



President's Message

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe a whole year has passed with my being the President of the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women's Club, the second largest Republican Women's Federation Club in the state and the proud recipient of its second consecutive Diamond Award for Club Achievement. I am humbled and flattered this club has chosen me to serve as President for a second, now two-year term.



Despite COVID, we managed to convene in person first at the Bethany Public House, then shifting to our usual meeting space of the Rock Creek Country Club and then trying a new space. I hope the New Year will bring us a new home for our meetings; one where we feel welcome and share mutual respect and can meet our needs for all our events and meetings.

The fall and early winter meetings brought us plenty of candidates to share their stories. From District Attorney to Governor (and oh, do we have the Governor candidates), we have very interesting races to follow and fabulous conservative candidates waiting to step into and/or keep their leadership positions. What about Washington's County safety brigade led by Sheriff Pat Garrett and District Attorney Kevin Barton? We could not ask for a better team in our county and it was a thrill to hear what they had to say about what is going on and what we can do to help.

I would be remiss in not mentioning my team and how supportive they have been this year. It has not been easy with a President who has a full-time job; something this club hasn't dealt with in many Presidents and many years. Shuffling between virtual and in-person, varied locations, change in committee chairs has all added complexity to our mission but we persevered and grew our club, raised money and supported our conservative candidates. On top of everything, we participated in the OFRW Spring Board Meeting, NFRW Convention, OFRW Convention, Reagan Dinner, District Meeting (where we elected our own Melissa Laird as District Director) and as I mentioned, received the Diamond Club Achievement Award. I could not be prouder!

Juanita

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BHRW Meetings

☆ October Member Social

The October BHRW meeting at Rock Creek Country Club was well attended by members, old and new, and guests.



Our We hosted three candidates for Oregon Governor and our guest speaker was Suzanne Gallagher of Parent's Rights in Education (PRIE).



Nick Hess is a Portland business owner and the CEO of a national IT managed services provider and telecommunications company. He is an accomplished problem-solver who believes in building bridges, improving communication and sharing information among those who have the potential to take small, effective steps which can lead to real change.



Jim Huggins is a decorated veteran Air Force officer and President and CEO of New Shepherd Films. He is running on four primary issues: The Portland Riots, Homelessness, Violent Crime and Public Education. He sees a lack of accountability at the heart of many of the issues impacting Oregonians.



Marc Thielman, Superintendent of Althea School District in Benton County, Oregon is best known for having stood up against Governor Kate Brown's school closure mandate. He successfully kept his schools open, his teachers working and kids safe. He is the author of the School Choice Initiative which calls for public education money to follow the student. Marc credits his success to being able to establish good, strong relationships which support working together and problem-solving.

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October Member Meeting (cont.)



Suzanne Gallagher is the Executive Director of Parents' Rights in Education (PRIE) a national advocacy group for educational reform. She presented a synopsis of the work that PRIE has been doing on a national level. Current educational issues here in Oregon include Comprehensive Sexual Education, Critical Race Theory, Oregon's Obscenity Laws, Parental Rights, School Board, Gender/Sex Transitioning, Safety and Privacy in our local schools and the Designation of the Governor of Oregon as the Superintendent of Public Instruction and its implications.

Information on how to support PRIE and the PRIE PAC, how to set up an affiliate program, a discussion of issues, available materials and videos are all available on their website. (www.parentsrightsined.org/oregon.html).



Key Note Speaker,
Suzanne Gallagher, PRIE

☆ November Member Meeting

Our November meeting was held at the Forest Hills Golf Club in Cornelius, Oregon. We hosted two gubernatorial candidates, Kerry McQuisten and Bridget Barton. Keynote speakers for the November luncheon meeting were Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett and Washington County District Attorney Kevin Barton who is running for re-election.



