

The Washington Federation of Republican Women  
present

## *Who Are You ... and ... What Do You Do??*

A PowerPoint Membership Orientation Program

Designed to introduce prospective and new members to the benefits of joining a  
Republican Women's club in the State of Washington  
and beneficial review of our purpose for current members.

Republican women's clubs were inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872—before women had the right to vote!

*"The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom."*

### **Facts:**

- The oldest Republican women's club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.
- Hundreds of clubs sprang up around the nation in the years that followed.
- By the late 1930s, Indiana was the leader boasting 140 Republican women's clubs in their State.
- The National Federation of Republican Women was officially organized in 1938 by Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the RNC.

### **The governing rules adopted then are the guidelines we use today:**

- To foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party
- To promote education along political lines
- To encourage cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives.
  - ◆ *The Washington Federation of Republican Women was chartered under the By-laws of the NFRW in 1945.*
  - ◆ *Our Mission Statement describes us as a "pro-active political force in Washington State whose mission is to unite and empower women with an informed voice of influence."*

### **Our Bylaws state our objectives:**

- To promote an informed electorate through political participation, education and activities;
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation;
- To recruit and promote qualified women and men for all elective offices;
- To facilitate cooperation among the NFRW, WFRW and duly chartered Republican Women's clubs in the State of Washington;
- To promote loyalty to the Republican Party and work for the election of Republican candidates;
- To support the objectives and policies of the Republican National Committee and the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP).

### **The Pecking Order:**

- Affiliated local or area clubs in Washington State are chartered as provided by WFRW Bylaws
- Each local club has its own Bylaws which cannot be in conflict with those of the WFRW.
- When questions arise that are not covered by the club's Bylaws, WFRW Bylaws Supersede.

- Beyond that, look to NFRW Bylaws or Roberts' Rules of Order.
- WFRW has approximately 37 clubs with current charters, in good standing.
- Our state is divided into 11 Districts; individual clubs are sub-grouped into each District.

### ***Identity Crisis?***

Many club members do not know the relationship of their local club to the WFRW, NFRW, WSRP and the RNC.

1. Local Club
2. WFRW (Washington Federation of Republican Women) [www.wfrw.org](http://www.wfrw.org)
3. NFRW (National Federation of Republican Women) [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

We partner with the WSRP (Washington State Republican Party) and the RNC (Republican National Committee) but they do not govern our organization.

It's important that new members receive an orientation talk and brochures telling our purpose and history.

### ***So, What Do We Do?***

- We help women from all walks of life, from the grassroots up, to become players in the political arena.
- We encourage women and men to run for office and support them when they do.
- We strengthen the Republican Party by recruiting members, training and electing candidates.
- We advocate the Party's philosophy and initiatives.
- We support Republican candidates both financially and as volunteers.
- We educate and empower women of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds in the political process.
- We work hard to elect Republicans to office.

***Membership in a Republican women's club encourages women to be involved in the whole political process.***

### ***What Else Do We Do?***

- Run for office; WFRW encourages you to step up and step out.
- Actively engage in campaigns, rallies and fundraisers.
- Write letters to editors, work on phone banks, walk in parades
- Volunteer in Republican booths at county fairs and community events.
- Donate money to your favorite candidates.
- Volunteer at the county GOP headquarters—answer the phone, greet people.

***BEING INVOLVED WITH YOUR REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB , YOUR COUNTY AND STATE PARTIES—OPENS DOORS!***

### ***WFRW & WSRP—Working Together:***

- Be involved in the County Republican Party.
- Attend County GOP meetings and local precinct caucuses.
- Be a PCO (Precinct Committee Officer) and be elected to serve as a delegate to the County Convention.
- Be elected as a County Delegate to the WSRP Convention.
- Be elected as a State Delegate to the RNC Convention.
- Be elected as an officer in the County Party.

***REMEMBER—WE ARE REPUBLICANS FIRST!***

***We support only Republican candidates. We support and endorse the philosophy, goals and candidates of the National Republican Committee and the Washington State Republican Party.***