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Newsletter March 2018

March 8th Luncheon Meeting***

Program begins

Noon—1:00PM Thursday March 8th 2018

LUNCHEON BEGINS AT 11:00AM

ELMER'S

2000 Biddle Rd, Medford, OR 97504

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE STARTING OUR LUNCHEON AT 11:00AM...YOU MAY ORDER ANYTHING FROM THE MENU. OUR MEETING WILL START AT NOON & FINISH BY 1:00PM. PLEASE BE SURE TO BE ON TIME. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE LUNCH AND JUST COME FOR THE MEETING, YOU ARE STILL WELCOME.



GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH 8TH MEETING

Katelyn Pay

Southern Oregon Director for Congressman Greg Walden (OR-2)

Katelyn works for the constituents of Congressional District 2 and establishes meaningful relationships with the communities in Southern Oregon in order to ensure their voices are represented in Washington, D.C. Katelyn manages Congressman Walden's Constituent casework program, and that includes guaranteeing that congressional staff provide assistance to the thousands of constituents who need to navigate the complex task of communicating with federal agencies. Additionally, Katelyn works closely with staff to ensure that district scheduling matters for the Congressman are addressed and resolved in a timely manner.

Katelyn's previous work experience includes time in Washington D.C. providing administrative support for both congressional leaders and the CEO of the National Propane Gas Association. After she moved back to her home state of Oregon and before joining the Walden team, she spent a year working for the Central Oregon Builders Association as their Director of Government Affairs. In that position, she worked to promote and support policies that made local both building and housing a regional priority.

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Katelyn holds a BA in Politics from Hillsdale College.



JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN SURVEY



TO ALL THAT FILLED OUT THE SURVEY SHEETS—THANK YOU FROM YOUR JCRW BOARD.....THIS WILL BE A HUGE HELP IN JCRW DETERMING ITS DIRECTION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS

MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THE MEETING ON MARCH 8TH AT ELMERS IN MEDFORD—PRESIDENT JANET WATSON PLANS TO GIVE US SOME INSIGHT INTO THE RESULTS.

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Dear JCRW Members and Friends,

When the Executive Board met on January 2nd, we decided we needed to focus immediately on recruiting new members and inviting more active participation from renewing or former members. We are pleased to announce that we have 52 members who have renewed or joined for 2018. If you have not yet sent in your annual dues or you want to check if you paid after the September 15, 2017 cutoff date, which meant your dues were counted as 2018 membership, please see Sara Combs or Patricia Tennyson Bell at the next meeting. They will have the current JCRW Members and Associate Members lists.

The new Board initiated a "branding" or marketing committee, who conducted a members' survey to provide feedback to use in planning for the new term. The Budget Committee and Ways and Means Chair, as well as Program Chairs the Executive Board and the President appoint, will make those plans at a workshop in March. We are excited about continuing those programs/projects that have value to the members and meet our mission. If you have any interest in a particular program or effort, please let a Board Member know. Mounts Consulting Group has filed a complete report of the MCG survey and any member is welcome to view it.

In January, the President and 2VP and other interested members researched a change in venue, which was top priority in the membership feedback. It was hoped that a relocation to a venue where ordering from the menu would allow more flexibility and less work for volunteers than the RSVP system. And, a shorter, more accessible meeting agenda would allow working people to attend. We changed venue in February and attendance was very good. 49 to the recent average of 25 and several new or former members attending and joining. Moving the monthly meeting to a venue that allows people to attend at the last minute (and bring a friend!) is going to really help our club to grow. Also, keeping the actual business and speaker portion of the meeting to the noon hour, will allow more working people to attend. We saw many of our regulars show up early and visit, and stay late after the program to visit and have small group meetings for specific projects. The restaurant will give us more space next month and I hope we outgrow the space again...a nice problem to have.

Our February program speaker was Commissioner Colleen Roberts. Her remarks and future plans, and the open forum questions afterward, were inspirational and the audience was very attentive and engaged.

