



At the February Meeting and not to be missed: DISTRICT ATTORNEY CANDIDATE FORUM/DEBATE

Did you know that there are 22 Judicial Districts in the State of Colorado, some made up of a single county, like Denver, and others, like the 18th, made up of multiple counties? Did you know that each Judicial District has an elected District Attorney who is the chief law enforcement officer for that district? Did you know that the 18th Judicial District is the largest Judicial District in the State of Colorado? Did you know that the 18th Judicial encompasses four counties - Douglas, Arapahoe, Elbert and Lincoln? The background and experience of this District Attorney is critical to the success of this office. To learn more about our fair and impartial system of justice and to get to know the Republican candidates running for this very important position, please join us at the February 15th "DA Debate." This luncheon will provide a wonderful opportunity for you to come and "vet" these candidates and will provide a chance for you to hear about each candidate's background and experience and why he or she should be our next District Attorney. As we all know, knowledge is power and your vote is vital to the safety and security of our community and should provide a clear choice for you as to whom will be the best individual to lead this District, not only in protecting our rights and freedoms but to advocate for victims' rights and other important issues. Please bring your questions and join us for an engaging debate. Our Republican candidates' bios and photos are in this Newsletter on pages 8 and 9 so check them out in advance!



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Social Hour 11- 11:30 am

Gavel Drops at 11:30 am

Cost: \$20 cash or check at the door with reservation or
use PayPal online registration \$21 non-refundable—www.dcrw.org
at Lone Tree Golf Club and Hotel

Reservations by Saturday, February 11, 2012

RSVP by email:

douglascountyrepublicanwomen@hotmail.com or call Jeanette NewVille at 303-730-3537

FYI: No-show reservations will be charged

Bring a friend to enjoy the DCRW Experience

We are now accepting non-refundable PayPal reservations & donations
online at www.dcrw.org.

PayPal luncheon reservations are \$21.00 (\$20 + \$1 processing fee.)

You are also free to pay with checks or cash at the door.

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Menu— February Meeting

- ◆ Mixed Green Salad with Croutons, Roasted Shallot and Honey Vinaigrette Dressing
- ◆ Duck Confit over Mediterranean Polenta
- ◆ Grilled Squash Medley
- ◆ Rolls and Butter
- ◆ Homemade Éclair
- ◆ Coffee and Iced Tea





President's Message

I am honored to be your new President and will do the very best I can to help DCRW maintain its status as one of the best Republican Womens Clubs in Colorado! We have had wonderful women on the Board in the past and it continues with the new Board that was just elected . . . dedicated women who want the very best for our County, State, and Country. With their help and the dedicated efforts of so many of our members, I know our Club will continue to flourish because of everyone's continued contributions. Thanks to all of you!

As we start out this election year, we can all agree that this is the most critical election of our lifetime. What we do to elect good Republicans to office will determine the direction our Country will take for many years to come. It is imperative that all of us work hard for our candidates with our time, talents, and financial support as much as we're able to do. We know that the Democrats are expecting a war chest of ONE BILLION DOLLARS to enable them to keep control of the U.S. Senate and the White House. We cannot let this happen for the sake of our beloved Country. Remember the old saying, "If it is to be, it's up to me." That is never more true than in this election!

The first thing that I would encourage you to do is to attend your precinct Caucus on February 7th. If you do not know where it is, you can go to our County GOP website to find where your precinct is meeting: www.dcgop.org If you have the time and energy to become a Precinct Committee Person (PCP), by all means run for that position! We need a lot of boots on the ground to be successful this year. If you are a PCP, you'll be a part of the DCGOP Central Committee and will be an important part of the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) effort. At your Caucus meeting, you can also be elected as a Delegate to the various assemblies to vote for whom you want to represent us in the Primary. The most contested offices we have in Douglas County will be the County Commissioner's District 2 race, the 18th Judicial District Attorney's race and, for some of you, Colorado House District 39. Become informed and get behind your candidate for these offices and help them get on the Primary ballot! To help you in your choices, we'll be having the District Attorney Candidate Forum at our February meeting and the Commissioner Candidate Forum at our March meeting so be sure to come and get involved!

After the Caucus and the various Assemblies, we'll know who will be in the Primary so you can then pick your candidate and lend your full support to that person by becoming an active participant in their campaign by making phone calls, walking precincts, helping with mailings, or contributing financially. Please remember though, that if your original candidate did not make it through the Primary cycle, it is incumbent upon all of us to get behind the candidate who has been selected to assure a Republican victory in November.

