



# NvFRW REPORTER

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SILVER STATE

FALL 2018

## We will regroup and arise like a phoenix

By **DIANE BARANOWSKI**  
NvFRW President

Friends, it's been a difficult few weeks to get through for all of us, hasn't it? There were several bright spots, though. We have many NvFRW members who DID win their races, and we congratulate them with admiration and gratitude.

We did take some hits, too: very promising candidates, good friends who we wanted to see get back into the Legislature, and Nevada as a whole lost a lot in light of what promises to come down the track in the 80th Session.

As the shock wears off, I'm hoping that very soon we all meet in our clubs with a renewed sense of determination not to give up but to engage in the battle that we see coming next spring. Let's band together and make our presence in the 80th Session KNOWN and HEARD – maybe against the odds, yes – but aren't our principles worth the fight? This is exactly where persistence and cour-

### *From the President's Desk*

age will be called for. I, myself, have never sat at the mic and testified in a Legislative Session, but I am going to screw up my personal courage and do it. As President Reagan asked: "If not now, when? If not us, who?" Well, my friends, the time is NOW and it definitely is US.



I call your attention to 5 very important upcoming dates: Please watch for these SAVE THE DATES as they come to you.

January 19, 2019 – Southern Leadership Conference at Spanish Trails Country Club, 9-3 p.m.

January 2019 – Northern Leadership Conference: date and location to be announced soon.

April 4, 2019, Thursday – Legislative Day, Carson City, Assembly side of Legislative Building.

April 5, 2019, Friday – NFRW's CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL, location to be determined.

April 12-13, 2019 – Spring NvFRW

Membership/  
BOD meeting,  
South Point  
Hotel, Las  
Vegas.

October  
18-19, 2019  
– Fall NvFRW

Convention/  
BOD/Membership Meeting, Eldorado  
Resort Casino, Reno.

Northern and Southern Leadership Conferences: Please alert every one of your members to what a great opportunity these Conferences are for learning all about Leadership positions, training for new or returning club officers, the smooth running of our clubs, what resources we have at our fingertips in State and National websites, help and advice for club Membership Chairs or Treasurers – or Presidents!

Our wonderful Regents program

See President on page 17



*Diane Baranowski*

THE NFRW MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE

## 90-DAY RENEWAL CHALLENGE

LET'S KEEP BUILDING OUR FEDERATION!

**OCT 1 - DEC 31**

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS WHO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019 WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN AN OFFICIAL PRIZE FROM THEIR STATE FEDERATION.

**QUESTIONS?**  
CONTACT YOUR STATE PRESIDENT

Adobe Spark

## 90-day Challenge is off, running

A reminder that we're off and running with the NFRW 90-Day Challenge for renewals that ends December 31. As NFRW membership chairperson, I've asked each state to decide its state's prize for the challenge.

For Nevada, all names will be entered into a drawing valued for at least \$200.

Names of all renewing members are to be sent by January 15, 2019 to Caroline Smith who will supervise the drawing shortly thereafter.

One club has already renewed over 50 members. Let's make a 100 percent retention our goal.

*Caroline Smith,*  
*Nv Second Vice President*

# Republican candidates win Nevada offices

## CHURCHILL COUNTY

Commission  
District 2  
Harold Olsen  
Assessor  
Denise  
Mondhink-Felton  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Linda Rothery  
District Attorney  
Arthur Mallory  
Public Administrator  
Robert Getto  
Recorder  
Tasha Hessey

## CLARK COUNTY

State Senate  
District 12  
Joe Hardy  
District 2  
John Hambrick  
District 13  
Thomas Roberts  
District 19  
Christopher Edwards  
District 22  
Melissa Hardy  
District 23  
Glen Leavitt  
District 36  
Dennis Hof  
Commission  
District E  
Patricia Marsh

## Douglas County

Assessor  
Trent Tholen  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Kathy Lewis  
Commission  
District 2  
John Engels  
District 4  
Wesley Rice  
District Attorney  
Mark Jackson

