



Boulder Republican Women

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President: Francie Sinton

1st Vice President: Mary Schweitzer

Secretary: Jamie James

2nd Vice President: Lois Bjerke

Treasurer: Beverlee White

******April 2010 Luncheon ******

DATE: **TUESDAY, April 20 2010**
TIME: Check in, 11:15
LOCATION: "The Cork" 3295 30th St, Boulder.

COST: \$15.00. Make reservations with Kim Barton @ **303-665-9414** or email **bballcole@aol.com**. Please RSVP by Saturday April 17. If making reservation for a guest, please include address and phone number.

SPEAKER: Christine Burttt "**Seeing Public Policy Through The Economic Way of Thinking**"
and
Candidates Tim Leonard, Senate District 16 and Robert Houdeshell, House District 13

SPEAKER ONLY: Arrive at 12:00. (No charge)

SPOUSES AND GUESTS WELCOME.

Meet Christine Quinn Burttt

Christine Burttt is president of CQB & Associates, Inc., a public relations and political consulting firm established in Denver in 1981. She works with both corporate and political clients, including national leaders. Christine is recognized as a key political consultant and has managed or consulted to over 50 political campaigns.

Since 1995, Christine has worked as a political trainer in the emerging democracies of Russia, Angola, Mongolia, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco and Ramallah in the West Bank, Palestine.

A native of Denver, Christine is an active community volunteer. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Council for Economic Education, a non-profit organization that promotes economic literacy. She is also chairwoman of the Colorado Republican Business Coalition, which works to protect small businesses at the Colorado legislature. In 1998, the Mile Hi Girl Scouts honored her as a Woman of Distinction.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In March, with the passage of Health Care Reform Bill, all Americans suffered a huge loss of freedom. Never before has the US government claimed such power over the American People.

But I am an eternal optimist and believe there is a silver lining to everything. Let us not despair for we may have lost the battle but not the war. The health care debate awakened a sleeping giant. The American people are aware of how government thumbed their noses at us. They know how deceit, power and back room deals were used to pass this legislation. They have seen how our Constitution is being torn apart and they are saying enough is enough. The average American is a lot smarter than the government realizes and they will not tolerate this unchecked power.

We Americans must fight back with everything at our disposal and this fight will last far beyond this November. So with that, don't lose your momentum keep speaking out and fighting for our freedoms. Debate the issues and don't let the other side distract you. Educate yourself with the facts and present it in a levelheaded way. Avoid name-calling and using derogatory remarks.

We must educate the public and our constituency on what conservatism is and why conservatism works. It is important we let them know what we stand for, not what we stand against.

Francie Sinton



BRW BOARD MEETING - March 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. Present at the meeting: Francie Sinton, Mary Schweitzer, Gerry Gifford, Beverlee White, Barbara Hosmer, Marty Neilson, Kim Barton, Lee O'Donnell, LeMoine Dowd, Carolyn Hauser, Lois Bjerke, and Jamie James. Gerry Gifford gave the inspiration and Lee O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Secretary Report: The Feb. 23rd and March 16th meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on Hand as of March 16, 2010 \$1450.49.

Membership Report: Membership stands at 102 currently. BRW is going to start a Member Challenge for each BRW member to bring one person to our club with the goal of 200 members by 2011. BRW will be working on our Facebook site to recruit new members and promote fund raising efforts.

Legislative Report: HB10-1365 is an egregious bill establishing Colorado's own cap and trade.

Programs: Our April 20th meeting will have guest speaker Christine Quinn Burt, Chairman of the Colorado Republican Business Coalition and President of CQB Associates, Inc., a public relations and political consulting firm. Candidates Tim Leonard, Senate District 16 and Robert Houdeshell, House District 13, will also come to our April 20th meeting to talk to members. Mike Holler, author of *The Constitution Made Easy*, will be our guest speaker in May.

Communications: LeMoine reported she has ordered additional pins, US/CO flags.

Newsletter: Deadline is April 6. It was decided to print only minutes from the membership meeting. Action taken at the Board Meeting will be printed.

Hospitality: 30-year members will be recognized at the May, 2010 meeting.

Support the Troops: "Sew Much Comfort" tour will follow the Apr 20 meeting.

Fundraising: Napkin/tablecloth project will have a work session Friday, Mar 26, 9:00 am at the Pine Brook Hills Fire Station. Beverlee will investigate further with Applebee's regarding the breakfast fundraiser and report back.

BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN March 16th Luncheon Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Sinton at 11:45 a.m.. Gerry Gifford gave the inspiration. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by U.S. Congress candidate Bob Brancato. We welcomed new members and guests. There were 55 people attending the luncheon.

