



# Volume 2, Issue 5 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2011

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

Pres. Letter Cont'd	2
Pictures—Speakers	2
Nominating Report	3
Profile of Author	3
Convention Info	4
Scholarships	5
Candidates	6 + 7
Candidates	8 + 9
LD Network News	10
Network News Cont'd	11

## From the President..... Lynne Hartung



To the members of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women:

This newsletter is a special issue for the NvFRW Biennial Convention to be held in Minden, October 7-9, 2011. We want to let you know what we are planning for you. And we also need your help to make it successful.

First thanks are in order Cheryl Van Ocker and Linda Colavechio who volunteered as Convention Chairmen to work with Mike Hules and Joan Passaro to put this convention together. Sherry Dilley and Maraya Evans have been working to get us interesting speakers. And to everyone else who is contributing their time and effort, thank you!

Thank you also to those of you who volunteered to help with the committees for the convention. I have asked the following members to chair our committees:

- Su Kemper – Elections
- Brenda Robertson – Credentials
- Pam Benzing – Resolutions

Invited speakers include: Lieutenant Governor Brian Sandoval, First Lady Kathleen Sandoval, Senator Dean Heller, NRP Chairman Amy Tarkanian, NRP Executive Director David Gallagher, RNC Co-Chairman Sharon Day, State Senator James Settlemeyer. Also we have asked Janie Johnson, Douglas County author of the Don't Take My Lemonade Stand - An American Philosophy, to be our Friday luncheon speaker (see information on following pages). Governor Sandoval was invited, but he will be out of the state that weekend, and Congressman Joe Heck was also invited but could not attend due to prior commitments.

On Saturday night, our banquet will include the installation of the officers who were elected during the day. Our soon to be Congressman, Mark Amodei, has consented to act as emcee that evening. You know the evening won't be dull! And on Sunday morning, we will hold a memorial breakfast to honor those members of our clubs who have passed away since October 2011. Remind your president of any member you know and, if you have a picture, have her submit her for the breakfast's program.

What can you do to help make this convention a success?

1. Register and come participate as a delegate from your club.
2. If you are a club treasurer, please submit your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter treasurer's report ASAP. We need your final club membership to determine the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to be able to vote at the convention.
3. If you are a club president, once you know the number of qualified delegates and alternates, please immediately send the list of delegates selected by your club to Brenda Robertson, chair of the credentials committee, and me. This must be received **no later than September 26**.
4. Club presidents and Board of Directors/committee chairs – please send written reports of your 2011 activities to Mike Hules or Joan Passaro. These reports will be included in the convention packets as we will not have oral reports at the convention.
5. Your club can bring a "Your Choice" item (approximately \$50) which will have attendees buying extra tickets to win!!!

*(Continued on Page 2)*

**LIST OF OFFICERS**

**LYNNE HARTUNG—PRESIDENT**  
775-359-2434  
LYNNEHARTUNG@ATT.NET

**MARAYA EVANS—1ST V.P. PROGRAMS**  
702-293-4478  
MARAYA.EVANS@GMAIL.COM

**MELODY HOWARD—2ND V.P. MEMBERSHIP**  
702-400-6021  
MHOWARDLV@HOTMAIL.COM

**VIRGINIA DURGIN—SECRETARY**  
775-851-2311  
VADURGIN@ATT.NET

**LINDA COLAVECHIO—ACTING TREASURER**  
775-782-5338  
LRCAL1@AOL.COM

**MIKE HULES—NO. DIRECTOR**  
775-354-1135  
MAHULES@GMAIL.COM

**JOAN PASSARO—SO. DIRECTOR**  
702-617-0458  
JPASSARO@COX.NET

**MARIAN BOND—NOMINATING CHAIR**  
775-827-9310  
MARIAN@MARIANBOND.COM

**MICHELE TURNER—IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
702-293-2938  
TURNER2326@COX.NET

=====

**CONTACT EDITOR MARIA SCHLAGER FOR ERRORS AND/OR SUBMISSIONS**  
702-769-5077  
MCS2577@YAHOO.COM

## President's Letter (Cont'd)

In this newsletter also is the report of the Nominating Committee as well as statements from those members who have placed their names for nomination for the 2012-2013 Executive Board. These ladies, as well as any nominated at the convention on Friday afternoon, will be voted on by all the club delegates and Board of Directors on Saturday.