The next major undertaking is to shore up our bylaws and standing rules, and our meetings adherence to Roberts Rules of Order. We are working to make job descriptions and duties more specific and related to current responsibilities, and to make the monthly meetings have distinct social hour; business meeting; and program or speaker content. Our first three speakers at monthly meetings have all been women in important government public service: January: Kim Wallan, candidate for Oregon House of Representatives Dist. 6; February: Colleen Roberts, Jackson County Commissioner and candidate for re-election; March: Katelyn Pay, Director of Southern Oregon District Office of Congressman Walden

We hope to continue the special perspective of women in public sector or civil service throughout the year. The program committee and president are especially interested in providing programs and speakers which have a distinctive voice and perspectives, and insight into the challenges and necessities facing our communities and political candidate/issues in Southern Oregon.

Our first JCRW program is the essay competition...a scholarship to be awarded May 1st and winning essay to be presented to the club at our May meeting. A small committee has met and Shandra Husted has volunteered to chair the project this year. Please see Shandra If you have any interest in volunteering – to visit schools for face-to-face meetings with school staff or counselors who will promote the project or other tasks that the program needs. We look forward to a full year of events and volunteering to make every effort to support Republican values, candidates, issues, and attracting and empowering the next generation of interested enthusiastic Young Republicans.

See you March 8, any time after 11am at Elmer's. Come early and browse the lending library or visit with a Board Member about volunteer opportunities.

JCRW President—Janice Watson

MEET THE REST OF THE JCRW BOARD



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Val Smullen**



**Second Vice President
Shandra Husted**



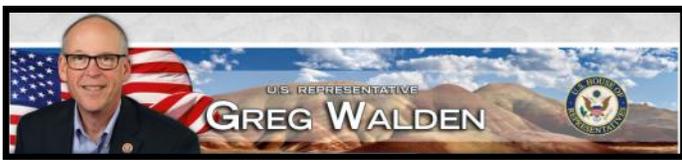
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Let Them Eat Cake

By Congressman Greg Walden

“Qu'ils mangent de la brioche” Sometime around 1789, it is said that Marie-Antoinette upon being told the people of France had no bread to eat uttered: “Qu'ils mangent de la brioche,” which is commonly translated into: “Let them eat cake.” The working-class people probably reacted to those sentiments about as positively as today’s hard-working Americans did to the words of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi who last week referred to \$1,000 bonuses and pay raises as “pathetic” and “crumbs.”

Talk about out of touch. When a starting bank teller gets a \$1,000 bonus and a higher starting wage, coupled with a 40% reduction in her family’s federal income tax payments, I’d say that’s more than “crumbs.” When a guy working for Waste Management gets a \$2,000 bonus and a tax break, I’d say he won’t think of it as a “crumb.”

When you’re trying to make a car payment, pay for child care, and make ends meet, a couple thousand dollars matters. It’s not “pathetic.” It’s not “crumbs.” The Nancy Pelosi Democrats – all of whom voted against the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – are out of touch with working families who are trying to make ends meet.

During the last several months, as we worked to improve and pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the liberal press and politicians did everything they could to mislead the public and try to stop our efforts. Every Democrat in Congress voted against our plan to grow the economy and let people keep more of what they earn. Some still condemn it. One even argued it would result in smaller tax refunds in 2019. Well, let’s hope it does. After all, tax refunds are nothing more than your money coming back to you after the government has over collected it, held it for a year, and returned it to you paying no interest!

Here in Oregon, even the liberal Oregon legislature’s revenue office had to admit that 70% of Oregon taxpayers will see a reduction in federal income taxes. That works out to about \$840 per tax filer every year. If you’re a family of four making about \$75,000 a year, you’ll save upwards of 40% on federal taxes. A 40% federal tax reduction is nothing to sneeze at, is it? If you’re a single Oregonian earning \$50,000 a year, the Legislative Revenue Office estimates you’ll save \$1,100 a year in lower taxes—a 20.4% savings. Oregon taxpayers will save nearly \$1.5 billion per year on lower federal taxes. When all is said and done, it’s likely that nine out of 10 tax filers will fill out a form about the size of a postcard, take the doubled standard deduction and call it good. This is the most comprehensive reform of the tax code since Ronald Reagan. And we just made it simpler. Republicans and President Trump made this happen. Lower taxes. More jobs.