If you still have questions on how to become involved, speak to any of the current or past DCRW officers or someone you trust for guidance in finding ways to help. In addition to attending our monthly meetings, there are a number of public forums being held around the County to help you vet the candidates. It is imperative that all of us become knowledgeable on the issues and the candidates so we can then help educate our Democrat and Unaffiliated friends on why it is so important to elect Republicans to office!

This sounds like I'm preaching, right? Well, I want to impress upon all of you the importance of becoming INVOLVED and ACTIVE in this crucial election year. Our PARTICIPATION will make sure that our Country takes the right direction because right now we've gone off- course dramatically. Remember that we're a part of the National Federation of Republican Women . . . 78,000+ strong . . . and our voices must be heard! We have no option other than to get involved for the sake of our Country!

Yours in Liberty,

Marsha Haeflein

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.

It has to be fought for and defended by each generation. " - Ronald

Reagan - July 6, 1987



CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS—2012

February 7th - CAUCUS NIGHT! – Check-in at 6:30 and Caucus starts at 7:00 p.m. Log onto www.dcgop.org to find out where your precinct is meeting and for a more detailed outline of what happens at the Caucus meetings. If you want to be more active in the GOP by actually getting out and meeting your fellow Republicans by walking your precincts, making phone calls, working on campaigns, working on the Get Out The Vote campaign, etc., run to become a Precinct Committee Person and Delegate to the various Assemblies. Attend and get involved!

February 8th - THE LINCOLN CLUB OF COLORADO – SOUTH METRO, Great Beginnings Café, 11800 E. Oswego St., Englewood, 6:30 p.m. Speaker will be Dr. Jill Vecchio, a practicing physician, speaking on “ObamaCare.” Dr. Vecchio is President, Colorado Docs4PatientCare, a physician organization exposing the truth about “ObamaCare” and working for its repeal and replacement with responsible, market-driven solutions (www.d4pc.orgD4PC). Hors d’oeuvres • Refreshments • Cash Bar - \$20 Members/ \$25 Guests. RSVP to Amanda Mountjoy, President, The Lincoln Club of Colorado, at 303-333-0844 (www.LincolnClubofColorado.org).

February 15th - DCRW LUNCHEON/MEETING, Lone Tree Golf and Hotel, 11:00-1:00 p.m., 18th Judicial District Attorney Candidate Forum featuring candidates George Brauchler, Leslie Hansen, John Topolnicki, and Robert Wareham. We will be taking written questions from the floor for the candidates so start thinking now what you would like to ask them!

February 18th - ACT! FOR AMERICA – 5280 COALITION (www.act5280.org), a public event - “The Making of America” in conjunction with The Salt and Light Group of Tri-City Baptist Church and Broomfield 912, Tri-City Baptist Church, 6953 West 92nd Lane, Westminster, CO, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$25 admission at the door OR if you make rsvp at: www.broomfield912.com the cost will be \$20/each or four for \$60. Lunch and beverage provided. Program will cover the Founders’ Principles of Liberty and the Meaning of the Constitution by the National Center for Constitutional Study. Contact: W. Ellis Holcomb at 303-886-2978.

February 19th - COFFEE4CONSERVATIVES, Franktown Fire Co., Franktown, 6:30 p.m., Speaker Amy Mitchell will help expose the truth surrounding Agenda 21. For more information on Agenda 21, go to <http://www.setyoufreenews.com/2012/01/24/rnc-adopts-resolution-exposing-agenda-21/>. For more info on C4C, contact Margo Knutson at margoknutson@gmail.com.

February 24th and 25th - LEADERSHIP PROGRAM OF THE ROCKIES ANNUAL (LPR) RETREAT - THE POWER OF FREEDOM, Broadmoor Resort, Colorado Springs; for details and pricing go to www.leadershipprogram.org or call 303-488-0018. LPR offers a wide array of speakers from all over the U.S. You will certainly enjoy meeting and hearing from all the men and women who will instruct us on topics of national interest! Dennis Miller will be the Keynote Speaker. This is one that you won’t want to miss!

March 10th - DOUGLAS COUNTY ASSEMBLY - Valor High School, Highlands Ranch. More details to follow or go to www.dcgop.org.

