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JOHN  
MASTERMAN

## February Member Meeting Guest Speaker 2024 Oregon Candidate For State Representative, 48th District, John Masterman

We have the privilege of welcoming guest speaker John Masterman, a republican running for State Representative in the 48<sup>th</sup> District for lunch at our regular February member meeting. Mr. Masterman is a small business owner and family man who currently serves

As a Clackamas County Precinct Committee Person. He will share with us his insights on public safety, the homeless crisis, economic growth, tolls, expanding Opportunities for Our Kids, and how he will be the voice for small business. Please in welcoming him to our meeting. You can find additional information about Mr. Masterman at his website at <https://www.voteforjohnmasterman.com/>.

## December Year End Celebration and New Officer Installation



As we bid farewell to 2023 at our December member meeting we do so with a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, committee chairs, and elected officers who made a difficult transition year a big success. We took a moment to remind the club of their contributions and honor each of their efforts. We highlighted the fundraising team led by Vice President, Michelle Cassel with Wendy Young, Terri Ely, Margo Bachhuber, and Eddie Erwin for their planning and execution of the fashion show, the flower basket sale, and the pasta fundraiser all of which contributed to our successes in 2023. We also gave a called out to a very special member who is always there to lend a hand Randi Williams.

Next we turned to the journey ahead in 2024 as we installed our newly elected officers. They are President, Lisa Cassel, Vice President, Michelle, Cassel, 2nd Vice President, Navette Martin, Recording Secretary, Becky Bunting, Corresponding Secretary, Wendy Young, and Treasurer Joanna Harbour. It will be this boards vision and dedication that will be the backbone of our successes in 2024 and 2025. They cannot do this work alone and will be looking to the members of Mt. Hood Republican Women for wisdom and guidance as the executive boards door is always open for input and suggestions.



The 2023 executive board officially kicked off the planning for the upcoming year in October. While all the details are still taking shape we are focused on the election, creating avenues for membership growth, working on effective ways of impacting our community, and bringing educational and interesting guest speakers to our monthly meetings. The year end December social is an excellent way to celebrate the accomplishments of the last year and to start sharing ideas and begin getting inspired for the new year to come.

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## **BIRTHDAYS!**

### **JANUARY**

1/3 Debi Christie  
1/12 Wendy Young  
1/13 Patricia Rosabal  
1/14 Linda Bergmann  
1/19 Jim Harbour

### **FEBRUARY**

2/24 Navette Martin  
2/25 Kevin Moss  
Kathleen Cannon  
12/28 Holly Courtright

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

02/14

MHRW

Member Meeting &  
Installation

**Bumpers Bar & Grill**

21935 NE Halsey St  
#100, Fairview, OR  
97024

(503) 618-1855

02/28

MHRW Executive  
Board Meeting

**Elmer's Restaurant**

1590 NE Burnside Rd.  
Gresham, OR

03/13

MHRW

Regular Member  
Meeting

**Bumper's Bar & Grill**

21935 NE Halsey St  
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## 2024-2025 MHRW Committee Chairs



We are pleased to announce the appointment of the new committee chairs for 2024-2025. We could not be more pleased with the experience, leadership, and dedication these women bring to their positions, it is going to be a very exciting year! Please join me in congratulating and welcoming them to the executive board.

Americanism - Margo Bachhuber

Armed Services – Navette Martin

Bylaws – Open

Campaign Activities – Open

Political Activities – Melanie Raies

Caring For America – Terri Ely

Club Achievement Awards – Liga Dale

Fundraising – Michelle Cassel

Legislation – Open

MELP/Literacy - Eddie Erwin

Membership – Wendy Young

Parliamentarian – Margie Hughes

Programs – Sharon Petri

Public Relations – Darlene Hager

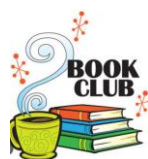


## Upcoming Events

Pack your bags ladies! The Oregon Federation of Republican Women has announced their spring board meeting in Baker City! The meeting is scheduled for the weekend on April 20th and will be in conjunction with the Baker County Republican Women's annual banquet with special guest NFRW President, Julie Harris!

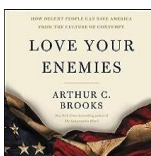


This is going to be an exciting event and a great way to get to know other republican women from around the state. We will keep you posted as we receive additional information.



## Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women Book Club

The next Beaverton-Hillsboro Republican Women's Club Book meeting is February 26, 2024 at Cafe Murray Hill in Beaverton at 11 A.M. The book they are reading is *Love Your Enemies, How Decent People Can Save America From the Culture of Contempt* by Arthur C. Brooks. The NFRW Education & Literacy Committee featured this book for 2023. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Alison by email [alisonkett123@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonkett123@yahoo.com) or by home number (971)246-5794 or by cell to call or text (503)568-5479. Anyone is welcome to come they do need to RSVP.





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## Hot Topics



January 2024 Update on Tolling from Oregon.gov

### [Oregon tolls: Major milestones ahead in 2024](#)

In 2024, we will continue to work with our communities and regional partners to shape toll policies, rules, and project designs.