Farmers, ranchers and small business owners will have more resources to grow their companies. For the next five years they will be able to deduct all capital expenses from earnings. Meanwhile, we increased the Section 179 expensing cap from \$500,000 to \$1 million. In other words, we’ve greatly increased the financial ability of our local job creators to grow their businesses and invest in modern equipment. We also lowered the tax rate on businesses whether they are a “C” corporation or a partnership, both will see lower federal tax rates.

We made great progress in cutting back the death tax, too. As a result of our changes, now more than \$11 million of value of an estate is exempt from the federal death tax. Think what this means to those families who have worked hard for their entire lives and have worried about what happens to the ranch or the small business when a death occurs. The reduction of the death tax gives them relief in more ways than one.

Seven years ago, Nancy Pelosi praised President Obama for his plans to reduce the payroll tax by \$40 for Americans. She called the move a “victory for all Americans.” Now that President Trump and Republicans have passed legislation to give working Americans thousands of dollars in savings, those savings, she says are “pathetic” and “crumbs.”

If the Democrats who opposed these tax reductions don’t think they go far enough, then maybe they’d like to join us and pass more tax cuts and reforms going forward. Knowing their desire to take your money and grow the government, I wouldn’t hold my breath waiting for them to work with us on such an effort.



Greg Walden appreciated the warm welcome from Home Depot employees in Redmond on February 20. He met with employees to say congratulations for receiving \$1,000 bonuses from Home Depot as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.



Greg Walden on Telephone conference From Washington & yes members 10,000 people listened to his Remarks. Congressman Walden answered questions as time allowed.



Women in the GOP

Carla Sands

The Republican Party and Republican women were the primary force behind the women’s suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment to

the U.S. Constitution.

Republican women have made history as the first women to serve in key positions, including Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

Republican women such as Carla Sands (pictured) continue to explore uncharted territory on behalf of all women. Last November, Sands was confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to Denmark.

[Read more about Sands](#)

[Jeannette Rankin—Click here to read about this wonderful Republican Woman](#)

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Who are they?

Mission

Founded in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with tens of thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

We empower women from all backgrounds in the political process and provide a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas.

Our objectives are to: Inform the public through political and legislative education, training and activity; recruit, train and elect Republican candidates; protect the integrity of our electoral process; promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Republican Party; unite and facilitate cooperation among the state and club organizations; and, increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.

Membership

A Republican woman becomes a member by joining her local club or through a national at-large membership. Members of a local club also are granted membership in their State Federations. State federations are chartered under the auspices of the NFRW but operate under their own bylaws. Although independent, state bylaws must not conflict with the NFRW Bylaws.



This building in Virginia is the Headquarters of the NFRW
The NFRW's national headquarters are located at:
124 N. Alfred Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Jackson County Republican Women is part of the
The Oregon Federation of Republican Women &
The National Federation of Republican Women

Click on Link to the NFRW

National Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.nfrw.org/>

Republican Women's MELP Program

MELP— Stands for the Maime Eisenhower Library Program



"The American Dream is about equal opportunity for everyone who works hard. If we don't give everyone the ability to read and write, then we aren't giving everyone an equal chance to succeed." -- Mrs. Barbara Bush

Congratulations to the winners of the Barbara Bush Literacy Program, chosen by the former First Lady herself.

First place went to Westlake Village (CA) Republican Women Federated, Dale Thomas, President. The second place winner was the Federated Republican Women of Lafayette County (MO), Lana Crain, President. Winning clubs received a copy of Lincoln's Last Days: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever and Little Miss Patriot.

What is the Maime Eisenhower MELP Program and why it is so Important.....to Republican Women across the Country.