Gubernatorial Candidate
Kerry McQuisten

Kerry McQuisten is a native Oregonian whose roots go back to the founding fathers of Baker City. She is currently the Mayor of Baker City, where she received national recognition when she passed Resolution 3881 which deemed Baker City a "common sense" sanctuary city.

On the issues she is opposed to vaccine passports, mask or any kind of mandates and defunding the police. She supports the Second Amendment and is pro-life.

Bridget Barton's message was that the Left has grossly overreached with demands such as CRT, open borders, defunding the police. Add to that rising homelessness, increased economic hardships at all levels, and crimes with no consequences. She pledged that if elected her first day of office



Gubernatorial Candidate
Bridget Barton

she will appoint a new superintendent of public instruction. Ms. Barton believes she can win the primary, and most importantly can win the general election, but needs our support.



Washington County
Sheriff - Pat Garrett



Washington Cty DA
Kevin Barton

Sheriff Pat Garrett and DA Kevin Barton spoke to the group about the progress Washington County has made.

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November Member Meeting (cont.)

Both Sheriff Garrett and DA Barton addressed the challenges Washington County faces such as rising crime, extremist and other groups pushing to defund the police and a myriad of issues arising from general social unrest that negatively impact our criminal justice system. DA Barton is running for re-election and spoke briefly about his campaign.

During the business section of our meeting, Gail Wilhelms of the Nominating Committee presided over the election of Officers for 2022-2024. The members unanimously elected:

- Juanita Lint, President
- Susan Weidkamp, 1st Vice President
- Gayla Hyer, 2nd Vice President
- Regina Skaržinskas, Recording Secretary
- Pamela Wilson, Corresponding Secretary
- Laurel Regan, Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS!

They will be installed at the December Member meeting.

★ December Member Meeting/Party

The December Member Meeting and Christmas Party was held at the home of Gail Wilhelms. Thank you Gail for the warm and welcoming atmosphere! Member were treated to a fabulous brunch expertly served by Debbie Morris and Kathy Montgomery.



New Officers were installed by our new District Director, BHRW's own Melissa Laird.



*Newly Installed BHRW Officers
Juanita Lint, Susan Weidkamp, Gayla Hyer, Regina
Skaržinskas and District Director Melissa Laird*



☆ BHRW EARNS DIAMOND AWARD

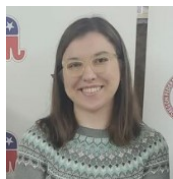


The BHRM under President Juanita Lint was awarded Diamond Club Achievement Award at the 41st Biennial National Federal of Republican Women (NFRW) Convention in Orlando Florida. This Award is presented to Clubs that demonstrate excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, leadership development and club functions.

Congratulations to Juanita and thank you for your leadership! And to all of the members of BHRW Congratulations and thank you for your generosity and all your volunteer time!



VOICES OF THE FUTURE



The Young Republicans are busy attracting young conservatives to our organization! We recently elected a new Treasurer named Alex McHaddad.

McHaddad is also the Chair of the Union County Republican Party. Our previous Treasurer was James Hieb. He is also our National Committeeman so instead of filling two positions he can now focus on representing us at the Young Republicans National Federation.

Voices of the Future (cont.)

We are also planning on a social media activity where you film yourself burning your face mask in protest of Gov. Brown's mask mandate. We'd like it to go viral like the Ice Bucket Challenge. (Fingers crossed 🤞) On January 29th we will be hosting an event with the amazing Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women at Orenco Taphouse.

Excited for 2022! Another year closer to turning Oregon red!

Lauren is a BHRW member and Vice-Chair of YRO.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Pamela Wilson



Pamela Wilson, BHRW's 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 Corresponding Secretary is a native Californian who moved to Oregon in July 2017. She is now near her only daughter and family who live in Aloha, Oregon.

Pamela was born in San Bernardino, California, one of three girls. At twelve, she joined the International Order of the Rainbow, a masonic service organization for girls that teaches leadership through community service. Eventually Pamela served as "Worthy Advisor", the organization's terms for President.