Treasurer's Report: The starting balance- \$1908.93, total receipts-\$767.50, total disburse-\$1225.94, leaving a total on hand of \$1450.49. Treasurer Beverlee White said the Voter Registration Drive will kick off in May with more information to follow.

President Sinton brought us up to date on BRW's Support the Troops contribution to the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion of fleece sleeping bag liners and food items requested. Gerry Gifford thanked everyone for supporting our efforts to send packages to our troops regularly. Gerry also showed us the dictionaries that will be given to the 6th Grade Casey Middle School with the name plate on the inside cover honoring Betty Chronic. The CFRW Scholarship has been named the Betty Chronic Scholarship and the application deadline is May 15th. Contact Francie Sinton if interested. Names were taken of interested BRW members to sew and assemble napkins and table cloths for a fund raiser project for BRW at the Lincoln Dinner, County and State Assemblies.

The next BRW luncheon will be April 20th with guest speaker Christine Quinn Burt, Chairman of the Republican Business Coalition and President of CQB Associates, Inc., a public relations and political consulting firm.

Barbara Hosmer introduced the guest speakers starting with U.S. Senate Candidate Ken Buck. Ken introduced his daughter, Kaitlin, and gave his background information. Candidate Buck says his primary message is to stop federal government growth through being fiscally conservative along with electing someone with integrity.

Scott Gessler, Candidate for Colorado Secretary of State, was our next speaker. Scott shared stories of how very important the job is of Secretary of State regarding voter fraud, verification of voter registration, and presiding over the election day process. Candidate Gessler would like to show the people of Colorado that he represents the conservative republican values of freedom of speech along with defending and protecting our election process.

Bob Brancato is a candidate for the 2nd Congressional District of Colorado. Candidate Brancato will work to "Repeal, Repeal, Repeal" the tax and spend legislation that has been passed. Mr. Brancato would fight for border security, protecting the constitutional process and making a difference through fiscal conservative legislation.

Paige Rodriquez represented Candidate Stephen Bailey running for Congressional District 2 of Colorado. Mr. Bailey is a strict constitutionalist and restoring constitutionally limited government is Candidate Bailey's goal.

The winner of the 50/50 Split was announced and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
Jamie James-Secretary

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- **BRW PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** to Support the Troops on Armed Forces Day, May 15th, 8am – 10am at Applebee's Restaurant in Boulder. **We are raising money for our "Sew Much Comfort" and "Support the Troops" projects.** Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 children under 12. Tell your family and friends. Contact Betsy Turner for tickets at (303) 442-4711 or email betsy.turner@tfarms.com
- Check out our new Face Book Page and become a fan
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boulder-Republican-Women/101255879914935>

NOTES TO MEMBERS (continued)

- Set the mood for your Memorial Day, Fourth of July or summer party with beautifully crafted red, white & blue napkins & table clothes handmade by your very own BRW members. They are on sale now! Cost is \$4/napkin and \$20/table cloth. What a perfect way to kick off summer!
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to Lou Facey Muench, Jamie James, Barb Hosmer, Mary Ann Eckert, Linda Trumble, Patrica Belanger, Beverlee White, Francie Sinton, Dagmar Alford, Susan Mueller, Marty Neilson, and Lois Bjerke for helping sew napkins and table clothes for our fundraiser.



- On March 8th, nine BRW members attended **“Day at the Legislature”**. The day started with the group gathering in a House Committee Room where GOP State Senators and Representatives spoke to us about on going legislation. The group then visited the Senate and House Chambers. The Senate was having a memorial service for a former member and the House was in the process of passing legislation. We were able to witness the voting process of several bills. Lunch was held at the Denver Consistory, speakers were Attorney General John Suthers, and US Congressmen Mike Coffman and Doug Lamborn. BRW hosted Attorney General John Suthers and CO State Representative HD 57 Randy Baumgardner for lunch.



