

# MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Mark  
your  
calendar:

- There will be NO MCRW luncheon in September!
- There will be NO MCRW Annual Ice Cream Social in September!
- Join MCRW in September for the Mesa County Unity Rally on September 12th!

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## President's Message

By Ruth Ehlers and Rep. Laura Bradford

August 18th marked the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which gave women the right to vote. The effort to get this passed began in 1848 and was only accomplished after many women suffered a great deal of hardship. Now, 90 years later, Sarah Palin, Michelle Bachman, and Jan Brewer are names that spring to mind when we think of strong women in politics. And - closer to home - we have Rep. Laura Bradford, who just returned from meeting with Gov. Brewer, and made a trip to the Arizona Border. I've asked Laura to use the balance of my space to give a brief report on her eye-opening trip.

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This past week - August 18 through the 21st, I was part of a delegation of Republican legislators sent to Arizona to participate in a meeting with Arizona legislators to discuss their recently passed law, SB 1070 - the illegal immigration bill. There were five elected officials and 4 soon to-be elected officials—like Ray Scott, who will be our next state representative from Mesa/Delta County that attended. We were hosted by four legislators from Arizona, at their state capitol in Phoenix.

Our discussions included budget issues that both states face, due to the cost of illegal immigrants straining our public resources. After six hours of discussion, we were taken to the Maricopa County "Tent City" run by the notable Sheriff Joe Arpaio. It's a remarkable sight - and they have prepared a new section to host the incoming "1070 guests." More county jails should be run like this one.

Then we headed south to visit with the volunteers that help the Border Patrol with the Interstate 8 corridor, west of Casa Grande. This is the single most dangerous area in all of Arizona, and even the southwest. Due to the terrain and pressure on areas where fence has been built, this is a very heavily traveled area for the smugglers - drug and human smuggling. We walked about in the desert and saw the trash, the empty burlap bags used to haul marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The next day we drove to Nogales and met with members of the Citizen's Advisory Board, which interfaces with the local law enforcement and the Border Patrol personnel. At noon, we were in Sierra Vista and met and had lunch with two woman ranchers and Gail Griffin, candidate for state senate.

Sue Krentz is the widow of the rancher who was murdered in March on their property by illegal immigrants. We listened to her sad story. Then on to the border on Glenn Spencer's ranch. He has started a web site that photographs the border on an on-going basis - check it out by Googling American Border Patrol. He is a courageous man and has spent a lot of time and money photographing and filming the conditions, just one mile from his front door. He treated us all to a steak dinner.

Friday was spent with local rancher and veterinarian, Gary Thrasher. He knows the residents in the area on BOTH sides of the fence and works with the cattle industry to keep infected cattle from Mexico entering the USA. Imagine diseased cattle infiltrating our beef market! We were glad to show our support for the Arizona legislators, learn about the SB 1070 bill and how it relates to Colorado current state statutes and meet the people on the ground fighting a dangerous and seems like - thankless job for all the rest of us.

There is no doubt that the United States is being invaded on a daily basis and our federal government shamefully, is doing nothing.

Join us for  
the Unity  
Rally on  
Sept. 12th  
at noon.

*Want to use your  
credit card to  
pay for lunch (in  
October)?*

**Jump on the  
MCRW  
website, we  
now have**

**PayPal,  
allowing you  
to use a credit  
card!**



# MONTHLY LUNCHEON

By Heather Benjamin

The Mesa County Young Republicans are hosting a REPUBLICAN UNITY EVENT with the support of The Mesa County Republican Women, The Mesa County Republicans, and The Western Slope Conservative Alliance. All political candidates and former primary candidates have been invited to attend to attend this event. The event will

be held on Sunday, Septem-

ber 12, 2010 from noon to 3 p.m. at Sherwood Park (1301 E. Sherwood Dr.), in



Grand Junction. Please RSVP to Rose Pugliese, President of Mesa County Young Republicans, at vilarose16@aol.com or (970) 589-3755, if you plan to attend. There will NOT be a MCRW Monthly lunch meeting due to having the Unity Event! So, please come to this event and bring a friend.

# MEMBERSHIP

By Cathy Percefull

Ask me about my RW club! A membership's motivation, dedication, and activity level determines the level of accomplishment of MCRW. Our having 148 full members and 33 associate members proves our members are motivated, dedicated, and active! THANK YOU for making membership important! Our CFRW State Convention is Oct. 9 - 10 and MCRW goes into the convention with the second largest number of delegates! We need to fill all 8 delegates and alternate delegates at our convention. All CFRW members are always invited and encouraged to attend our state board meetings and convention. These meetings add to our knowl-

edge of how the Federation works and allows us to meet RW across the state sharing our GOP principles. These meetings provide us fellowship, wonderful memories, and new friends. From the sisters forging the way before us, to our future sisters who are counting on us, help support MCRW by continuing your dedication to our club. Let's have MCRW show up in force to our state convention this October! Since we will not have a meeting before the convention deadline, contact Pres. Ruth or myself and let us know you want to be a delegate! We are tickled pink over our new members! Diane Nydell, Lorraine O'Nan, and Bonnie Stenger.

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## ...SIDE NOTES...

- The next Women's Forum will be held at the Gala Café on Sept. 28th from 5:45pm to 6:45pm. The topic: How to get involved in campaigning!
- Do you know a Republican woman worthy of the title, 'Woman of the Year'...then tell Sharon Sollenbarger. She's currently taking nominations through November. Give her a call at 256-7766.
- If you think you have what it takes to be part of the MCRW Board for the 2011-12 term, please call or email Heather Benjamin. She is taking information from those interested through October 15th.
- MCR headquarters is located at 341 South 1st street in GJ, next to the Pufferbelly Restaurant. State Victory Party has their HQ near the Gala Café in the Redcliffe Shopping Center.
- The MCR lunch is scheduled for Friday, September 17th at noon. To RSVP contact Robbie at (970) 260-5124.
- If you missed the Americans for Prosperity bus in GJ on August 30th, you can catch them in Fort Collins on August 31st.
- Colorado Oil & Gas Association is holding a rally on Friday, September 10th from 11am to 2pm. Location still to be decided. Look for emails soon with more details.
- Want to volunteer for campaigns? Contact John McClure at (970) 248-0924 to sign-up.

