



Nevada Federation of Republican Women Newsletter

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*News From Around the 20 Clubs
in the Silver State*

Caroline Smith's Final Presidential Message

By President Caroline Smith

Let me begin by thanking all of you who supported me during my term as your president. It was a great honor to serve both our state and national Federation of Republican Women's organization and, with your help, **WE** achieved the large number of accomplishments we did in such a short period. Personally, I'm proud and honored to have performed the installation ceremonies for many of our clubs and have made new friends.

I would be remiss unless I would name some of the highlights of the past two years, all due to our hard work and long hours.

WE,

- Completely revamped a static web page, making it more informative, current, and dynamic. It listed and kept current all our Nevada clubs along with their club presidents and places/times of their meetings. It listed all members of our NV Board and Executive Committee. It had our resolutions, bylaws, history, forms, upcoming events, and even much more.
- Published nine outstanding newsletters filled with news from our individual clubs, schedules, vignettes of prior leading women in our state's history, parliamentary tips, membership tips, a Regents' Corner, and much more. Thanks to Anita Kornoff for her talents and limitless patience, who designed and edited our newsletters. Also, thank you, clubs, for providing her with pictures and stories.
- Organized and held multiple record-breaking attendance Leadership Conferences that were held in the North and the South with great speakers.
- Updated our Leadership handbook.
- Increased the number of clubs in our federation from 17 to 20.
- Re-instituted the Each-One-Bring-One membership program, which I carried over from my earlier position as NFRW Membership Chair.
- Partnered with a local Republican men's club in sponsoring and assisting in a highly successful Governor's Debate in Reno, which was attended by approximately 500 strong Republicans as well as various Nevada clubs with recruit-membership tables.
- Hosted in April 2023 a Legislative Day at the capitol, which was highly applauded by the senators and assemblymembers who addressed our membership. And we received a Certificate for Leadership from the Nevada Office of Lieutenant Governor Starvos Anthony.



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- Organized our Nevada ladies for the various state campaigns to make calls, walk, sponsor meet-and-greets, recruit volunteers for both the state and county GOP, and other sundry chores.
- Hosted a successful Western Conference composed of NFRW District 2 states in Las Vegas. FFFHeld a very successful 2023 biennial convention that uniquely featured a very popular parade of clubs and an announcement of the various awards received by Nevada from the National



Eileen Sobjack, President NFRW & Caroline Smith, President NvFRW

- Federation of Republican Women at its recent convention in Oklahoma City. We also passed several badly needed bylaw changes as well as some very important resolutions. Space does not permit me to thank all those members who worked so diligently to make our convention distinctly memorable, if not historical.
- And, of course, updated numerous forms that should streamline many of our current practices. As a result of the hard work of our clubs, we were highly recognized at our recent National Biennial Convention held in Oklahoma City. Of the 18 that completed the achievement award forms, 16 received "The Diamond Award" and two received "The Bronze Award."
- Under the category of "Political and Campaign Awards," we won "1st Place Phone Calls States with 20-29 Clubs," "4th Place Quarterly Hours Winner States with 20-29 Clubs," "1st and 2nd Place Quarterly Phone Call State with 10-19 Clubs.

As your president, I was humbled to receive the "Certificate Of Appreciation" awarded "For Exemplary Leadership, Dedication, and

Service...for your Invaluable Contributions in 2022-2023."

However, of all the awards, I'm most proud of our state receiving from the National Federation of Women the "Betty Heitman Award Of Excellence,"—a tremendous achievement given "In Recognition of Your Outstanding Accomplishments from 2022-2023 Demonstrating Excellence, Achievement or Accomplishment in Membership Development, Campaign Activities, Programs, Community Relations, and State Functions and

signed by Eileen Sobjack, our National President.

You'll recall in 2022 that, National also recognized our work and awarded us 1st place among clubs in our category for "Top Calls" during two consecutive periods and 5th place in the nation for 2023 renewals.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our new set of officers and our new state president, Mary Beganyi. I know Mary will do a great job, and I will assist her in any way I can to continue building on the foundation we have laid. Let's Never Give Up on working and electing our Republicans to office. Good Luck, Mary.



