



BRW



Boulder Republican Women

Boulder, Colorado

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February 2010

President: Francie Sinton

1st Vice President: Mary Schweitzer

Secretary: Jamie James

2nd Vice President: Lois Bjerke

Treasurer: Beverlee White

****February 2010 Luncheon ****

DATE: **TUESDAY, February 16**

TIME: Check in: 11:15, Lunch & Meeting start at 11:30 a.m. **PLEASE BE PROMPT**

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 Feb 13th**.

SPEAKER: John Dendahl "Our Huge Opportunity in 2010"

CANDIDATE: Jane Norton, Candidate U.S. Senate will be in attendance and speak briefly about her campaign.

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

SPOUSES AND GUESTS WELCOME.

MEET THE SPEAKER

John grew up in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the hometown of his family since 1875. He graduated from CU, Boulder with degrees in electrical engineering and business administration and currently lives in Littleton, CO. John is a successful business and political leader whose experience includes technology, banking, higher education, a self-employed business consultant and a real estate developer. He has also served as the top economic development official in the state of New Mexico. John was also a syndicated newspaper columnist, television commentator and CEO of the Rio Grande Foundation, a free market think tank. Since moving to Colorado, John has kept close ties with the RNC and our state GOP officials and continues to fight for Republican causes on both the State and National level. John was on the US Olympic Cross Country Ski Team in 1960 and placed 11th in the competition. In 2006, John was the Republican governor nominee who ran unsuccessfully against Bill Richardson.

President's Message

On behalf of BRW and myself, I would like to extend condolences to Bill Chronic and his family. Betty was such a vital member of BRW, the Republican Party and the community. We will miss her dearly. When I joined BRW, Betty took me under her wing and became my mentor. She taught me how the political process worked and to never be afraid to voice my opinion to the opposition and to present it in a positive, gracious but firm way. She helped me understand and appreciate the caucus system we have in Colorado and to realize how fortunate we are to have this system as opposed to the primary system. She pointed out how it allows every voter's voice to be heard.

I encourage all of you to participate in this year's caucus, scheduled for March 16th at 7:00 P.M. It allows grassroots ideals to be expressed in neighborhood meetings. Individually, you will help organize the party and help determine which candidates are nominated and what issues are most important for the upcoming election. Delegates to the County, Congressional and State Assemblies will be elected at the caucus. Also, recruit your fellow Republican neighbors to attend, especially those who share your views. This allows you to have a stronger voice. Locations for your local caucus will be posted on the Boulder County Republican website: www.bouldercountygop.org. Attending the caucus, developing a strong party message and nominating viable candidates with strong leadership is the first step in taking back America for We the People!

Francie Sinton, President

THE DIRTY DOZEN – Marty Neilson Legislative Report

The Governor has advanced and the Democrats in the House of Representatives have introduced and are fast-tracking twelve bills that eliminate sales and use tax exemptions or income tax credits. These bills will effectively begin taxing items such as direct marketing advertising materials, fuels used for industrial purposes, candy and soft drinks, standardized software, internet sales from out of state vendors, food and beverage containers, items used in agricultural production, vehicles using alternative fuels, conservation easements, suspending alternative minimum tax, limiting state income tax deduction for a net operating loss, suspending income tax credit for an enterprise zone investment.

These taxes are an egregious attack on small businesses and individuals during tough economic times when both businesses and individuals are struggling to survive. All of these bills except one were passed out of Finance Committee on a 6/5 party line vote. They are being rushed through the House; however, there is still time to call your representatives and senators to let them know how you feel about this attack on small business.

Understand that many of the "cuts" being bandied about are mostly reductions of increases from the prior year's budget. It's the spending!!