Also included is the announcement of the two winners of the 2011 Jo Marshall Scholarships - Caitlin Berkich and Shelby Gebhart. These two young ladies were very grateful for the support from the NVFRW toward their educational and professional goals. As you know these funds are made available by the NvFRW members who donate \$100 annually to the NvFRW Regents program.



**Carson Valley**  
**Location of the 2011 NvFRW Biennial Convention**

*Lynne Hartung*  
*President*



*First Lady*  
*Kathleen Sandoval*

Photo credit: Julie Duewel



*Senator*  
*Dean Heller*



*Newly Elected*  
*Congressman*  
*Mark Amodei*



*NRP Chairman*  
*Amy Tarkanian*



*RNC Co-Chairman*  
*Sharon Day*

## Nominating Report

Marian Bond

We are fortunate to have the following candidates file applications for the listed offices on the Executive Board for the 2010-2013 year:

President—Maraya Evans, Boulder City Republican Women

First Vice-President, Programs—Robin Reedy, Sierra Nevada Republican Women, **and**  
Vicky Maltman, North Valleys Republican Women

Second Vice-President—Cherie S. Wood, Active Republican Women of Las Vegas

Secretary— Linda Graham, Boulder City Republican Women

Treasurer— Mary Jane Archer, Sparks Republican Women

Northern Director— Mike Hules, Sparks Republican Women

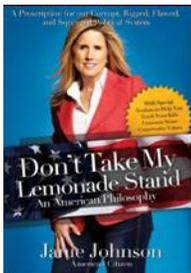
Southern Director—Joan Passaro, Southern Hills Republican Women, **and**  
Maureen Karas, Active Republican Women of Las Vegas

Nominating Chair—Michele Turner, Southern Hills Republican Women

Thanks to the Committee, and to all those who have shown their willingness to serve during this critical time for NvFRW, the GOP and the USA.

## "Don't Take My Lemonade Stand"

Janie Johnson



***"The strength of our country resides in the minds of our children, and the future of our country will be found in their actions."***

***"A prescription for our corrupt, rigged, flawed, and squeezed political system."***

"The story of our rigged and unethical political process is covered thoroughly (and referenced in about 35 places) in the book. However, the book is not only about political chicanery and the self-dealing of politicians. The book is about Common Sense Conservative principles, wayward government policy, unethical/deceptive political practices, and the need for "we the people" to get off the sidelines and engage. In other words, the nation is off-track, and it is both political policy and process that needs the attention of ***"We the People"***."

***Not an Expert.*** My whole perspective is that I am not an expert. I am just an informed American citizen (who has done her homework) who is not satisfied with the direction of our country or the way in which it is currently being governed. I am not a political activist or even a "Tea Party" participant. I have never been to a political rally, and I do not march, carry signs (or even place them in my yard), or put together events. I am not a pundit, a political scientist, a historian, a constitutional lawyer, or a politician.

I am a mother of four who was not particularly politically motivated (other than to cast an informed vote) until I saw the current level of our-of-control government spending, excessive regulation, unimaginable debt, private company bailouts by the government, attempt to take over healthcare by the federal government, and weakness on defense and terrorism. I represent all of those who have not been particularly involved in the political process until recent events. I am a registered Republican, but I am displeased with nearly all politicians, including most Republicans. My values are common sense conservative, and consistent with the Constitution and the notions of our founding fathers.

