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My View ... Common Sense in Government!

Eileen Sobjack, WFRW President

As I have traveled the state to speak to Republican Women's clubs my message is that we need to restore *Common Sense in Government*. Last year we heard that President Obama would bring hope and change. After six months in office, hope is only a hollow word and the change we see is toward more government control of our lives. Hope is distant for many as they find themselves struggling to hang onto jobs and pay the bills. There is a big hole in the 'Bailout Boat' and the faster our President bails, the more water is filling up the boat.

In our own state the democrats have overspent \$9 billion and now we are stuck with the bill. It is time to live within our means and to elect legislators that understand how to balance a budget.

For too long, many Americans have been willing to accept more government control in their lives, foolishly thinking that they will not pay a cost. We have seen the mess made of our social security system, so why would we consider government run healthcare? When we as Americans get lazy then we are easy prey for those who want to limit our freedoms and control us.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

However, there has been a turning point in America!

When thousands turned out in April for the Tax Day "tea parties," it was the beginning of another Awakening for America. For those of us who have been sounding the alarm for

years, it was encouraging to see our neighbors finally join us in understanding the importance of protecting the great principles on which this country was founded.

However, it will require much more than rallies and meetings to effectively head our country back in the right direction. Action and vigilance are needed!

Another great American, Thomas Jefferson, said, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." Many of you have been vigilant, it is time to reach out and make others aware of the need to remain vigilant.

This is a very crucial time for the Republican women and for all Republicans; opportunities abound to mentor new people, increase membership, offer common sense principles for government, and to get involved in carrying out that change. More than ever, our clubs should be opening their doors to new members, offering programs that educate, and helping train women to make a difference.

This summer you can get involved in local elections by supporting principled candidates. Some communities really need your involvement to protect the rights of citizens and property owners.

Also, the Referendum to Protect Marriage in Washington needs signature gatherers right now thru July 22nd. For more information on this issue go to <http://protectmarriagewa.com/>.

Be a voice for Common Sense!

Eileen

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NFRW 1st Vice President Sue Lynch to speak at WFRW's Fall Board Meeting!

WFRW is pleased to announce that Sue Lynch will be attending our fall board meeting as special guest speaker! At present, Sue is a candidate for President of the NFRW; the election of NFRW officers for 2010-2011 will be completed at the organization's biennial convention in September so she very well might be NFRW's "President-elect" when she meets with us!

Our fall Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for October 30-31 at the Icicle Inn. Leavenworth, WA. Please mark this date on your calendar.

You will be informed as plans are confirmed.



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Speaking of Cents ...

*Cents Make Dollars
and Dollars Make More Sense!*
3rd Vice President Roxanne Husmann
Finance and Winners' Circle Chair

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly! - The good news is that WFRW is a non-profit organization; the bad news is that few, if any, companies are netting a profit this year. The ugly (and scary) news is that my job is to make sure we NET \$11,100.00 this year!

So, in an effort to meet our goal as per our proposed budget - I propose a two-phase plan.

First Phase: I ask each federated member to write a check directly to WFRW for \$12.00 for 2009 then again in 2010. This amount is in addition to regular club dues. Again, I realize that in this economic environment this may not be easy for some. However, for others it may be. Those who are able to write that check might certainly write it for more if they wish. The approximate total would be over \$10,000 with every expectation that additional fundraising would put us well over the top!

I start by asking you to write that check today! I also ask District Directors and Presidents to make this request at your next monthly meeting. I will be following up with a letter/e-mail to each District Director and President as a reminder before the next WFRW BOD meeting

Second Phase: I know that electing conservative, moral Republican candidates is of the utmost importance. Especially since the results of our last election cycle and not to mention reading the current headlines!

How about if clubs raise their fees for associate membership and share half of the associate dues with WFRW? In return, WFRW would include those associates in the WRW newsletter distribution list (unless they already have access to WRW via a spouse). This is good PR for the clubs and serves to provide associates with the broader picture of who WFRW members are and what we do!

Clubs should keep in mind that the more paid-up associate members they have, the more money the club and Federation can spend on special projects.