Dickey Hulinghorst HD10	303-866-2915
Jack Pommer HD11	303-866-2780
Paul Weissmann HD12	303-866-2920
Claire Levy HD13	303-866-2578
Dan Gibbs SD16	303-866-4873
Brandon Shaffer SD17	303-866-3342
Rollie Heath SD18	303-866-4872

NOTES TO MEMBERS

SUNSHINE PERSON NEEDED -- We are looking for someone to send get-well, sympathy and birthday cards to members. If you are interested in filling this role, please contact Francie Sinton at 303-546-9821 or email fsinton81@gmail.com.

AWARDS CHAIR NEEDED – Looking to get more involved in BRW, but don't have a lot of time to commit? Be the Awards Chair! By keeping track of member's volunteer hours, you get a chance to bond with fellow members. Please contact Francie Sinton at 303-546-9821 or fsinton81@gmail.com if you can help.

COMPUTER GEEK NEEDED –to help assist with a few software problems. Contact Carolyn Hauser 303-494-5249 / v.hauser@comcast.net or Lois Bjerke 303-444-2173 randybjerke@comcast.net.

WELCOME NEW STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Kim Barton – Hospitality Chair, Dagmar Alford – Hospitality Assistant, Patrica Belanger – Greeter, Dayna Roane – Support the Troops, Chris Beranek and Jan Walden – Fund Raising, Cynthia Page – Webmaster. Thank you for donating your time and energy!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – Cynthia Page, our Webmaster has been busy updating our website. Please check it out! We welcome your comments and ideas on how it can be more useful to you and also help attract new members. www.bouldergopwomen.com.

WELCOME NEW 2010 MEMBERS --

Patrica Belanger	Kelly Apple	Kelly Baughn	Dayna Roane
Kristin Karakehian	Carol Splies	Jan Walden	Juanita Waters
Jeri Schodorf	Nancy Ranney	Jessica Littmann	Yvonne Iden
Barbara Vogel	Barbara Fettig	Patricia Hozempa	

Everyone is encouraged to go out of her way and make each new member feel welcome. Let's pull out the red carpet for 'em! If you are at a meeting and see someone you don't know, please introduce yourself and offer to have them sit with you.

CFRW SPRING BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING - March 6-7, 1020, Embassy Suites Hotel, 444 North Havana, Denver, Colorado 80239. Registration Chairman: Jan Cummings, 719-748-3629.

CFRW "WOMEN'S DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE" MARCH 8TH – We would like to reserve tables so BRW members can sit together at the lunch. If you would like to be included, please fill out the enclosed form, along with your check payable to CFRW and mail to Francie Sinton, 1423 Balsam Av., Boulder, CO 80304 no later than Tuesday, Feb 16th, along with the registration form. We will also try and carpool. For questions, call Francie 303-546-9821 or email fsinton81@gmail.com. **BE SURE AND WEAR RED**

NOTES TO MEMBERS (CONT.)

BAKE SALE AT THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

All you bakers out there, we need you to whip-up your favorite recipe to raise some dough for the club! During the County Assembly on April 10th, we plan to sell bottled water and baked goods to the delegates. Let Francie Sinton know if you can provide a goodie for this event at 303-546-9821 or fsinton81@gmail.com.

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BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN – JANUARY 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 p.m. by President Francie Sinton. Gerry Gifford gave the inspiration and Fritz Satterly led us in the pledge of allegiance. There were 33 members and guests present.

President Sinton announced three members are in the hospital due to illness. Cards will be sent by BRW with thoughts for a speedy recovery. An update was given by Gerry Gifford on Support the Troops: two boxes were sent to Afghanistan with different requests for items than our Iraq requests from soldiers. Barbara Vogel thanked BRW for its contribution to the tourniquet kit program. She urgently requested donations for fleece sleeping bag liners.

The Treasurer report is: Previous balance was \$2740.66, total receipts of \$1311, total disbursements \$2174.37 leaving a balance on hand as of January 19th of \$1877.29.

Important Dates: The BRW Directory deadline is January 27th. Anyone interested in purchasing advertising space on the back page, the cost is \$15 sent with a business card or PDF of information to Beverlee White.