March 21st - DCRW LUNCHEON/MEETING, Lone Tree Golf and Hotel, 11:00-1:00 p.m., County Commissioner Candidate Forum featuring candidates Roger Partridge, Randy Reed and Rick Stucy. Come ready with your questions!

March 22nd - ACT! FOR AMERICA - 5280 COALITION (www.act5280.org), Faith Bible Chapel, 6250 Wright Street, Arvada, CO 80004 (West Campus @ 62nd & Ward Road). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and open to the public. Program is “Jihad in America - Under the Radar, Across the Nation” by Pamela Geller - the founder, editor and publisher of AtlasShrugs.com and Robert Spencer, director of Jihad Watch, a program of the David Horowitz Freedom Center.

Contact: Mike Brandon, Act for America 5280 Coalition, mike@act5280.org, phone: 303-601-3078.

March 31st & April 1st - CFRW SPRING CONVENTION, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs. Board Meeting will be in the evening of March 30th, General Meeting on March 31st, and a non-denominational Palm Sunday Service on April 1st. Special room rates available. President Perry Buck, her Board, and Presidents of the Colorado Republican Womens Clubs are working very hard to make this an informative, educational and fun event for all Republican women. This is a great opportunity to meet and learn from other Republican women all over Colorado! Please plan to attend as we would really like to have a great turnout from DCRW! Mark your calendar NOW. More details to follow.

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April 14th - COLORADO STATE ASSEMBLY, to more details follow.

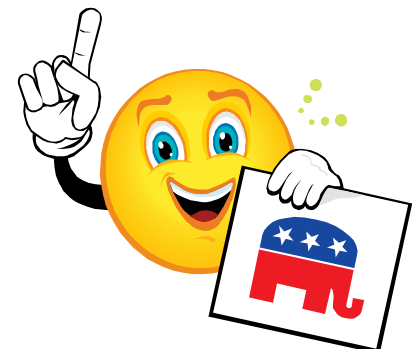
April 18th - DCRW LUNCHEON/MEETING, Lone Tree Golf and Hotel, 11:00-1:00 p.m. Speaker will be CO Senate Minority Leader Bill Cadman who will give us an informative presentation on Priorities and Outlook and the November 2012 Senate Election Strategy.

May 16th - DCRW LUNCHEON/MEETING, Lone Tree Golf and Hotel, 11:00-1:00 p.m. This will be our last meeting before the summer break and we will be treated to an informative program by Penn Pfiffner, Senior Fellow at the Independence Institute and Director of CUT (Colorado Union of Taxpayers), on the Local, State, and National Economy Update and Outlook.

June 26th - PRIMARY ELECTION!

This Calendar of Events will be an ongoing calendar to help keep you informed of the many events that you may be interested in attending. The more you attend, the more informed you’ll become for this very important election year! If you have any meetings or events that you would like included on this Calendar, please email me at mhaeflein@comcast.net or call at 303-841-4318 and we’ll try to include as many as would be of interest to our members. Thanks!

Marsha Haeflein
President





Tanne Blackburn, Jill Repella, and Karla Dimond



Welcome to Our New Members!

Let's give a Warm Welcome to our New Members As of January 2012!

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| <i>Lu Busse</i> | <i>Larkspur, CO</i> |
| <i>Denise Denny</i> | <i>Parker, CO</i> |
| <i>Karla Dimond</i> | <i>Lone Tree, CO</i> |
| <i>Kelly Dutton</i> | <i>Littleton, CO</i> |
| <i>Nancy Fairclough</i> | <i>Highlands Ranch, CO</i> |
| <i>Lisa Frizell</i> | <i>Castle Rock, CO</i> |
| <i>Lisa Grosskeurger</i> | <i>Highlands Ranch, CO</i> |
| <i>Marti Heck</i> | <i>Littleton, CO</i> |
| <i>Linda Hobby</i> | <i>Littleton, CO</i> |
| <i>Kathy Holderith</i> | <i>Littleton, CO</i> |
| <i>Lucile (Lucy) Lord</i> | <i>Parker, CO</i> |
| <i>Kay McManus</i> | <i>Parker, CO</i> |
| <i>Kim Monson</i> | <i>Lone Tree, CO</i> |
| <i>Patsy Moore</i> | <i>Franktown, CO</i> |
| <i>Joyce Paloma</i> | <i>Greenwood Village, CO</i> |
| <i>Nadine & Roger Partridge</i> | <i>Sedalia, CO</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth (Li) Pettett</i> | <i>Parker, CO</i> |
| <i>Hattie Reed</i> | <i>Castle Rock, CO</i> |
| <i>Judi Reynolds</i> | <i>Castle Rock, CO</i> |
| <i>Maria Scheffel</i> | <i>Parker, CO</i> |
| <i>Frances Scott</i> | <i>Parker, CO</i> |
| <i>Jenell Sobas</i> | <i>Highlands Ranch, CO</i> |
| <i>Nancy Stockmoe</i> | <i>Castle Rock, CO</i> |



