

# MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Mark  
your  
calendar:

- Monday, March 8th at noon is the next MCRW luncheon.
- Friday, March 19th at noon is the next MCR luncheon.
- All monthly luncheons are held at Two Rivers Convention Center now!

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## President's Message

By Ruth Ehlers

At our Christmas luncheon someone remarked that it is really something to be in a meeting where it takes fifteen minutes just to introduce the Republican elected officials! Mesa County Republican Women are very well represented by these elected officials and we are very proud of each one of them.

Laura Bradford stepped out on a flimsy limb 2 years ago when she announced she would run for H.D. 55 against a very strong incumbent. She worked tirelessly and we all know how that came out. Rep. Bradford is now the poster girl for all hopeful candidates!

Marcia Neal decided she could make a difference on the State Board of Education, so undertook the rigorous task of campaigning in the huge Congressional District 3 that she now represents. She won with all the odds against her. We are so fortunate to have her voice on that Board.

Janet Rowland stepped forward when tapped by Bob Beauprez and ran for Lt. Governor. Even when attacked both politically and personally, she remained the picture of grace and dignity. She continues to serve as our County Commissioner, after winning her race last year with an opponent who chose personal attacks rather than issues on which to

campaign. Another example of "grace under pressure."

Janice Rich has served as County Clerk and Recorder and has gone to bat for the taxpayers of Mesa County when the State wanted us to spend untold amounts of money to replace already proven voting equipment.



She now runs for the office of County Treasurer, which has been held by another Republican Woman, Monica Todd.

Barbara Brewer has served our county well over the years and has been a credit to the Assessor's office since she was elected 4 years ago. She handled the increase in our property tax after the Mill Levy Freeze with intelligence and foresight by attempting to educate the

public before we received our bills and suffered from sticker shock!

Bonnie Beckstein has served well in the Grand Junction City Council and was re-elected to that post last year. Stacey Mascarenas serves the City of Fruita on their City Council. Sheila Reiner has worked in the County Clerk's office with Janice since Janice was elected 8 years ago and now runs for that office. Sheila has been in charge of the Elections division and anyone who has gone through training for election work can attest to the knowledge Sheila will bring to the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Kathy Hall, while no longer serving in elected office certainly deserves mention for all her years of service to our community. To run for public office is not to take the easy road - especially for a woman. We in MCRW are so very proud of our members who have taken the responsibility to step forward and serve us. When making her announcement to run for County Treasurer Janice Rich quoted from her favorite verses from Scripture - Romans 12:6-8 "We have different gifts - if it is in administration, let him/her govern diligently;" Each of these women have heeded their calling. Our thanks go to each one for her service!

Join us for  
the March  
luncheon!

Contact  
Ruth Ehler  
to R.S.V.P.

Women's

Forum

Will have a new  
2010 schedule  
soon!



# MONTHLY LUNCHEON

By Heather Benjamin

Matthew Arnold, Executive Director of Clear the Bench Colorado is the MCRW March lunch speaker. Matt is also the primary spokesperson of this grassroots organization that focus' their efforts on restoring accountability to Colorado's judiciary. Matt is also the founder of this organization, launching it after the Colorado Supreme Court's violation of the Colorado Constitution citizen's rights under TA-

BOR, and "their duty to uphold the rule of law in the infamous 'Mill Levy Tax Freeze' case," according to Matt's biography.

Matt was born in West Point, New York and then spent several of his younger years growing up in Northern Italy on a U.S. Air Force Base before his family moved to Denver.

His career history includes four years working at the Pentagon on defense plans and as a

policy analyst. Matt went on to become a management consultant and then enlisted in the Colorado Army National Guard, where is currently assigned to the 5th BN 19th SFG (A), holding the rank of Captain. In his spare time and for fun, Matt also volunteers for Colorado's National Guard Emergency Response Force which has sent him to Afghanistan and New Orleans, and had him working the 2008 DNC.

# MCRW MEMBERSHIP

By Cathy Percefull

Membership: A good time was enjoyed by all at our membership tea, as about 30 to 35 members and guests celebrated Spring on a snowy February Saturday. It's time to renew your membership in MCRW! Some of the benefits you'll receive are – Affiliations: Colorado Federation and National Federation of Republican Women. Community Service Projects: Hospice, College Scholarship, Constitutions for local elementary school students. Political Info: Candidate forums, issue programs & more! Social Activities: summer social, membership tea,

Christmas Party and much more. Newcomers Club: Make new friends and meet neighbors. Meet Area Leaders and Politicians: Meet your U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressman, State Representatives, State Senator, County Commissioners and many more elected officials! You can impact Local, State, and National issues! Keep the GOP strong by becoming a member today! Contact Cathy at (970) 874 - 8664 or [cathypercefull@att.net](mailto:cathypercefull@att.net) or go to our website [www.mesacountyrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.mesacountyrepublicanwomen.org), to print out a 2010 membership form. MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!

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**Join MCRW at**

**the Lincoln**

**Day Dinner!**

## DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

- Interested in the Second Amendment? Buy your ticket(s) now for their annual dinner event. This will be held Saturday, March 20th at 5:30 p.m. This event will be held at the Masonic Lodge located at 2400 Consistory Court, GJ with the guest speaker being: Sheriff Richard March of Graham County, Arizona. Tickets are \$65 a person or \$85 a couple. Call Sandy Peeso at 434-7745 or Chess Neff at 260-5602.
- Don't miss the 2010 Mesa County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner, scheduled for Friday, March 5th at Banana's Fun Park. Throw on your flip flops and come to hear author Michael Zach. This event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with tickets selling for \$50 each or \$350 for a table. Contact Ruth Ehler to join the MCRW table or visit the MCR website at: [www.mesacountyrepublican.com/LDD.html](http://www.mesacountyrepublican.com/LDD.html) to pay on-line by credit card.
- Don't miss participating in your precinct caucus meeting scheduled in your neighborhood for Tuesday, March 16th at 7 p.m. Check the MCR website or call the Elections office to get precinct information if you need more details.
- MCYRs are holding their first after hours event on March 29th. Details will come soon via email from Rose Pugliese, so get on her list if you aren't already.
- Daylight savings time starts Sunday, March 14th! Don't be late, update those clocks.

