



Boulder Republican Women

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Secretary: Jamie James

2nd Vice President: Lois Bjerke

Treasurer: Beverlee White

******May 2010 Luncheon******

DATE: TUESDAY, May 18, 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 **kbrtn461@yahoo.com**. Please RSVP by Saturday May 15. If making reservation for a guest, please include address and phone number.

SPEAKER: Mike Holler, author of "The Constitution Made Easy" will speak on understanding the constitution.

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

SPOUSES AND GUESTS WELCOME.

Meet Mike Holler

Mike Holler is an alumnus of both the Master's College and Biola University in California, where he studied literary interpretation and translation. He lives with his wife Cathy and four of their seven children in the mountains of Colorado. Mike is a freelance writer and speaker, as well as a frequent guest and guest host on radio. Mr. Holler is a speaker at Tea Parties and similar events nationwide. He is the writer of "The Constitutionalist Today" and author of "The Constitution Made Easy". As Mike explains, for most people reading the United States Constitution is difficult, and no wonder! It was written in "legalese," and most of it is more than 200 years old. But his book not only offers a modernized version for easier reading; it actually makes the meaning of the original seem to jump off the page! He will have copies of his book available at the meeting.

Candidates Joel Champion, Boulder County Clerk & Recorder, and Wes Whiteley, House District 11, will also be present to introduce themselves.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This November we need to send a strong message to the State Capitol and Washington to let them know we do not like what they are doing. We all must get involved and not leave it up to others to help this change happen. I encourage you to go to town hall meetings and tea parties. Speak your mind. Help candidates by giving them your time, energy and financial support. Knock on doors, make phone calls, put signs in your yard. Our very freedom is at risk!

The next two elections are shaping up to be the most important elections in our lifetime. For this reason, Boulder Republican Women will not take the summer off. We need to keep our momentum up, so we are at full speed on Election Day. Be sure and watch your mailbox and email for future exciting BRW events this summer.

Francie Sinton, President

Legislative Report by Marty Neilson

During these last days of the Legislative Session, the Democrat-controlled body is up to much mischief. SCR10-003 attacks your right to petition your government by making it more difficult for citizens to get measures on the ballot plus would require a 60% vote of the people to amend the constitution. Referred measures from the Legislature would still be able to amend the constitution with a simple majority. Okay for them; not for we citizens. It would also require only a simple majority to remove amendments previously approved by voters. Read TABOR! The Democrats HATE TABOR and are trying every move to attack, weaken, or repeal it. If passed by two-thirds of both the House and Senate, this question will be put to the voters of Colorado on the 2010 ballot. BEWARE THE ATTACK ON TABOR!

SCR10-001 is another Democrat attempt to kill the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights. If passed by two-thirds of the House and Senate, it will ask the voters of Colorado to authorize an appointed constitutional commission of nineteen unelected and unaccountable people to recommend changes to the Colorado Constitution. This Commission will get a pass from adhering to the single-subject rule now in effect which prevents Colorado bills and amendments from being catch-all, convoluted pieces of legislation that no one reads or fully understands. While the Commission must present its constitutional changes to the Legislature, the Legislature with a simple majority can refer the changes to the ballot. The Commission will have none of the current or proposed hurdles which Colorado citizens must clear to put measures on the ballot or to amend the Constitution. BEWARE THE ATTACK ON TABOR!

HCR10-1002 is another egregious and disingenuous attack on the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights masquerading as something "for the children" under the guise of an education bill. This would enable the Legislature to increase taxes without a vote of the people. This would be a blank check with absolutely no accountability on how dollars will be collected and spent. . Throwing more dollars at public school systems which deliver mediocre results is not the answer to improving student outcomes. Better curricula, better teachers, more competition, and parental involvement and control are needed to improve student outcomes. Interestingly, K-12 has now become preschool-post secondary which in itself is objectionable. BEWARE THE ATTACK ON TABOR!