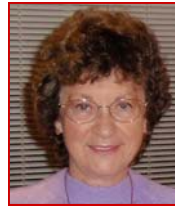
Again, this is a win/win situation. More associates equal more money for candidates at the local and state levels. And this promotes more active participation. Ladies, there is power in numbers whether it is dollars or members. We just happen to want both!

Please understand that this Two-Phase plan would not be eliminating the fun raffles and progressive (great fun) auctions but are additions. Because of the amount needed to maintain WFRW, we must limit all sales at BOD meetings and Convention to those where all proceeds go directly to WFRW.

I know that in the past clubs have been able to sell their wares to benefit their clubs. But, as you probably figured, even if each member did send in \$12.00, it still leaves a shortfall. I ask for your forbearance in this request at least for the next two years.

We will retain Winners' Circle and are in the process of giving it a "face-lift! We encourage you to join Winners' Circle and enjoy some of the wonderful events that are being planned "for members only!"

(Donations should be made payable to WFRW and mailed to PO Box 1443. Olympia, WA 98507-1443. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Remember, we are all volunteers but we need dollars to help achieve our goals.)



Come Fly With Me!

2nd Vice President Mary Jane Aurdal
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Our clubs have been very busy this year! Beginning in January, I visited 7 clubs in 5 months; the enthusiasm is overwhelming! It is great fun to meet with clubs and see them exploring novel ways of reaching out to their communities.

I'd have to say that one of the most unique ideas comes from the Chelan Valley RW. In April, I presented "Come Fly With Me" at their meeting. Discussion was lively and you could feel the energy in the air.

A few days later, I received a note from President Jama England that they had bought a display ad in the newspaper inviting people to their next meeting AND "adopting" a section of highway between Chelan and Manson! The highway department will install signs that read, "This Section of Highway Adopted By Chelan Valley Republican Women". The signs will be an advertisement 24/7 to everyone going by. (Tip: Contact the Boy Scouts, church youth groups, etc., to help with this vital community service!)

Jama recently advised me they have their website up and running - www.chelanvalleyrepublicanwomen.org!

In May, I attended the Gig Harbor RW luncheon and presented "Come Fly". Instead of a lecture, I threw it open for questions and comments like a workshop. Again, the response was energizing and exciting! We ran out of time for me to finish the program but before I left, 4 members had volunteered to chair committees including a new website! A happy member is a participant, not a spectator!

Over the years, I've developed several PowerPoint presentations tailored to address issues that clubs have called to my attention. I'll be glad to present any of these at your club meetings or district directors' workshops. I guarantee they are evocative, entertaining, educational and—energizing!

1. "Come Fly With Me" - WFRW's premier membership recruitment program. Good for new clubs and "experienced" clubs, too!
2. "A, B, C's of Club Building" - Starting a new club, building membership and communicating with members. You'll remember this one!
3. "Life After Caucus" - Answers questions about how WFRW members fit in to the State and National Republican Committee.
4. "Destination RNC Convention" Ahh, the Road to Convention—how do you get there from here?
5. "Know Your Candidate" - Don't be duped by the candidate who is not what you think! Ask the hard questions!
6. "What Club Presidents Need to Know" - before you need to know it. Comes with a cheat-sheet guide to prepare you to hit the ground running after the first of the year.
7. "Who Are You and What Do You Do?" This motivational program is a must—don't assume that every member understands our goals and how we achieve them.

I've come to the understanding there are no "off years" for us. We must be constantly reaching out to new members and growing our clubs.

With that thought in mind, I invite you to invite me to present "Come Fly With Me" or any of the above. When and where is up to you!



Club News Around The State



RW of Whatcom County invited Mary Jane to their May 9 meeting where she presented the member orientation program entitled "Who Are You and What Do You Do?".

The RWWC is a very politically savvy club and home of WFRW President Eileen Sobjack. Membership has in-

creased under President Sharon Helm's leadership—she has a novel way of gaining members! She asks them to join!

Shown above are club members and Northwest District Director Cristi Lysne. They are holding garden bird feeders made of cast-off tea cups mounted on poles by a member's husband. They are pretty and popular fundraisers!



