

**Welcome**  
to the  
**National Federation**  
**of Republican Women (NFRW)**  
and the  
**Arizona Federation**  
**of Republican Women (AzFRW)**



**2010-2011**

# THE ARIZONA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN



**Historical Background:** On August 18, 1920 the 19th Amendment was ratified which gave women the right to vote. In 1924, for the first time, women were given equal representation on the Republican National Committee by a rule change which provided for both a national committeeman and a national committeewoman from each state.

**1924** was a momentous year for Republican women in Arizona. Early that year, a group of sixteen ladies in Tucson met for tea and to discuss ways in which they could educate themselves in the political process. Their meeting resulted in the Pima County Republican Women's Club, Arizona's first club with many following all around the state. Later that same year, Mrs. J.L.B. Alexander gathered Republican women from all across Arizona for a meeting in Phoenix. Bylaws were drafted and thus was formed the beginning of our state organization which was then known as the Arizona Republican Women's Clubs.

In **1938** Marion Martin, Assistant Chairman of the Republican National Committee, called for a meeting of Republican women from across the country which was held at the Palmer House in Chicago. From this gathering, the National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs of America was born with eleven states as charter members. Arizona's state organization, became proud members of that national organization two years later in **1940**. Eventually the national name evolved into the National Federation of Republican Women and Arizona's name followed suit and becoming the Arizona Federation of Republican Women. Arizona currently has 29 clubs throughout the state and celebrated their 85th anniversary at the biennial convention held October 2009 in Tucson.

The Arizona Federation of Republican Women gathers three times a year across Arizona for Winter, Summer and Fall State Meetings. All members are invited and welcomed at State Meetings. The next biennial Convention will be in the Nov 4-5, 2011 in Fountain Hills. State Meetings offer wonderful opportunities for members to network with other Republican women throughout the state, to hear excellent speakers, attend workshops, meet candidates and educate yourself on how to elect Republicans.

Information about the next upcoming State Meeting is always available on our website at:

**[www.azfrw.org](http://www.azfrw.org)** (User: federation Password: 1920azfrw)

<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Established</u></b>	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Established</u></b>
Pima County RW	1924	Mesa RW	1974
Prescott RW	1942	Oro Valley RW	1976
Flagstaff RW	1947	Chandler RW	1976
Tempe RW	1947	Tucson RW	1984
Yuma County RW	1947	London Bridge RW	1985
Graham County RW	1954	Paradise RW	1992
Kingman RW	1956	Arrowhead RW	1993
Central RW	1958	Pinal County RW	2001
Huachuca Area RW	1960	Rio Colorado RW	2001
Verde Valley RW	1961	Ahwatukee RW	2005
Colorado River RW	1966	Estrella RW	2007
Cactus Wren WR	1967	Lincoln RW	2007
Lake Havasu City RW	1970	Grande Valley RW	2008
Thunder Mtn RW	1972	Gilbert RW	2009
Palo Verde RW	1974		



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## History of the National Federation of Republican Women



The story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote. Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: ***"The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ...,"*** Republican women's clubs were off and running with the oldest club on record founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s. Hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs sprang up around the nation in the years to come. For example, there were 140 clubs in Indiana alone by the late 1930s.

It was in **1938** that Marion Martin, Assistant Chairman of the Republican National Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago to organize these clubs into a national organization. States in which Republican women's clubs were organized on a "statewide" basis, with 60 percent of their counties organized, sent delegates and alternates to that meeting with a request to affiliate with such an organization. The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes: ***"to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands - to promote education along political lines - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another - and to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party."*** Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The National Federation of Republican Women grew in size and strength, providing a vehicle for women concerned with the direction of our government.

In its earliest days, the Federation was a lobbying group. In 1940, NFRW enlisted the support of its members to urge their representatives in Washington to hold free and open hearings and a full investigation on the amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act. They wrote their representatives during National Debt Week to impress them with the fact that constituents were concerned about the national debt. And on June 10, 1940, NFRW President Joyce Arneill sent a letter to all club presidents urging their help in keeping Congress in session until the immediate crisis of the "foreign situation" was past.

Today, the NFRW consists of thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories. The goals of those women who met in Chicago in 1938 continue to be the goals of the NFRW – to encourage women's participation in the governing of our nation, to elect Republicans to office at all levels, and to promote public awareness of the issues that shape America.

Biennial national conventions have been held in cities across the nation, with U.S. presidents and vice presidents, homemakers and first ladies, cabinet members and celebrities attending. Presidential candidates never miss these meetings. They know that many of those attending will be delegates to the Republican National Convention, or will be instrumental in the delegate selection process. They know that these women are the Party's grassroots activists. The next NFRW Convention will be Kansas City, MO from Sept 29-Oct 2, 2011.

Programs such as NFRW's campaign management schools, women candidate seminars, and polling schools have trained literally thousands of Republican women and men to help elect GOP candidates, and communities throughout the nation have benefited from the volunteer services of NFRW's Caring for America and literacy programs.

Millions of American women from ages 19 to 90 have helped shape our nation through wartime and peace, through depression and prosperity, through good times and bad – all through the **National Federation of Republican Women**. Visit the website to learn more at **[www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)** (User Name: *federation* Password: *nfrw1938*)

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*The seal of the National Federation of Republican Women is a registered trademark. It features the American Eagle, king of birds, holding a quill pen and standing guard over our most treasured tool of democracy – the ballot box. Adopted at the biennial convention in 1944, it portrays the Federation's interest in the protection and integrity of our electoral process. The American Eagle is adopted from the great seal of the United States. The quill is symbolic of the power of words, especially as contained in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States*



***NFRW***  
***Leadership***  
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**MEMBERS OF THE NFRW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2010-2011**

**FRONT ROW:** JANE LANE, MARTHA JENKINS, **RAE CHORNENKY** AND SUE LYNCH

**MIDDLE ROW:** JESSIE MORTON, PATT PARKER AND BRENDA SMITH

**BACK ROW:** CARRIE ALMOND, KATHY BRUGGER AND JO MITCHELL

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

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<b>SECRETARY</b>	JANE LANE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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<b>MEMBER-AT-LARGE</b>	JO MITCHELL, NEW MEXICO
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<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>	JAN KENNADY, TEXAS