George Brauchler and Rick Stucy

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following who are Celebrating February Birthdays:

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| Jan Perkins | 13th |
| Jenell Sobas | 17th |
| Joyce Paloma | 26th |
| Hattie Reed | 28th |

If you would like your birthday acknowledged in the Newsletter, just sign up at the meeting or contact me at mhaeflein@comcast.net and I'll be sure we wish you a Happy Birthday! Sorry, no gifts – just good wishes!!



Kudos

Special thanks to Debbie Gamec for the great job she's doing as Chairman of our Military Project! As you know, we have baskets on each of the luncheon tables where our members so generously contribute money each month. These monies go toward our Military Project and Debbie coordinates, purchases, packs, and ships gift boxes to our military personnel overseas to bring "a little bit of home" to them. I know this is a project close to her heart and we all thank her for her time and efforts in fulfilling this worthwhile cause! If you have any family or friends who are serving overseas, please give his/her name to Debbie so she can add them to her giving list. Deb can be reach at bistyd@aol.com or 303-688-3816. Great job, Deb!!

Douglas County Republican Women



Past president Tanne Blackburn, and President Marsha Haeflein with her husband Bob Haeflein



CFRW President Perry Buck



Roger Partridge



Tanne Blackburn thanks the outgoing board. From left to right: Laurie Rogers, Mona Weaver, Marsha Haeflein, Tanne Blackburn, Francaen Thompson, and Peggy Jorgensen



Henry Noble, Randy Reed, and Sue Noble



Jackie Tancredo, Barbara Piper, Payton Ann James, Julie James, and Diane Holbert.

Useful Contact / Event Information

Castle Rock Breakfast Club – Second Friday of Every Month, 7:00 a.m., Village Inn, 207 W. Wolfensberger Rd., Castle Rock, contact: castlerockbreakfast@dcgop.org

Coffee4Conservatives – Third Sunday of Every Month, 6:30 p.m., Franktown Fire Station, Franktown, contact: mar-goknutson@gmail.com

Douglas County Republican Woman Monthly Luncheon Meeting – Third Wednesday of Every Month Except June, July, August, and December – 11:00-1:00 p.m., Lone Tree Golf and Hotel, Lone Tree. RSVP by the Saturday prior to the meeting to douglascountyrepublicanwomen@hotmail.com or www.dcrw.org

Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club – Last Friday of Every Month 7:00 a.m., Cafe Mon Ami, 9579 S. University, #150, Highlands Ranch, contact: highlandsranchbreakfast@dcgop.org

Douglas Co. Republican Party (DCGOP) - Contact: Secretary Craig Steiner at craig.steiner@dcgop.org or www.dcgop.org

Colorado Republican Party (COGOP) – Contact: www.cologop.org

Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) – Contact: President Perry Buck, 970-330-3840, perry@nceventplanning.com

National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) – Contact: www.nfrw.org

South Suburban Young Republicans - Contact: President Shanneen Barron at bar-ronx5@gmail.com

R Block Party Meetings - There is an R Block South (Arapahoe County) and an R Block North. Contacts: Nikki Mata or Lori Horn at rblockparty@comcast.net

Liberty Events – contact: www.libertyevents.org



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We are here to Serve YOU!

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Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW)

CFRW update

PLAN NOW...

to attend the CFRW Convention on March 31st and April 1st at the Crown Plaza in Colorado Springs. Board Meeting will be in the evening of March 30th, General Meeting on March 31st, and a non-denominational Palm Sunday Service on April 1st. Special room rates available. President Perry Buck, her Board, and Presidents of the Colorado Republican Womens Clubs are working very hard to make this an informative, educational and fun event for all Republican women. This is a great opportunity to meet and learn from other Republican women all over Colorado! Please plan to attend as we would really like to have a great turnout from DCRW! Mark your calendar NOW. More details to follow.