RWWC is also the home club of the Whatcom County GOP Chair Luanne VanWerven. Luann was a delegate to the Minneapolis RNC Convention in 2008. WFRW members are everywhere! (Photo WFRW President Eileen Sobjack and Luanne VanWerven.)

West Skagit RW: Thanks to actions by the Democrats (what an odd way to begin an article on an RW club!), the West Skagit RW are seeing an awakening among traditional thinking people in the area. More new faces are showing up, including younger people who are bringing friends and who are seeking more than just information -- they want action! This holds great promise for the next election cycle.



Besides being a conduit for information about what's happening on the local scene, club meetings always include an interesting guest speaker. At the June 10th meeting we hosted former Ambassador to New Zealand Della Newman. Della was appointed by President George H.W. Bush. She shared many personal stories and humor from her close relationship with the elder Bush.

The club encourages people to turn out for civil and important weekly demonstration on Sundays, for just an hour (noon to 1 PM) in support for America's military. A growing number stands on the downtown corner where Route 20 turns towards the Washington State Ferry, holding flags and banners expressing support for our troops. Hundreds of honks, waves, and thumbs up clearly show there is widespread support for the cause of freedom.

We are gearing up for our largest fund-raiser of the year—the annual Shipwreck Day event in Anacortes on July 18th. Shipwreck Day, for anyone who isn't familiar with it, is essentially a massive consolidated yard sale stretching across the entire downtown area. Hundreds of vendors sell everything under the sun, new and old, low to high end, and the carnival atmosphere includes many food vendors and live entertainment. Our RW club sponsors a booth where donated items usually bring in a tidy sum. Its bright red, white and blue decorations serve as a handy stump for conservative candidates to introduce themselves to

people. If you can possibly make it, you'd undoubtedly enjoy browsing the Northwest's Largest Garage Sale and visiting with fellow conservative activists at their booth!

Submitted by West Skagit RW President Joan Stewart

From the Tri-Cities Republican Women's May newsletter: During May, members of the board met to complete the WFRW Local Club Achievement Award Survey for 2008-09. The survey was due to the state by June 1st. We were pleased to find that we already qualify for a Bronze Award and with a little work, we can easily receive a Silver Award. We can accomplish this by studying specific subjects and working on campaigns.

It has been a great year so far thanks to the hard work by everyone. There are several events coming up during the summer. We hope you can be involved and help keep the Republican spirit alive. September will be here before we know it and we want to be prepared for the elections this fall.

The primary will be August 18th and general election November 3rd. The 16th District will be filling the legislative seat in an off-year election and it is vital to change that to a Republican seat.

Co-Presidents Jane Weiringa and Judy Addis

Excerpts from Lakewood RW newsletter:



Lakewood member Brandi Mester with some "old bags"!

As summer progresses there will be opportunities to man Republican booths at fairs and July 4th. Volunteering at these events is a great way to meet and greet and get the Republican message out. There are rumblings out there opposing President Obama's slide toward socialism. The more we can inform and educate the general populace, the better our chances will be to take back this great nation. (from LRW President Lillian Murphy)

Our Legislative Update on May 2nd (combined with the 28th District Republican Club) was very informative. Senator Mike Carrell told us about his various bills including keeping track of felons, setting priorities concerning the state's budget

deficit, and he offered some thoughts on where we might be or want to be in the next two years. He also mentioned a decrease in electrical dams and an increase in windmills.

It is estimated that taxes will increase by \$328 million taking dollars from public safety, lower tuition for college students and illegals, and increasing the gas tax to name a few. (from LRW member Marlene Bostic)

Lakewood RW also host a "Bunco Night" at various members homes and the "Old Bag Bus Trip" as fundraisers. Photo right shows member Shirley Burrows serving snacks on the bus to Lakewood members. Note WFRW Awards Chair Sally Taylor on the left. For more information about these fun events, check the Lakewood RW web site at www.lrwclub.org.



Club News and More!



Spring BOD meeting: (Left photo) "Queen of Tweets" Nansen Malin shows Gig Harbor President Jody Doggett how it is done! (Right photo) Board of Directors meetings are not all fun and games. These gals are definitely paying attention to one of our stellar speakers.