(Taken from <http://janiejohnsonauthor.com/index.html>)

# Convention Information



## Nevada Federation of Republican Women CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

2011 Biennial Convention, October 7-9  
Carson Valley Inn – Minden, Nevada

This meeting is open to all NvFRW club officers, members and guests. We welcome you to meet women from across our state, to share the business of your Federation, your ideas and enthusiasm for our mission – to elect Republicans! Any questions call Mike Hules 775-354-1135.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ Position or Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Registration for Delegates, Alternates, Members and Attending Guests:**

Early Registration:	Received before September 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$120.00</b>
Registration:	Received by September 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$130.00</b>
Late Registration or on Site:	Received after September 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$150.00</b>

The registration package includes convention sessions, registration materials, meals (Coffee, tea and water during meetings and Friday morning, Friday lunch, Saturday full breakfast buffet, Saturday lunch, Saturday Dinner), voting materials, name badges and packets.

The Sunday morning Memorial for Passed Members is not included in the Registration Fee. If you plan on attending, the cost is \$15.00.

Guests and elected officials are welcomed to attend the following:

Friday Lunch	\$20.00 in advance	\$25.00 on site
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00 in advance	\$25.00 on site
Saturday Banquet	\$30.00 in advance	\$35.00 on site
Memorial Brunch	\$15.00 in advance	\$20.00 on site

*Please note any dietary requests at time of registration*

Registration: Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Memorial Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guests Names & Events: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION TOTAL (ENCLOSED OR MADE ONLINE) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to NvFRW and mail to Mike Hules 6348 Firebee Court, Sparks, NV 89436 or register on line and mail the form to same as above.**

## Scholarship Recipients

### 2011 NvFRW Jo Marshall Scholarship Winners

#### Caitlin Berkich

Caitlin was sponsored by the Carson City Republican Women. Caitlin and her grandmother, Angela LoGiurato, are both members of the club. She graduated from Carson High School in June 2010.



Caitlin is currently attending the University of Nevada, Reno, where she is majoring in Nursing. Caitlin's application talked about her career choice: "I feel this career will suit me perfectly. I love jobs where I'm always working and on my feet. The nursing courses are so interesting...I feel I will have no problem focusing or doing well in school when I am being intrigued by the new information I will be learning."

Caitlin plans to graduate from college debt-free by paying her way with scholarships and money she has earned by working part-time throughout her high school years and while in college. A well rounded person, she even managed to participate in a diverse assortment of extracurricular activities while maintaining high academic standards.

#### Shelby Gebhart

Shelby was sponsored by the Boulder City Republican Women's club. Her mother, Katie Gebhart, and grandmother, Norma Barth, are both members of the club.



Shelby graduated from Boulder City High School in June 2011. She wants to be a kindergarten teacher and has enrolled in Nevada State College in Henderson, majoring in Elementary Education. She made her career choice early on when she volunteered to teach Sunday School at her church and realized how much she enjoyed working with children. Shelby also works as a lifeguard at the Boulder City pool, where she teaches younger swimmers new techniques to help them improve their swimming skills.

Shelby wrote in her application: "...teaching is what my heart is set on and I wouldn't have it any other way. Every day, as a future teacher, I get to see a new accomplishment in a child; such as tying a shoe, coloring inside the lines or reading...This scholarship will help me work with children, something I know I am meant to do and give back to my community and country."

## Candidate for President—Maraya Evans



**Maraya Evans**  
NvFRW candidate for president

I believe the purpose of the state federation is to support and provide guidance to the local clubs. If elected president of the NvFRW my priorities will include:

- ✦ Working with NV Clean Up the Vote to ensure the integrity of Nevada elections.
- ✦ Developing a closer working relationship between the NvFRW and the Nevada Republican Party to get more Republican candidates elected to office.
- ✦ Expanding our membership with an emphasis on forming new clubs.
- ✦ Encouraging cooperation among the clubs.
- ✦ Developing a mentorship program for integrating and training the elected officers of new clubs.
- ✦ Developing a "Speaker's Bureau" so Program Chairs can easily share speaker information.
- ✦ A total Leadership Training makeover.
- ✦ Rebuilding the Regents program.
- ✦ A complete review of the NvFRW bylaws by the Bylaws Committee.

