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When asked in D.C. last week why Idaho is so Republican my reply was that "it is because of the strength and hard work of our Republican women."

Jonathan Parker

IFRW "Call To Action"

Idaho Federation of Republican

From The IFRW President's Desk:

From Donna Montgomery, President IFRW



Ladies, Let's all work on getting for good GOP candidates in your good Republicans elected to our local area. We need more leaders local boards of directors in our areas. We have, county commis- sioners, city council seats, school boards, highway districts, fire districts, hospital boards, commu- nity college boards plus many oth- ers. Many of our own Republican women members would be good candidates. We also, have many from our Republican County cen- tral committees that could use our support. Keep your eyes open

that believe in "a hand up, instead of a hand out". Thanks for all that each of you do to make Idaho a better place to live and work! God Bless America and blessings to all of you! Donna Montgomery, President IFRW

P.S. SAVE the DATE: March 4 & 5, 2010 for IFRW'S Spring Board Meeting in Boise. Details to follow soon.

IFRW JOINS NFRW IN THANKING OUR VETERANS, PAST AND PRESENT

Freedom is never free.

Across the United States, as we pause to remember our veterans of wars both past and present, may we also keep the men and women of our Nation's Armed Services in our thoughts and prayers. It is because of the courage and sacrifice of countless generations that we are able to continue to live in our great country, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

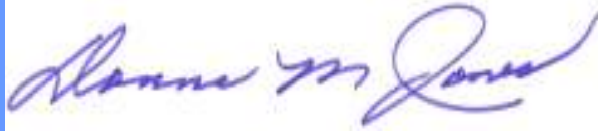
President Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it

was once like in the United States where men were free."

Find a moment to thank a veteran for their part in helping to preserve our freedom.

The NFRW salutes our nation's past and present veterans. We hope you and your family will take time to join us in honoring our nation's heroes.

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Dear Friends:

In the eyes of the general public and the media, November elections are the most important elections. I, however, have a different thought on this matter. As bedrock Republicans, I suggest we should place greater value on May elections – the Primaries.

To some, the outcomes of General Elections held in November are either heads or tails like two sides of coin. Another way to say this is either Republicans or Democrats win in a General Election.

Primary Elections held in May are a totally different matter. There are more shades of gray. It is during the Primaries that we, as Republicans, choose the standard bearers to represent our party in the following General Elections. In Primaries our candidates debate the intricacies of policy, while Republican voters weigh factors such as experience, party loyalty, character, and ideology as we select which Republicans move on to represent us in the next electoral round.

There is an important corollary to this natural process: whoever wins the Primary Election is the Republican candidate for that office - period. I feel qualified to speak to this because in 2002, I challenged sitting State Controller Keith Johnson in the Primary Election. While I lost that election by 4,052 votes, or 3.2%, I knew that as a Republican, we have no room in our party for sour grapes. I supported Keith in the General Election, I encouraged my supporters to vote for him in that November, and while I believe in the sanctity of the ballot box, I will tell you my pick in the November 2002 General Election for State Controller had an "R" beside his name, and his initials



were "K.J."

In September of 1813, after defeating the British fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie, Oliver Hazard Perry, commander of the American fleet, dispatched the message "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." In 1970, cartoonist Walt Kelly, author of the Pogo comic strip which ran from 1948 to 1975, reworked Perry's famous quote into "I have met the enemy, and he is us."

I mention this because when we, as Republicans, fail to unite behind our Primary Election winners, and do not fully support them in the following General Election, we become our own worst enemy. Democrats won't have to worry about defeating Republicans, if we are busy defeating ourselves.

On June 16, 1858, Abraham Lincoln, in accepting the nomination of the Illinois Republican State Convention as their candidate for the United States Senate said "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Lincoln understood that ongoing and sustainable Republican electoral success was totally dependent upon our ability to set our differences aside to elect the Republican slate of candidates in General Elections. It's perfectly fine for Republicans to battle Republicans in Primary Elections. However, after the Primaries, we have to shake hands and remember we are on the same team. If we cannot get our own house in order after Primary Elections, we will find ourselves, again in the words of Walt Kelly, "confronted with insurmountable opportunities."