Minutes Boulder Republican Women Board Meeting April 27, 2010

- The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by President Francie Sinton. Gerry Gifford gave the inspiration and Lois Bjerke led the Pled of Allegiance. Present at the meeting were Francie Sinton, Gerry Gifford, Beverlee White, Kim Barton, Lee O'Donnell, LeMoine Dowd, Barbara Hosmer, Jamie James, Marty Neilson and Lois Bjerke.
- Secretary's Report: The March 23rd minutes were approved as presented.
- Treasurer's Report: The April 20th Total on Hand as of 3/31/10 is \$1238.98.
- Membership Report: We have 13 new members and 1 new associate member bringing our total membership to 115.
- Programs: Mike Holler, author of "The Constitution Made Easy", is our May speaker. Candidates Joel Champion, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, and Wes Whiteley, House District 11, will also introduce themselves to our members.
- Standing Committees:
 - Communications: LeMoine reported sending BRW event news to local papers including Longmont, Lafayette, and Erie papers.
 - Newsletter: The deadline for the newsletter is May 4th at noon. Members with 30+ years will be recognized at our May meeting. Marty Neilson made a motion and Lee O'Donnell seconded the motion for BRW to pay for the 30+ year members' lunches. Discussed and passed. BRW will provide 3 door prizes for the CFRW District II meeting June 5th.
 - Hospitality: A straw poll was taken to use a post card to invite the 30+ year members to the luncheon with a follow-up call by Kim. Kim will help arrange rides as needed and order a cake for the luncheon. Mary Yungkurth will be in charge of the telephone tree to contact members who do not have e-mail. Dagmar Alford will be additional help for the phone tree.
 - Fund Raising: The Support the Troops Pancake Breakfast ticket sales are going well. Board Members are encouraged to sell 10 tickets each. Advertising for this event is by flyers and the newspaper. We have 24 dictionaries and would like ideas on how to sell them. We will not have a table to sell napkins and pins at the State Assembly/
 - Legislative Report: Marty Neilson is testifying on a gerrymandering Bill and a Bill to change the requirements to place initiatives on the ballot.
- New Business:
 - Marty Neilson made a motion and Lee O'Donnell seconded the motion to continue meeting through the summer due to the importance of the coming election. The summer meeting format will be decided on at a later date.
 - Francie Sinton suggest BRW members support the campaigns of Dan Martin, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, and Joel Champion, Boulder County Assessor, through individual efforts to get a Republican in these two important offices.
 - A \$20 donation from Colt Print Service was given to Sew Much Comfort in BRW's behalf. Gerry Gifford made a motion to purchase two books of "The Constitution Made Easy" to give to the 6th grade Casey Middle School teacher and the Vice-Principal of Casey. Kim Barton seconded the motion and it was passed.
 - Support the Troops has been sending care packages to Nick Canfield and his unit in Afghanistan. Nick will be returning soon and the Canfield family would like to say thank you by inviting BRW to a barbeque in July.
 - LeMoine Dowd, Beverlee White, and Lois Bjerke will chair the committee to plan a BCR Summer Social before July 10th. Jamie James and Francie Sinton will work together planning a BRW event in June or August.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Jamie James, Secretary

Minutes Boulder Republican Women Monthly Luncheon Meeting April 18, 2010

- The meeting was called to order by President Francie Sinton at 12:10 pm. There were sixty-five members and guests present.
- Inspiration: Gerry Gifford gave the inspiration.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA: Gregory Carlson led the group.
- Welcome: President Sinton welcomed new members and guests all of whom introduced themselves.
- Minutes: The minutes of the March 16th regular luncheon meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.
- Treasurer Report: In the absence of the treasurer, President Sinton reported Cash on Hand of \$1,238.98.
- President Report: President Sinton reported BRW made about \$600 profit selling napkins, pins, and other items at Boulder County Republican Lincoln Dinner and the Boulder County Republican Assembly. There are still plenty of napkins to sell.
- 50/50 Split tickets are available. \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets.
- "Support the Troops" pancake breakfast fundraiser will be May 15 at Boulder Applebee's, 8:00-10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$8/adult; \$5/child under 12 year. Volunteers are needed to help on the 15th!
- The CFRW Betty Chronic Memorial Scholarship is \$1,000. Deadline for application is May 15. Contact President Sinton if interested.
- 30+ year members will be honored at our May, 2010 meeting.
- There will be a tour of Sew Much Comfort immediately following the April 18th meeting.
- Introduction of Joel Champion, candidate for Boulder County Assessor.
- Addressing the Group: Gregory Carlson, Vice-Chairman of Boulder County Republicans and Chairman of CU College Republicans.
- Candidates: Dan Martin, Candidate for Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, Robert Houdeshell, Candidate for CO HD13, Tim Leonard, Candidate for CO SD16, LeMoine Dowd, for Buck for Colorado
- Speaker: Christine Burt, Chairman of Colorado Republican Business Coalition and President of CQB & Associates, Inc. Topic: "Seeing Public Policy through the Economic Way of Thinking".
- Meeting adjourned 1:20 p.m.

Marty Neilson, Acting Secretary

Just a reminder that our SUPPORT THE TROOPS fundraiser is in two weeks, Saturday May 15, ARMED SERVICES DAY. Out of 250 tickets, we have 50 unassigned tickets to sell. If you haven't bought your tickets yet or would like to help sell a couple extra tickets, please contact Betsy Turner, 303 442-4711 or bcgop@me.com. This is a great cause and, in addition to selling tickets, we have received generous donations from members and others who wanted to contribute but are unable to attend the pancake breakfast.

If you have tickets and have not accounted for or turned in money or have unsold tickets, please contact Betsy Turner, 303-442-4711 or e-mail bcgop@me.com or beverleewhite@comcast.net .

Thank you all for your enthusiastic support. What a fantastic way to help Support the Troops projects: medicated tourniquets for Marines in remote Afghanistan and Sew Much Comfort, while enjoying a pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast served by your own BRW members!

Many thanks from the Pancake Breakfast Committee: Chris Beranek, Francie Sinton, Betsy Turner, Jan Walden, and Beverlee White, Chair.

