



Josephine County Republican Women



November - December, 2025

November Was Packed with Activity

Whew!! What a whirlwind November was! We started out getting several members gathered in the back room of Si Casa Flores to write and address Christmas cards to our Grants Pass area first responders. We did a total of 119 cards! Some were mailed, but most cards were hand-delivered! We can't thank our police, fire, and medical responders enough for what they do. (Editor's note: Manuel Flores, owner of Si Casa Flores, generously provided his banquet room free of charge for our card signing. It was set up with chips, salsa and beans as we sat down to work. Of course, many of us thought the signing would go so much smoother with a mango margarita! He has always been very generous and supportive of what we do at JoCRW, so THANK YOU, MANUEL! WE APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!)



VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCH ONCE AGAIN A GREAT SUCCESS!



One of our favorite meetings of the year is the chance to invite our local veterans to a special Luncheon. It's such a treat talking with these brave men and women who sacrificed so much. **Dan DeYoung** was our first guest speaker, who told us about the Veteran Drag Racing he is very involved with. He's such an entertaining speaker—

he had us all ready to stand in line and take our turn tearing up the track and hoping to break some sort of record. Or at the very least have a great time and have fabulous stories to tell when it was over!

We also heard from **Terry Haines**, who is in charge of Veteran Honor Flights of Oregon.

Making those flights to Washington, DC, to see their memorials is one of Terry's greatest joys. He serves veterans in Josephine County, but also Jackson, Douglas, Coos, Klamath and Curry Counties as well.



Terry also reminded us about the Veterans Breakfast, held the first Thursday of each month. He awards service medallions on special lanyards that designate which branch of service each veteran served in. The morning I attended, Terry awarded Service



Medallions to eight veterans. It was an honor to hear their service record read aloud and hear their own remarks as each proudly accepted their medallion. They've outgrown Elmers Restaurant, where they've been meeting for quite some time, and have voted to move to the Evergreen Room at Taprock.

Small gifts were delivered to each one - a very small gift that couldn't begin

to express the tremendous thanks we owe all for their sacrifice. We've heard it many times, and said it ourselves, but hearing their stories, realizing we only know the smallest details of what each one has endured, our freedom isn't Free.



We rounded out the month working hard to gather signatures for the Referendum against Governor Kotek's Tax Bill. This isn't just a Republican issue - it affects everyone who lives in Oregon, so people of all affiliations were eager to sign to get this on the ballot, which gives the people the right to vote on it!

Our members who signed up for shifts on the tables braved the bitter cold that week. Everyone who took the time to help with this important project deserves applause for wrapping up in blankets to keep the cold wind and low temperatures to volunteer!!





A Message From Your President

As we move into the last several weeks of 2025, it seems natural to look back and to look forward. Where we have been and where we are going, and I will do that in a minute. But first, I want to challenge each of you to take a moment and BE STILL.

In a world that is always encouraging you to move faster, longer & harder, be bold enough to refuse and to slow down. Take a deep breath, close your eyes and BE STILL for 30 seconds. Block out the chaos, the noise, the drama. It will be there when you return. Practice this and aim for a longer silent time. You might begin to like it!!



Now that I have sent you off on a mini vacation, let's get back to work!

This year has been filled with all kinds of new and different experiences. We have met some new faces along the way, and I hope many of you have developed some new friendships.

We have had some ups and downs both nationally and locally. Donald Trump came into office in January and what a ride that has been!! Unfortunately, our country is now even more divided than ever before and even more unfortunate, so is our county. I'm not going to discuss sides, I have my opinions as you all do, but those are mine privately. I only bring this up because of the anger and animosity that is growing in our community. As a club, we will do our best to remain above the fray and encourage others to do the same.

Looking forward, we have a VERY IMPORTANT Governor's election this coming year. Tina Kotek has recently declared she will be running for re-election, and Portland just had their Christmas Tree Lighting event that turned into a Free Palestine rally. We know what we are up against.



Also looking forward, we will be changing our meeting location in January. We will be moving to Code 4 (used to be Herb's). The Tap House is on the east side of the property, and they have a room in the back that will be perfect for us. The best news is that you will no longer need to RSVP, nor will you be required to pay. If you choose to eat, you can order off the menu or from one of two food trucks...or not at all! Hours will be the same. Come at 11 for friendship and/or ordering food, and the meeting will be from 12 – 1. This should be so much easier for all of us, and we look forward to this new chapter.

Join us for our Christmas Party on Dec 16. Dress in your best Christmas Finery, no matter what that might look like. We will have a gift exchange. If you choose to participate, bring your wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$25. Please send in your RSVP this one last time so we know how many gifts we will have to share. There will be some awards, a Civic's Trivia contest with prizes, and the previously mentioned gift exchange.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party as we all look forward to the coming year and what it might bring.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!





December
Barbara Biencourt

Janice Watson

Christine McGlothlin

Jerry Cruickshank

Edward Durham

*Happy Birthday
To You!*

*Happy Birthday
To*

*You! (are you
singing???)*

Happy Birthay

Dear _____

*(go for a BIG
ending)*

***Happy
Birthday
To You!!***



November

Dordie Lamphier

Lenora Swift

Jon Knapp

Cecil Smith

**To inquire about our speaker
and lunch information.**

**Lunches are \$20 -for a full
ch. includ. beverages
cookies for dessert.
Cash or check credit
If not eating we ask for \$5
help pay for the room.**

RSVP now:

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Wild River Pub

NE FOLK

Doors open 10:11

Lunch 11:15

**Meeting from 12PM - 1:15 PM
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Larry West

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PAID THEIR
DUES FOR 2026!**

Can you find your
name in the group to
the left?

Thank you to those
who have already
paid their dues for
2026!

*You're Invited
to the
Annual JoCROW
Christmas Party*

*December 16th
Wild River Pub
11:00 doors open
We'll have a very brief Business Meeting,*

*There will be great food! Christmas music,
and our*

*Gift Exchange
(\$25.00 max)*



*Dress in Christmas
Attire*

(No cost for members, but PLEASE RSVP below so we know how much food to order.)

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