

# Josephine County Republican Women

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What a wonderful time of the year. The Christmas season is upon us and many are getting ready for this joyous season with plans to celebrate with family and friends. We are also preparing for 2023 and all that the new year will bring. I can't believe how fast time has flown by. It seems we were only just merging our two clubs and making plans for 2021 and 2022, and now a new year is here.

Your current Board has worked hard to bring you Candidates, Community Leaders and information on current events as it relates to our County, State and Nation. During our tenure we obtained a Gold Level Achievement status and we were recognized as having the second largest percentage of membership increase in 2021 at the National Club level. We went from two small clubs, JCRW with 16 people, RVRW with 24 people, merged to 40 and then doubled our size to almost 80 members with an additional 17 Associate members. We obtained the status of the largest club within the OFRW at various points throughout these past 2 years, battling our sister clubs in Central Oregon and Beaverton Hillsboro for this honor. What a ride these past two years have been! I am thankful for the support of Dee Dee, Candy, Linda and Jennifer who volunteered their time and talents for being on this Board. I am thankful to Vivian as Immediate Past President of JCRW and to Indra as Immediate Past President of RVRW for all their support. Thank you to Dordie who supported us at our District Director level and to every one of the members who volunteered to lead the pledge, say a prayer, help with the raffle, suggest a speaker, attend and participate in our meetings. We would not be a successful club without you, THANK YOU!

I am so excited for our new Board and all the speakers and events they have in mind for the JoCRW Club. I am confident they will do a wonderful job and take us to the next level. It has truly been a pleasure to volunteer these past few years.

God Bless, Terri

## Our Mission:

to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government; disseminate information to all members; inform the public through political education and activity; foster loyalty to the Republican Party at all levels of government and promote the principles of the Republican Party .

## Come Join Us

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Rd.. We have a social time and sign-in at 11:30. The meeting begins promptly at noon and is dismissed at 1 PM. Lunch is offered. Call Linda Smith, 971-678-1313 for details.

Trust the magic  
Of  
New  
Beginnings



Instead of a regular meeting in December, we decided to have a Christmas Party/Celebration complete with a delicious assortment of appetizers. Generous donations were given to Hearts With A Mission, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and a special \$399 donation to The Pregnancy Care Center.



## December Birthdays

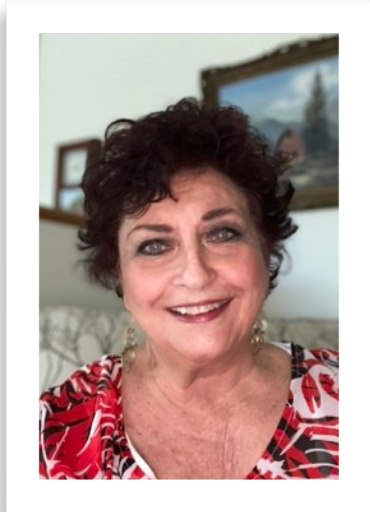
*Jerry Cruickshank Karla Franze Jane Girard  
Diana Hoatson Terri Van Tassel Jim Thorpe  
Janice Watson*

## January Birthdays

*Michelle Bunker. Marilyn Burns. Linda Chilton  
Monti Craig. Holly Garland. Laurie Hammill.  
Catherine Healy. Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger.  
Terri Millard. Patrick Ryan*



It's almost New Year's Eve. Many people write resolutions, expecting to keep them for at least several weeks. I haven't been one to write such things, knowing even before I began, I would abandon them before the ink dried on the paper. However, life often manages to change course on you with very little notice. Since I was recently elected as the newest President of Josephine County Republican Women, I feel as though a few well-thought-out resolutions would be a good decision to do this year.



I've been pouring over websites, books, and journals from a lot of different sources, reading through the NFRW website, which is the most wonderful wealth of information, printing reams of papers that are being organized into notebooks for reference. What I find interesting is the more I read, the longer my list of "oh, that's such a good idea" items grow. So that takes me in new directions, finding more information, printing more pages.... my shelf is becoming quite the "Republican Women's Resource Library".

This past year was so busy with debates, candidates coming to the club to speak, canvassing, phone calls, mailings to voters—I'm looking forward to having a quieter year. But that doesn't mean it's time to let down our guard. The work we do now will help get ready for the next election. I'm looking forward to having time to work on projects to benefit our community, put together successful fundraisers and events, having New Member lunches, attend conferences and trainings,- and not just club officers -but getting more members excited about attending as well-, visit other club's meetings, and invite others to visit ours.

As the months stretch out in front of me, I can't allow myself to think there's an excess of time to organize, create, work, enjoy... it will fill up so very quickly. I'm excited about all the possibilities just waiting for us to dive in and get going. I have no doubt this coming year will be not only rewarding, but we'll have fun, get to know each other better, all the while working for common goals.

Now it's time to write a few of those New Year's resolutions. I'll put these up on my office filing cabinet so I can see them every day. That might have been part of the problem in years past. I would write them ever so carefully and put them tucked away in a drawer. I'll get the hang of this yet. The resolutions and all the rest. Here's to a marvelous New Year!

I'm very proud of our new Executive Board: (left to right) Catherine Healy, Treasurer. Donna Nicely, 2nd V.P in charge of Membership; Rosemary Adams, Secretary; and Lenora Swift, 1st V.P; They have wonderful talents and are bursting with ideas of ways to help our club. ( Oh, there's myself, too...Linda Smith, President.)