So, farewell, and God Bless,
—Caroline Smith, President, NvFRW

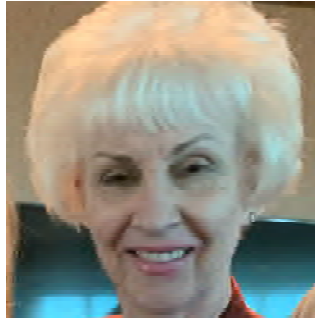
Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Slate of Officers 2024-2025



From left: Lori Piotrowski (Chair Nom Comm), Kathy Doyle, (No. Director, Melissa Blundo (Southern Director), Barbara Kirk (Treas.), Linda Powers (Sec), Cher Daniels (2nd VP), Jennifer Tuggle (1st VP), Mary Beganyi (President Elect), Caroline Smith (2022-2023, State President)



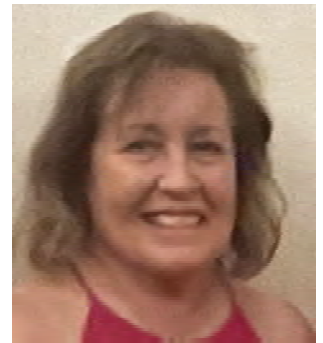
Mary Beganyi,
President Elect



Jennifer Tuggle (1st VP)



Cher Daniels (2nd VP)



Linda Powers, Secretary



Barbara Kirk, Treasurer



Kathy Doyle, Northern
Director



Melissa Blundo,
Southern Director



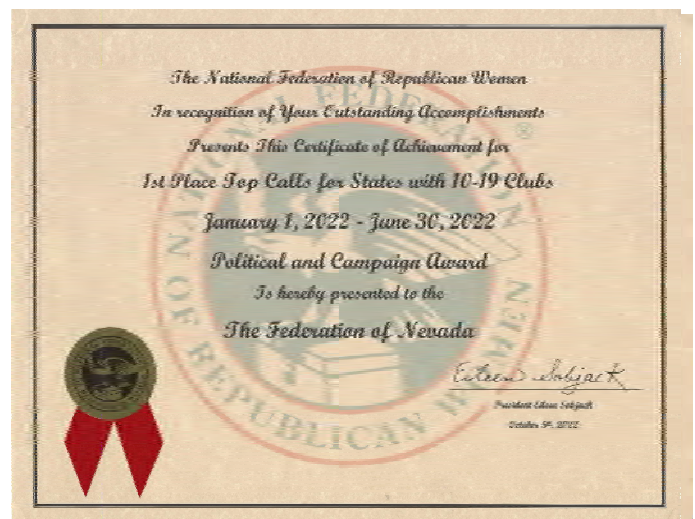
Lori Piotrowski, Chair
Nom. Committee

Nevada Garners Many Awards at National Convention



NVRW Diamond Award

- Battle Born RW of Southern NV
- Boulder City RW
- Carson City RW
- Churchill RW
- Douglas County RW
- Fernley RW
- Incline Village/Crystal Bay RW
- Mesquite RW
- Mt. Rose RW
- RW of Reno
- Sierra Nevada RW
- Silver State RW
- Southern Hills RW
- Sparks RW
- Spring Mountain RW
- Washoe RW
- Bronze Award**
- Active RW of Las Vegas
- Ormsby RW



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hello, Nevada Federation of Republican Women,

I am writing to you today as the newly elected President of our Federation. I first want to thank the delegates for traveling to Reno for the convention to cast a ballot for your new Executive Committee consisting of Jennifer Tuggle, 1st VP, Programs; Cher Daniels, 2nd VP, Membership; Linda Powers, Secretary; Barbara Kirk, Treasurer; Melissa Blundo, Southern Director; Kathy Doyle, Northern Director; and Lori Piotrowski, Nominating Chair.



I look upon the women of the NvFRW as the Patriots of today. We have our mission to ensure our state and country remain the Constitutional Republic it was designed to be. We must work together with forgiving hearts to build the relationships necessary to elect true Republicans to office who will stand for us as we take on today's important issues.

We will be working on the appointment of chairs for the Standing Committees soon, so if you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please email me at mbbeganyi@cox.net. To increase member engagement at the state level, I want to appoint chairs and committee members from every club. I expect the chairs to identify a goal or two that their committee will achieve during their two-year term. This should improve member engagement and accountability for the standing committees.

The Leadership Conferences are coming in January. Stay tuned as we work on changing things up a bit. In addition to the basic training for new officers, I realize that we need to offer our members sessions on the skills they will be called upon to use as they engage with the public on conservative issues.

We also recognize the importance of building your bench, so we will address keeping your members engaged within your clubs so they, too, are ready to step up as terms expire. This will keep us focused on growth.

We are here to serve you as you grow your clubs. Have faith, be courageous, and stay engaged.

*Respectfully,
Mary Beganyi, President-elect NvFRW, 2024-2025
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2023 Biennial Convention Summary

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW), on October 21, 2023, proudly conducted its 37th Session Biennial Convention in Reno, Nevada, which was not only well organized but also highly successful as evidenced by the large attendance and the important work accomplished.