She graduated from San Bernardino High School where she enjoyed being involved with prep squad and participated with the speech department as a member of the debate team. She attended San Bernardino Valley college where she earned her AA degree and went on to attend Long Beach State University. In 1964 she voted for the first time and voted for Barry Goldwater.

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Pamela Wilson (cont.)

Pamela married in 1965 and moved to Newport Beach, California. In 1967, they bought a home in Costa Mesa, California. She joined a four-part harmony singing organization for women called “Sweet Adelines”, similar to the men’s Barbershop Harmony Society. Pamela sang with this chorus for 35 years and made many life-long friends.



As a member of the “Harborlites Chorus” she attended yearly conventions competing against other choruses. The Harborlite Chorus won first place in the International Chorus competition several times.



Pamela also sang in a comedy quartet called “The Uncalled Four”. Her other musical interests include playing the ukulele.

In 1990, Pamela joined the Exchange Club of Costa Mesa, a community service organization, where she was elected Vice President.

In addition to singing and community service, Pamela worked for Ingram Micro for many years. Ingram

Micro is the largest distributor of hardware and software in the world. As a top salesperson, she achieved President’s Club status and won many awards. She also earned trips to Puerto Rico and Cancun, Mexico. She loves to travel and independently has visited Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Austria, Germany, and many other countries in Europe.

In 1996 Pamela became especially interested in politics when Bob Dole was running for President and when she viewed the video “The Clinton Chronicles”. She became active in local politics in Costa Mesa and spoke often at City Council meetings.

In 2010, she co-founded the Newport Beach-Costa Mesa Tea Party. The organization met once a month, hosting California Senators, Congressmen and local civic leaders as speakers. This group participated in local, State and Federal issues.

When she arrived in Oregon, she searched the internet for Republicans and found the Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women. She joined at the first luncheon she attended. She jumped in with both feet, signing up to make phone calls, reminding neighbors to turn in their primary ballots and contacting Republican businesses for donations to the annual Reagan Dinner fund-raiser. She also was elected on the State ballot as the Precinct Committee Person (PCP). When we had the Washington County Republican Party headquarters in Hillsboro, she volunteered there every week.

She stays in touch with her younger sister, now living in Brisbane Australia and her older sister in Huntington Beach, California. Both sisters enjoy frequent travels together around the world. Most of all Pamela enjoys spending time with her daughter and son-in-law and her two very active teenage grandsons.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Alison Kettenhofen

Alison joined BHRW in 2013. She has held several positions with BHRW: 2015 Telephone/Membership Outreach Chair and Community Services/Caring for America Chair, 2016 Corresponding Secretary, and 2017 2nd Vice President Co-Chair and Mamie Eisenhower Chair. She is also OFRW's Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) Chair. Alison has been a life long Republican beginning by participating with her family members' efforts as a two year old. Born and raised in California, she helped the Getting out the Vote effort for Ronald Reagan when he ran for Governor in California.

She has since helped out on many campaigns for President, Governor, State House, State Senate, US Senate and Congressional Races. She was active in the College Republicans from 1983-1985 and Young Republicans from 1985-1991, and joined Federation of Republican Women in 1991. She joined The Arcadia Republican Women where she held many positions including 3rd Vice President Ways and Means, Vice President, Reservations Chair and Program and Membership Chair and Telephone Chair. She oversaw Getting Out the Vote for three cities (Arcadia, Sierra Madre, and Temple City). She was a member of the Los Angeles County Central Republican Committee and the Republican Women's Club in Scottsdale Arizona where she was Reservations, Telephone, Awards and Publicity and Press Chairs. She was elected to the State Board of the Arizona Republican Federation and was Protocol/Sargent at Arms. She was active in the Maricopa County Republican Party as Precinct Committee Person and House District Captain. She was an active

member of the Anthem Country Club.