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I'm sure you all enjoyed hearing from CFRW President Perry Buck at our January meeting! What a dynamic and inspirational speaker! Perry is working tirelessly to expand CFRW so they can properly support all the Republican Womens Clubs in Colorado and she needs our support to make that happen! To that end, DCRW has joined CFRW in endorsing the actions of the legislators who will be bringing forward this legislation in the current session by submitting the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Voter Identification

- Whereas:** Photo identification is not required in the State of Colorado for any registered voter; and
- Whereas:** Colorado does not have a uniform "Voter Identification" requirement including Photo identification; and
- Whereas:** The Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) has identified Voter Identification as a 2012 goal.
- Therefore:** be it resolved that the Douglas County Republican Women supports the CFRW 2012 goal requiring photo identification for all Colorado voters.

This Resolution was signed by all the DCRW officers and given to Perry at our January meeting.

Additionally, CFRW has learned that when anyone in Colorado becomes a new American citizen in a swearing-in ceremony which is held three to four times a year, after the ceremony those new citizens are greeted by a group of Democrats who hand out gifts and then have them sign up to vote! Well, from now on, we will have a Republican contingent there, too, to welcome our new citizens! We'll keep you posted on when these ceremonies occur in case you would like to join us in the welcoming committee!

Marsha Haeflein
President



George Brauchler

I am a husband, father of four small children (9, 7, 4, and 2), recent U.S. Army veteran of the Iraq War, a Conservative, and leader with extensive prosecution experience who is seeking the honor of serving you as our first District Attorney to come from outside of the DA's bureaucracy since 19 years before Tim Tebow was born.

After law school at CU, I began my prosecution career at the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. I rose through the ranks being promoted 3 times, and took to trial every type of case from DUI to murder, including working the felony cases that arose from the Columbine massacre. I have conducted over 135 criminal trials in Colorado courts. I was identified as someone who could lead and train other prosecutors locally and nationwide to be more successful in the courtroom. I have been a regular faculty member for the National College of District Attorneys, the Colorado District Attorneys Association, and state prosecution agencies across the U.S., from Texas to Delaware. In over 12 years of prosecution, I have served as a Deputy D.A., a military prosecutor, a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and an active duty Chief of Military Justice.

My second active duty tour since 9/11 ended shortly after I returned from Iraq in October 2011. I served as the Chief of Military Justice for Ft. Carson, the 4th Infantry Division, and ultimately the entire U.S. Division-North in Iraq. In addition to leading prosecutors here and abroad, I am regularly called upon by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines to train their prosecutors in the U.S. and across the globe to be more successful in the courtroom. Recently, the Army notified me that I have been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

My proudest achievement is my family. Every day I go to work as your District Attorney, I will work as hard to provide the safest community for your family, as I would for mine. I want to rebuild our fractured relations with law enforcement, end the exodus of experienced prosecutors from our office, and reverse the trend that has our office at the bottom of the metro area in holding felony defendants accountable at trial. I will train and retain the gutsiest, most skilled, and most ethical team of prosecutors to keep our community and families as safe as possible. As a Conservative, I believe that if we are to have a government "of the People," we must start returning the government "to the People." We deserve the best D.A.'s office in Colorado.



Leslie Hansen

Leslie has lived in Colorado since 1978. She attended the University of Colorado and obtained her law degree from the University of Denver in 1984. Leslie interned with the Denver District Attorney's Office and became a deputy district attorney when she graduated from law school. As a deputy district attorney, Leslie handled hundreds of felony cases and conducted over fifty jury trials, including several sexual assault cases, habitual criminal cases and 10 first degree murder cases. Leslie was in private practice for several years specializing in family law and employment law. Leslie became the Assistant District Attorney in the 18th Judicial District in January 2005. As a leader in the office,

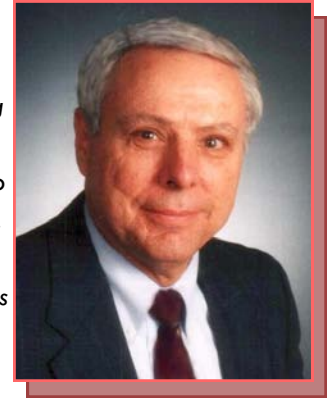
Leslie was involved in every aspect of the day to day operations of the office. Leslie conducted several grand jury investigations and tried two first degree murder cases while she was the Assistant District Attorney. She was the lead prosecutor in the death penalty prosecution of Jose Rubi-Nava. In September 2011, Leslie was appointed as a Chief Deputy District Attorney and is the Chief of the Juvenile Prosecution Unit, Mental Health Court and Drug Court.