Sincerely,

Donna M. Jones

Idaho State Controller

... CLUB CHATTER ...

ADA CRW

President: Yvonne Perez

ACRWC is proud to announce their new Officers: Yvonne Perez – President; Michelle Glasgow – Vice President; Elizabeth Obregon – 2nd Vice President; Cheryl Miller – Treasure; JoAnn Bujarski – Secretary

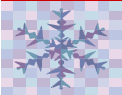
Once again, the conservatives will be called upon to rescue our Nation from the socialist tendencies of the progressive liberal policies of the Democratic Party. We as Republican Women must

come together during this next election cycle and work hard to promote the conservative constitutional principles which founded our Republican Party. Idaho Republican Women will play a crucial role in the coming months. As President of the Ada County Republican Women's Club, I look forward to working with my extraordinary Board and Members together with the IFRW to achieve our mutual goals.
—Yvonne Perez

CLUB CHATTER

BANNOCK CRW

President: Heidi Higgings



SNOWED IN....CATCH YOU NEXT QUARTER!

BLAINE CRW

President: Maryanne Pinkerton

The Blaine county Republican Women have been very busy. We have organized a campaign to support AnySoldier.com and we adopted 4 soldiers out of Mountain Home. We sent them care packages for the holidays. We are keeping the ribbons looking good for Bowe Bergdahl. We must not forget that they have our son held captive! We sent \$100 to Girls & Boys State in honor of Audrey Kirk. We also have donated to the Campaign of Billy Long who is running for U.S. Congress in Springfield, Missouri. Billy is the brother of BCRW member, Caryn Crawford. Mary Jo Helmeke spoke at our October meeting and updated us on the Florida National Convention of NFRW and also an update on the Idaho State Board meeting. Her report included the motivational messages for Republican Women to help elect Republicans-Get Involved! We have made it a goal to organize precinct leaders and workers, and also get out a survey to get precinct information for 2010. We have also elected new officers for 2010 which are as follows: Suzan Stommel, President, Sharon Bandrevics & Betsy Kauder, VP's, Sheila McBroom, Recording Secretary, Jane Dyndiuk, Corresponding Secretary, Beth Riall, Treasurer, Maureen Schwendener & Maggie Caston, Events Coordinators, and Clair Murray, Publicity. We also have our website up and running: blainecountyrepublicans.org. Thanks to everyone for helping us have a successful year!

BONNER COUNTY RWF

President: Helen Williams-Baker



OUR NEWS IS ON IT'S WAY....

CANYON CRW

President: Joyce Chase



FREMONT CRW

President: Rachel Hatton

Fremont County CRW recently held their membership-drive Tea Party. It was very successful.

Upcoming dates: Fremont County CRW Christmas Party Potluck; Joining Madison County CRW, December 9th, to hear Tom Luna speak about our Education Issues; and the Fremont CRW ladies will be joining with Region 7 GOP to help organize the annual big, Idaho Falls Lincoln Day Banquet, February 2010.

Recently, Rachel has been hearing more and more from ladies who want to join the CRW as we stand for the Constitution! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

JEFFERSON CRW

President: Ruth Foster



WE ARE BUSY WRAPPING PRESENTS TO PUT UNDER THE TREES.....WE WILL SURELY WRITE AN ARTICLE NEXT QUARTER THAT IS SUR TO PLEASE.....ALL OF YOU!

CANYON CRWTC

President: Pat Galvin



OUR STOCKING ARE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE.....AND WE ARE HOPING ST. NICK WILL

CLUB CHATTER

KOOTENAI CRW

President: Leslie Damiano

American Voices

To send a loud message to Congress to do what's best for America, KCRWF implemented a vital new program, a voluntary letter writing campaign called "American Voices." Its goal is to harness our collective potential to influence elected officials because, when Congress receives numerous letters on a particular subject, they take notice!

