

Josephine County Republican

Women

September - October, 2024



CONSTITUTION DAY, SEPT, 17TH, 2024

was celebrated at the Wild River Pub. After talking with visitors and other members, the group lined up to fill plates with an assortment of light lunch choices, while Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA" played in the background. Linda Smith welcomed everyone, and the audience launched into singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee", a new tradition added to the beginning of every meeting. Then we all

settled into listening to our special guest speaker, Ray Hacke, of Pacific Justice Institute. Ray is a constitutional lawyer who is working hard to fight for women in sports as they're being overtaken by Transgender Women in competing in their chosen sport. His recall of a multitude of cases was very impressive. We thoroughly enjoyed his presentation.

The other highlight of the day was the sale of COOKIES BY THE POUND. The sales were designated 100% to support the US Constitution Essay Contest Scholarship. Those cookies must have been mighty

delicious, for nearly \$500 was deposited into the Scholarship Fund! Who says cookies can't be beneficial?!



Candidates & Measures

Josephine County Commissioners – (Only Republican candidates listed)

Colene Martin

Chris Barnett

Ron Smith

Josephine County Treasurer

Eva Acre

Mark De Young

Grants Pass Mayor

Clint Scherf

Grants Pass City Council

Ward #1 – Indra Nicholas

Ward #2 – Jay Meredith, Victoria Marshall

Ward #3 – Erich Schloegl

Ward #4 – Kathleen Khron

County Measures

17-119 -RCC \$60million+ bond – no

17-121 – Veterans Service Center Bond- no

17 – 122 Cave Junction Lodging Tax 12- no

17-123 – Three Rivers S.D. Bond -no

State Measures

115- Add Impeachment language to state constitution- NO

116 – Create independent Salary Commission to regulate salaries of Governor, SOS, Treasurer, AG, etc.- NO

117 – RANKED CHOICE VOTING - NO

118 - Tax increase on corporations and all businesses that would be added to every level of goods and services, resulting in much higher prices for everything residents pay to start in 2025 – NO

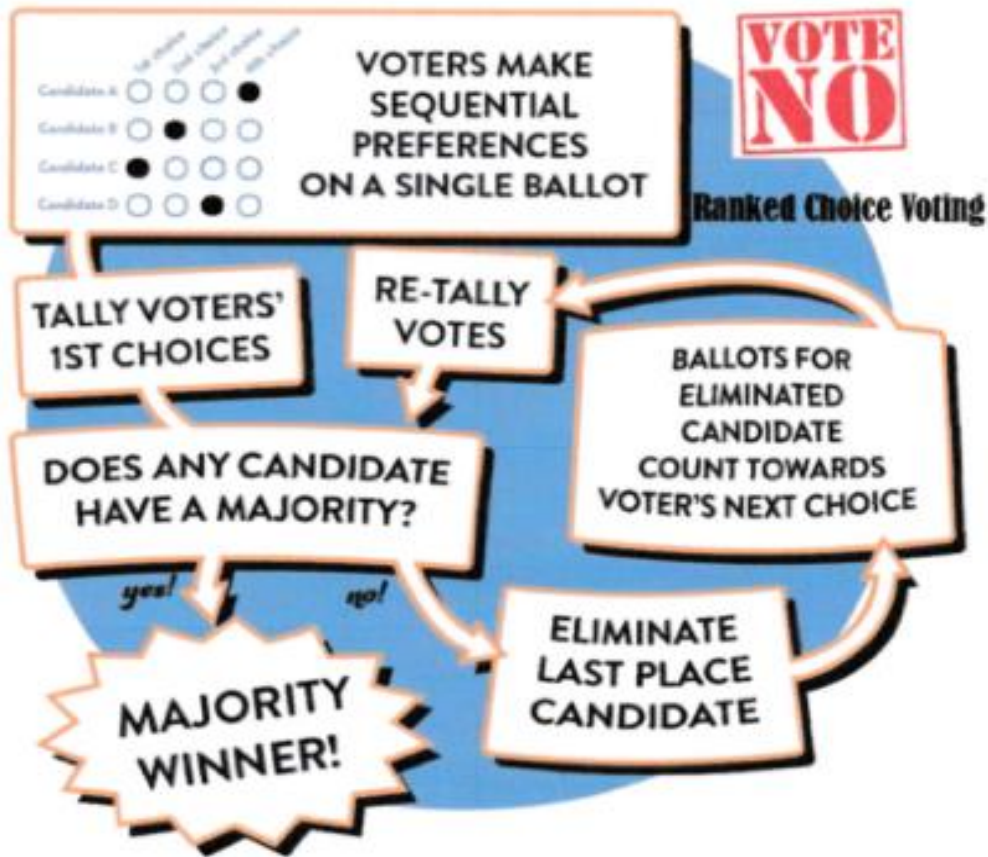
119 – Allowing Cannabis workers to unionize. - no