Public Administrator  
Stephen Walsh  
Recorder  
Karen Ellison

## Elko County

Assessor  
Katrinka Russell  
Clerk  
Kristine Jakeman  
Commission  
District 2  
Delmo Andreozzi  
District 4  
Cliff Eklund  
District Attorney  
Tyler Ingram  
Recorder  
David Smales  
Treasurer  
Cheryl Paul

## Esmeralda County

District Attorney  
Robert Glennen  
Auditor-Recorder  
Vera Boyer  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Lacinda Elgan  
Assessor  
Ruth Lee

## Eureka County

Assessor  
Michael Mears  
Clerk Recorder  
Lisa Hoehne  
Commission  
District 2  
Rich McKay  
District Attorney  
Theodore Beutel  
Treasurer  
Beverly Conley

## Humboldt County

Assessor  
William "Jeff"  
Johnson

Clerk  
Tami Spero  
Commission  
Seat C  
Ronald Cerri  
Seat E  
James French  
Recorder  
Deborah Engstrom

## Lander County

Assessor  
Lura Duvall  
Clerk  
Sadie Sullivan  
District Attorney  
Theodore Herrera  
Recorder  
Lesley Bunch  
Commission  
District 1  
Bryan Sparks  
District 2  
Art Clark III  
District 5  
Kathleen Ancho

## Lincoln County

Commission  
District B  
Janine Woodworth  
District D  
Kevin Phillips  
District Attorney  
Dylan Frehner

## Lyon County

Assessor  
Troy Villines  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Nikki Bryan  
Commission  
District II  
Vida Keller  
District V  
Greg Hunewill  
District Attorney  
Stephen Rye

## Mineral County

Commission  
Seat C  
Christine Hoferer  
Recorder-Auditor  
Lucinda Nixon  
Assessor  
Kevin Chisum  
Public Administrator  
Beth Cichowiaz

## Nye County

Clerk  
Sandra Merlino  
Commissioner  
District IV  
Leo Blundo  
District V  
Debra Strickland  
District Attorney  
Chris Arabia  
Public Administrator  
Ginger Stumne  
Recorder  
Deborah Betty  
Treasurer  
Pamela Webster

## Pershing County

Assessor  
Laureen Basso-Cerini  
Commission  
Seat C  
Carol Shank  
District Attorney  
R. Bryce Shields  
Public Administrator  
Jeffrey Kearns  
Recorder-Auditor  
Rene Childs

## Storey County

Assessor  
Jana Seddon  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Vanessa Stephens  
District Attorney  
Anne Langer

Recorder  
Jen Chapman  
Commission  
District 2  
Jay Carmona

## Washoe County

State Senate  
District 16  
Ben Kieckhefer  
District 25  
Jill Tolles  
District 26  
Lisa Krasner  
District 32  
Alexis Hansen  
Commission  
District 2  
Bob Lucey  
District 5  
Jeanne Herman  
Assessor  
Michael E. Clark  
Clerk  
Nancy Parent  
District Attorney  
Chris Hicks  
Public Administrator  
Don Cavallo  
Treasurer  
Tammi Davis

## White Pine County

Assessor  
Burton Hilton  
Clerk  
Nichole Baldwin  
Commission  
Seat 1  
Ian Bullis  
Seat 5  
Travis Godon  
Treasurer  
Catherine Bakaric  
District Attorney  
Michael Wheable



# Join the Renewal Challenge for NFRW

By **CAROLINE R. SMITH**  
NvFRW 2nd VP Membership Chair

Did you know?

2018 was a fantastic year for NvFRW. We started with the usual renewal membership drive, which we dovetailed with the membership committee's "60 Day Renewal/Returning Challenge" promotion.

The winner of the Challenge was Judy Walsh from Sierra Nevada RW, who was recognized at our recent board meeting in Reno. She won an authentic, certified Trumpy Bear with its own cap, cape, and carrying case. The prize also included a Ronald Reagan 2019 calendar, a \$20 McDonald gift certificate, and a glass elephant dish to hold Trumpy's French fries.

The membership committee further presented \$100 to the Mount Rose Republican Women Club as being the club with the highest percentage increase of membership from year-end 2017 to year-end 2018: 50%. Maybe they'll share their secrets with the rest of us.