Leslie has been married for 30 years and has 3 sons. She has lived in Douglas County for 22 years and lives in the Roxborough community.



John Topolnicki

John is a Colorado native and acquired his law degree from the University of Colorado while working as a janitor, night watchman, freight handler, and law clerk drafting statutes for Colorado's Fish, Wildlife & Parks Divisions. Married to Teri in 1966, they live in Castle Rock and are blessed with two successful sons, wonderful daughter-in-laws, two grandchildren, and Sidney their African Gray parrot. Hired by Bob Gallagher as a Deputy DA in 1970, John has now completed 41 years (35 as a Chief Deputy) in 18th DA's office. He honed his trial and leadership skills supervising and training attorneys assigned to most of the major divisions within the DA's office. John has successfully tried over 100 felony cases (25 involving homicide) and he has argued cases before the Colorado Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. He now leads prosecution teams seeking a death penalty for Edward Montour who murdered a prison guard in Limon, and prosecuting four persons accused of brutally murdering two persons in Douglas County.



John graduated from and later served as faculty for the Career and Experienced Prosecutor courses at the National College of District Attorneys, and he is a graduate of the Administrator's course. He taught college students Constitutional Law for twenty semesters; is the co-founder of the trial techniques school that trains all new Colorado prosecutors; served twenty years on the training committee for Colorado prosecutors; and has instructed at many police academies. His legislative accomplishments include Colorado statues concerning drunken driving, license revocation, interlock, child abuse, domestic violence, search & seizure, venue, underage drinking, automatic traffic ticket point reduction, useful public service, and law student intern practice (allowing 3rd year law students to prosecute misdemeanor and traffic cases at great savings to the tax payers). John invites you to his website for more details www.Topolnicki.com.

Robert B. Wareham

Robert B. Wareham is not just another lawyer. In fact, he's a man with a background as diverse as the agency he seeks to lead. As the recipient of numerous honors and awards, Robert's resume includes: serving as a police officer during college and the Mayor of his town at the age of 28, acquiring 30 years of management and executive experience working in the private sector, and achieving success as an experienced and respected litigation attorney. Robert is no stranger to hard work, and his academic honors in law school at the age of 42--while simultaneously advancing his career with Lucent Technologies-- illustrates perfectly his dogged determination and consummate commitment to excellence. Two weeks after taking the attorney oath in California, Robert was transferred to Lucent's global training organization in Colorado, where he led the Fortune 50 Company's sales force into the next generation of communication technology. Within five years, Robert was once again promoted to head Lucent's multi-million dollar global sales training organization. In 2001, Robert finally decided to pursue his passion. He left what is now Avaya, and started his own law firm. Today he is the founder and CEO of Highlands Ranch Law Center, where he has attained distinction as a successful family and criminal justice litigation attorney--being selected seven times by his community as the "Best Attorney" in Highlands Ranch, and last year in Centennial as well. As an expert at law, he also contributes to his field by delivering lectures and authoring journal articles and treatises relied heavily upon by his colleagues. Robert is happily married, and the proud father of four children and three grandchildren. When he's not passionately pursuing justice, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends, participating in amateur radio, taking Max, Murphy, and Charlie to the dog park, scuba diving, and serving in his church and community. Robert is fully aware that it will take more than just a lawyer to serve as the next Chief Executive Officer of a 19 million dollar government agency with over 190 employees, that is why he is excited to put his depth and breadth of experience to work for the citizens of the 18th Judicial District as their next District Attorney.



HEARTFELT THANKS!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the last Board for the tremendous amount of work that they've accomplished on behalf of DCRW! There are not enough words to thank them for the great job they did in fulfilling their elected positions! In case you may not know, here's just a little of what they do:

First of all, President Tanne Blackburn did a truly wonderful job in carrying out her duties as President. Not only in running (and timing!) the meetings each month, there are so many "behind-the-scenes" responsibilities that she carried out with professionalism and tireless energy. She represented DCRW at the DCGOP Executive Committee Meetings, Friday Morning Breakfasts, and at a number of political and community organizations. We all owe her our undying gratitude! I know her work with CFRW and as Campaign Manager for Senator Mark Scheffel will take her to newer and higher levels of accomplishment!