It's almost that time again
Membership Renewal --
Full members -\$40,
Associate Members -\$20.
Look on the last page for the form.
Due by end of December.

The Truth About Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) or How the Liberals Want to Cancel Our Votes.

***You think this is a jumble? Yes, it is.
This is the mess they want to create.***



***This is not Partisan!
VOTE "NO" on
Ballot Measure 117
Ranked Choice Voting***

~ Common Critiques ~

- It's too complicated
- It's too expensive
- The person with the most votes can lose
- Your vote might not count if it's "exhausted"
- It delays the results
- It violates "one person, one vote"

What is an exhausted ballot?

"An Exhausted ballot occurs when a voter ranks only candidates that are eliminated from contention.

RCV does not save money.

New machines, more staff, voter training, more challenged ballots will result in increased election costs.

Alaska has dealt with RCV.

This has resulted in election costs increasing by 328%. They now have their lowest voter turnout ever. With the lowest percentage of the vote, a Democrat won Alaska's U.S. Senate seat.

Alaska is currently trying to repeal RCV.

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A Message from your President...

I grew up in a family that never talked about politics. The one and only time I remember my parents even mentioning it was when John F. Kennedy was running for President. And as I grew up there were always elections, but I didn't pay any attention to who was running for what because I'd decided that since I was just one person, my vote couldn't possibly have much effect on the outcome of anything. Since my parents weren't involved in politics, and I knew they were wonderful people, then it made sense I didn't need to be involved either. The country rolled along seemingly in good hands, with nothing catastrophic to worry about. So, I watched from the sidelines.



Now it seems nearly everyone is consumed with politics. People don't listen to each other anymore. The country is fractured, family members refuse to speak to others in the family who believe differently, friends have turned against each other for the same reason. Maybe Uncle Fred, your favorite relative, is coming for dinner Thursday. You know he's been a loyal Democrat all his life. Automatically, you're determined to ignore him all evening, because he always talks about politics, and you don't want to get into an argument. However, there's a chance- ok, a small chance - he has some thoughts on the present situation that aren't so different from yours. You won't know unless you take the opportunity to open a dialogue.

Somehow, we've lost the idea that there's the possibility you might learn a different perspective from those who don't always agree with you. Or, wonder of wonders, they may actually listen to a point you share with them. Lately it's been more like, "my ideas" and "your ideas", and since yours don't sound like mine, you're wrong. Period. No discussion.

Attack first. Don't listen. You've heard it a lot. Maybe thought that yourself. The tension piles higher when talk turns to name-calling. People have lost the idea that a little respect goes a long way to opening conversations. No, it doesn't always work, but if you don't try it, you'll never know. I've always thought, keep your opponent off guard just a little. A smile when they least expect it. An honest question, "So, what do you think?" It may surprise you. I guarantee it will surprise them! It's a lot like Indiana Jones when he was in search for the Holy Grail. It's taking a leap from the Lion's Head, believing you'll land on an invisible bridge you've been told really does exist. It takes faith that you can jump into thin air toward something you can't see, to find firm footing on something you believe is there but have no way of proving. But if you're willing to try it, you may be rewarded... It's been my experience that you end up having an exchange that you never expected.

Could there be a different way? A better way to connect with "the other side"? I hope so. We seem to be careening to an abyss where all is lost and unretrievable. We need to keep positive. That's not easy to do. It's good to keep happy, goal-oriented people around us. However, we should be ready to take the opportunity to connect with people who don't think exactly as you. What can it hurt?