Peninsula District Director Brenda Petrick has selected September 19 for her District meeting with club officers. Eileen Sobjack and Mary Jane Aurdal are invited speakers. We hope that everyone is able to make this important meeting! Brenda forwarded the following reports:

Bainbridge Island RW recruits new members by networking with friends and neighbors, 4th of July booth, advertising their monthly luncheons and speakers in local newspapers. Their speaker in May was Sharon Hanek who talked on becoming an effective political communicator.

South Kitsap's May guest speaker was Sharon Krey who gave a talk on the U.S. Constitution. They are planning a "Welcome Home" event for troops in July in conjunction with the VFW.

Members were the guest speakers at North Kitsap's annual membership tea sharing how and why they became active in NKRW. As a fundraiser, they are participating in a white elephant, plant and garage sale with Central and South Kitsap RW clubs.

Central Kitsap hosted Rep. Jan Angel at their May meeting who spoke on "Our Freedom, Our Future". They have 22 regular members and 1 associate.

Gig Harbor RW heard from Rep. Jan Angel in their June meeting. Jan gave a report on "Happenings in Olympia". The

group supports Care Net and Habitat for Humanity.

Jefferson County has 16 regular members and has monthly luncheon meetings in Port Ludlow. Their June speaker was Bob Cheramack who spoke on "Our Forests".

Clallam County hosted their County Chairman Dick Pilling at their June meeting. They regularly ship boxes of goods to the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members are active in the County GOP organization.



PV President Colleen Wise, WFRW 3rd VP Roxanne Husmann and author Karen Olson at Winners' Circle event, WFRW Spring BOD meeting.

Puyallup Valley RW: President Colleen Wise advises that her mother, whom you know as Nita Huber, became ill while at a family reunion in Kirtsville, MI. She had major surgery on May 23rd and has improved swiftly. Can't keep a good Republican woman down!

Nita is an integral part of what makes WFRW work; she not only has devoted herself to Republican causes, she inspired her daughter Colleen to do the same. Get well soon, Nita!

At their June meeting, PV hosted Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor who spoke on escape routes for emergencies, communications between city and county to coordinate services, and other concerns relating to terrorist activities.

Evergreen RW invited retired Police Chief Bill Cooper to address their June meeting. Bill is the husband of former ERW President Patty Cooper and has been a guest speaker at WFRW events. His specialty is Terrorism ... with a capital "T"!

ERW hosted noted speaker and author, Herb Meyer at their meeting in May. Herb was special assistant to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Vice Chairman of the CIA's National Intelligence Council during the Reagan administration.

ERW continues to be involved with support the troops activities and community outreach programs while educating members with great speakers.

WFRW Honors Our Veterans!!



Ruth M. Anderson

Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

Secretary

Puyallup Valley Republican Women

In 1965 after graduating from Pacific Lutheran University, I entered the Air Force and was commissioned that November.

For the next 27 years the Air Force was home, taking me to Montgomery, Alabama, as a personnel officer, and then to Denver, Colorado, where I attended intelligence school.

Although the Vietnam War remains a sad chapter in our nation's history, one positive outcome emerged--non-medical military women were needed beyond their traditional roles as personnel or administrative members.

I volunteered for Vietnam and served as an intelligence officer at our base in Saigon from August 1967-March 1969.

Follow-on assignments led to two tours in Germany, two tours in the Pentagon, a sabbatical year at Georgetown University, and my favorite duty--Defense and Air Attaché in the

American Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. My husband, a retired AF officer, and I arrived in Budapest in July 1988. We left three years later having participated in the demise of communism in Eastern Europe. My last assignment took us to Tucson, Arizona.

It gives me great pleasure to salute and thank all the men and women who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. God grant you well-being, productive work, and a safe return to your loved ones.

Ed. Note: And it gives US great pleasure to salute and thank you, Ruth, for your years of service to our country and around the world. Because of women and men of courage, we live in the Land of the Free--courtesy of the Brave.

Readers, this is the 2nd in our series honoring WFRW members who have served in the US Military. If you or a member of your club fits the description, please send us her story along with a recent or vintage photo!