CFRW Women's Day at the Legislature is March 8th. Women from all over the state will be showing up in red. Let's have a good presence for BRW-more information will be in the newsletter.

Caucus Training will be Feb. 9th, 23rd and March 10th. Please check the Boulder County Republican E –Newsletter for details.

The next BRW will be February 16th with guest speaker John Dendahl, former Chairman of the New Mexico Republican Party.

Barbara Hosmer introduced quest speakers starting with Stephen Bailey, candidate for U.S, Congress Colorado District 2. Candidate Bailey spoke of the need to return to a constitutionally limited Government, protecting our environment through property rights, the devaluation of the dollar by The Federal Reserve and financial oversights and entitlements by the government. For more information and volunteer opportunities go to StephenBaileyForCongress.com/.

Cleve Tidwell, Candidate for the U.S. Senate, was our next speaker. Candidate Tidwell spoke of the need to stop the Democrats political machine and the lack of leadership in the GOP. Mr. Tidwell wants to see Colorado send an experienced business leader, not a career politician, to Washington. Mr. Tidwell has worked for both domestic and global corporations in over 20 countries. He has worked with many government leaders across the world. For more information about Candidate Tidwell, go to TidwellforSenate.com.

Amy Atwood, Field Director of Jane Norton's campaign, also spoke of ways to get involved in Candidate Norton's campaign for Senate.

Beverlee White announced the winner of the 50-50 Split. President Sinton adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jamie James, Secretary

JANUARY 26, 2010 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Sinton at 11:45 a.m. Present at the meeting: Kim Barton, Gerry Gifford, Marty Neilson, Barbara Hosmer, Carolyn Hauser, Beverlee White, Lois Bjerke, Mary Schweitzer, Lee O'Donnell, LeMoine Dowd, Francie Sinton, Patrica Belanger and Jamie James. Gerry Gifford gave the inspiration. Marty Neilson led the pledge of allegiance. December 6th and 17th minutes were approved as presented. January 19th minutes had corrections of the additions of the names of members suffering illness: Betty Chronic, Mary Yungkurth, Elizabeth Trabold (at Manor Care), and Anita Tamm whose husband passed away. January 19th notes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report: No report in December; As of January 19, 2010: Balance on Hand: \$2740.66. Receipts of \$1311, Disbursements of \$2174.37, Total on Hand \$1877.29. An interim treasurer's report for February 16th: Balance on hand \$1877.29, Receipts \$1110, Disbursements \$576.20, Total on Hand \$2331.09.

Membership Report given by Lois Bjerke: Total membership to date is 88 members. Thank you cards and name tags will be printed with BRW's logo. Unpaid memberships will be reminded for renewal with a phone call. It was suggested a greeter be at the door for BRW luncheons and Patrica Belanger volunteered

Legislative Report was given by Marty Neilson: Josh Penry and Greg Brophy are joining to rubber stamp the PERA tax bill. It is important to call our Senators and demand they vote against this tax increase.

Programs were presented by Mary Schweitzer: John Dendahl is our February Speaker with a talk about "Our Huge Opportunity in 2010". The March Speaker is Ken Buck, Candidate for Senator.

Awards: Lee O'Donnell made a motion to give Joan Howard the Big Elephant Award, motion seconded and passed.

The deadline for the Directory is Feb. 1st. Please email ads submitted and additional information to Val Murphy by the deadline. The Directory will be printed February 16th.

Unfinished Business: Standing Committees has Kim Barton as Chairperson of Hospitality, Dagmar Alford- assistant, Patrica Belanger-greeter for BRW functions, Dayna Roane-Support the Troops and Chris Beranek and Jan Walden in charge of fund raising. The Saturday before a Tuesday meeting will be the deadline for RSVP for the luncheon. Voter Registration is delayed until we get our Draw Number at which time training will be scheduled. Betty Chronic will be featured on the front page of BRW's website. A brief mission statement will be added to the front page of the website. The Sew Much Comfort tour will be scheduled some time in March for BRW members.