Linda Smith

Nominating Committee Update

At our October 15th meeting, you met the slate of members who have volunteered to serve as Club Officers for 2025-2026. Your Nominating Committee has worked very hard to put together a group of talented volunteers who will be elected at our **November 19th meeting.**

As has been announced previously, nominations can be made from the floor as well. The duties of each office are as follows:

President – presides over meetings of the Club and Executive Committee, makes committee appointments with the approval of the Exec. Committee, makes the agendas for the meetings, submits a budget for approval of the members, is one of two authorized signatures on checks, appoints the Audit Committee and presides over the election of new officers at November meeting.

1st Vice President – will perform the duties of the President when she is not available, handles arranging speakers and coordinating fundraising events.

2nd Vice President – performs duties of the President and 1st VP when they aren't available, is the club's Membership Chair and keeps a current list of all members of the Club.

Secretary – takes notes of what transpires in all meetings of the Club and Exec. Committee, keeps all the Club records and is co-signer of checks as one of two authorized signatures on club accounts.

Treasurer – handles all the money for the club, makes all deposits, pays all club bills, and provides a report for all meetings. Mails dues to OFRW and NFRW as required and works with Membership Chair to keep an accurate membership list.

Secretary - takes minutes of all full club meetings and executive meetings, keeping all communications in a notebook or on a thumb drive to pass to the next secretary elected to this office. Also keep records of Bylaws, Standing Rules, and all amendments to those documents, noting dates when any are changed, voted on, and accepted by membership.

Thank you to all the members of the Nominating Committee:

Janice Watson Melisa Biencourt Indra Nicholas
Shelley Wytcherley Kathy Coelho Dordie Lamphier

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The website continues to be updated with what the club is doing. Check it out !
www.jocorepwomen.org

**We're meeting
Somewhere
New!**

**WILD RIVER PUB
533 NE F ST.**

**Still on the third
Tuesday of each
month.**

**Doors open at 11.
Lunch begins 11:15
Meeting starts 12noon
- 1 PM**

Important Notice

**Contact
Linda Smith
To inquire
About speaker
And lunch
Information**

**Lunches are \$20
For a full lunch,
Beverages, and
dessert.
Cash or check at the
door.**

**Or RSVP here
Now.**

What's Coming Up:

Nov. 19th

Honoring our Veterans

(If there is a veteran in your family, bring them to our meeting and we'll buy their lunch!)

- ~Chris Cooper & his Community Outreach Team from the Grants Pass Veterans Center;
- ~Chaplain Norman Morgan, Viet Nam Veterans Group, Grants Pass
- ~Young Marines Color Guard;
- ~Voting on Officers for 2025-2026

Dec. 17th Our Club

Christmas Party

October 15th

Speaker – JoCo Legal Counsel
 Wally Hicks Topic: Ballot Measures- Devastating to Oregon!
 – We had a good turnout for this and lunch was great!)

Executive Board meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM, at SI CASA FLORES RESTAURANT If you have questions or concerns you would like the board to discuss, please get them to any board member at least two days prior to our meetings.

OFRW SPIRNG BOARD MEETING was held again in Salem on Oct. 11 & 12. Linda, Dordie and Jennifer attended this year. It's always a good time to connect with other Club Presidents and OFRW Committee Chairs and the Board. We learned what clubs are doing, shared information about all of projects, the new website and our Cookie Fundraiser with our Constitution Day meeting. There were 14 Clubs represented out of the 17 in the state!



You can check your vote
 on line: Oregonvotes.gov/myvote

Club Officers

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ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

Rates are very reasonable!

A 2 x 3.5 inch space is \$50 for the entire year. I'll guarantee at least 4 issues, but my goal is to have 8-10 issues a year, building to one every month. I will reproduce your business card, your photo or insert any information you'd like. Just send it to me, Linda Smith at photolinda58@gmail.com. 3 lines to describe something you have for sale = \$5 for each newsletter until you sell that item.



Since I want people to see both sides of my card, I took 2 spots for front and back. This will be charged for 2 spaces.



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JOSEPHINE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Membership Application & Renewal & Associate Application & Renewal

Name _____ . Date _____

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip _____

Phone (please mark home or cell) _____ birthday mo. _____ day _____

Email _____

Please mark one:

_____ This is a **new membership** for a **Full Member** (\$40/year)

_____ **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 how you would like your name to appear:

Please sign here:

I am a registered Republican and will support the ideals and the Republican Party Platform and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party.

Your signature _____

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For club use: Total amount enclosed _____. Paid by ___ check ___ cash ___ Square

Dues amount: _____. Badge amount _____ Donation amount _____