

MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Mark
your
calendar:

• MCRW and
MCR are
holding
their annual
Holiday
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Christmas
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at Two Riv-
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President's Message

By Ruth Ehlers

Two years ago I was elected to serve as your President, following Janet Blackman. (Now that's a tough act to follow!) It seems almost impossible that my term is coming to an end and we'll be electing a new slate of officers December 3rd.

We are very grateful for these talented and energetic women who are stepping up to lead us the next two years. When I was installed as your president in 2009, I was blessed with a terrific group of fellow officers who have also become dear friends. Sue Stitt has been so creative with ideas for our programs and always managed to make them happen and Cathy's goal has been to make Mesa County the largest Republican Women's Group in the state and we've come close to doing that.

Rose, in addition to being our fund-raising chair has brought many ideas to the board, and her work with education continues. Heather has not only been our secretary – she created our

beautiful newsletter and also added an adorable little Republican Woman to our ranks! Even the birth of little Natalee didn't keep the newsletter from getting out on time! Joan has taken care of all our finances, dealt with state reports and has been a source of encouragement and advice. Sue Benjamin made sure the news media was notified of our meetings and managed to get lots of coverage for our events. Peggy served as our Americanism Chair as well as giving me so much guidance and support. Barbara, our Chaplain has opened our meetings with Prayer and is a valuable source of MCRW history and protocol.

We have several members who have run for elective office and now serve with distinction. You make us very proud! Joyce Feliciano, Gladyce Nielsen, Judy Campbell, Ruby Eachus, Linda Gregory and Carol Pavlasick have tirelessly phoned the membership each month to take our lunch reservations. What a help that has been! You, dear members, have volunteered to sit at the County Fair booth in the rain, wind and heat;

marched in parades; stood on street corners with your signs in freezing cold and melting heat; made phone calls when you really didn't want to; walked your neighborhoods and precincts with campaign materials; helped with campaigns in many ways --- the list goes on and on.

Some of you wanted to "do more than just attend a monthly luncheon" and thanks to Linda Gregory created a very active group. I am quite sure that as soon as this is printed, I will think of someone or something I wanted to mention. But – if your name doesn't appear here, it is certainly in my heart – because what I want you to know is that every one of you, in your own way, has inspired and encouraged me – and blessed my life in more ways than you can imagine!

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve as your President! It really is true – REPUBLICAN WOMEN ARE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY (especially those in Mesa County!!!)

**R.S.V.P. for
the De-
cember
lunch to
Joan
Kelsey!**

*Want to use your
credit card to
pay for lunch?
Jump on the
MCRW
website, we
now have
PayPal,
allowing you
to use a credit
card!*



MONTHLY LUNCHEON

By Heather Benjamin

As is annual tradition, the Mesa County Republicans are joining the Mesa County Republican Women for a little holiday



cheer. This year, the Christmas luncheon event will be held at Two Rivers Con-

vention Center. This luncheon will be in lieu of

the regular monthly luncheon events for both MCRW and MCR. The program is going to be entertainment by Danny Argasian with his "politically un-correct music!" Also, we'll be electing officers for 2011-2012 term with three of the candidates being highlighted in this



newsletter and the other three were highlighted in last month's newsletter. Woman of the Year will be presented by Sharon Sollenbarger and there will be lots of door prizes. Reservations MUST be in by no later than Tuesday, November 29th.

MCRW BOARD...

By Heather Benjamin

Cathy Percefull is running for Chairwoman. Here are her thoughts about who she is, "I've been a Federated Republican Women's member since the late 70's and have attended almost all the conventions since then. I'm



passionate about campaigning and politics, and I love to work (for candidates)! I want to see us win every office from the ground up, and I intend to help make that happen as Chairwoman of MCRW. MCRW is issues oriented and I just love that! There have been great MCRW leaders from the past and I know I have big pumps to fill! But I'm excited to do it."

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Betty K Beidelschies is running for 3rd Vice Chair, which is a position dedicated to fundraising for the MCRW. Betty has this to say, "I have dedicated my life of 35 years, in the classroom teaching. My husband Dick and I have for 44 years

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to the
Holiday
Cheer Party!**

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...NOMINATIONS



been the proud parents of two grown sons; And now grandparents to Landon Robert Beidelschies our only grandson, a first grader. In 2006, I retired from the South Western School System, in Columbus Ohio and moved to the Grand Valley where Dick is employed with the Colo. Depart. of Agriculture. In retirement I really enjoy politics, quilting, reading, gardening and competing in baking contests throughout the Grand Valley! For the first time in my life, I have the opportunity to be involved in the politics, I'm so passionate about.

Over the last two years, I've enjoyed working with others and for several campaigns. By serving on the MCRW Board, as 3rd Vice Chair I would be willing to offer my experience from past leadership roles and help the Republican Party grow. With your support I'll be looking for an enthusiastic eventful year with great fundraising endeavors."

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For the position of Secretary, Sue Benjamin is running. She would like you all to know this about why she's interested in position, "I would like to be elected to the posi-

tion of Secretary because I want to do my part to support a really neat organization, the Mesa County Republican Women. I've been an active member for 3 1/2 years, volunteering as Publicity Chairman. I've helped out in many campaigns, including Laura Bradford, Scott Tipton and Steve King. I've also helped out at County Assemblies and have been a delegate twice. I've marched in parades and driven a Fourth of July float for MCRW.



Finally, I'm committed to helping our Republican party regain its place in American politics."