Because of your devoted and tireless hours of work,



our Nevada membership showed a net plus growing from 1,108 members to approximately 1,155. And, don't forget we tied (NFRW) for fourth (4th) nationwide as the state achieving or exceeding 100% in retention of their 2017 year-end membership. Congratulations Nevada!



Throughout the year, NFRW membership committee forwarded to all states monthly tips and sundry challenges. Presently, NFRW and its national membership committee is asking all states, including Nevada, to participate in a two-year promotion titled "Each One, Bring One," i.e. each member bring a new member. Imagine how we'd grow if each member made the effort to bring in just one new member.



*Judy Walsh, center, is winner of the Challenge for Renewals' Trumpy Bear. Sharing the joy is Sierra Nevada RW Treasurer Beverly Turner, left, and SNRW President Barbara McRoberts.*

If you contact me, I'd be glad to

help you get started with the national committee's promotion.

With a little extra energy and enthusiasm, we'll reach our national President's goal of a twenty (20%) increase in our membership.



## We will be saying farewell to Lynne

To all my friends in the NvFRW:

I have been so very blessed with my many experiences in the NvFRW. I have

been honored to hold club leadership roles in three Nevada clubs over the last 30 years. And what an honor to serve as the Nevada Federation 2010-2011 state president. The last seven years I have served on the National Executive

Board with the NV after my name. Of course, I have had to train many, many Federation members on the correct pronunciation of Ne-va-duh!!!

I therefore am having a difficult time in facing a future outside the Nevada Federation. I have told my company that I will retire by the first quarter of 2020. And at retirement, I am looking forward to being closer to my son, Ted in southern California.

And so, I have announced with a

very heavy heart to my club, Sparks, and the NvFRW Board of Directors that sadly I will be moving to California in 2020. But it is important that you know that this organization is my family. I have about 15 more months as a Nevadan. And at our national convention next year, my name will still have (NV) after it!

Thank you for your support. I will miss you all.

Lynne Hartung

# Taking on a cause, being an advocate top GOP need

Well known Republican and advocate for Nevada, Mendy Elliott took over the Fall Board Meeting for a little while on October 13.

It was a lesson on what to do to step up and advocate for important issues, draining the swamp and preparing for the 2019 Nevada Legislature.

"I'm not afraid to take up a cause, not afraid to argue," Elliott said, "but you also have to figure out when it's time to compromise, listen to the perspective of the other side. Your job as a lobbyist is to educate, educate the Legislature, council members, senators. You also have to know when to compromise and step back."

She said members are all advocates, and you don't want to be a lone wolf. You want to be the go-to person for local and state officials and she used Fernley RW's Anita Trone, Peggy Gray and Jo Hidek as examples. The City of Fernley is one of Elliott's clients and she asks the mayor what do Anita and Peggy say? Be recognized



*Mendy Elliott addresses the Fall Board Meeting of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women. She stresses the need for strong advocates for many issues.*

in your city or town for your advocacy.

In the days and weeks leading up to this November election, she and other lobbyists met with the Steve Sisolak campaign addressing then-potential wins by Democrats. Bluntly, they wanted to know about "where is our backstop? We have no backstop for some of the most ridiculous bills I had to sit through last session. We gave them examples, we gave them the bills."

Elliott encouraged the NvFRW

women to become experts on topics of interest. Start going to city council meetings when there is an issue dear to you, go as a group, meet with your senator and talk about what you care about.

Roadblocks pop up: lack of time, lack of focus, lack of comfort for the advocacy process but don't let the swamp stop you.

Elliott said we Republicans need to pick a topic and focus on it. In the last Legislative session, that was Sex

Trafficking but the Democrats stole Attorney General Adam Laxalt's BDRs by taking his points.

She said be focused, be an expert. Scan the Internet every morning and forward the information to others. It's important to see what's posted by Drudge Report, MSNBC, the New York Times. Reading little tidbits is a synopsis of what is going on. And don't be a lone voice in the swamp – polish your message while being precise and concise.

