected Secretary of the NvFRW and becoming a member of the Executive Board because I believe in the values for which the Republican Party stands, and want to promote, support, and elect outstanding Republican candidates. I believe that Federation women have a large role to play in making this happen.

I moved to Nevada after retiring from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1997, and became involved in the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women’s Club (IV/CBRW). As Vice and then President of the Club from 2003-2006, I attended the NFRW’s Conventions and participated in the NvFRW conventions. I have been a member of the Washoe County Republican Central Committee (WCRCC) Executive Board since 2004, and have served as Secretary of the WCRCC since 2007. In 2006, we moved to Reno and I joined the Mt. Rose Republican Women’s Club. I volunteered at the McCain/ Palin campaign events last year and currently work three days a week at the WCRCC offices.

Before retiring I served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Finance and Logistics at CIA and, subsequently, served as Consultant to the National Geospatial Agency, and on the Board of Directors for Spectrum Signal Processing. The Distinguished Intelligence Medal was awarded at my retirement.

My husband, Lane, and I have four children and nine grandchildren.

Candidate Information

Candidate for Recording Secretary— **Janet Freixas**

I am currently serving my second term as Recording Secretary for the Sierra Nevada RW Club. I am also a long-time member of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, have served as a poll worker for the last several elections, and volunteered many hours to the Douglas County Republican headquarters making phone calls and walking precincts.



The NvFRW is an integral part of the Republican political foundation in Nevada. It would be a great honor for me to continue serving the Republican party of this state as part of the NvFRW Executive Committee as Recording Secretary.

I fully understand the duties and responsibilities of this position and feel my volunteer and professional experiences well qualify me. My professional work experiences include customer service, employee training, scheduling, writing/updating employee manuals, and employee oversight. There is no doubt the greatest challenge facing Republicans in Nevada in the upcoming elections is unseating Harry Reid. A strong, cohesive NvFRW Board would be a big step in the right direction. I believe I can positively contribute to this cohesiveness.

Bill and I have been married 18 years. We have two beautiful daughters, two sons-in-law, 4 grandsons and a granddaughter.

Candidate for Nominating Chair— **Marian Bond**



It has been my honor to serve as Secretary on the NvFRW Executive Board for the past two years. I look forward to continuing my involvement with NvFRW in the future, and have submitted my name for the office of Nominating Chair.

In addition to having served in many capacities in Republican clubs in California for over 20 years, I have been a member of the Nevada Federation since 1982. In 2001, I joined the Republican Women of Reno, and was editor of the newsletter for six years, and served as Secretary for two years. I have worked on numerous campaigns, fundraisers, and special events, Ways & Means committee, attended the NFRW Spring Board meeting, was an NFRW Regent for two years, an NvFRW Regent, and served as Regents Chair for almost two years.

I have spent most of my professional life as a freelance writer and photographer. My husband, Robert and I have three grown children, and two grown grandchildren.

Thank you for your consideration, and I would appreciate your vote for Nominating Chair.

Candidate for Southern Director— **Joan Passaro**

I have submitted my application for nomination to the position of Southern Director of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.

As Southern Director, I would like the NvFRW to once again be a team working together. I would like new opportunities for all the women of our organization to get to know each other – to be friends; to appreciate all of our talents and experiences and put them to work for our united goals; to learn from each other; but most of all to enjoy the friendships that have always been such a part of being a Nevada Republican Woman.

I will always treat the women who present

themselves with respect and I will constantly work to earn their respect.

As Southern Director I can put to use the experiences and education from 50 years of professional work experience. Serving the Southern Hills Republican Women as VP Membership and President of Southern Hills Republican Women has been an invaluable experience. For the last five years I have been enjoying my retirement.



This organization is important to me. I have both the experience and desire to serve the Nevada Federation of Republican Women as the Southern Director.