Legislative Reports



Successes, disappointments mark 2009 legislative session

By 26th Dist. Rep. Jan Angel

With the task of addressing an unprecedented \$9 billion budget shortfall, the 2009 legislative session, which adjourned in April, was very challenging. Here are my observations:

Operating budget: Hard decisions were delayed. More than \$5 billion in one-time money

is being used to balance the budget, much of which is from the federal government. It also relies on cash transfers from the capital budget. More than \$8 million in new programs and spending was added. Consequently, this sets us up for another deficit, possibly as high as \$10 billion, when the next budget is written in 2011.

No new taxes, but plenty of fees: The Legislature did not increase taxes. However, citizens will be asked to pay \$435 million more in new and additional fees. This includes higher tuition rates, increased document recording fees, a substantial hike in liquor license fees, and an increase in hunting and fishing license fees, all of which I opposed.

Respectful language: House Bill 1835 is a measure I sponsored that provides respectful language in our state laws when referring to people living with developmental disabilities. It replaces the words "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability." This bill, signed into law, is important to those afflicted with disabilities.

Public safety: To increase public safety, I introduced House Bill 1834 requiring electronic GPS monitoring of Level 3 sex offenders. But the Legislature went the opposite direction. To save money, some prisoners will be released early, community corrections officer positions are cut, probation is eliminated or reduced for 9,000 convicts, and felons regain the right to vote even though they have not completed full restitution.

Successes and disappointments come with every session. However, it is always an honor to serve you. I invite your comments. Call my office in Port Orchard at (360) 876-5986. ###

Rep. Jan Angel, R-Port Orchard, is ranking Republican on the House Local Government and Housing Committee.



An introduction to the state Senate

By 2nd District Senator Randi Becker

Serving as the state senator from the 2nd District is both the most exciting and frustrating thing I've ever done. The challenge of dealing with so many different people with different ideas on how to solve our state's problems is immense, yet wholly worthwhile.

As a freshman senator, a typical day in the 2009 legislative session lasted about 10 to 15 hours. I spent six to eight of those in committees hearing public testimony on bills, while the rest of the time was spent voting, meeting with constituents or reading up on the issues. It's amazing how much energy it takes to make informed decisions, which is why it is so critical that we hear public input.

Each day, we're given a list of bills to consider just minutes before debate begins. Sometimes we don't know what bill we're debating until the majority party moves it for consideration. If you're unfamiliar with a bill or it didn't come through your committee, there really isn't a lot of time to learn. Members would often form "mini-caucuses" on the floor to discuss bills, which I found beneficial as they helped me to make informed decisions.

When only one party is in charge, bipartisan solutions are often overlooked. Not too long ago the Legislature was more evenly divided, and able to work together to find suitable compromises. I hope the time will come soon when those principles supersede party affiliation and we can truly work for the betterment of the people of Washington. ###

Senator Becker was elected in 2008.

She is a ranking minority member on the following standing committees: Higher Education and Workforce Development; Health and Long-Term Care; Agriculture and Rural Economic Development; Transportation. Her phone is 360-786-7602.

Thank you to senators and representatives for providing input to WRW. We encourage our Republican women legislators to become more proactive with the Washington Federation of Republican women. Articles are published subject to available space.

Referendum #71—Protect Marriage in Washington State

The 2008 Platform adopted by the WSRP at their convention in Spokane, May 31, 2008, includes the following:

SECTION 5: FAMILY

The family unit is the cornerstone of a free and moral society. It is the responsibility of parents, not the state, to guide their children to be good citizens. Government's responsibility is to uphold and respect traditional institutions, such as marriage between one man and one woman, protect the elderly and children from the harmful elements of society, and defend the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

The majority of voters across our state and the rest of the 50 states concur with the opinion that marriage is a traditional institution, between one man and one woman. This belief crosses political party lines as well as many religious philosophies and practices.

The Washington State legislature, led by Governor Christine Gregoire, recently enacted legislation (SB 5688) redefining marriage and injecting the phrase, "marriage shall apply equally to state registered domestic partnerships" 180 times throughout the bill. (Emphasis added)

Many traditional family-oriented groups, including American Family Association and Concerned Women of American, are vigorously fighting this trend and are providing sources for petitions and talking points to reverse the effects of SB 5688.

