



Josephine County Republican Women March, 2025



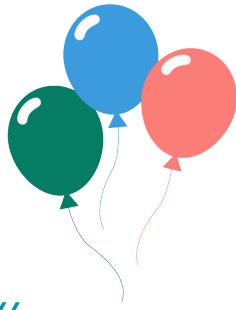
Mr. Prince was our March
speaker.

Austin Prince is a man who knows Josephine County. He grew up here, and has worked with the Dept. of Forestry from Galice to Selma. He's been a firefighter, Engineer and Captain of the RMF to become supervisor of local field operations. He is certified by the State of Oregon as a NFPA Fire Officer III, and currently holds a lead position on the Rogue Valley Incident Management Team as an Operations Section Chief. To say this man knows how things work, is an understatement.

His involvement doesn't stop there. He served as Chair of the Josephine County 911 Technical Advisory Committee, Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association, the Rogue Interagency Training Association, and as a Fire Defense Board Chief for the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office. For the 15,000 residential properties contained within a 350-square mile area surrounding the city limits of Grants Pass, fire protection is provided solely through private businesses instead of by tax-funded services. Rural Metro Fire began operations in this area as 'Valley Fire Service' in 1979 to provide fire & rescue services to the residents living in this predominately suburban and rural area.

The community needs to stay informed, learn the facts in the fight for who will protect the residents of the county. This election is crucial for the voters to decide which fire protection they want, because it will be a decision we all live with for many years to come.

**Happy
birthday**
*Angela Carter
Sandy Spickler
Sandy Mewhinney*



A Message From Your President



Spring is rapidly showing her face, and we are all ready to come out into the sunshine! The second quarter of the year is approaching and with it come new challenges and opportunities. Sometimes those can be two sides of the same coin.

We have experienced some challenges to our club from outside sources. Lies told about us and false accusations. However, I prefer to see this as an opportunity. As what you may ask? As an opportunity to introduce ourselves to this community as women who care for our neighbors by **DOING** something and not just talking about it. We raised \$589 for the Veteran's Breakfast and will be presenting a check to Team Senior to help sponsor one month's breakfast.

Our second quarter Caring for America project will focus on the adoptable animals in our community. In May, we will have representatives from Rogue Valley Humane Society and Josephine County Animal Shelter talk to us about the services they provide, the challenges they face, and how we can help them. Once again, we will be **DOING** something!

For April, our meeting will be focused on a Candidate Forum for those running for School District Boards. Per our By-laws, we do not endorse any one Republican candidate over another. We have invited ALL Republican candidates to attend and introduce themselves to you. Once you have all the information you need, we trust you to make the best decision for you.

In June, Kerry McQuisten and Solomon Yue will be visiting us to share a new endeavor they have called, "Oregon Conservative Caucus." Together We Can Flip Oregon RED!! You can read more about it and even join the movement at OregonConservativeCaucus.com. Let's create a Josephine County Chapter!! More on that later. The themes for this new season will be to face your challenges and turn them into opportunities. Reach out to your neighbor and lend a hand. And never forget that as a Josephine County Republican Woman, you are a part of a much larger movement, making our voices heard together.

Looking AHEAD

Remember we meet the third Tuesday
of every month at Wild River Pub,
533 NE F St. 11:00 AM Doors open.
Lunch starts at 11:15. Meeting is from
noon - 1:00 PM.

**April 15th - Candidates for
Grants Pass District 7
and Three Rivers School
Boards**

**April 26th - Heroes Award
Dinner and Auction (see
flyer in this newsletter)**

**May 20th - Animal Shelter
& Grants Pass Humane
Society**

**June 17th - Kerry
McQuisten & Solomon
Yue - They will be
discussing the Oregon
Conservative Caucus.**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

Sometimes you want to know what's really going on. This is a list of sources for information on bills, both Senate and House Bills. But a word of caution – you might be like I was. A few months ago, I wanted a little bit more information on something I was told would be voted on in a few days. So, I learned where to look. They were asking for testimony. I hadn't done that much and was a little worried I would write something that was just plain stupid and it would be thrown out and never read by anyone. However, the bill was just the most awful thing, and I decided I would read as much as I could understand, write my testimony, and click the 'submit' button. It was important to me to do my part, even if I wasn't sure I was doing it "right". It's an easy process, and putting some effort into writing either for support of it, or writing in hopes the legislators will finally see the error of their ways because of your well worded submission to dump it!

You can click on the source you'd like to subscribe directly to.

- **Oregon Citizen's Lobby War Room**
- <https://oregoncitizenslobby.org/>
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- **Visit the Legislative Bill Alerts page directly** at <https://oregoncitizenslobby.org/action-alerts/>
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- **Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham's Legislative Newsletter**
- <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bonham>
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- **Your Voice Matters: How You Can Engage in the 2025 Legislative Session**
- <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORLEG/bulletins/3ce2bb3>
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Your Elected Officials

Senate District 2 - Senator Noah Robinson

Phone: 503-986-1702

Email: Sen.NoahRobinson@oregonlegislature.gov

Website:

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/robinsonn>

House District 3 - Representative Dwayne Yunker

Phone: 503-986-1403

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Website: www.oregonlegislature.gov/Yunker

Congressional District 2 - Cliff Bentz

Phone: (202) 225-6730

Website: <https://bentz.house.gov/>

House District 4 - Representative Alek Skarlatos

Phone: 503-986-1404

Email: Rep.AlekSkarlatos@oregonlegislature.gov

Website: www.oregonlegislature.gov/Skarlatos

Senate District 1 - Senator David Brock Smith

Phone: 503-986-1701

Email:

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Fight For Oregon Legislative Alerts

<http://www.fightfororegon.com/wordpress/>
Weekly Legislative updates as received from
SD1 Senator David Brock Smith

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd>

**Legislation of Concern and Bills to Support
for the Coming Week 3-31 through 4-4**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORLEG/bulletins/3d98570>

2025 Heroes Auction

The Safer Josephine County Foundation invites you to our 2025 Heroes Awards Dinner & Auction as we recognize our local heroes and raise funds to support our Public Safety Heroes.

AWARDS PRESENTAION

DINNER

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION



Enjoy Yourself!

April 26, 2025

Redwood Grange

1830 Redwood Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97527

Doors Open @ 5:00 PM

Tickets & Information: www.saferjoco.com

**Safer Josephine
County Foundation**

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_____ **Renewal** for a **Full Member** (\$40/year)

_____ This is for a **new Associate Membership** (\$20/year)

* Associate members are non-voting positions and are men, or women with membership in another Federated Republican Women's Club.

_____ **Renewal** for an **Associate Membership** (\$20/year)

Club badges are \$12.50 (with pin) or \$14.00 (with magnet) and are optional. Please write on the line below how you would like your name to appear:

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