2nd Vice Presidents Joy Kancir and Mona Weaver always worked as a smooth-running team! Joy was absolutely tireless in making phone calls to ALL the members regarding their membership dues, taking the reservations for the luncheons, constantly keeping and updating the membership list, signing people in at the luncheons, printing the name tags each month, etc., etc. Mona was such an asset in compiling our great Membership Directory, getting it printed and distributed each year, and in being there to assist with the sign-in at the luncheons. Both Joy and Mona are truly dedicated Republican women who have put in many, many hours for DCRW!

Treasurer Laurie Rogers is a jewel in DCRW's crown! Her expertise in financial matters is a wonderful asset to us. She puts in a great deal of time in keeping our financial books in order, paying the bills and balancing the checkbook, making sure our CFRW contributions are paid in a timely manner, preparing exact Treasurer's reports each month, tracking our investments, notifying members when we've received their checks, helping with check-in and then depositing the monies in the correct accounts for the dues and luncheons, etc., etc. I know she does more, too, but we do know that she is a true expert in keeping our financial records in order!

Recording Secretary Franceen Thompson has the important job of keeping exact records of what goes on during our General and Board Meetings and she has carried out her duties with great care and dedication. It can be hard to write every-

thing down that happens at the meetings but she has prepared her Minutes with great care!

Corresponding Secretary Peggy Jorgensen has a huge job as she's also the Newsletter Editor and our Webmaster! Peggy's expertise in designing websites has really added a new dimension to DCRW! She has done a terrific job on the Website by continually updating it each month and instituting our new Pay Pal option. You have to agree, she has given us a very interactive website that puts us on the top of the game! In addition, she's is our Newsletter Editor and compiles all the information so all of us can be up-to-date on what's going on, plus she emails it out each month and also prints and mails it out to those members who do not have a computer or otherwise want their newsletter sent via U.S. Mail! Quite a job, Peggy!

Although not an elected officer, I would be remiss if I did not mention Barbara Piper who has served as our Historian to the benefit of us all! She always had her camera ready at our meetings to record our activities for the newsletter plus she also took her camera to other political venues to show our members' participation! With her expertise in scrap-booking, Barbara also put together a wonderful yearly Club scrapbook which documents our activities through photographs, paperwork, etc. These books always won recognition at CFRW and are a true treasure for the President to have as a keepsake.

As you see, all these ladies have fulfilled their positions with great dedication to DCRW and we are blessed to have them. I'm so happy that Laurie, Franceen, and Peggy are not term-limited and will continue to their positions for the next two years. We WELCOME our new Board members . . . Margo Knutson, Barbara Piper, and Jeanette NewVile . . . I know they will continue in the footsteps of all previous officers in generously giving their time and talents! Thank you one and all!!

Marsha Haeflein
President





**In Memoriam
to our
long-time friend
and member**

Sharon K. Jones

May 18, 1949 - January 29, 2012

As many of you may already know, our long-time friend and member, Sharon Jones, passed away after her long struggle against cancer. Sharon was such an inspiration to all of us with her positive attitude and good humor all through her trying times. She was our former Douglas County Treasurer and served the County with expertise and professionalism from 2003 to 2010. She also served as County Chief Treasurer, President of the Colorado County Treasurer's Association, State Director of the National Association of County Collectors, and was on the Board of Directors of the Surplus Asset Fund Trust. Additionally, Sharon was very active along with a number of her sorority sisters in WomenAid of Douglas County. Sharon always supported DCRW and the DCGOP in our events and we will so miss seeing her smiling face. DCRW will be making a donation to WomenAid in Sharon's honor.

A Vigil for Sharon will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2746 Fifth Street, Castle Rock. Viewing will be after the Vigil until 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday night.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery on Wolfensberger and Red Hawk Roads in Castle Rock. There will be a Reception at St. Francis at 4:00 p.m.

Sharon will be greatly missed by all her friends. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

"Forever Remembered"

If you would like to send a sympathy card to her son, his address is:

W.B. (Dub) Jones

11435 Brownstone Drive, Parker, CO 80138

Share a memory: Please join us in remembering Sharon by visiting the Memorial at www.OlingerAndrews.com. Through this site you are invited to share your thoughts and fond memories with her family.



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At the February Meeting and not to be missed: District Attorney forum and debate.

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