## Save These Dates for 2019

- ❖ Northern Leadership Conference, TBD
- ❖ January 19, 2019: Southern Leadership Conference, Spanish Trails CC, Las Vegas
- ❖ March 2019: NFRW Spring Board of Directors
- ❖ April 4, 2019: Legislative Day, Carson City  
Legislative Building, Room 3100, 1 to 4 p.m., meet with legislators as they visit with NvFRW regarding bills in the 80th Session
- ❖ April 5, 2019: Campaign Management School, Northern Nevada event, location TBD
- ❖ April 12-13, 2019: NvFRW Spring Membership/Board of Directors Meeting, South Point Hotel, Las Vegas
- ❖ September 26-29, 2019: NFRW Biennial Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
- ❖ October 18-19, 2019: NvFRW Biennial Convention/Membership/Board Meeting, Eldorado Casino Resort, Reno



## Annie wins!

Mesquite RW President Annie Black has another title to add next to her name. Annie was elected to the Mesquite City Council in November's General Election. In the June Primary, she garnered 47.4 percent of the vote and now has earned the position. Congratulations!



*Annie Black*

## Not voting for Heller was a vote for Soros

It was a stern presentation by Washoe Republican Women's Kim Bacchus and clear in its meaning: as Republicans, we are a diverse group of people who don't always see eye-to-eye. But in times like these, we need to stick together for the common good.

"It's been an interesting commentary over past few weeks, that the United States aren't united, anything but. We have seen what both parties stand for ... presumption of innocence ... our constitution ... due process ... civility.

"I am not at all confused about where the direction of policy is coming from on the other side," Bacchus continued. "George Soros, turning in Jews to the Nazis. I don't think we're too far away from those days in terms of the divide in this country. Anyone support President Trump? Support his agenda? Anyone who has groaned when our president Tweets? There are Republicans who I didn't care for how they voted for many years. Can you say Lindsay Graham, Susan Collins? In the last couple of weeks, my super heroes who I believe have united the Republican Party are Lindsay Graham and Susan Collins.

"We



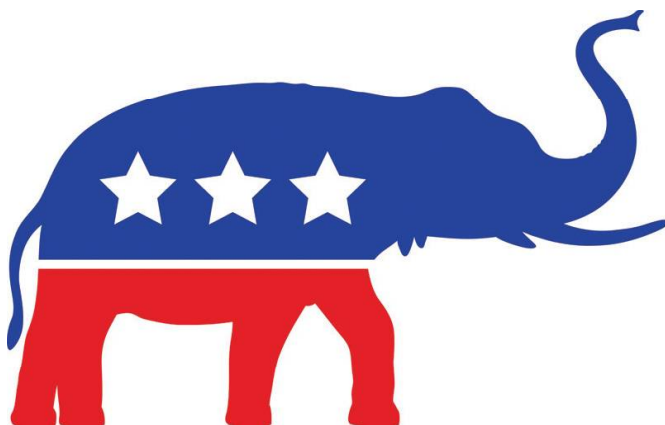
*Kim Bacchus, left, and President Diane Baranowski gave strong support for Nevada Senator Dean Heller and the need to vote for him.*

have a senior senator from Nevada who does not have the support of Republicans in Nevada. I've heard there are women who belong to our clubs who refuse to support Dean Heller in any way. This is an agenda, people. The senior senator from a state has many privileges, he is our senior senator.

"Dean hasn't always voted the way I like. I groan sometimes when I hear what he has to say but he's a good man.

"If you're not supporting Dean Heller, you're supporting George Soros, and don't forget that. We have a man who has done marvelous things, this man works for us and is pivotal in tax reform. He is pivotal in work with the Veterans Administration, public lands. This is our man and we need to show our pride in our senior senator.

"If you know a Republican who demands a personal litmus test for our senators, have a chat with them, let them know who they are supporting when they don't acknowledge what he's done."



## Two new committees approved for NvFRW

NvFRW President Diane Baranowski's proposal to form two ad hoc committees was approved by those attending the Fall Membership Meeting on October 13.

Baranowski made her plans known in her opening remarks to the gathering. A call from Fernley RW's Joy Hidek lead to the decision as she expressed an interest to form a committee to go to Naturalization Ceremonies and register up new voters.