This will be a very exciting year to be a Republican woman. We will be in a unique position to grow our membership and educate more women than at any other time in the history of the NvFRW.

I hope you'll make the commitment to join with me to make the NvFRW a more involved political organization.

## Candidate for First Vice President—Vicky Maltman



My name is Vicky Maltman and I am running for First Vice President of NvFRW.

I have been President of North Valleys Republican Women for almost three Years. I am also on the Washoe County Republican Central Committee Executive Board, and am a member of the Nevada Republican Party.

I have served in many capacities over the years on various boards and for several organizations, including State President for a Veterans Auxiliary with 26 units. I currently assist the state federation with By-laws and the web site.

My philosophy is that working together achieves better results. When we are able to agree to disagree and work through the problems we may face, we see great results. I look forward to seeing all of you in October and thank you for your consideration.

## Candidate for Second Vice President—Cherie Wood



My name is Cherie Wood and I'm running for the position of Second Vice-President of Membership 2012-2013 NvFRW board. Serving in this capacity would be a great honor for me.

I am currently the 2nd VP/Membership of Active Republican Women of Las Vegas and in my second term in this position. In addition to actively recruiting new members and recognizing current members, I designed a Membership Pin to be given to those members when their 3rd new member joins. The pin has charms for each member recruited and can hold as many as seven.

It was with pride I received the NvFRW Membership Award for 2010 for having the highest percentage in club growth at 42.9%, and acknowledged nationally by NFRW Membership Chairwoman, Tonya Stiel. I was honored by being asked to sit on her committee and, as a result, several of my ideas were used in the new NFRW Membership Handbook. I've been fortunate to attend NFRW board meetings in Oklahoma City, Washington, D.C., and will be attending the upcoming bi-annual convention in Kansas City, MO, this September 2011.

I have a very long and diverse background in sales, as well as owning and managing my own Farmers Insurance agency for 22 years with over 30 years experience in the industry. My life has been full with my husband of 27 years, Gary, three children, and two grandchildren.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

## Candidate for Secretary—Linda Graham

It would be my honor to serve as Secretary for the Nevada State Federation Republican Women Executive Board for the 2012-2013 term.

Since moving to Boulder City, Nevada, in 2009, I have served my local club as Americanism Chairman for two years and Second Vice President for one year.

Prior to this recent involvement, I have been a member of the Federation since 1992, serving as Treasurer and Secretary for the E. Peoria Republican Women's Club. I also served as President for the Montecito Hope Ranch Republican Women's Club for two years, as well as First and Second Vice President in Santa Barbara, California.



When you cast your vote, please consider Linda Graham as your candidate of choice! Thank you.



*"We've been blessed with the opportunity to stand for something for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to."*

*-Ronald Reagan*

## Candidate for Treasurer—Mary Jane Archer



### Statement of Qualifications for Mary Jane Archer NvFRW Treasurer's Position

My name is Mary Jane Archer, current President of Sparks Republican Women, and I am running for NvFRW Treasurer. I can offer education, experience and political involvement in the Republican Party as my qualifications as follows:

Education: BS and MBA, Accounting, Cal State University, Hayward

Work Experience: 30 years experience with the State of California in the capacity of auditor, manager of Estate Tax Program, Bureau Chief in charge of putting out the financial statements for the entire state of California, Chief Accounting Officer for Departments of Justice and for the \$20 billion budget of the Department of Social Services.

Retired from State service, moved to Sparks, started a small pet photography business and, co-authored a children's book, *I Am Her Ears*, set up a publishing company with my business partner and marketed the book.

Other Experience: Treasurer, Reno Republican Women, 2004

Co-founder and first President of Sparks Republican Women, 2006, 2007, 2010 (half year) and 2011

Served on Washoe County GOP Executive Board, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011

Served on Washoe County Central Committee, 2006, 2007, 2010

I would like to bring my skills and experience to the position of Treasurer of the NvFRW. I am experienced in the Quick Books application that is used by the Club, and I believe I would bring an experienced, well rounded viewpoint to the Board.