Candidate Information

Candidate for Nominating Chair—
Heidi Smith



I am the Republican National Committeewoman for the State of Nevada and represent Nevada at all RNC meetings. I am also a member of the Rules Committee and the Ethics Committee of the RNC, past Chairman of the Washoe County Republican Central Committee, have been a member of the Nevada Federation for 23 years, and in 2002, served as President of the NFRW.

My work in politics began working for Barry Goldwater in 1964, where I met Ronald Reagan, and eventually worked on Mr. Reagan's campaigns for Governor of California and for President. In 1994, I ran for a seat in the Nevada State Assembly.

Since 1966, I have been in the life and health insurance industry, served as Association Executive for the Northern Nevada Association of Life Underwriters for many years, and have also spent many years dealing with healthcare and insurance issues.

My husband Stephen Smith is a CPA, and we have six children and twelve grandchildren.

Candidate for Northern Director
Michel "Mike" Hules



I am running for Northern Director of the NvFRW because I want to see the Federation grow as a united entity and increase awareness of Republican Women's Clubs and what we do. We need to work together, north and south, if we are to be successful and elect Republicans.

I have been involved in Republican and federation politics since moving to Nevada in 2000, and it has given me the necessary skills and knowledge of Federation policies and infrastructure to perform the duties and responsibilities required of the Northern Director.

For two years I served on the Washoe Central Committee; as Secretary for Republican Women of Reno, and was instrumental in starting the Sparks Republican Women, chartered in 2005, serving as its President for the past two years.

My work experience has been varied, and I am currently a Realtor with a GRI designation. I also serve on the board of the SPCA of Northern Nevada.



"Life is not measured by the breaths we take,
 but by the moments that take our breath away"

Unknown

FYI

Last March, Marian Bond, NvFRW Secretary, visited Alexandria, Virginia, to attend the NFRW Spring Board Meeting as a vendor, with her recently published book, "Write In The Muddle". This book is a memoir of her experiences as a breast cancer survivor, and a freelance writer and photographer.

During that period, she had an opportunity to meet with Federation members from all over the United States, including Leona Johnston, First Vice President of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women, and a candidate for President in that state.

Leona was interested in Marian's story, and has invited her to attend and to conduct a workshop on publishing and health issues. In addition, Jerry Bing, who is finishing a term as 2nd Vice President for NvFRW is also an Associate Member of Palo Verde Republican Women in Arizona, and both Jerry and Marian will be attending the ASFRW two weeks after our own meeting in Las Vegas. Marian will speak on Publishing, Politics, and Plumbers. Jerry and Marian will also discuss health issues; both are cancer survivors.

They are very honored to have been invited to Arizona. Marian has also been speaking to Federated clubs in California, and is available to visit and share with NvFRW clubs as well.

NvFRW Biennial Convention

Michele Turner

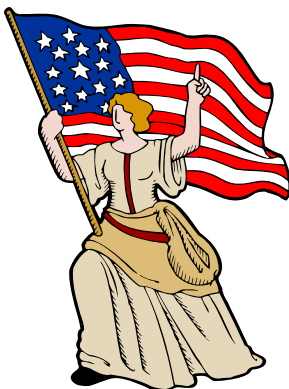
I am excited about our 30th Biennial Convention in October and have some events and dates to share with you.

Workshops will include presentations by Susan Tulley, National Field Director for Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Tonya Stiel, Membership Recruitment—Unlocking Your Potential, and Fundraising Excitement. Also Jane Strain, “Helping Women Work Together”, and NFRW Legislation Chair Jessie Morton will address our group. Friday night will be a Campaign Workshop presented by Kay Butchko, Sherry Rickard, and several other dynamic speakers.

The “Call” will be going out early the week of August 23rd. Included in the “Call” will be a Tentative Agenda, Registration Form, Bylaw Changes, and Resolution Forms.

Mary Ellen Cushard has agreed to be our Credentials Chair. Look for information from her soon regarding the credentials process for delegates.

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