Alison is now active in the Washington County Republican Party as House District 27 Captain, a Precinct Committee Person, and Voter Registration Chair. When not enthusiastically involved with Republican party efforts, Alison enjoys reading, singing, walking and traveling. She has been to over 25 countries and most of the United States. She volunteers for her church and other local groups.

WE, THE PEOPLE



Diane Gruber

MY EXPERIENCE LIVING UNDER A DICTATORSHIP

"Oh, you can't say that, Mrs. Gruber! You will disappear!" said Dorcas in her broken English. This writer & hubby were teaching English in Taiwan in the 1970s, at a girls' college established by British nuns. The entire population was ruled by the dictator Chiang Kai Shek who arrived in 1949 and declared martial law. At that time, the population consisted of about 90% Taiwanese people and 10% Chinese, virtually all being Chiang's soldiers & families who had escaped from China as Mao's Communist thugs took over. Freedom of Speech? Oh, please, what a quaint American notion! By the time we arrived, generations of Taiwanese had learned that even mentioning the government or the dictator's name could get you "disappeared." Loved

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We, the People (cont.)



ones of the “disappeareds” never knew if they were dead or incarcerated in the political prison offshore. There was no “right to a lawyer” and no “due process.” The masses had no rights and “the law” was whatever the Ruling Elite, (that is, the Chinese “elite” who arrived with Chiang) said it was.

As an American, even a naïve 20-something, I knew that I would not be “disappeared” for speaking freely. At that time, the United States had diplomatic relations with the government of Taiwan, Republic of China. [Jimmy Carter canceled diplomatic relations January 1, 1979, thus paving the way, eventually, for China to invade Taiwan.] The worst the dictatorship would do, could do to me, would be to deport me back to the US. My US Passport protected me from imprisonment or execution.

There is nothing like living in a foreign country for an American to fully appreciate America. My two & a half years in Taiwan taught me how special it was to be an American, both because AMERICANS HAVE RIGHTS, including voting for our president, and because America had a booming economy. [I grew up before LBJ & the Dems destroyed the economy with massive tax increases, thus creating the 1970s recession.]

There, we met Alice (many Taiwanese adopted English first names in high school or college) who would become our life-long friend. She told us about the grinding poverty of her childhood in the 1950s & 60s. There was no poverty in the Wenatchee Valley where I grew up. Because her family lived in a town and was viewed as “well-off,”

a rural family begged her father to take their son into his home where he could eat regularly. They did.

In 1989, Taiwan became a democracy. Both their economy and democracy are thriving now, and the Taiwanese don’t want to be taken over by Communist China. They don’t want to live under the oppression of Communism.

Under Chiang, school kids were taught fake history much like the “1619 Project” that American Marxists pulled out of their backsides three years ago. Indeed, Alice has often said that she knew virtually nothing about Taiwan’s history until she moved to the USA in 1978. Here, she found history books about Taiwan. Taiwan’s history wasn’t taught during Chiang’s reign, which lasted 40 years.

BRIEF HISTORY OF TAIWAN



The Chinese Communist Party has long maintained that the Taiwanese people are really

Chinese people and that Taiwan really belongs to China. Well, that depends upon how one looks at it. Should the American colonies have been forever ruled by England even though Americans wanted to govern themselves? At the time of the American Revolution there were much closer ties between Americans and Englishmen than there is today between Taiwanese and Chinese.

Anthropologists believe humans have lived on the Island of Taiwan for tens of thousands of years. By 3000 BC they had established an agrarian culture. DNA show that these first inhabitants share the same ancestors as the original Hawaiians and other cultures around the South Pacific. They spoke an early form of Austronesian languages.

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We, the People (cont.)

Seventy percent of Taiwan's current population is ethnic Hoklo who migrated from SE China beginning in the 17th Century, and still speak the Hokkien language. Also starting in the 17th Century, Hakka people crossed the sea from SE China, establishing their own distinct identity and language that is evident in Taiwan today.

