

## JoCRW – Exactly What a Republican Women’s Club Should Be

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The Josephine County Republican Women actively engages with our community to have a better understanding of people and businesses that influence our lives. We strive to provide informative meetings that foster understanding and compassion in a world that often feels divided.

One of the beautiful aspects of joining us is the genuine sense of community it creates. Our Club offers the chance to form strong relationships beyond just politics. Joining us is a fantastic way to meet inspiring women who share your vision for a brighter future for our community.

Though we’ve been labeled a “Social Club,” that description doesn’t adequately capture our accomplishments. Yes, we have fun, and what better way to work on important activities and community projects than with women who share your beliefs and values? The friendships and mutual support we cultivate enhance every endeavor we undertake.

The County Republican Party and the Women’s Club each have their Bylaws; we are all Republicans working toward getting Republican candidates elected, but we are completely separate from the County Republican Party. Our mission and outlook completely set us apart. While the Central Committee emphasizes endorsing candidates, the Women’s Club does not. We focus on supporting all Republican candidates **without exclusion**. We believe that every voice matters, fostering an environment where everyone is encouraged to participate.

Through our efforts, we proudly promote the values of community-minded conservative women. Our goals include educating the public, promoting moral integrity among youth, and supporting Republican values while advancing the teaching of the U.S. Constitution in schools. Here are some highlights of our projects:

- U.S. Constitution Essay Contest: We sponsored a contest for local senior high school women and successfully raised funds to award scholarships totaling \$12,000 to three outstanding students in the Class of 2024.
- Leadership Education: We raise resources to send women to Leadership Conventions sponsored by the Oregon Federation of Republican Women (OFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), empowering them with knowledge and skills.
- Community Contributions: We're proud to support the building of the Memorial Wall for Vietnam Veterans in Medford.
- Inviting Inspiring Leaders: We host local, state, and national elected Republican leaders to discuss values and strategies for encouraging Republican engagement.
- Community Knowledge: Our meetings are designed to educate our members about community programs, fostering strong relationships with our Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.
- Teaching the Constitution: We raise funds to provide pocket-sized U.S. Constitutions to local middle and high schools, contributing to students' understanding of our foundational document.

We invite you to come to one of our meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wild River Pub from 11-1 pm. Here, you’ll feel valued, heard, and connected with others who share your goals and concerns. Together, we can shift our focus back to what truly matters: nurturing a brighter future for our county. Become part of the Josephine County Republican Women family. Rediscover that clear understanding of why you believe in being a Republican!