## Candidate for No. Director—Mike Hules

Mike Hules is a North Dakota native and graduate of North Dakota State University with a degree in Physical Education major and Home Economics and Speech minors. She's been married to Gary for 38 years and relocated to Nevada in 2000, after 21 years in California.

Since moving to Nevada, Mike has been an active member of the Washoe County Central Committee, serving two years as secretary. She was also a member and secretary for Republican Women of Reno until she became a charter member of Sparks Republican Women in 2005. She served as First Vice President and President of SRW before being elected as Northern Director for the Nevada Federation of Republican Women in 2009.



Mike recently retired but continues to stay very busy serving on the board of the SPCA of Northern Nevada, working on Republican campaigns, visiting the Republican Women's Clubs in the North, playing bridge and golfing.

Mike wants to be re-elected as Northern Director of the NvFRW to motivate the clubs to participate in getting Republicans elected, increase awareness to the various clubs in the north and assist the President with the goals she wants to achieve.

## Candidate for So. Director—Maureen Karas

I would be honored to serve as NvFRW Southern Director. Currently I am the President of Active Republican Women of Las Vegas and have held other club leadership positions. I've also had the pleasure to serve as Literacy Chair for the NvFRW. I'm a member of both the Clark County and Nevada Central Committees.

Unity, a current goal of the Clark County Republican Party, is also vital for NvFRW organizational success. With now eight clubs in Southern Nevada and, perhaps, one of the most important Presidential Elections on the horizon in our lifetime, unity of Federation clubs is vital for not only growth in our Federation, but also GOP success.

NvFRW's Southern Director should be the organizational coordinator, communicator and cheerleader for the eight local clubs and with the North through the Northern Director, as well.

I have the organizational experience, passion for Republican values and am plugged-in to the Federation, County and State Republican politics to be an effective Southern Director.

As Southern Director I will work in tandem with the President and Board of Directors to help our federation achieve our goals. I look forward to soliciting ideas, issues and goals of individual clubs by attending at least one meeting per year and conducting periodic meetings of all Southern club presidents.

## Candidate for Nominating Chair—Michele Turner

### MICHELE C. TURNER



**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Arts, Mt. Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**REPUBLICAN  
ACTIVITIES:**

Nevada

Immediate Past President of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women (January 2010 – 2012)

President of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women—(January 2008 – 2010)

Nevada Republican Party Central Committee, Executive Board  
(January 2008 – January 2010)

Founding President of Southern Hills Republican Women  
(September 2005 – January 2008)

Member of the formation group, Southern Hills Republican Women July & August 2005.

Wisconsin

Member of the Waukesha Republican Women (1996-2003)

Campaigned for George Bush Sr. & Jr.

Worked on President Reagan's election (1979 & 1983)

Part of the formation team for the nomination of Ronald Reagan (1978)

Involved in the Nixon & Goldwater campaigns

**OTHER:**

Board of Directors Anthem Women's Club (2005 & 2006)

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Friends in the Desert

Married to Chuck, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

# LD Network Newsletter—September

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

NEWSLETTER #14  
September 2011

**SOCIETY NEEDS WOMEN WHO LOVE, REASON, ACT AND SERVE.  
IT REQUIRES THOSE WHO SERVE WITH LOVE AND ACT WITH REASON.**

The National Federation of Republican Women has been led for the past two years by President Sue Lynch – a woman who has served with love and acted with reason. Her leadership is a prime example of success in strengthening an organization as well as its members at every level of responsibility and participation. Thank you, Sue.

The road to success needs to be constantly under construction. We must continue to strive to become a more effective political force all across these United States. As many of us gather in Kansas City for our national convention, we need to remind ourselves that soon we need to prepare our selves and our Clubs for many months of very hard work if we are going to retake America in November 2012. No matter what our political involvement and role is or has been, we must all become campaign and membership chairmen in addition to any other leadership role. Our friends and families lend tremendous support and understanding, but the personal sacrifice of each of you is the key ingredient to our success. How thankful we must all be to live in a country where citizen government survives and our individual input counts.