The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) is the NFRW's oldest program, celebrating more than 50 years of book donations from an approved list to schools, libraries, hospitals and other public institutions.

Bookplates

Bookplates are mailed to clubs upon receipt of the list of books to be donated. This enables the Literacy Committee to track the numbers and names of books being donated by Republican women across the country.

To request bookplates, clubs should send a list of the books they are donating to Literacy Committee member Cathy Percefull.

Include the club name, the title and author of each book, and the address to which the bookplates should be sent. Bookplates will be mailed in return.

JCRW EDITOR'S Column Ruth Brodman



Members & Friends

We would love to take the Governor's seat away from Kate Brown. That is not going to happen unless we Republicans, go to the polls and Elect a Winnable Candidate. What do I mean?

A candidate that can garner lots of Votes. We are the minority party in the State but there are lots of Independents and Democrats. If you read the other column on this page Kate Brown's approval rating is tanking. Why? Because we are having a money problem within the State and even the left wing newspapers are not for her. This is a good thing but only if Republicans pick a winnable candidate.

Just to let you all know—I personally am against abortion in any form. But that is not the only issue that we have to deal with in this State. So out of the 6 Candidates running, we need to pick the one that has a chance of winning in November. The front runner in the Republican race is Knute Buehler but will Republicans vote for him? Some won't – Why because of his stance on Abortion. Read below—!!!!

Below is an excerpt from an article in the Oregonian several months ago. It claims that Knute Buehler is fibbing about his stance on the Abortion issue.

"Here in Oregon, we are facing a different kind of problem-- a Republican legislator masquerading as a pro-choice champion. This conservative Republican has voted against access to basic reproductive health care, including expansion of vasectomy care, confidential communication in healthcare and a budget that included funding for Planned Parenthood, and yet continues to call himself "pro-choice" to woo voters in a state that has continually shown itself to be in favor of reproductive rights. Rep. Knute Buehler (R-Bend), announced last Wednesday that he will run for governor in 2018. He repeated his claim that he is "pro-choice" in an interview with the Bend Bulletin. He has based this claim on his specious support of contraception. But he showed his true stance when he voted along with every member of his party against a bill this session that would provide coverage for contraception at zero out-of-pocket cost as an essential benefit outlined by the Affordable Care Act. "

However, this is not the only issue in this race for the seat... There are already at total of 6 Republicans that have thrown their hat in the ring. Must live thru another 4 years of Governor Brown, we will be bankrupt and have ciao in our State.

Friends, we are the Minority Party in the state and don't have a prayer of winning the seat unless we do our diligence and vote for the Candidate that has a chance of winning not just the Republican vote but the Democrat and the Independent VOTE as well.

Think hard this time Republicans. Don't stay home and let's vote for the Candidate that can send Governor Brown packing.



Democrats and their friends in the liberal media like to spend all day long telling us that Republicans can't win in 2018. Well, according to the latest polling, Oregon Governor Kate Brown's approval has taken a dive in the past year after her administration has experienced a profound series of mismanagement, corruption, and financial negligence scandals. These scandals are in addition to the Governor's support for controversial tax increases on health care and energy, as well as her much-criticized failure to seriously address the looming PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) fiscal catastrophe.

In an independent poll conducted quarterly that measures the approval ratings of Governors across the nation, Oregon Governor Kate Brown's approval has seen a 13% drop in the past year, down to 45% - below the 50% threshold that is considered dangerous for an incumbent reelection campaign.

Morning Consult Polling:

April 2017 – Kate Brown: 58% Approve; 31% Disapprove
July 2017 – Kate Brown: 53% Approve; 33% Disapprove
Oct. 2017 – Kate Brown: 50% Approve; 34% Disapprove
Jan. 2018 – Kate Brown: 45% Approve; 37% Disapprove

News outlets across the state that tend to support Democrats have taken to harshly criticizing Oregon's Democrat Governor for all these failures and scandals but to no apparent effect on the Governor's priorities or actions. Instead, the past year has been witness to numerous heavy-handed attempts to prevent public and media scrutiny, to the point of obstructing audits and stonewalling public records releases.

