

MEMBERSHIP

February is Membership Month! As of this printing, **FCRW** now has 70 members, so we're well over half-way towards our usual 120+ membership. Ralene Sliter, our membership chair, is encouraging everyone to join **FCRW** in February. It's such an easy thing to write your \$25 check and put it in the mail, and you'll be glad that you made things easier for Ralene as well as for Paula Robinson, our treasurer. If you are paying by mail, just mail your check to **Ralene at P.O. Box 1901, Kalispell 59903.**



Menu for February 15th General Meeting

Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast
Mixed Green Salad
Penne Pasta with Fresh Basil
Roasted Fresh Vegetable Medley
Freshly Baked Bread
Coffee and Dessert
All for \$11.00 (includes tip)



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Kalispell, MT 59901



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 15, Noon, Red Lion: FCRW general meeting. Our speaker will be Flathead County Administrator, **Mike Pence**. Mike will give a brief "**State of the County**" with an emphasis on the budget, county taxes, building projects, roads, grants, and IT-Software.

Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13, Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls: **Montana GOP Kick-off**. All Republicans are invited to attend this very exciting event. National GOP Chair, **Michael Steele**, will be speaking at a brunch on Saturday morning, and **Congressman Denny Rehberg** will be the keynote speaker on Saturday evening. For further information, visit MTGOP.org, or you may call the Montana Republican Headquarters at **406.442.6469**.

Saturday, March 13, Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building: Friends of National Rifle Association will hold their annual fundraising banquet. Tickets are available for \$30.00 at Snappy's Sport Senter, and they may also be purchased at the door for \$35.00. Note: If you choose to pay in advance, the price will be \$25.00 if you mail your check by **March 1st** to Friends of NRA, c/o Earl Bach, 334 N. Juniper Bay Road, Somers, MT 59932.

Monday, March 15, Noon, Red Lion: FCRW March meeting. Sheriff candidates **Chuck Curry** and **Mike Meehan** will both speak.

Thursday, March 18, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M., Hampton Inn: FCRW is sponsoring a "**Meet and Greet**" opportunity for people to meet the Republican candidates for office. All Republican candidates will be introduced. **FCRW** will furnish hors d'oeuvres which will be catered by **Vista Linda**. The event is free and open to the public. **Please bring your friends to this very important event!**

Saturday, April 10, Flathead County Fairgrounds: Lincoln-Reagan Day dinner. The speaker will be Montana's U.S. House Representative, **Denny Rehberg**. Several **FCRW** Board members will make and donate homemade pies which will be auctioned as a fundraiser for the Flathead Central Committee. **FCRW** will donate a wine and cheese basket for a raffle. Dinner will be catered by the **Vista Linda**. The price for dinner will be \$35.00. Information about ticket sales will be in the March newsletter.



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LITERARY PROGRAM

Update

Our gifts of books to elementary schools was well received. Here is the first thank-you which we received. "I am the librarian at Swan River School, and I wanted to thank you so much for the wonderful donation of *If The Walls Could Talk*. It is a very informative and humorous book about our White House and families who have lived there. I know many of our students and staff will check this book out."

Thanks again,

Mary Nelson

Swan River School Librarian



Pictured is **Caroline Solomon**, (right) who presented a copy of the book to Elrod School Librarian, **Laurie Latimer**.

"SPLIT THE POT"

Our travel raffle fundraiser, which we have done for several years, has been well received by our members. For the month of February, however, the board decided that it might be fun to try having a **50/50 "Split the Pot" raffle** at our general meeting. There will be only one winner. Half of the money will go to that winner, and the remainder will go into the **FCRW** coffers. For those who wish to participate, the raffle tickets will still be \$1.00. Tickets will be available when you pay for your lunch at the door.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Again this year, **FCRW** will be awarding scholarships to four deserving students.