Prior to each monthly meeting, the board writes a letter about a current, critical topic (e.g., NO on government-run health care). During the meeting, every member receives a manila folder with an affixed instruction sheet. The folder contains mail merged letters to elected officials and window envelopes. Members sign each letter, then print their name and address on the letters and envelopes. Completed letters are placed in a basket for mailing and folders are collected to be replenished and distributed again next month. Some members bring stamps and address stickers,

while others donate a few dollars to cover expenses.

KCRWF estimates that our club will mail about 3,000 letters a year. Leslie Damiano, President, forwarded a summary of American Voices to the National Federation of Republican Women with the hope that it will be rolled out nationwide. She explained, if only 10 clubs in each state participate in the American Voices campaign, that's one and a half million letters a year – now that's the power of women's voices! American Voices was shared with each of Idaho's presidents with the hope that our elected officials hear often from our great state.

Electronic files of addressed, mail merge letter can be obtained ready to print from Deb Vernon at jerdebv@aol.com.

Pictured Right: Kellie Palm made this magnificent quilt in the memory of Mary Lou Piazza, which was raffled at their Women In Red meeting in October. \$700.00 was raised and the funds will be used for a scholarship in Mary Lou's name. The Piazza family and the KCRW would like to thank Kellie for all that she has done.



MADISON CRW

President: Carma Sutherland

Last meeting, November 18th, Lane Williams, BYU Idaho, Journalism Department, spoke to the ladies about media bias; media contacts; and how the news is filtered from us. About 30 attended this educational event.

The Madison CRW, in conjunction with their local Chamber of Commerce, participated in the Veterans Day Memorial Service, Smith Park, Rexburg. The GOP Women also helped with the wreath laying ceremony. Talks were given by Veterans; they had a fantastic fly-over and each branch of the service had their theme songs played...INSPIRING!

Upcoming news: December 9TH, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Luna, will be speaking to the ladies about Idaho's education issues. Current Projects: They are about to launch a new members drive.

MINI-CASSIA FEDERATIONS RWC President: Sue Koepnick

We finally got our 10 members for the new Mini-Cassia Federations of Republican Women's Club. Susan Koepnick is the President, Cindy Moyle is the V.P., Donna Bush is the Secretary-Treasurer and we have assigned Santos Garza and Mechelle McFarland on a committee to find entertainment to help fundraising. We will be registering with the state sometime this month and we are very excited! We hope that everyone will keep us up-to-date on events statewide, and we look forward to growing our club! Sue Koepnick, President

TWIN FALLS CRW

President: Billee Hasbrouck



The T.F.R.W. are busy recruiting, educating and empowering women of all ages. We are working on current political topics and focusing on membership. We will be having a membership drive in the next few months. The ladies are busy helping the Twin Falls Central Committee with the Lincoln Days Celebration that will be held on February 19, 2010 and will feature keynote speaker Michael Reagan. We are very excited about this upcoming event.

CLUB CHATTER

SILVER VALLEY CRW

President: Ronda Nash

The Silver Valley Republican Women

We have recently elected new officers and they will be installed at our December meeting: The new slate of officers were: Ronda Nash, President; Marjorie Roose, Vice President; Shannon McMillan, Secretary and Tomi Lyle, Treasurer. I would like to take this time and thank Lynn Calhoun, Kathy Vang, and Anna Hoppe for all their leadership and help throughout the last couple of years

We will be co hosting with the Shoshone County Republican Central Committee the 1st annual Republican Christmas Party at Alder Creek Café in Kellogg on December 15th.

Lincoln Day for Shoshone County will be Friday February 26th at Memorial Hall in Kellogg from 6:00 to 9:00.