"OHA, DEQ, DHS, DOE, Wildfires, Medicaid Fraud, Criminal Sanctuaries - Kate Brown's tenure has served up a virtual alphabet soup of scandals and reports of gross incompetence and waste by her administration. Each has often been followed by revelations of malfeasance by Brown's subordinates trying to prevent the public from learning just how bad it really is," said Oregon GOP Chairman Bill Currier. "Meanwhile other catastrophic problems, like PERS, grow worse with no serious solutions on the horizon. Instead of leading, Kate Brown has chosen to focus on political posturing and raising campaign cash."

One thing we know for sure at this point: THIS WON'T CHANGE UNTIL KATE BROWN IS REPLACED! In November 2018, we can do exactly this by electing a REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR - but not without your help.



"All the Great Things are Simple and many can be expressed in a Single Word

Freedom, Justice, Honor, Duty, Mercy, & Hope

Winston Churchill

What is "ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA & WHAT ARE THEIR GOALS

Organizing for America, now called Organizing for Action, (OFA) is a community organizing project of the Democratic National Committee. Initially founded after the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama, the group sought to mobilize supporters in favor of Obama's legislative priorities, particularly health care reform.

Eventually, the organization played a role in the midterm elections of 2010. Later, it became the grassroots arm of Obama for America. After Obama's second inauguration, it was reorganized as Organizing for Action and returned to its previous mission of organizing around the President's agenda. It has since turned into a hub of the Democratic protest movement.

After a long period of withdrawal from the public eye, Organizing for Action, the political group that grew out of Barack Obama's first presidential campaign, began ramping back up for the Trump era with a focus on defending the Affordable Care Act and training grassroots organizers & officials.

OFA has hired 14 field organizers in states home to key Senators as part of its campaign to defend Obama's signature healthcare law.

Breitbart News extensively reported that **Indivisible leaders** are openly associated with groups financed by billionaire George Soros. Politico profiled Indivisible in an article titled, "Inside the protest movement that has Republicans reeling." The news agency not only left out the Soros links, but failed to note that the organizations cited in its article as helping to amplify Indivisible's message are either financed directly by Soros or have close ties to groups funded by the billionaire, as Breitbart News documented.

Organizing for Action (OFA) is a so-called community organizing project that sprung from Obama's 2012 campaign organization, Organizing for America, becoming a nonprofit described by the Washington Post as "advocating for the then President Obama's policies."

In a recent Facebook post titled, "Take a deep breath. Then take action," OFA called on constituents to lobby particularly hard lawmakers in their home districts.

The Democratic Coalition is the home of the Resistance to Donald Trump and his agenda. Launched in Spring of 2016 they are the nation's largest grassroots organization dedicated to holding the Trump administration accountable for regressive policies, hateful rhetoric and outright lies. We are engaged in campaign efforts across the country in order to elect progressive candidates and bring new leadership to government at the local and federal level.

The post included a link to a guide released by Indivisible on how to organize against Trump.

<https://www.indivisible.org/guide/>

Members—Suggest that you look over the above link to the Guide and see what we face in the upcoming elections. These people are not only attempting to replace every Republican in Office but are mean spirited and are disrupting offices of Elected Republican Officials, Attending and Disrupting Speaking Engagements and doing their worst against all Elected Republicans in Office or Running for Office.

We need to keep supporting all of our officials by attending their Town Halls and do all we can to help them get re-elected.....It's What Republican Women Are Suppose to Do....Ed.

Please Cut out and Mail



Jackson County Republican Women

2018 Membership Application & Renewal

**Please Print Clearly—Please fill out entire form
All Information is required.**

Full Member Name _____ Dues \$30

Associate Member Name _____ Dues \$20
(Spouses, Legislators & OFRW members of other clubs.)

Contribution \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

Birthday—Month and Date Only _____

I am a registered Republican. I would like to volunteer.

**Please make check payable to JCRW
Return with this form to:**

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