Currently, the I-205 Toll Project for the Abernethy Bridge and the Regional Mobility Pricing Project on I-5 and I-205 are in the federal environmental review phase where we analyze the benefits and effects of the toll projects. Meanwhile, we are also working to establish the toll systems necessary for toll collection and operations and continuing to work with the public to bring their ideas and priorities into the planning process. 2024 will bring more milestones for the Oregon Toll Program—and many opportunities for the public to weigh in along the way. You can read more in our recently published Oregon Toll Program Implementation Report [here](#).

Visit Vote Before Tolls website for ways to help prevent the Oregon Tolls at <https://votebeforetolls.org/>.



Reported by [OREGONLIVE](#) on January 16, 2024  
Gov. Tina Kotek's advisory council floats possible massive tax increases to meet housing production goal.

Experts on Gov. Tina Kotek's housing production council have suggested that massive tax increases could be necessary to achieve the governor's housing production goal of 36,000 new homes a year.

For the entire article visit [OREGONLIVE](#).

Their recommendations include:

- Increasing all personal income tax brackets by 0.5 percentage points to raise \$699 million.
- Establishing a \$1 per \$1,000 real property tax assessment above Measure 5's voter-enacted limits to raise \$504 million.
- Creating a 0.5% retail sales tax to raise \$501 million.
- Establishing a 0.5% payroll tax to raise \$620 million.
- Doubling the state's fuel tax to raise \$686 million.

## [From The Oregon Catalyst](#)

### LARS LARSON: CHANGING WORDS TO APPEASE SEX OFFENDERS

By Lars Larson, NW and national radio host, You have to give Northwest lawmakers this: they've made the region as criminal friendly as they can. Their latest efforts land on the lunatic fringe. Oregon and Washington have downsized police, elected prosecutors who won't prosecute, and cut loose thousands of criminals. One democrat bill would let [...]

The post [Lars Larson: Changing words to appease sex offenders](#) first appeared on [The Oregon Catalyst](#).

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Get Involved

### County Party Contacts

Clackamas -

<https://www.clackamascountyrepublicans.org>

Marion - <http://www.marioncountygop.org>

Multnomah - <http://www.multco.gop>

Washington - <https://www.washco.gop>

Oregon Republican Party - <http://www.oregon.gop>

### MT Hood Republican Women's Executive Board Meeting

The MHRW meets the last Wednesday of every month at 11 am at Elmer's, 1590 NE Burnside Rd, Gresham, OR 97030 to work on future programs. If you have anything you would like to add to this meeting, please contact us at [MTHRW@yahoo.com](mailto:MTHRW@yahoo.com).

### Beaverton Hillsboro Republican Women

Regular meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. If you would like to join them, you can reach them at <https://www.bhrwf.org>

### East Clackamas County Republican Women

Regular meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. If you would like to join them, you can reach them at [neace26@gmail.com](mailto:neace26@gmail.com).

### Republican Women Downtown Portland

Regular meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join them, you can reach them at [pjmorehouse-g@comcast.net](mailto:pjmorehouse-g@comcast.net).

### Executive Board

The Executive meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, at Tacho's Restaurant, 515 Molalla Ave, in Oregon City. All are welcome to attend. Restaurant and (no host) bar will be open and plenty of free parking is available. (Dinner from 5:30 - 7 pm) Dinner reservations are strongly encouraged. Join us for an interesting and lively discussion!

### Multnomah County

For volunteer options in Multnomah County or for more information about how to get involved, visit <https://www.multco.us/services/volunteer-county>

### Clackamas County

There's volunteer options in Clackamas County! Please think about applying to serve on one of the many advisory boards and commissions that communicate directly with Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. This is a great experience that will help guide our county. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.clackamas.us/pga/volunteering-in-clackamas-county>

**Please Help** our children succeed in school by contacting the Smart Program in your area. Call Michelle Gilmore at 971-634-1628 or [www.getSMARTOregon.org](http://www.getSMARTOregon.org) for more information. We can't let our children fall farther behind.

The best local newspaper in our area is the **NORTHWEST CONNECTION**. It's published monthly and is available at newsstands, restaurants, and your favorite doctor's office. Subscribe for \$65 a year. Call 503-328-8415 or write to PO Box 61, Troutdale, OR 97060 for more information.

## For Sale

Support the Mt Hood Women's Republican Party by purchasing a Mt. Hood red tote bag. So handy to use and easily identifiable to all that you are a Mt. Hood Republican Women!  
\$10 each or 2 for \$15.  
Contact us at [MTHRW@yahoo.com](mailto:MTHRW@yahoo.com).



American Flag Lapel Pin.  
This stylish pin is simple, yet elegant, and a great way to represent the country we love. Just \$10 each.  
Contact us at [MTHRW@yahoo.com](mailto:MTHRW@yahoo.com).



We are continuing to grow our Facebook page. It's easy to join find us at MT Hood Republican Women on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/641671717224559/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/641671717224559/)