We will be hosting the 2010 IFRW Convention in Kellogg at Silver Mountain in September. We will be sending out information packets at the beginning of January. Watch for more details to follow.

For all the above events we are posting the complete information on our web page. We have joined forces with the Central Committee and have a web page devoted to the Silver Valley Republican Women. Thank you to Robin Lake for all his help in getting our information on that site. www.shoshone-gop.org

We are starting to gear up for the new year and going to take Shoshone County by storm. This is a primarily Democratic County so watch out Shoshone County here we come.

Sincerely,
Ronda Nash



Coming soon...

The IFRW Education Corner

The IFRW will soon feature a new column which will give guest writers, commentators, and educators a featured spot in our newsletter which will give them a forum to enlighten and educate us. If you have a topic or know of someone that you would like featured, please feel free to let Marty Orwig know. Every quarter we will feature a guest writer who will educate us on a current issue.

Next quarter we will be hearing on "WHY....The Jihad against America", by Linda C.

Stay tuned.....

NEZ PERCE CRW

President: Sue Pring

Nez Perce CRW Wishes Everyone A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!



VALLEY CRW

President: Maureen Hatfield

The Valley County Republican Women met recently to assemble 12 care packages. Care packages are being sent to armed forces members from the Valley County area, serving on the front lines, defending our country. Valley CRW members are going to start a monthly Operation Care Program, where they send out care packages to our armed servicemen and women, on the front lines, in active duty.

The Valley CRW is also helping with the Valley County GOP Lincoln Day event, February 13, 2010.

STATE NEWS

Boards & Commissions by Anne Beebe

We are accepting applications for Lay Members on the Idaho Board of Dentistry. The mission of this board is to promote competence and excellence in the providing of prosthetic dental appliances and services to the public at reasonable costs.

The powers and duties include but are not limited to:

- Determine the qualifications of persons applying for licenses;
- Prescribe, administer and determine examinations and a passing grade for licenses;
- Collect and adjust fees and charges as necessary;
- Issue licenses for the practice of dentistry; and
- Revoke or suspend denturists' licenses as justified.

The Idaho Board of Dentistry is relatively new among the Boards and Commissions. They generally meet 4 times a year as necessary. Most meetings are held in Boise. Some are teleconferenced.

If this interests you, please apply.

To find info on how to apply:

Go to the State Home Page (www.Idaho.gov), and near the top left of the screen, click on "A-Z Directories" and then "Agencies & Topics Index." Click "B" and then "Boards and Commissions."

At the bottom of the page on the right, click on "Board Application." Just fill it out online and then print it... OR print the application and fill it out by hand... and mail (address on top of the form), email, or FAX (208-334-3454) it to me. Don't forget to include a brief resume.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Ann

Ann Beebe

Special Assistant for Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
(208)334-2100

BRAD LITTLE FOR IDAHO

Lt. Governor Brad Little announced the launch of his campaign in Boise with his family by his side....



Update by Chairman Norm Semanko



Idaho State Republicans have adopted a "105 Seat Strategy" for the 2010 elections. There are 70 members in the Idaho House of Representatives and 35 in the Idaho State Senate: a total of 105. Republicans currently hold 52 House seats and 28 in the Senate: a total of 80. There are 25 seats still held by Democrats in the Idaho State Legislature, which is 25 too many!

Our goal is to make sure that each of the 25 Democrat incumbents is challenged by a solid Re-

publican candidate -- the common sense, conservative problem-solvers that are emerging across this country to beat back the liberal agenda of the Democrats. As a Republican State, we cannot allow any of the incumbent Democrats in the Legislature to have a free pass to promote their anti-Republican agenda.

Each of the 35 Republican Legislative District Chairmen around the state is charged with the responsibility of making sure that good, qualified Republican candidates run in their legislative district in

2010. But they need your help! As Republican Women, you know who the best candidates are to run against the incumbent Democrats and what it takes to win under our "105 Seat Strategy". Please use your knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to help your Legislative District Chairmen. Thank you so much for your help and all that you do for our Grand Old Party in Idaho!

