

Josephine County Republican Women October, 2025



For those who made it to the October meeting, what I'm writing here will be no surprise. Except you'll learn more about Aaron Cubic than you may have known before.

Picture this: A soccer-field strategist turned city-shaping powerhouse, AARON CUBIC has been the dynamo behind Grants Pass, Oregon's engine room for 13 gritty years as City Manager. But rewind further—he's clocked over 21 years



turbocharging Oregon's public sector, evolving from boots-on-the-ground roles to a credentialed maestro (ICMA-certified, no less) who's juggled budgets like a pro, forged ironclad community alliances, and turned policy puzzles into playgrounds of progress.

Cubic's playbook? Teamwork on steroids. He's rallied councils, sparked tourism booms with nonprofit firepower, and tackled taboos head-on—like flipping Grants Pass's homelessness script in 2025 by greenlighting four hyper-local campsites complete with restrooms and fences. (Pro tip:

He even repurposed city hall parking for the cause—talk about adaptive hustle!). He makes governance feel less like red tape and more like a championship rally.

Aaron's presentation: Understanding the Road Ahead for Oregon's Homelessness Challenge.

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Editor's Note. When you receive this, there's every chance you'll be passing out candy to little neighborhood ghosts and goblins, for it is the last day of October. This newsletter is a review of what happened this month - and there are many great things that you'll read about, so don't skip anything. I've included a look-ahead for November and December. Good things are in your future! Happy Halloween, and happy

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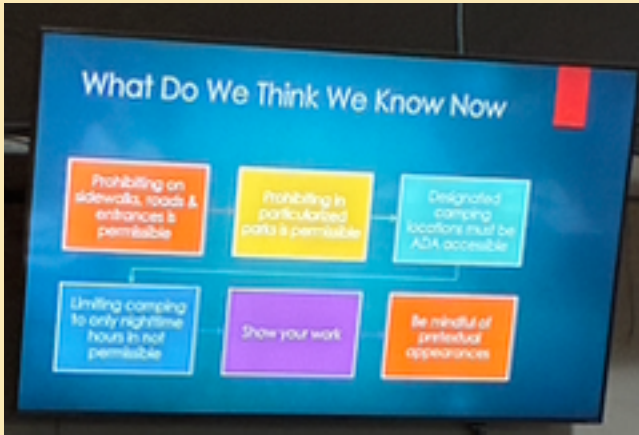
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Governor Tina Kotek (D-OR) is deeply intertwined with the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark June 28, 2024, decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*—a 6-3 ruling that originated in her state, and directly challenges a key homelessness law she championed.



What Happened: The Court sided with Grants Pass, Oregon, upholding its fines and bans on public camping (e.g., sleeping with blankets or pillows in parks). It rejected Eighth Amendment claims of "cruel and unusual punishment," overturning 9th Circuit precedents that blocked such laws unless shelters were available.

It was an information rich meeting, with everyone wanting it to go longer. Coming to the meetings is good for so many reasons. I hope to see you soon. Third Tuesdays!



You've likely gotten your renewal letter from our Membership Chair, Marian Szewc. Please send in your dues to PO Box 2461, GP, 97528, or bring your \$40 (full member) or \$20 (associate member) to the next meeting.



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October

Jennifer Green

Lily Morgan

Gary Richardson

Faith Leming



I'm doing both October and November birthdays since we're at the end of October, and tomorrow is the first day of November.

November

Dorrie Lamphier

Lenora Swift

Jon Knapp

Cecil Smith

The Dollar Dash Update:

It took place on Saturday, October 4th. It was sort of rainy and cold a lot of the time. Those volunteering to work this “event” arrived before 7 AM. The tables were set up on the bare lot on I street between 7th and 8th, which Colene Martin generously let the club use. Signs were made and distributed in the downtown area, where crowds were enjoying Art on the Rogue that same day, which ended up being a good thing for our sale. What is it that’s been said, “If you sell it, they will come (and buy)”. Well, that isn’t exactly the line, but it’s sure perfect for our Dollar Dash sale where all the proceeds went into the Constitution Essay Contest

Fund. When people learned where the money was going, they dug even deeper into their pockets to help in the cause.

And then there was Jimmy. Linda had a contact who could possibly solve one of the problems that always happen at the end of a yard sale - what to do with the things left over? Jimmy operates Jimmy’s Junk B Gone. When she contacted him about hauling the last of the items away, asked a ballpark price and gave him the day, time, and place, he said he was available. Then she explained

*what the proceeds were going toward and he replied, “**It’s a great cause. so I won’t charge you anything!**” What a wonderful, generous offer! (See Jimmy’s business card in our advertising on the last page). He not only took the items that were left, but delivered it to a church in Wilderville that has a monthly rummage sale. So everything that was donated was put to good use! Thank you to everyone who worked the sale, donated items, and bought things. We raised over \$400 and we’ve decided to make a yearly fundraiser on this same date to coordinate with Art on the Rogue, and maybe even expand it a little.*



*OFRW Biennial Conference
Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, Oregon
October 10-12, 2025*

Representing JoCRW, Jennifer Green and Dordie Lamphier attended the conference, along with Susie Wheaton, who was joining this event for the first time. It was held in the small community of Welches, a stone's throw from Mt. Hood. It's always a wonderful way to connect with old friends and make new ones, ladies who are also part of the fabric of Oregon's Republican women working hard to elect Republican candidates and strengthen the values we all cherish. It's a gathering full of information and sharing of ideas from the clubs represented. Another special event is the election of new OFRW



officers. The photo shows these five dedicated women, who have pledged to work hard for all of us as

the Executive Board of OFRW. Right to left: Pam Kniffin, President; Sue Leslie, 1st VP; Linda Dykwel, 2nd VP; Elenor Boese, Recording Secretary; Sue Salazar, Corresponding Secretary; and Laurel Regan, Treasurer.

Earlier, at the end of September, NFRW was holding its Biennial Conference in Orlando, Florida. Jennifer and Dordie attended this important event representing JoCRW. When asked to tell me her feelings about being able to be in the middle of such high energy, hear unbelievable speakers, Jennifer told me "NFRW was exciting, exhilarating, exhausting, never to be forgotten! (continued next page)

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You will make new friends and catch up with others. The energy and laughter will draw you back again and again."

And JoCRW received special recognition! Our club was awarded DIAMOND ACHIEVEMENT for the second year in a row! Our hard-working, dedicated President, Jennifer Green, accepted the certificate, and all of NFRW could see that we, in Oregon, may be many miles from the National Federation of Republican Women, but we're making our mark for Republican Women in our corner of the country.



One other award was presented to JoCRW. Linda Smith won 1st Place Political and Campaign Hours for JoCRW and the State of Oregon.

We're definitely making our mark on the Republican landscape!



Coming in November

***Veterans Appreciation
Lunch***

Tuesday, November 18

***If you know a vet, invite them to lunch. — We're buying their lunch! Hopefully, some will share their stories, their experiences in the service. It's a chance to say "Thank You!"
It's one of the best meetings of the year! Mark it on your calendar.***



***And in December,
on the 16th,
We'll have our***



***Club
Christmas Party!***

***We'll do a White Elephant Gift
Exchange again.***

(\$25.00 max value).

***And we'll have great food ! The Club's
gift to the members.***

(and Christmas music!!).

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