

# MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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'Educate and Inform'

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Mark  
your  
calendar:

- Monday, June 8th MCRW Luncheon at noon, Masonic Lodge.
- Friday, June 19th MCR Luncheon at noon, Two Rivers Convention Center.

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## President's Message

By Ruth Ehlers

If you've been listening to the various speakers expounding on the condition of the Republican Party, you may be wondering where we go from here. We hear Colin Powell saying we're too Conservative and need to move to the center. This coming from the man who endorsed Barack Obama for the Presidency rings a bit hollow. Geraldine Ferraro says we're too far to the right. Obviously, she's a Democrat, and most of the people who say we're too far right ARE Democrats! As a "Reagan Republican", I have my own take on this situation. You may not agree with me, but in speaking with folks involved with the 912Project group and the other conservative groups involved, I've got some observations I'd like to share.

There are many who have abandoned the Republican Party because they feel it has left behind the important issues of lower taxes and smaller government. Admittedly, they were many times during the George W. years that I became very frustrated with the weak-

ness of the party. I wanted him to veto McCain/Feingold. He didn't. When it came to T.A.R.P. last fall, I felt he should be more forceful and let the economy take care of itself. He wasn't and he didn't. I felt



that many of the Republican Senators should have taken far more conservative stands than they did. In other words, I, also, feel that we were abandoned. But, I don't feel it's time to abandon the party. When I heard Jeb Bush state that we need to get away from "Reaganism" I was very disturbed. From all the things I've been hearing from the "Tea

Party" people, it is my take that to become a strong and winning Party again we need to RETURN to "Reaganism". The important issues of less taxes and less government involvement in our daily lives seem to be the central theme of these rallies and discussions. We can become a strong and vibrant party again if we strongly espouse these values and don't get caught up in "one issue" agendas. There is most likely no potential candidate available who will fill the desires of every single person. We all have issues that concern us, but we must focus on Constitutional issues.

With every additional takeover and regulation the current administration institutes it becomes more critical that in the next election we support strong, conservative candidates who realize that our Constitution doesn't give the Federal Government the right to control every aspect of our lives, but to provide an atmosphere of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The June 8th lunch speaker will be Krystyn Hartman

R.S.V.P. for the next MCRW luncheon by calling Sue Stitt!

CFRW

District 3

North

Meeting

June 27, 2009

10am to 2pm

at The Gala Cafe



# Luncheon Highlight

Provided by K. Hartman

Krystyn Hartman is publisher and founder of *Grand Valley Magazine*, the new glossy monthly celebrating the life, landscape and people of the Grand Valley and surrounding area. As consumers turn more and more to the internet and television for their global, national, and state news, consumers are looking to regional magazines and community newspapers for local character, local flavor. "This is an amazing time to document and showcase the Grand Valley in a keepsake medium like a high-end magazine," Hartman says. "This is



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a tough and tenacious community and if any community in the world has potential for success, it's this one right here.

Editorially, we look at how the community comes together to further innovation and collaboration; how we as a community respond to opportunities and challenges; who and what are evolving and how; what's staying the same and why. These are fascinating times filled with fascinating

stories." Hartman, former executive director of the Grand Junction Symphony, has 20+ years in the publishing and marketing communication industry. Raised in northwestern New Mexico, she holds a BA in Russian Area Studies from the University of Texas. She moved with her husband to Colorado from Wyoming four years ago. Parents, children, and a grandchild have since followed. She has lived most of her life in the West and is thrilled to showcase both new and familiar voices, visions, and perspectives that serve as a living reflection of the Grand Valley via *GV Magazine*. For more information, visit [www.GrandValleyMagazine.com](http://www.GrandValleyMagazine.com)

## Membership Update

By Cathy Percefull

If you have not renewed your MCRW dues, they are overdue! Please renew today! We are working for a 200 member club. Let's make MCRW the largest Republican Women club in Colorado! I know there are at least 200 Republican Women in Mesa County! If you want to be where all the action happens - join MCRW! MCRW members are an educated and pro-active political force. Join MCRW in empowering women in politics today. We are tickled pink over our new members: Shannon Barnes, Lisa Binse, Shirley Condotta, and Joyce Stapleton. Thank you for joining our forces.

## WOMEN'S FORUM

### THE NEXT WOMEN'S

FORUM IS...

June 9, 2009

5:45pm to 6:45pm, at The Gala Cafe

Topic: Child Abuse

Hosted By: Janet Rowland,

County Commissioner

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## WOMEN IN ELECTED OFFICE, 2009

In 2009, 91 women serve in the U.S. Congress. A record 17 women serve in the Senate, and 74 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 74, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 24.3 percent.

### CONGRESS

Women hold 91, or 17.0%, of the 535 seats in the 111th U.S. Congress -- 17, or 17.0%, of the 100 seats in the Senate and 74, or 17.0%, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. In addition, three women serve as delegates to the House from Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C.

- Seventeen women (4R, 13D) serve in the Senate.

- Seventy-four women (17R, 57D) serve in the House.

### STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

In 2009, 74 women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold 23.6% of the 314 available positions. This is less

than the number of women -- 88, or 27.4% -- serving in 2002.

Governor - 8 (4R, 4D)

Lieutenant Governor - 8 (2R, 6D)

Attorney General - 4 (4D)

Secretary of State - 13 (3R, 10D)

State Treasurer - 9 (2R, 7D)

State Comptroller - 4 (2R, 2D)

State Auditor - 8 (3R, 5D)

Chief State Education Official - 6 (1R, 3D, 2NP)

Commissioner of Insurance - 3 (1R, 2D)

Commissioner of Labor - 1R

Corporation Commissioner - 3 (2R, 1D)

Public Service Commissioner - 5 (5D)

Public Regulation Commissioner - 1D

Railroad Commissioner - 1R

### STATE LEGISLATURES

In 2009, 1,791 (24.3%) of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women currently hold 435 (22.1%) of the 1,971 state senate seats and 1,355 (25.0%) of the 5,411 state house seats. The number of women serving in state legislatures has increased more than four-fold since 1971. The states with the highest percentages of women state

legislators are:

Colorado -- 39.0%

New Hampshire -- 37.7%

Vermont -- 37.2%

Minnesota -- 34.8%

Hawaii -- 32.9%

Washington -- 32.0%

Nevada -- 31.7%

Connecticut -- 31.6%

Maryland -- 31.4%

New Mexico -- 30.4%

### MAYORS

As of January 2009, of the 100 largest cities in the United States, 11 had women mayors: Baltimore, Md.; Fresno, Calif.; Atlanta, Ga.; Tulsa, Okla.; Tampa, Fla.; Stockton, Calif.; Greensboro, N.C.; Plano, Texas; Glendale, Ariz.; Chula Vista, Calif.; and, Scottsdale, Ariz. As of January 2009, of the 246 mayors of cities with populations over 100,000, 36 (14.6%) were women. Of the 1,142 mayors of cities with populations over 30,000, 193 (16.9%) were women.

Updated: February 2009 on [www.nfrw.org/republicans/women/21.htm](http://www.nfrw.org/republicans/women/21.htm)

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