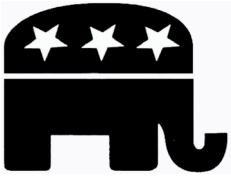
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L to R standing: Barbara Hosmer, Patrica Belanger, Francie Sinton, Rep. Randy Baumgardner, AG John Suthers, Jamie James, Beverlee White, Gerry Gifford
L to R sitting: Kathy Anderson, LeMoine Dowd, Stacy Laurain

- **SEW MUCH COMFORT TOUR FOLLOWING OUR APRIL LUNCHEON - PLAN TO COME!**
Immediately following the April 20th BRW luncheon, we will caravan to the SMC distribution center in Gunbarrel. (It is a short 12 minute drive.) Linda Trumble will provide the tour, which will last about 45 minutes to an hour. Carpooling is definitely an option, returning to the Cork afterwards. A map will be provided at the luncheon. See below for more information about Sew Much Comfort and the tour. I hope to see many BRW members there. **THANK YOU LINDA** for making this possible
Sew Much Comfort is a 501c3 **Non-profit** nation-wide charity that supports our wounded service member by making free custom-adapted garments. We have our distribution center in Boulder but our sewing is done by over 1000 volunteer seamstresses across the country. We ship the seamstresses items they have been approved to sew, they sew them and return them to us. Our distribution center then ships these finished adapted garments to wounded service members at Walter Reed, Brooke Army Hospital, Bethesda, Andrews AFB, Balboa, Landstuhl AFB in Germany, as well as to VA centers and personal orders to service members' homes
Our local volunteers who do not sew, are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm. We can accommodate 6 people and no more. The non-sewing activities include measuring bias tape, counting velcro buttons, folding garments and assembling other supplies that we utilize in our kits that we ship to our volunteer seamstresses.
Our tour will be a walk-through of our facility, explaining the set up of items we have, what we do (sewing), how we do the sewing (supplies to our volunteers), how we store the finished adapted clothing, and how we pull and ship the hospital orders (no one gets to help do this, sorry). I will explain how up to 6 people on our volunteer days can help, and that we have a once a month (2nd Saturday) that people can volunteer at – doing the same things. OR – if they'd like to – make a donation of some article of NEW clothing that we can use to adapt – and I will have a list of what we accept for this. People can also make monetary donations to help us pay for shipping costs or to purchase standard supplies (bias tape, velcro, and other supply items).
- Greet new members Laurene (Lou) Facey-Muench, Sara L. Henderson and Karon Sherwood.
- We will recognize our 30 + year members at our May 18th meeting. Please call Kim Barton @ (303) 665-9414 if you will be attending and if you will need a ride.
- The CFRW Betty Chronic Memorial Scholarship will be awarded this Spring to a young deserving CO Republican. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please contact Francie Sinton @ (303) 546-9821 or email fsinton81@gmail.com. More details will be forthcoming. Application deadline is May 15th.
- Operation Gratitude ranked 4th in the final voting for Pepsi's Refresh Project. This means 100,000 care packages will be sent to troops deployed in Afghanistan this year. Kudos to all the BRW members who voted and made this a reality!
- Know a BRW member who may be under the weather and in need of a little cheer? BRW would like to send a card. Please notify Kay Seale at (303) 859-3529 or email ykayseale@msn.com
- Mark your calendars - CFRW District II Meeting will be hosted by the Adams County Trumpeteers on June 5th at 11:00a.m. at City Buffet in Thornton. Matt Arnold with Clear the Bench will be the speaker. Let's try and get as many of us as possible to attend. More details and registration forms will be forthcoming..
- Want to get the word out about your business? Advertise in the BRW Newsletter.
Full page ad - \$50, Half page ad - \$25, Quarter page - \$15, Business card size \$10
Contact Francie Sinton at fsinton81@gmail.com or call (303) 546-9821.
- Remember to recruit new members! Our goal is to have 200 members by January 2011.
Each one of us only has to recruit one new member!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 15: Longmont Republican Women Luncheon: 11:30 to 1:30. Speaker Ali Hassan, candidate for State Treasurer. RSVP v.davidson@comcast.net.
- April 15: Tax Day Rally @ Colorado Capital, 10am – 1 pm. more info at www.hearusnow.org/taxday 2010.
- April 20: BRW lunch check-in, 11:15. "The Cork" 3295 30th St, Boulder. Lunch - \$15.00. Make reservations with Kim 303-665-9414 or bballcole@aol.com. See details inside
- April 22: Boulder County Republican Executive Meeting - All Republicans welcome. 7:00 PM at BCR Headquarters, 619 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont.
- May 5: BCR Breakfast - 7:00 am @ Longmont IHOP \$10.00 - Invite your like minded friends to join us. Speaker: John Suthers, Colorado Attorney General. Contact Brian Lewis for info and to offer suggestions. bclewis@swspolifi.com (w) 303-952-5026
- May 18: BRW lunch. Speaker Mike Holler-constitution scholar and author of "The Constitution Made Easy".
- May 21: 2nd and 4th Congressional Assemblies, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland, CO.
- May 22: Republican State Assembly/Convention, Budweiser Events Center, Loveland, Co



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