"I came from California," said Hidek, "and 80 percent (of residents) are Democrats." She directed attendees to her handout for the example of sending postcards about voting Republican to new citizens. They would be in English and Spanish.

"It's welcoming these citizens. They understand that democracy and Democrats go together but they just landed in a republic with Republicans. Let's grab them after they take their oath (of citizenship).

"This is something we've talked about for years," Baranowski said. "Let's get the naturalized new citizens and teach them about Republicans. I was so happy Joy called and said this is what she wants to do. I hope she gets help putting a committee together. It's a project we should implement."

Hidek was appointed the committee's chair.

The second committee will be New Clubs Formation. Lynne Hartung has volunteered to chair group that will take information about potential new clubs and develop those possibilities. A focus will be on clubs in rural areas.

# America Fighting Back PAC

By **LYNN ARMANINO**  
NvFRW First Vice President

Chuck Muth recently sent out VIP invitations to an exclusive briefing that could only handle 25-30 people.

He lured us with the following verbiage:

"If you turn on the television or open your Facebook or Twitter feed, you are accosted with a stream of disrespectful, dishonest and destructive news about the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump. America Fighting Back PAC has been created by a group of President Trump's most committed supporters to fight this vile and uncalled for propaganda.

"America Fighting Back PAC has assembled an amazing group of marketing and social media experts who are committed to President Trump. We are combining this media and marketing talent with the resources of millions of Americans to build a

wall of truth, reason and messaging to counter the unhinged media and Washington political class."

On Friday, September 19, Rose Webb, Lynn Armanino and Linda Buckardt attended a meeting with

Herman Cain to learn more about the America Fighting Back PAC and what they are doing.

Always an entertaining speaker, Herman Cain regaled us with stories such as how the Obama administration dragged its feet with the three suits against the IRS so Lois Lerner could retire with full benefits. In 2015, it was stated "poor management is not a crime."

Cain talked about Drive-by debates. This is how Democrats get their points out without listening to what anyone else has to say. Democrats' rhetoric is fear-oriented

where Republicans rhetoric is fact based. Negative rhetoric is created by the Democrats to counteract the positive results of Republicans and President Trump in particular.

The most heartening news, though, was when he talked about #WalkAway. Millions of Americans are walking away from the Democrat

party. "#WalkAway, the hashtag, went viral ... as something of a delayed reaction to a popular video

renouncing liberalism. The video (enter #WalkAWAY Video in your Facebook browser to find it) has more than 1 million views. In it, the author says "he was once a liberal, but now he is not." It's inspiring and was music to my ears.

As an aside, an unexpected surprise at this meeting was the attendance of 19 European Ambassadors who flew to Nevada from their Washington D.C. embassies to listen and learn more about what is happening in the our electoral process. They were from Malta, France, Austria, Luxemburg, Bulgaria, Italy, Denmark, Hungary, Estonia, Sweden, Ireland, Belgium, Latvia, Slovakia, Lithuania, Croatia, Germany, Finland, the E.U., and Poland. Before Herman Cain began to speak, we were able to talk with these diplomats and found the experience insightful and exciting. It was a great day!



*NvFRW First VP Lynn Armanino, right, and Linda Webb share a photo with former presidential candidate Herman Cain.*



*Linda Burkardt and Herman Cain visit and discuss the America Fighting Back PAC.*

## Achievement forms have been updated, easy to use

By **ANITA TRONE**  
NvFRW Achievement Chair

A new Excel format Achievement Awards form is now available, according to Achievements Chair Anita Trone. There are a few areas where it asks for additional information but doesn't allow that information to be entered. She is checking with the NFRW Achievements Chair to look at that situation.

Trone said she realized that it is not only easy to fill out the form, but it also seems easier to earn awards. She hopes clubs have started filling in those forms with the



points already achieved and will continue to fill in in the future.

Trone said to remember that clubs can "mix and match." For instance, you can invite a state legislator to speak on three important pieces of legislation. That will produce points in at least two areas and perhaps more. Program Chairs can plan for that and the upcoming Legislative session.