Larry Stickney, Washington Values Alliance, issued the following statement: "SB 5688 was packaged and presented to the legislature as a Domestic Partnerships expansion of benefits. In truth, it will demolish the state's historical understanding and definition of marriage as Washington will immediately become subject to litigation by same-sex partners demanding the courts overturn our state's Defense of Marriage Act and impose "same-sex marriage" (as happened recently in California prior to Proposition 8). By signing Referendum 71, we will bring this society changing measure before the people of Washington State and let them make this monumental decision in November."

At last count, 120,000 more signatures are needed on petitions and mailed by July 22 to qualify for the November ballot.

You may request petitions from Protect Marriage Washington's website by going to www.protectmarriagewa.com and clicking on the "Get Petitions" link at the top of the page. They will gladly accommodate your request.

Legislative Reports



Bad Bills that Just Won't Die

By 38th Dist. Sen. Val Stevens

Judge Gideon J. Tucker said, "No man's life, liberty or property is safe while the legislature is in session."

I'll go him one better: You're not even safe *after* session adjourns. That's because any bill introduced the first year of a two-year term stays alive the entire two years. The chart below shows some of the bills that passed this year, which tax and limit your freedom. It also shows the many painful bills that thankfully didn't pass, but are *still alive* and can be revisited next January.

Passed

Domestic Partnerships (grants homosexuals everything but marriage)

Cap and Tax (SB 5735)

Not Passed

State Income Tax (SB 5104)

Tax on homeowner insurance policies (SB 5393)

Tax on petroleum products (SB 5518)

New tax on cigarettes (SB 5626)

Hike in property tax for school funding (SB 5607)

New payroll tax to support paid family leave (SB 5679)
B&O tax on farms, sales tax on farm auctions (SB 5911)
New county utility taxes (SB 5960)
New payroll tax to provide government sponsored universal health care insurance (SB 5945)
One percent income tax on the wealthy (SB 6147)
Sales tax increase (HB 2377)
Sales tax on candy (SB 6189)
Abolishes the death penalty (SB 5476)
Elect U.S. President by popular vote (SB 5204)

Many of these bills rob you of your liberty, place punitive regulations on your businesses, bleed you to death with taxes, and hamper your right to travel freely. I fear that in a few years we'll all wonder if this is really America.

In just one example from this year, the transportation budget included a provision installing cameras in construction zones (even when workers are not present) to catch speeders. They are then tracked down and fined double the normal fee. Can Big Brother tracking your every move be far behind?

Every year our freedoms are slowly being eroded one bill at a time. I pledge to fight this loss of liberty every step of the way.

Sen. Stevens represents the state's 39th Legislative District, which includes part of rural King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. Her phone number is 360-786-7676.



Republican women wear many hats.

By 13th District Rep. Judy Warnick

Republican women may sometimes feel conflicted between what we believe politically and how to be true to ourselves.

As Republicans, we believe government should have a limited role; that family and neighbors should support each other. We trust in the free

market capitalist society that has lifted our nation out of past recessions.

As women, our hearts are broken when we hear of children in abusive homes or with inadequate educational opportunities. We want to scoop them up as we would our own children and immediately solve their problems. So how do we serve both roles?

As a state representative, I attempt to look at society's problems holistically, to find ways to address issues with long-term successes. I try to follow both my maternal nature and my Republican beliefs to find the best outcomes.

Republicans are often accused of not caring about children, the poor or the elderly, simply because we believe in different solutions to society's ills. We hear from others "it's about the children" while promoting increased government health care, additional educational mandates and more.

I agree it really is about the children! Decisions we make in Olympia will affect our children and grandchildren's future. That doesn't mean we should make rash decisions that appeal to our softer side. We have to think about what we're leaving future generations. Are we leaving them with cheaper health care only to increase their future debt load? Are we improving their learning environment by redefining basic education and adding enormous financial burdens to the education system? These questions must be answered in a thoughtful way.