We can not run for office or assist other Republican in their campaigns if we do not have enough members to support our efforts. Recruiting women to be members of our political Clubs should be easy in 2012 as we all share the understanding that the future of our freedoms in this country is at stake. Consider these suggestions when recruiting new members:

- No one has to have a date to attend a political Club meeting or event.
- New members are always welcome to be a part of our volunteer teams.
- You will get to know your neighbors as well as people from other parts of you city, state and/or the U.S.
- Political involvement keeps you mentally alert, emotionally involved and makes you a more interesting person to your date, your husband, your family, your friends and your co-workers.
- Your time is your own – you volunteer whenever you can or wish to be involved.

Bill Brock, former Chairman of the Republican Committee, said “Republicans speak of our ‘open door’, but no one will come in until we take their hand”...

While we all occasionally cling to that old saying that “old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill”, I hope we can adjust our attitudes and remember that Republican Women’s Clubs must seek to develop an environment that will appeal to young professional women. Many of today’s young women are juggling families, children and professions. Professional are attracted to other professionals. They have neither time nor the patience with petty, frivolous activity. If they are interested in politics, they are drawn to Clubs whose focus is politics. We must organize and conduct our meetings and events with them in mind and not waste their very few hours available to take advantage of volunteer opportunities.

## LD Network Newsletter September—Page 2

**We are all people before we are politicians and most of us prefer the company of our own approximate age group. If the younger women are so inclined, encourage and assist them in forming their own Club. Mentoring these young women is vital if they are to be educated about the Republican Party and the role of NFRW. Prepare them to succeed in leadership roles. Remember, experience can translate to expertise!**

**Avoid “women’s issues”. Have you ever heard of “men’s issues”? If we are to continue our quantity and quality of our leadership, we must be guided by our heads, not our emotions.**

**To the women who “do not want to have anything to do with politics”, remind them that politics has a lot to do with them. Ask them to write down everything they did today from the time they got up until the time you are with them. The price of their food, the price of their gasoline, the tax assessment on the home or apartment they live in, their income tax – remind them that “politicians” at their City Hall, State house or the Congress made the decisions determining these issues. Nothing is as pervasive in one’s life as politics – the influence of government exists at all levels**

**When it comes to campaigning, we must not rest on our laurels of victories in 2009 and 2010. We elected outstanding Republican Governors in key states in 2009 and took over the House of Representatives in 2010. Republican women made an indelible mark on the outcome of many elections. This achievement reflects the true reason for our existence – the election of Republican candidates who share our views and determination to preserve and protect our form of government and our freedom. However, in some races our margin of victory was thin and Democrats are determined not to underestimate us again. They are already running hard for every slot on 2011 and 2012 ballots. Always remember that NFRW IS A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.**

**In addition to refining all of our campaign techniques, we need to reflect on some of our capabilities for dealing with our opportunities and our challenges. Please ask of each program and project planned that it be designed and executed in a manner that will win votes for our candidates and inspire new members. Plan now to host and participate in campaign workshops and leadership workshops in your state and local areas in 2012. In order to be credible opponents, we must be considered credible adversaries.**

**To those of you who will attend the convention in Kansas City, pledge to educate yourselves about the goals of NFRW, to select the leaders of NFRW, and to accept the responsibility of helping to carry the messages and lessons learned home to your local communities and Clubs. Again, one of the greatest advantages of these national conventions is the opportunity to meet, visit and compare notes with women from other Clubs and Federations who share your political interests and concern about issues. The vital issue in the U.S today is LEADERSHIP. NFRW seeks to develop programs to educate those leaders society needs to “serve with love and act with reason”.**

**Catherine Colgan, Chairman  
NFRW Leadership Development Committee**