To name the highlights, we elected a new slate of officers that will take over the helm this coming January passed nine bylaw amendments, approved a new budget, and adopted several pertinent resolutions. We also recognized each of the 18 clubs that had received either the Diamond or Bronze Achievement Awards from the NFRW's convention in Oklahoma City.

An additional goal for the convention was to have a group of highly informative and influential

Did you know Nevada, for it's size, had one of the best attendance at the NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention with 32 delegates.

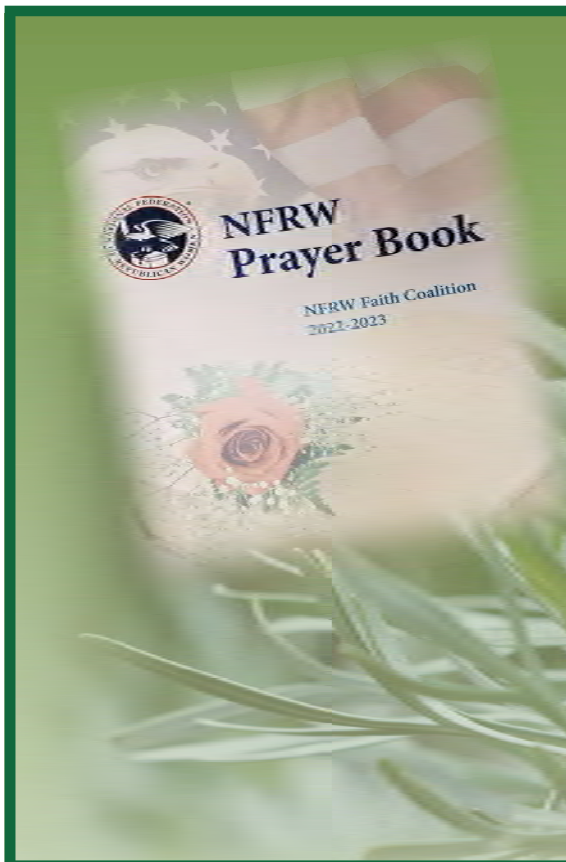
Note: please see our website NFRW.org for a recap of the convention.

speakers to educate our members on the impending issues of the day. This was bountifully accomplished by having Nevada Committeeman Jim DeGraffenreid, who spoke on the differ-

ences in our upcoming primary election versus the state GOP's preferred caucus; Senior Policy

Analyst Daniel Honchariw addressed rank-choice voting; and Executor Director Trent England of "Save our States" who discussed the burning issue of the National Popular Vote.

The meeting culminated with an Installation Dinner where all the newly elected officers were sworn in by President Caroline Smith.



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Dear Heavenly Father,
 We thank You for the United States that we are privileged to live in as citizens. We thank Thee Father for the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. Father, we thank Thee for the Republican Party and the National and State Federations of the Republican Women. We ask Father that our leaders will choose the correct course for our land. We pray, Father, that Thou will guide all the voters to vote in the right direction for our country that we may bring our country back to greatness. In Jesus Christ's Name, Amen

*Submitted by Cher Daniels,
 State Chaplain, Northern Nevada FRW*



ELECTION DATES:

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024,
 Nevada Secretary of State
 (NV SoS)
 Presidential Preference
 Primary Election
 (Party Affiliated Ballot only)
 Early voting dates available.

Thursday, Feb 8, 2024,
 Republican Presidential
 Preference Poll (aka NV
 Republican Party Caucus 2024).
 Voting in person
 and one day only.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024,
 Primary Election for State
 Representatives and Local
 Offices
 (Party affiliated Ballot only)
 early voting dates available

Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024,
 General Election (Presidential,
 State Rep & Local Offices)
 Open Voting;
 early voting dates available.

**DID YOU
 KNOW?**

*Federation Members Report
 Nearly Half a Billion Dollars in
 Campaign Volunteer Work*



Federation members reported more than 14.5 million volunteer hours and more than 5.7 million volunteer phone call for the 2022-23 NFRW Political & Campaign Awards program, revamped by Chair Noriko Kowalewski and her committee. This outstanding achievement is valued at nearly \$436 million in volunteer dollars.

Oct. 11, 2023
 NFRW Communications

42nd Biennial Convention Nevada Delegates



**Thank you to
NvFRW President
Caroline Smith &
37th Session
Biennial Convention
Committee Chair
Barb Hawn**

**Sgt. at Arms
Bruce Parks**

**Convention Volunteers:
Madeline Bravo
Nancy Carlson
Dawn Detton
Nickie Diersen
Jill Douglass
Elaine Grimes
Lisa Marie Lightfeet
Desiree Moreno
Patricia Moser Morris
Dianne Wagner Robak.
Nikki Young**