It is Trone's goal for every club to earn an Achievement Award. For that to happen, each club needs to be actively planning for how to take advantage of every point opportunity.

For more information and to answer questions, contact Trone at [anitatrone@gmail.com](mailto:anitatrone@gmail.com).

# Remember our heroes, donate to Wreaths Across America

As we enter Fall, Winter and the holidays are soon to follow. It's also at this time that we remember all those souls who have given their lives so that we may enjoy ours as well as the safety of America.

It is time to ... REMEMBER the Fallen ... HONOR those who Serve ... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women have teamed up with the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition to help provide wreaths for as many of our fallen heroes as possible.

For every two wreaths purchased, we will get one free. Please help us by purchasing at least two wreaths.



Send your check made out to Wreaths Across America and send to NV Veterans Coalition, PO Box 415, Fernley, NV 89408

In Memo line, please put that it is for the Northern Nevada Vets. This year, on Saturday, December 15, at Noon, the NNVC will be helping Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery to lay Remembrance wreaths on the graves.

Help honor and remember these many fallen heroes by sponsoring the wreaths or volunteering on Wreaths Day. Thank you so much for supporting the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition (NV0010) and Wreaths Across America!

## Regents program is robust and growing

Regents Chairwomen Karin Lemmon (South) and Ruth Ann Schwarze (North) teamed up to say that they chaired a wonderful meeting on the first day of the two-day Fall Board meeting. "We have a robust Regents program and have already received some renewals," said Lemmon. "We approved what needs to be changed in our budget. We will send out renewals in January, and we have interesting things we're talking about for next year. With three new regents, we are happy to be growing."

## Action to update website

Updating and upgrading the website of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women has been on the mind of First Vice President Lynn Armanino.

Armanino has been in touch with Red Rock Strategies about a web site, and for a one-time fee of \$500, the company will train some of our members on how to use the website. A monthly hosting fee of \$18 was

also addressed.

After a discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to move forward on an updated website that will feature a new, Nevada-oriented look.

Also discussed was having various applications and guidelines for scholarships as well as links to all clubs with websites and the National Federation website.

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# We make a difference and we must be alert in 2019

By **Yolanda Knaak**  
NvFRW Legislative Chair

I am honored to be a part of NvFRW and honored to be the Nevada State Legislative Chair. Please keep in mind we have a representative government. Our legislators want to hear from you. If you are not getting my Legislative Alerts, please let me know. Barb Hawn has now offered to send out the Legislative Alerts.



We are making a difference with phone calls this year. Most recently, a difference was made on the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh and on the U.S. Senate approving 84 Article 3 Judges (this happened October 11). If you feel led, please continue to call

Mitch McConnell because there are still more Trump appointees who have not been confirmed and some were.

In my last email, #3, regarding USMCA, it stands for U.S., Mexico and Canada and attempts to bring more jobs to the U.S. For example, instead of tariffs, the agreement requires more car parts to be made in the U.S. USMCA most likely will replace NAFTA, but the U.S. Congress has to vote on it. If you feel led, please ask your U.S. Senators and U.S. House of Representatives for a YES vote.

Please mark your calendars for our Legislative Day on April 4, 2019 at our capitol in Carson City, Room 3100, from 1 to 4 p.m. We will be meeting with legislators and discuss bills.

I discussed SJR 14 which raises our property taxes approximately 3x the current amount and removes the current cap. It puts more money in

the general fund. Keep in mind this tax will be passed on to renters and it includes stores, so your purchases will cost more. This resolution will be voted on in the Nevada Legislative session in the Spring. There was a request for more information, so we are working on that.

Bills for next year: Lisa Krasner reports the 41 bad bills vetoed by Governor Brian Sandoval will be back in 2019. They will include but are not limited to: Promoting unionization, raising taxes, increasing the minimum wage. There will also be good bills we will supporting; more information to come.

One question was why we aren't voting on new subjects today? Thank you for your question!

Addendum: We are working on putting out information on the pros and cons of new topics we want to support or oppose before the Spring Legislative session. The current plan is to have an email vote.

## Committee's important work is Literacy, Education

Literacy Chair Molly Govers gave a short presentation on the importance of literacy saying it's more than just reading and writing – and touches every subject that we touch.