The first two scholarships are to be used for tuition at the college or university of a student's choice. The third grant is exclusively for a student who chooses to study in the fall of 2010 at Flathead Valley Community College. The fourth scholarship is for a student who has been attending FVCC full-time this past year and who will be continuing his/her studies at FVCC in the fall of 2010.

1. Applicants for the first three grants must be a high school senior in Flathead County.
2. Applicants must demonstrate scholarship with a grade point of no lower than 3.5.
3. Two letters of recommendation must be enclosed, one being from a teacher.
4. Applicants must be Republican.

Interested applicants can pick up an application at their High School Counselor Career Office, or they may download from our website at www.fcrwomen.org.

If you have any questions, please call **Caroline Solomon** at **837-4525**.

WEB PAGE

Just a reminder! To keep informed about Republican events, please check our website, www.fcrwomen.org. We currently have three ladies working on expanding the website. They would like all current information regarding our club to be posted. If you wish to have something added to the website, please send your information to **Caroline Solomon**, santeint@cyberport.net or use the "contact page" for the webmasters. Thanks!

MINUTES, JANUARY 18, 2010, MEETING

Red Lion Inn, Kalispell

President Adele Krantz called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. Genevieve DeBrecht gave the Invocation and led the Salute to the Flag.

Guests, elected officials, and candidates were introduced. Adele welcomed our guests and thanked everyone for coming.

Lois Lauman presented the professional winners who participated in the Chocolate Extravaganza on December 2 with certificates and ribbons. She thanked all of the professionals and amateurs for participating and urged everyone to patronize the businesses which support us each year.

Paula Robinson presented ribbons to the amateur participants. Paula also stated that the FCRW netted approximately \$4,981.95.

The President asked if there were any corrections to the November 16, 2009, minutes. There being none, she declared the minutes approved as written.

Paula Robinson presented a Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2009. There being no questions, the President requested that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit.

Membership Chair, Ralene Sliter, reported that we have 65 paid members for 2010. Those who haven't paid their dues were encouraged to do so.

Yvonne Stotler was the lucky winner of the travel raffle. President Krantz stated that this was the last month for the travel raffle. Next month we will be doing a 50/50 "split the pot."

President Adele reported about the following items under New Business:

- The **FCRW** has purchased 20 copies of the book, *If the Walls Could Talk*. The book tells humorous stories about our former United States Presidents and their families. The books will be given to local elementary school libraries.
- She suggested that everyone who is interested in getting political updates give their email addresses to Ralene Sliter or Paula Robinson. Adele assured everyone that their addresses would not be shared with any other organization or person.
- Ralene Sliter and Caroline Solomon have volunteered to learn how to update the website and will be working to keep it updated. They will work in conjunction with our web-designer, Heidi Roedel.
- Members were encouraged to visit the Republican Women websites: **FCRW** at fcrwomen.org; **MFRW** at mtfrw.org; and the National website at nfrw.org.
- The 2010 MT GOP Winter Kickoff is February 12th and 13th in Great Falls. Michael Steele, the National GOP Chair, will be the keynote speaker. A list of events includes Policy and Issues Roundtable, Campaign Preparation, Training Sessions, and Putting Technology to Use.
- A survey was distributed which asked members what kinds of programs they wanted from the Flathead County Republican Women. Suggestions in the survey included political activism, community service projects, recruiting, training, electing Republican candidates, and education/knowledge about issues.
- **FCRW** will be sponsoring a "Meet and Greet" on March 18 at the Hampton Inn from 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. All Republicans who are candidates will have the opportunity to speak briefly. The Vista Linda will be catering their wonderful hors d'oeuvres. The event is free and open to the public.
- The Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner will be at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building on April 10, 2010. Verdell Jackson stated that the price of dinner will be \$35.00 per person.

Caroline Solomon, 1st Vice President, introduced our guest speaker, Robert F. Bush, Jr., who is a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney. Mr. Bush spoke about the global financial crisis.

Genevieve DeBrecht gave the closing thoughts for the day.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

—Lois Lauman, Secretary