We would like to emphasize that this is NOT a partisan event. All proceeds will go to the Support the Troops projects, so don't be afraid to invite anyone you know who might want to buy a ticket and show support for our troops.

Let's make those tickets disappear! Call or email Betsy now! Thanks, Beverlee

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

We need your help filling "Welcome Home Bags" for one of our adopted marine units.

ITEMS NEEDED BY MAY 11. PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS TO:
FRANCIE SINTON, 1423 BALSAM AVE., BOULDER, CO 80304

Bath towels preferably red, white or blue, travel size shave gel, travel size q-tips.

This past year many of you in BRW have contributed items and money to our Support the Troops project. Nick Canfield and his unit have been the recipients of some of these supplies and they are headed home in May! Please see a note from Nick's mom.

Francie

We can never thank you and the Boulder Republican Women enough for all of your support. It means so much to all the guys in the unit as well as those of us here at home. We would love any help you can give us with the welcome home bags. We would like to have everything together and ready to go by May 18th, as they will be arriving in North Carolina a short while after that. The biggest issue we are facing for acquisition is the towels, travel size q-tips and travel size shave gel.

We would like to also extend the invitation to you and the other ladies for our "Welcome Home" celebration in July. We won't know the exact dates until after Nick is back in the states and is given his dates for leave.

I truly look forward to meeting all of you in person on May 15th. Thank you for all you do to support our Marines it means the world to this Marine mom!

Semper Fi,
Ronda Gregory

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- We are happy to announce more new members! Please be sure to greet them and make them feel welcome! Karen Christopher, Eva Crolius, Louise Crump, Linda Holbrook, Sue Knapp, Janice Lippolpt, Joan Mecom, Carol Nocera, Kathy Phillips, Pat Schad, Connie Visser, and Cathy Zabel are looking forward to meeting you and making a comeback for the Republican Party. Phil Koetges also joined as an Associate Member.
- **Betty Chronic Dictionary Project:** The New Encyclopedic Dictionary which includes the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution is available through Boulder Republican Women. The dictionaries will make great graduation gifts for elementary and middle school students or grandchildren. Please purchase these for \$5 each and pass them on to the young people you know. May is a great month to buy dictionaries. In August we will giving these dictionaries to the incoming sixth graders at Casey Middle School.
- Please plan on attending the **District II** meeting on June 5th from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. hosted by the Republican Trumpeteers of Adams County. The luncheon meeting will be held at the City Buffet, 1095 Melody Drive, Westminster Colorado and will cost \$10. The speaker will be Matt Arnold from "**Clear the Bench**". We would love to have a great representation of members from Boulder Republican Women attending.
- Because of the importance of this election, we will be meeting during the summer and will send announcements about meeting as soon as details are worked out.
- Check out our new Face Book Page and become a fan:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boulder-Republican-Women/101255879914935>

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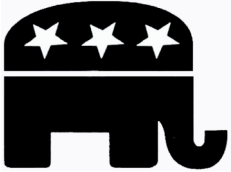
- We will be honoring 30+ year members at our May meeting, so be sure to attend and help recognize and congratulate these ladies for their dedication.
- We will change our meeting location starting in September to the Boulder Country Club.
- We will be having a summer picnic with the Boulder County Republican's in early July. If you could help with this event, please contact LeMoine Dowd (303)682-5346 or Lois Bjerke (303)444-2173 to volunteer.

Help support the 1st LAR unit out of Camp Pendelton, CA.

They are the unit replacing Nick's unit and will need the same items that we have been collecting for 2nd LAR. We will be sending packages weekly just as we did for Nick's unit. Please contribute any items you can.

The following is a list of highly desirable items for deployed Marines.

AA & AAA Batteries
A & D Ointment
Band Aids
Beef Jerky, Candy
Canned Chili
Canned Fruit, Carmex, Chapstick
Chicken Snack Kits
Chunky Soup
Cough Drops, Dental floss
Dried Fruit
Envelopes
Eye Drops for Dry Eyes, Facial tissues
Foot Powder
Five Hour Energy Shots ,Flashlights
Gel Boot Insoles, Girl Scout cookies, Gum
Honey Sticks
Laundry Detergent (Single Load Packs)
Lotion (travel size)
Mach 3 razor refills
Mouth Wash (travel size) , Nerf toys (small footballs, etc.)
Neosporin
No-Doz
Nuts, Odor Eaters (for boots)
On the go drink mixes(Crystal Light etc.)
Pads of paper (small),Pencils , Pens
Personal message, Phone cards (AT&T International), Playing cards
Pop Tarts, Postage, Powdered drink mix (non-alcoholic)
Q-tips (travel size), Razors
Saline Nasal Spray , Sheets of stationery , Snacks* (cookies, granola bars)
Sun Screen spf 30+ (travel size), Toiletries (travel sizes), Toothbrushes ,Toothpaste, Travel games, Tuna snack kits
Tylenol or pain killers, Unscented Baby Wipe Refills
Wash cloths
Zip style plastic bags (quart size)



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