One of the committees in any of the National Federation of Republican Women clubs is the Literacy Committee. Literacy is a community outreach activity that gives Republican Women a chance to spread the values of the Republican Party. With the growth of technology and social media in our every-day lives, literacy has grown beyond what we came to expect literacy to be.

To wit:

❖ Literacy extends beyond the print-only world of reading and writing. Literacy is shaped by contexts, participants and technologies. Today's context includes developing technologies along with visual, audio, gestural, spatial or multi-modal discourses. – from the NCTE Policy and Research Brief Literacies of Disciplines



*Molly Govers*  
*NvFRW Literacy & Education Chair*

challenging. Students and adults use a greater variety of learning resources with more and more complex language and structure and increasingly sophisticated graphical and numerical representations. Students learning writing and reading strategies, using evidence and reasoning pertinent to each subject area, to comprehend and represent knowledge using traditional and emerging media. – Principles for

❖ Being literate is at the heart of learning in every subject area. Being literate is necessary for learning. As students progress through school and engage with subject areas more deeply, concepts become more

Learning, ACE, CoSN, NCSS, NCTE, NCTM, NSTA

❖ Literacy has always been a collection of cultural and communicative practices shared among members of particular groups. As society and technology changes, so does literacy. Because technology has increased the intensity and complexity of literate environments, the 21st Century demands that a literate person possess a wide range of abilities, competencies and many literacies. These literacies – from reading online newspapers to participating in virtual classrooms – are multiple, dynamic and malleable. As in the past, they are inextricably linked with particular histories, life possibilities and social trajectories of individuals and groups. – NCTE Position Statement Defining 21st Century Literacies

To see the current reading list, Google Mamie Eisenhower Library Project – National Federation of Republican, [www.nfrw.org/melp](http://www.nfrw.org/melp)



# Riglee Raccoon!

## *New mascot for reading outreach*

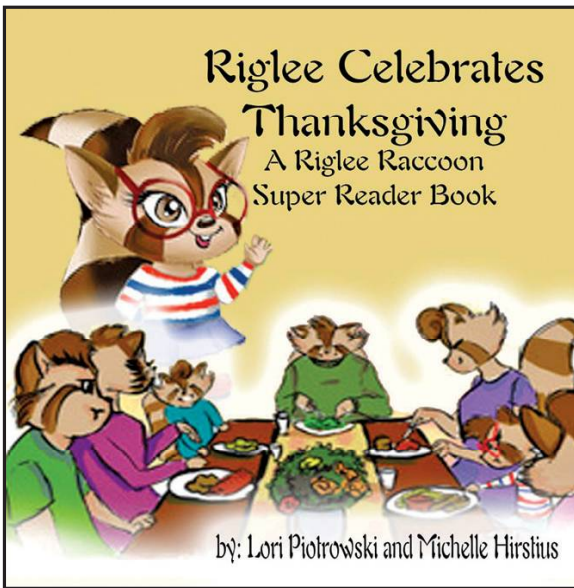
The National Federation of Republican Women is pleased to introduce Riglee Raccoon Super Reader to its members. Riglee Raccoon is the mascot of the Literacy and Education Committee's new reading outreach program to underprivileged youth.

The committee wants clubs to think about how they may best reach children who have never owned a book. Many clubs already donate to organizations such as Spread the

Word. (Boulder City Republican Women has done this for years!) Yet there are children in facilities such as SafeNest, the laundromat, and even the local food bank, who would benefit from a story hour and book give-away. On the committee's web page, [www.nfrw.org/literacy](http://www.nfrw.org/literacy),



*Immediate Past President of NvFRW Lori Piotrowski unveils plans for Riglee Raccoon in an literacy outreach program for underprivileged youth.*



you'll find several items to help you set up your own outreach program. Book lists help children track the books they read. They may exchange a completed book list for a Certificate of Achievement. Both items are available for download in 5, 10, and 15-book form.

NFRW plans to trademark Riglee Raccoon, and she will soon make her appearance on T-shirts, bookmarks, mugs, and other items. These items may be used to promote your Riglee Raccoon Super Reader club/story hour/program, or

even as a special incentive to award prodigious readers!