We need to work together to find better ways to serve our children and neighbors. It does not mean we must compromise our values and core beliefs. Republicans can be both fiscally cautious and compassionate women.###

Judy Warnick represents Washington's 13th District, which includes Cle Elum, Ellensburg and Moses Lake. She is currently in her second term as state representative.

Rep. Warnick's phone number is 360-786-7932.

NFRW Convention—Orlando—September 10-13

WFRW delegates and alternates will soon converge on Florida for the NFRW's 35th biennial convention in September. At-large delegates and alternates were elected at our spring board meeting in April. Delegates are: Cecelia MacLaren, Shirley Schreiber, Mary Jane Aurdal, Patti Wieland, Barbara Ann Stier, JoyceAnn Damon, Sally Taylor, Judy Needles; alternates are Fredi Simpson, Debbie Cunningham and Sandi Peterson.

WFRW President Eileen Sobjack is an automatic delegate. Each club in good standing with WFRW may send a delegate and an alternate. If you are able to attend this Convention, you can find information on our website, www.wfrw.org.

The most important business conducted by the delegates will be voting for new officers to lead NFRW during 2010 and

2011; each term of office is for two years. As mentioned elsewhere in WRW, 1st Vice President Sue Lynch is on the slate as President along with Joyce Smith (1st VP), Rae Lynne Chornenky (2nd VP), Martha Jenkins (3rd VP), Patt Parker (4th VP), Jane Lane (Secretary) and Brenda Smith (Treasurer).

Also on the agenda will be a vote for a \$2.00 increase in dues per federated member per year for NFRW and important changes in bylaws.

Maybe you've been planning a nice vacation—why not join us in Orlando? Guests are welcome and the weather should be stellar!

You'll find all the information you need to make an informed decision on NFRW's website: www.nfrw.org.



Jessica DeWitt
Selected as NFRW Intern

WFRW is proud to announce that Jessica DeWitt, granddaughter of Frankie DeWitt, has been selected to intern for six weeks at NFRW headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

Jessica was born and raised in Yakima. She cut her teeth on campaign signs as a member of the activist DeWitt family. She is currently a Communications Major at Lake Forest College in Illinois. Her personal motto is "positivity" which shows on her excellent academic record and resume.

Every year, NFRW offers internships to young women who

are Juniors in college and this year three were chosen from across the United States, including Jessica.

They are being housed at George Washington University, just a few blocks from the White House. Washington's 5th CD Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers will meet with this year's interns.

Interns are working on different tasks, focusing on NFRW business. They research hot topics (the economy, cap and trade, labor union requirements for businesses, etc.). They are also helping NFRW prepare for the national convention in September.

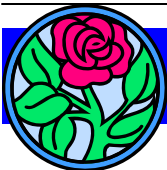
All of this is in addition to visiting Capitol Hill, sitting in on hearings, and meeting with various legislators.

Jessica sincerely thanks WFRW for this opportunity!



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What is Winners' Circle and why should you join?

Donations go into WFRW's general fund helping us to provide campaign schools, educational programs, necessary upgrades to our equipment and other expenses.

Winners' Circle members enjoy an exclusive reception at the regularly scheduled WFRW Board of Directors meetings and the biennial Convention.

Clubs may join and entitle their President to participate in Winners' Circle events.

We also encourage all elected Republican officials to join the Winners' Circle and support the Republican women's programs that enable WFRW to support the candidates.

If you are a current member of Winners' Circle but your name is not listed, please contact Patsy Excell. If you are not a member of the Winners' Circle and would like more information, please email Roxanne Husmann at edsapples@aol.com or go to www.wfrw.org/winners-circle.htm.

To renew, forward your check to WFRW Treasurer Patsy Excell, PO Box 1443, Olympia, WA 98507.

Special thanks to the following individuals and clubs who are current contributors to Winners' Circle!

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WFRW webmaster and treasurer extraordinaire Patsy Excell has done the research and written step by step instructions to turn YOU into an accomplished webmaster. Please check WFRW.org and then volunteer to create a web site for your club. Remember, if you don't do it, it might not get done — you can be the one who does it and wins the NFRW award for best club web!