New Business: **The general format for the luncheon meeting will have members seated by 11:30 with the general meeting starting at 11:45 a.m..**

Barbara Hosmer made a motion for a \$100 flower arrangement to be given for Betty Chronic's memorial; it was seconded and passed. Marty Neilson suggested permanent memorial, in honor of Betty Chronic, be donated by BRW to a park. BRW will look into donation possibilities to support this memorial. Marty Neilson made a motion to purchase an adequate microphone system for BRW meetings. This motion was seconded and passed. Barbara Hosmer made a motion to amend the Marty Neilson motion to allocate no more than \$350 toward a microphone system; the motion was seconded and passed.

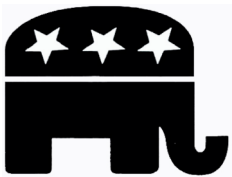
The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next BRW Board Meeting will be February 23rd at 11:15 at the Olive Garden

Jamie James, Secretary

"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other" Ronald Reagan

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 16: BRW Luncheon Speakers: John Dendahl "Our Huge Opportunity in 2010" Jane Norton, Candidate for US Senate, will stop by. See details inside.
- February 26: Longmont Republican Women Luncheon. Contact vdavison@comcast.net for information.
- February 23: Caucus Training on the Web (other dates 2/23,3/10) See BCR e-newsletter for more information.
- February 23: BRW Executive Board Meeting, The Olive Garden, 11:15
- March 3: BCR Breakfast 7 am, Longmont IHOP, \$10. Always great speakers.
- March 6-7: CFRW Spring Board Meeting
- March 8: Colorado Federation of Republican Women's Day at the Legislature. Check prior newsletter under Notes to Members for details.
- March 16: BRW Luncheon. Speaker: Ken Buck, Candidate for US Senate.
- March 16: Republican Caucus, 7pm.



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BETTY CHRONIC

Boulder Republican Women has lost one of our matriarch's. Beloved member and leader for so many years, Betty Chronic passed away January 21, 2010 from complications of diabetes. Besides being involved in historic preservation, mental health care and air and water pollution, Betty was a die-hard Republican who always supported the ideals and candidates of her party.

Betty had been a registered Republican in Boulder County since 1951, serving in nearly every capacity and office in the Party from Precinct Committee person to Secretary of the State Party. She was a Presidential Elector in 1960, and filled a vacancy in the State House of Representatives. She was a past President of the Boulder Women's Republican Club and a member since 1956. She served with CFRW as the Historian and Archivist. Most recently, she served as the Awards Chairman of BRW. Due to her hours and hours of hard work, BRW was recently awarded the "NFRW Gold Club Achievement Award". Betty delighted in learning how involved the members of BRW are in our community, and how many hours our membership devotes to the public at large. This was the essence of what Betty believed in, and as her husband Bill noted, she was a "professional volunteer".

Betty taught in public schools and served 10 years as the Director of Elections and Licensing at the Colorado Dept. of State until her retirement in August 1986. She had also served as Asst. County Clerk and Recorder for Boulder County.

Betty's hope for all of us would be to be involved, and stand up for what we believe in and not give up. She combined her Southern charm with a fierce tenacity that we could all learn from. We will miss her sweet smile and twinkling eyes, as well as the wealth of knowledge she possessed about the political process. As her daughter noted at her memorial service, "Well behaved women rarely make history". Au revoir Betty, you will live on in our memories!

To Bill and Family,

With Love,
Boulder Republican Women

January 28, 2010

MEALS FOR BILL CHRONIC

Please contact Beverlee White at 303-945-4167 or beverleewhite@comcast.net if you are able to help provide meals for Betty's husband during this difficult time. Any help would be appreciated. Bill has graciously supplied and set-up our speaker system for our meetings.