

Mark
your
calendar:

- Monday,
May 11th
MCRW
Luncheon
at noon,
Masonic
Lodge.
- Friday, May
15th MCR
Luncheon
at noon,
Two Rivers
Convention
Center.

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MESA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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President's Message

By Ruth Ehlers

It's not JUST about taxes!

As I write this, I've just returned from the Delta Tea Party. Having taken part in the Grand Junction TEA party as well as the 912Project/Western Colorado Conservative meeting at the Lincoln Park barn on Wednesday evening, I've got a few observations about what's going on. First...*it's certainly not JUST about taxes and spending...* to be sure, there were plenty of signs referring to those topics, as well as quite a few that suggested the FAIR TAX. But there were many signs stating that we are not radicals – referring to the directive coming out of the Office of Homeland Security. Other signs concerned gun ownership, our nation being a nation under God, several signs referring to our government leaning toward socialism/Marxism and suggestions

that we return to our Constitution. The reaction to these "TEA Parties" by the government and the so-called "mainstream-media" is disconcerting. Comments from crude to silly have come from commentators as well as the government spokespeople.



Nancy Pelosi said it's not a grass roots movement but rather an "astro-turf" movement; sponsored by the affluent who are fighting to keep tax cuts for the wealthy.

In speaking to some of the people at a gathering, I was told that these comments only serve to make them even angrier and more determined to make their voices heard. From my observations, the one thing we've got to keep in mind is that we MUST band together –

whether Independent, Republican or Democrat if we are going to be able to vote the current liberals out of office and replace them with candidates who actually know that our Constitution protects our God-given rights and does not give the Federal Government the authority to take away our rights. We must find and elect conservatives.

Whether those in office now are Democrat, Republican or Independent, if they are not voting to protect and to preserve our constitutionally guaranteed rights, then it is time to vote them out of office.

The May 11th lunch speaker will be Sheriff Stan Hilkey

R.S.V.P. for the next MCRW luncheon by calling Sue Stitt!

NEXT

WOMEN'S FORUM

June 2009

5:45pm to 6:45pm

At The Gala Cafe



Luncheon Highlight

By Heather Benjamin

In January 2003, Stan Hilkey was sworn in as Mesa County Sheriff, after serving more than 20 years with the Department. He currently is serving his 2nd term as Sheriff.

In honor of 2009 National Police Week, Sheriff Hilkey was invited to speak at the MCRW Luncheon.

Did you know that the only officer killed in the line of duty in Mesa County was Deputy Edward Innes who was killed in 1906? And in 2008, there was



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134 officers killed in the line of duty nationwide.

Sheriff Hilkey's lunch topics will include a list of local National Police Week events, but also the hot social topics of illegal immigration and 2nd Amendment Rights. As many people have heard

from the local media recently, illegal immigration has effected the Mesa County Detention Facility in a number of ways. Sheriff Hilkey



will explain the illegal immigration process and the role of local jails in that process. He will also talk about the increase in concealed carry permits and his thoughts on why there has been a recent increase in permit applications in Mesa County. For more information visit: www.sheriff.mesacounty.us

Membership Update

By Cathy Percefull

105 members and growing! Thank you to all our renewing members and new members! Mesa County Republican Women's strength is not just in numbers -- yes, we are shooting for a membership of 200 by the end of May! It is in the power of all of us to make things happen. Elected officials will tell you that MCRW makes a difference in their campaigns with our volunteer hours, support from our membership and money. Being a member of MCRW does not go unnoticed. The real value of our club rests with the dedication and hard work of all our membership. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. Our May deadline is fast approaching, help us meet our goal as we only have 95 membership slots to go before we break 200 members in 2009! Now that's exciting and contagious too. MCRW are the life of the Party! Join us.

Welcome to our Newest Members: Celeste Myers, Natalie Myers, Jamie Penry, and Ruth Vanderhoof.

Legislative Update: H.R. 45 Blair Holt's Licensing & Record of Sale Act of 2009

This is the bill introduced by Congressman Bobby Rush, D - IL - 1. Yes, Rush, the co-founder of IL Black Panther Party. I spoke on this at our February meeting. This bill would provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms. It has been referred to the Committee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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SPECIAL NOTES:

- *Thank you, thank you, thank you to Alpine Bank for their \$2,000 donation to fund the materials for Constitution Day, Sept. 17th, for the Liberty Foundation. The materials will allow constitutions to go into the hands of 5th grade students in District 51! For more information on the Liberty Foundation, visit their website at: www.libertyfoundation.org*
- *Support Cathy Percefull as she launches her run for CFRW 3rd Vice President. She would make the Western Slope so proud, and her representation would be priceless!*
- *Check out the MCRW website for updates as changes were recently made and more are to come. www.mesacountyrepwomen.com*

COLORADO ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Colorado State Legislative session is scheduled to come to an end in May. As Senator Josh Penry and Representatives Laura Bradford and Steve King come home, they enjoy meeting with you! They want to learn what's on your mind, how the economy is effecting your family, and what state issues they might be able to address in the next legislative session. So, give them a few weeks and then drop

them an email...invite them to coffee!

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Rep. Steve King: steve.king.house@state.co.us

REMINDER: Ladies please bring your clean, and slightly used business clothes and suits to the May 11th luncheon. The clothes will be donated to the Latimer House in support of helping local women 'dress for success' in these tough economic times. You can also drop off your business clothes at Latimer House 1003 Main Street. Tell them MCRW sent you!

Mesa County Republican Women Stimulus Resolution

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America passed the largest spending bill in the nation's history known commonly as the "Stimulus Package"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mesa County Republican Women are dedicated to electing Republicans who adhere to the core Republican values, including fiscal conservatism, capitalism and smaller government; and

WHEREAS, no members of the Republican Party in the U.S. House of Representatives (the "House") voted for the measure; and

WHEREAS, three Republican Senators, Senator Susan Collins, Senator Arlen Specter and Senator Olympia Snowe supported the measure when it came before the Senate for a vote, and

WHEREAS, House Minority Leader, Representative John Boehner, deserves much credit for his leadership in keeping the Republicans in the House together in opposing the Stimulus Package, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Mesa County Republican Women feel betrayed by any Republican elected official who would be in support of such spending legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mesa County Republican Women in its monthly meeting held on May 11, 2009, supported a motion to authorize adoption of this Resolution commending Representative Boehner, as well as other Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including our own Doug Lamborn, 5th District and Mike Coffman, 6th District, as well as members of our State Legislature who also stood against the measure, and for their support of the Republican policies of less spending, smaller government and adherence to the conservative history of the Republican Party of the United State of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Congressman Boehner, all Colorado Congressmen and Congresswomen, all statewide Republican elected officials and all other leaders of the Republican Party at the state and national level.

ADOPTED THIS 11th day of May, 2009.

Submitted by:

Mesa County Republican Women

For more information, please visit our web site: www.mesacountyrepwomen.com