During this period the Island of Taiwan was nominally part of the Chinese Empire. Taiwan & China are separated by 110 miles of ocean called the Strait of Taiwan. Thus, the Chinese government had little actual control over it and the people due to the distance, and the poor travel/communication conditions of the day. The Taiwanese were mostly free to make their own decisions and run their own affairs.

The Chinese government long considered Taiwan useless, referring to it as a place where "flowers don't bloom and birds don't shit." In reality, Taiwan is a beautiful land, covered with forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, flowers, many species of birds and numerous unique animals. As a Portuguese ship approached the island around 1542-44, the sailors called out "Ilha Formosa," which means "beautiful island."

After defeat in the Sino-Japanese War, Empress Dowager Cixi quickly ceded Taiwan to the Empire of Japan in 1895 as spoils of war. Japan occupied Taiwan until their own defeat in WWII, at which time China's nationalist government took nominal control of the island. Following defeat by Mao's Red Army in 1949, the president of the nationalist government, Chiang Kai-shek, brought what was left of his army to Taiwan and declared martial law. Martial law lasted until the late 1980s.

Since Japan owned Taiwan for 50 years (1895-1945), when we resided there virtually every Taiwanese over the age of 40 spoke Japanese as well as one or more of the native Taiwanese languages. The younger generations had been taught Mandarin Chinese in Chiang's public schools, so our college students could read, write & speak Mandarin. However, they spoke with each other in Taiwanese.

Chiang outlawed the teaching of any of the Taiwanese languages, but didn't outlaw speaking it. Of course, it was spoken at home because, in most households, that was the only way for younger generations to communicate with their elders. Unless we were in the post office or some other government office, we heard little Mandarin spoken in public, either.

AMERICANS ARE THE LUCKIEST PEOPLE WHO EVER TROD THE EARTH

Why do I say that? Mainly because Americans have the most freedoms. Why do we have the most freedoms? Mainly because we have the Bill of Rights. Yes, our precious Rights have been severely trampled on in recent years by governors, bureaucrats, DOJ, FBI, and others using various propaganda tools to scare us into giving up our Rights.

Why have our Rights been trampled? Because, like sheep, we let The Left trample them. It is time to fight back! YOU can join the fight, using YOUR unique talents. You can join those who have been fighting a long time, such as the Beaverton/Hillsboro Republican Women. You can join one of the 10,000+ groups, some new, some well-established, who are fighting to save our country.

Want to be an Army of One? With Social Media, YouTube, email, Zoom and SO MANY other platforms & forums, you can be an effective Army of One.

Don't know how/where to start? Buy Mark Levin's **"American Marxism"** and turn to Chapter 7. There, you will find 1,001 ways you can get involved from the comfort of your home.

☆ ANNUAL BHRW DRIVE FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Veterans and their families are the BHRW focus for the month of November. We collect donations and present them at our Annual Veterans' Dessert. Unfortunately, this year, the Veterans' Dessert fell victim to COVID –19. That didn't stop our members from their generous contributions.

On November 22nd, representatives of BHRW along with Committee Chair, Alison Bettendorf, delivered our donations to the Salvation Army Center for Veterans and Families.



☆ RED SHOE BOOK CLUB

Come join us on January 24th the BHRW Red Shoe Book Club will be discussing Rigged: How the Media, Big Tech and the Democrats Seized our Elections by Molly Hemmingway. A great read!



☆ UPCOMING EVENTS

☆ Monthly Membership Meetings

Our luncheon meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are looking at new venues, until we find a new permanent location it will be noted on the Meeting announcement and on our website. Save the dates: February 17th, March 17th, April 21st.

☆ BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club

Who: YOU!

When: 4th Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Caf   Murray Hill in Beaverton, 14500 SW Murray Scholls Dr., Beaverton, OR 97007

Book: Rigged: How the Media, Big Tech and the Democrats Seized our Elections by Molly Hemmingway

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