



## FALL NEWSLETTER

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**“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” - Vincent Van Gogh**



One small step – it may take the form of a brush stroke on blank canvas – a letter written – or a phone call – can turn into a very productive and worthwhile outcome. Sunrise Republican Women are living proof that this works! A large number of our members are involved in the political process to one degree or another: as candidates, as campaign managers, as foot soldiers for candidates knocking on doors, as precinct committee people holding neighborhood coffees, manning a booth at a TEA Party or County Fair, as volunteers at Republican Headquarters, and as phone callers for get-out-the vote efforts, instructing people how to become permanent mail-in ballot voters. We truly carry out our objectives of helping women be effective in the cause of good government through political involvement and in helping to elect Republican Party nominees! Congratulations to the many primary winners and workers! Condolences to those who didn't win their races – but there is no time to waste to get on board with our Republican candidates to unite against the real opponents, one of whom is a Democrat Senator who is beholden to Wall Street, the financial markets/banking industry and ignores the problems of his constituents on Main Street.



**SRW Members at Unity Rally with Ken Buck August 23, 2010**

## Fall Kick-Off



On August 17, 2010, about 12 SRW members decided to kick off their shoes, kick back, and indulge in a soothing aromatic foot-soak spa treatment at Linda Shannon's home before the monthly board meeting. Fragrances of lavender, sweet orange, and cedarwood helped us relax and catch our breath, sipping tea and nibbling on fresh fruit before we turned our attention to the matter at hand: assessing goals, evaluating our past programs, and discussing ideas for the balance of the year's meetings. This was a novel way to begin our annual planning board meeting/retreat. It may become habit-forming as we "kick off" each coming year!

## Upcoming programs



September 18, 2010 at 9 am at our usual meeting place (the community room of Colorado Springs Police Falcon Substation on Goddard off Kelly Johnson near Chapel Hills Mall): speaker will be from "Clear the Bench Colorado." I wonder if this can actually happen in November. Come and find out!

October 16, 2010 at 9 am at our usual meeting place: speaker from business or academia will discuss ballot amendments and resolutions that will be on the election ballot in November. The Strong Mayoral coalition will send a speaker if it makes the ballot. We are sure to be visited by candidates to say a few words, as it is our last meeting before the election.



November 20 at 9 am at our usual meeting place: post-election Republican winners will be invited to speak, from statewide to local officials. Let's hope we have a large number of winners, with standing room only!



December 11, 2010 at 10:30 am at the home of Wendy and Otis Habert: SRW's Annual Christmas Sharing Party, so start thinking about what you would like to bring to the White Elephant Gift exchange! The Sunrise Players usually get in a few skits and season-appropriate singing.

## New Donations Table



A suggestion was made that a table near the Treasurer's table at our regular meetings be devoted to Donations, whether it be envelopes for candidates or our baby bottle for Life Network. This will be tried for several meetings. Please let your officers know if you like this idea.

## Newest Members



Please welcome our many new members as you meet them at activities, events and meetings: Shirley Bozung, Char and Al Haeffner, Anjana and Janak Joshi, Patti Knight, and Karon McCormick, and Donna Maltese. Sandi Foote, a newer member from last spring, was a hero to SRW because she agreed to become Meeting Refreshments Coordinator at the exact time that Janis DeLussey had to resign from the position and move to the East Coast. Then another newer member arose: Pat Coulter, who was able to take over for Sandi when she had to be out of town for the July 17 picnic! Char Haeffner and Karon McCormick have been seen frequently at the phone banks at HQ. Thanks to you all for jumping in quickly to handle very pressing responsibilities!

## CFRW Contest



If you have brought in 3 or more NEW MEMBERS between January 1, 2010 and September 10, 2010, please email Linda Shannon to let her know which members you have brought to SRW this year. They had to be non-members in 2009 and paid full SRW member (not associate member) dues for 2010. The deadline is September 20, 2010 for notification to Linda at [LindaRShannon@gmail.com](mailto:LindaRShannon@gmail.com), or call her at 599-0725 or 233-3153.

## Member Education Minute



Each meeting we are devoting a minute to Member Education. In September, Karon McCormick will explain how you or a friend can become a permanent mail-in ballot voter. If you would like to be a presenter, or if you have questions you would like answered, please let us know. Questions may be something like: How does my neighbor change her registration to Republican? What is NFRW? What is CFRW? How many clubs are in each organization? By the way, SRW is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest CFRW club in Colorado! Not bad for being 16 years old!

## Goals for the Year



The retreat attendees reviewed last January's goals and agreed that SRW wants to keep the same three goals:

1. Educate members and guests on Republican principles.
2. Reach out to all age groups.
3. Be positive in our message; communicate our beliefs and plans clearly.

It was agreed that holding the July 17 summer picnic with Pikes Peak Young Professional Republicans was a good idea and that we would like to continue co-sponsoring some activities with them, and possibly even try to contact UC-Boulder's Republican group as well. If you have any suggestions or know of any contacts for this or other similar groups, please let us know by contacting Sandra Bankes, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs, at 574-7190.

## Next Board Meeting



SRW's next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 1 pm at Linda Shannon's home at 6430 Wind River Point, Colo. Springs 80923. All members are invited to participate and encouraged to bring ideas. Voting members are elected and appointed officers, and volunteer standing committee chairpersons.



*"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith." – Ronald Reagan*