Norm Semanko, Chairman
Idaho Republican Party



**The IFRW congratulates Norm on his recent appointment by Chairman Steele to the RNC Budget Committee!!*

IDAHO METH PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to the generous support of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women, the Idaho Meth Project is close to marking its two year anniversary in bringing the project's prevention and public awareness messaging to the state. Since January 2008, the Idaho Meth Project has organized one of the largest media campaigns in Idaho:

- 31,124 Total TV Ads
- 37,689 Total Radio Ads
- 101,470,082 Total Print Impressions
- 214,702,137 Total Impressions across all media

While the graphic media campaign initially captures the attention of teens and young adults, the Idaho Meth Project looks for opportunities to further their knowledge and understanding about the dangers of Meth. Since the Idaho Meth Project's launch, over 700 volunteers have been recruited across the state to support the project's grass-roots community outreach campaign. In 2008, the Idaho Meth Project staff and volunteers participated in over 325 school and community presentations. To date in 2009, the staff and

volunteers have conducted over 332 school and community presentations, including a program called the "Free Family Forum for Parents, Tweens and Teens" that brings together parents, teens, and community leaders to educate families about the dangers of Meth use.

Looking forward to 2010, the Idaho Meth Project is planning to publish the 2009 Idaho Meth Use & Attitudes Survey to demonstrate the impact of the campaign in changing teen and young adult attitudes about the dangers of Meth. In addition, the project will be launching its Wave III media campaign which will include a new series of television, radio, and billboard advertisements throughout the state.

The Idaho Meth Project thanks IFRW for your support!

Marie Eier
Caring for America Chairman, IFRW



It is a fact that grateful people are the most happy and content of all human beings.

Political
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The New GM (Government Motors) Proudly Introduces The 2010 Obama This car runs on hot air and broken promises. It has three wheels that speed the vehicle through tight left turns. It comes complete with two TelePromoters programmed to help the occupants talk their way out of any violations. The transparent canopy reveals the plastic smiles still on the faces of all the happy owners. Comes in S, M, L, XL and 2XL It won't get you to work, but hey, there aren't any jobs anyway!

"It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds.."

-Samual Adams



LOOK INTO THIS... UPCOMING EVENTS!

SAVE THE DATE!

GOVERNOR'S BALL:

January 9th, 2010- Grove Hotel Ivy Room, Boise, Idaho

8:00p.m-11:00pm. Contact Anabel at Idaho GOP headquarters by calling (208) 343-6405 or via email at amanchester@idgop.org.



IDAHO GOP WINTER MEETING:

January 8th & 9th, 2010-Boise, Idaho



Also, the Doubletree is giving us a special Room Rate of \$69/night and a block of rooms have been reserved for both Friday, January 8th and Saturday, January 9th. To reserve your room, please call 208-343-1871 or 1-800-222-TREE and mention that you are with the Idaho Republican Party to receive your special rate. You can also reserve your room online at a special web page created just for us at:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/BOIR-DT-IRP-20100108/index.jhtml>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Note: the Governor's Ball will be held on Saturday night, January 9th. More details to follow.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Parker

Executive Director

Idaho Republican Party

"LET'S GET THIS PARTY MOVIN!"



The Twin Falls Republican Central Committee has invited Michael Reagan to speak at their Lincoln Day Celebration on February 19, 2010 at the Canyon Crest Event Center in Twin Falls. The committee is "stepping" up this year by not only providing a very famous speaker to our community, but also hoping to raise a substantial amount of money for the 2010 campaign. Not only are we going to hear from the son of a great President, but we are going to provide a wonderful four-course meal, auction and live music and dancing as well. Tickets are \$75 for general seating, and corporate tables are available as well. Call Mya Goodman at 208-420-6954 for ticket and hotel information.