In the meantime, be sure to watch Amazon.com for the appearance of a special book. Riglee Celebrates Thanksgiving is now available at Amazon.com. Author Lori Piotrowski will have books available for purchase at the Galleria Mall. Riglee Celebrates Thanksgiving is a project of NFRW and all proceeds go directly to the national federation.

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## Political Education Memorial Fund

Political Education Memorial Fund (PEM) was founded in July 1989 in memory of Dorothy Wright. The donated monies are used to educate our members through grants which are used for registration and/or travel costs to meetings, for leadership training, campaign management school or conventions.

Donations are collected through cups placed on our tables at meetings and meals throughout the year.

Chairwoman Peggy Gray also adds to the Memorial Notebook with pages that honor each mem-



*Peggy Gray  
NvFRW PEM Chair*

ber and now associate members who have passed away. In addition to creating an entire page for the person, she sends thank you notes to the clubs and acknowledgements to the family regarding the donation.

Forms are posted on the NvFRWv website.

"In 2015, I was given the Memorial Notebook and supplies, but there were no directions of any kind," Gray said. "There were no entries between 2008 and 2016. In 2015, we added four women to the notebook, and in 2017, we added six women and men. So far, we have added seven women and one man.

"There aren't entries for many deceased members. I encourage you to bring this to the attention of your memberships and encourage you to be generous in donating today at lunch."

# The Importance of Social Media

By **LYNN ARMANINO**  
NvFRW First Vice President

Do you use Facebook, Twitter or Instagram? Yes? Kudos to you. No? You are missing out on a great opportunity to support your Republican candidates and learn what is happening as it occurs. At the January Leadership meetings, we often have someone speaking on Social Media and we probably will again. The reason for this is Social Media is the most expedient way to get our messaging out at little to no cost and reach the most people. The Democrats "get" this; Republicans, not so much.

I use Facebook mainly for political messaging. One can choose to either post to the public, which I opt to not do, post to "Friends" or post to select people. I do NOT post personal information. You will rarely see pictures of grandchildren, nieces or nephews on my Facebook for security reasons. You will see pictures of the Caravan from

## Young Republican



*Carrie Larson's son Austin and NvFRW President Diane Baranowski at the Nevada GOP Convention in June. It was wonderful to meet Carrie's young Republican son, dressed in a suit and tie attending the convention with her.*

Honduras or President Trump signing a bill that the media does not share with the public. I'll read an interesting political article, copy the link and paste it into the Facebook browser so others can enjoy the article as well.

Leery of Facebook? Use Twitter. After Senator Heller's debate with Wacky Jackie, I got on Twitter to check out the tweets about the debate. The Democrats blasted out negative tweets, one after another, heavily populating the responses. Often only a few Republicans interacted. This happens to most GOP tweets. FYI, I may reply to a negative comment that someone makes and, because I don't want to read their snarky responses, I block them. I have no patience with mean-spirited people and this way I don't have to endure their mean-spirited responses. Tweeting your support for our candidates is a great way to prop them up to the public. This is where the Republicans need to be putting more time and effort.

Instagram is not something I use, but it is my next foray into social media. As with the other two media, one must create an account, a log in name and password. Instagram is a "simple, fun and creative way to capture, edit and share photos, videos and messages with friends and family." OK. So it said online. I'm ready to tackle this new media.

Add your voice to the ongoing political conversation online (if you haven't already!)— tag your content



*Lynn Armanino wore a number of hats during the NvFRW Fall Board Meeting at the Silver Legacy in Reno.*

with the below!

Trending Hashtags:

#JobsNotMobs  
#RedWave2018 or #RedWave  
#GOP2018  
#VoteRedInNovember

#MAGA

NFRW Hashtags:

#NFRW  
#GOPWomen  
#RepublicanWomen  
#RepublicanWomenRock

Come to the Leadership meetings in January. We'll continue to have Social Media training as this is critical to our continued Grassroots efforts and political success. I believe in baby steps. Pick one media and just do that and have fun with it!

