



At the November Meeting, BEN MARTIN - Lifelong, Ardent Enthusiast of our American Founding – The History, The Principles, and The People.



Ben grew up in SW Louisiana in the heart of Cajun Country. He began his affinity for the American Founding as a student in Junior High when his history teacher and a proud Daughter of the American Revolution chose him to play George Washington in a reenactment of the Constitutional Convention.

She made sure all her students knew as much about our Founding as she could infuse. Ben also helped to establish the 1st Interact Club (HS Rotary) in his High School and served as its 1st President.

From there he went off to college at West Point and took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies – that oath lasted 30 years. When he retired from military service, he realized that oath still remained deeply ingrained.

His last military assignment was in Denver at the Fitzsimons Medical Center. He and his family decided to stay in Colorado and

have been here for 17+ years. Since leaving the military, he has been a regional manager on a nationwide fiber-optic cable backbone project and as a defense consultant to Boeing. He lives with his wife, Vicky, in the Parker area. He is a 2009 graduate of the Leadership Program of the Rockies and is currently serving as President of Liberty Toastmasters.



We are now accepting non-refundable PayPal reservations & donations online at www.dcrw.org. [PayPal luncheon reservations](#) are \$19.00 (\$18 + \$1 processing fee.)

Next Meeting:

Social Hour 11- 11:30 am

Gavel Drops at 11:30 am

Cost: \$18 at the Door with Reservation

PayPal online registration \$19 non-refundable—www.dcrw.org

at Lone Tree Golf Club

Wednesday, November 19, 2011

Social Hour: 11-11:30 a.m. Gavel drops at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations by Saturday, November 12, 2011

RSVP Joy Kancir 303-814-0679

Or email: douglascountyrepublicanwomen@hotmail.com

FYI: No-show reservations will be charged

Bring a friend to enjoy the DCRW Experience



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Menu, November Meeting

- ◆ Roasted Turkey and Stuffing
- ◆ Gravy-Spiced Roasted Yams
- ◆ Mixed Green Salad with Chef's Dressing
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Rolls and Butter
- ◆ Pumpkin Pie
- ◆ Coffee and Iced Tea





Many thanks to all who have served with me and all who have supported the club with their time, talent and treasure.

President's Message

Our upcoming meeting in November will be my last official one as your President. In January, after the installation ceremony, our newly elected board will take over the reins. Let me take a brief moment to tell you what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your President for the last four years. Many thanks to all who have served with me and all who have supported the club with their time, talent, and treasure. Our club remains strong and relevant because of what each one of you do.

My aim after January is use my energy to help reduce the size and invasiveness of our State and Federal governments, and to encourage more citizen legislators to run for elected positions. I will also encourage those legislators to serve and then return to private life as envisioned by our Founding Fathers. I plan to work with the State Party and the CFRW where needed to recruit, encourage and empower as many women as possible.

We are a strong voice and need to get even stronger and more vocal.

I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you all better in the coming years.

Please take a moment to reflect on just how important the 2012 elections are. Once you have taken that moment examine your strengths and talents and decide where those talents may best be put to good use. We need everyone and a vast range of talent to win the upcoming battle. Please, please, please contribute as much of your time and of your treasure as you possibly can.

Tell a neighbor, bring a friend and get them involved as well.

Once more, thank each of you for the trust that you have placed in me.

God Bless you all.

Tanne Blackburn



Part of the tour at Praying Hands Ranch.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

4th **Parker Breakfast Club** 7 am, Warhorse Inn, 19420 E. Mainstreet, Parker
parkerbreakfast@dcgop.org

13th **Coffee4Conservatives** Educational Series - What Does a District Attorney Do and Why Should You Care?, Franktown Fire Station, Franktown, 6:30 p.m. Contact margoknutson@gmail.com for more details.

16th **Douglas County Republican Woman Monthly Meeting** 11 am-1pm, at Lone Tree Golf Club RSVP to douglascountyrepublicanwomen@hotmail.com or www.dcrw.org

18th **Castle Rock Breakfast Club** 7 am, Village Inn, 207 W. Wolfensberger Rd., Castle Rock
castlerockbreakfast@dcgop.org

25th **Highlands Ranch Breakfast Club** 7 am, Cafe Mon Ami 9579 S. University, # 150, Highlands Ranch
highlandsranchbreakfast@dcgop.org

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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

South Suburban Young Republicans
Contact: President Shanneen Barron at: Barronx5@gmail.com.

Colorado Change the Change & Coffee4Conservatives
Contact: margoknutson@gmail.com or Coffee4Conservatives.com

R Block Party Meetings
There is an R Block South (Arapahoe County) and an R Block North. Please contact Nikki Mata or Lori Horn at the below listed emails:
Nikki Mata or Lori Horn: rblockparty@comcast.net

For a comprehensive calendar of events, please go to:
www.libertyevents.org

DID YOU KNOW?

We are accepting membership registrations for the 2012 year at the meeting. Print and fill out the form included here, and bring it with you to the meeting.



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We are here to Serve YOU!

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Bammes



We would like to wish you all a happy holiday season full of love, warmth, family, and friends. We will see you back here in January.

A Look Forward~

November 16th Speaker – Ben Martin

I urge everyone to attend our November 16th Luncheon Meeting to hear this month's speaker, Ben Martin. Ben is well-known to be an expert on the U.S. Constitution and other founding documents. You can see Ben's bio on Page 1 of this month's newsletter. I know we had Mike Holler as a speaker in January and he gave us a wonderful presentation, but this month will be entirely different. We cannot know too much about what our Founding Fathers gave us in these remarkable documents, so I encourage you to join us for the last meeting of 2011.

In Ben's words:

"Our Constitution is currently being attacked from many quarters. Those attacking it are succeeding in diminishing its stature, mainly because the American citizenry has failed to honor its responsibilities in knowing and defending it. Our Founders knew that nothing could prevent the attacks but they knew that only an informed and vigilant citizenry could keep the attacks from succeeding.

In the relatively short duration of this presentation, Ben wants to give us an overall appraisal of the whole document, so that we can gain a renewed appreciation for the remarkable wonder that it is.

This personal appreciation of the Constitution and the blessings of liberty it gives to each of us will inspire us to embrace it and learn more about it, to teach it to those we care about, and to defend it against those who attack it. In so doing, we can fulfill the charge of our Founders – to protect and defend our Constitution so that we may '... secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.'

We do want those we love, and those who come after us, to enjoy the blessings of Liberty!"

ADDITIONALLY, how many of you have actually seen the Founding Documents in the National Archives?? If you have been so fortunate, it was from a distance and behind a hermetically sealed case in order to protect it from the elements and prevent further deterioration.

In order to give us a broader, more complete experience, Ben will be bringing full-

sized replicas of the originals of our Founding Documents – The Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. In order to enhance the experience, you will be able to view them before and after the meeting.

This is one meeting you should not miss! I hope to see all of you on November 16th. . . come and bring a friend!

Marsha Haeflein

1st Vice President

November Election

At our November meeting, in accordance with our bylaws, we will be electing our new officers to serve a 2 year term starting in January. Our nominating committee is proposing the following slate of officers:

President Marsha Haeflein

1st VP Margo Knutson

2nd VP Barbara Piper

2nd VP Jeannette Newville

Treasurer: Laurie Rogers

Recording Secretary :Franceen Thompson

Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Jorgensen

While our bylaws allow nominations from the floor, I encourage you to support the slate proposed by our nominating committee.

Congratulations

Congratulations to NFRW and our new National President Rae Lynne Chornenky. For those of you who like me did not know, the NFRW is 76,000 + strong and the largest Political organization in the States.

Congratulations to CFRW and it's newly elected officers.

President: Perry Buck

1st VP Cathy Perciful

2nd VP Marilyn Harris

3rd VP Judy Bashline

4th VP Donna Troye

Treasurer Judith Jergensen

Recording Secretary Karla Dimond



Joy Kancir, Terri Cox, and Laurie Rogers



Barbara Braly, and Jean Mickelson



Marsha Haeflein and David Christensen



Tanne Blackburn and Bonnie Collins



Aldis Sides and Diane Hefner



Sheriff Dave Weaver and Dawn Bryan



Polly Lawrence, Tanne Blackburn and Debbie Gamec



Marsha Haeflein making friends with the locals.



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Women**

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