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Club Objectives:

- Promote principles and policies of the Republican Party*
- Promote an informed public through political education and activity*
- Encourage active citizenship*
- Increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government*
- Work for the election of Republican Party nominees*
- Protect integrity of the electoral process*
- Facilitate cooperation among national, state and local clubs*

TUESDAY APRIL 16 LUNCHEON

LOCATION: 95a Bistro & Co., 1381 Forest Park Circle, Lafayette, CO 80026

TIME: 11:15 am, **COST:** \$30 (Members & Guests)

RSVP: Online: www.boulderrepublicanwomen.org

OR Cheryl Merlino, Hospitality Chair, Call Cheryl Merlino, 425-941-8581 (Text is preferred)

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, April 12 at 5 pm.

**REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES AND LIVES
BRW APRIL 16 SPEAKER JERI CURRY**



Most of us remember the December 30, 2021 Marshall Fire, the most destructive fire in Colorado history, killing two people, destroying over 1,000 structures and over 6,000 acres burned. After over two years how much progress has been made to the recovery effort?

Our guest speaker for April may just have some answers. Jeri Curry is Executive Director and Board Chair of *Marshall Restoring Our Community (Marshall ROC)*, appointed Director in May 2023. Jeri owns *Fourth Sector Digital*, a strategic communications and management consulting firm, which allowed her the flexibility to support the Marshall Fire recovery efforts as a full-time volunteer before being appointed to Marshall ROC.

She has years of experience in media, international development, consulting, government, crisis and humanitarian response and the nonprofit sector. She has worked in more than 40 countries around the world and is passionate about intersection of technology, community, business, and communications. Jeri's C-Suite* roles include The Washington Post, Northrop Grumman, DoD, Deloitte, Internews and the Internet Society.

Jeri is a Boulder native, graduating from Boulder High School and a CU Boulder Alumna.

Many of her friends lost homes in the Marshall Fire making her even more committed to helping them and others rebuild their lives and find their way home.

*C-Suite: executives who run a given organization—makeup varies depending on the organization.

On March 21, 2024, Justice Reigned! Truth won!



The US Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has settled an unprecedented court case and taken down all of its false and misleading claims about Ivermectin. The drug has been used by humans, approved for humans and part of standard care for the treatment of COVID with an excellent safety record. Ivermectin was approved by the FDA for humans in 1987 for a variety of illnesses.

Furthermore, the FDA was required to immediately remove all social media posts and consumer directives regarding Ivermectin, including its most egregious tweet in FDA history saying humans are not horses or cows so stop using Ivermectin.

During COVID19 the FDA engaged in false and misleading tweets to dissuade doctors, pharmacists and patients from using Ivermectin.

This crusade against Ivermectin by the FDA led to the March 21 court ruling which determined the FDA cannot interfere with the doctors' ability to practice medicine. The agency is not a physician and has no authority to recommend (or demand) that someone take an approved drug or not take an approved drug. That is the role of the physician.

How many people died because they were not administered ivermectin, and furthermore were administered Remdesivir? I view this action as criminal behavior.

This is not a Republican/Democrat issue. This is a freedom vs. government issue.

Is the silver lining from this decision against the FDA an awakening by the American people about how deadly their government is? I can only hope so. Main Stream Media will give no ink to this serious ruling. We have to be clear in our message to others how dangerous our agencies are.

Who in their right mind would trust the FDA again knowing that they are padding the pockets of Big Pharma? It would appear that we need to be very skeptical of the FDA, CDC, and NIH. By extension, we should be skeptical of all government agencies, whether local, state or federal.

God Bless America

Marty Kinsley
President

Tweet by Mary Talley Bowden, MD celebrating the court case win with an big X over the original, now outlawed, tweet



OUR MARCH 19 SPEAKER: Kevin Lundberg, former Colorado Legislator from 2003 to 2019 and now offering media and video production services, discussed his role in the production of the film, *Art Club*. The film, which came out last November, was produced with Erin Lee telling her compelling story about her 12 year-old daughter who was invited by a trusted teacher at middle school to "Art Club" which turned out to be a Gender & Sexualities Alliance (GSA) supporting gender issues.

Kevin warned us that this gender indoctrination push on children is widespread. One example: A charter school in Denver took 20 kids on a field trip. One chaperone said that out of those 20 children, six were gender-confused. How did we get here? Kevin said the movement began years ago with the abolishment of "conversion therapy". The adherents to transgender dogma, in that one's sex can be changed, demands everyone confirm the gender confusion of a child. Children who are transitioned become life-long patients. The destruction of the family is another goal of this dogma.

Kevin, updated us on some legislation and an initiative drive for November related to parental rights and transgender issues. *Art Club*, with over 43,000 views and 980 thumbs-up and runs about 84 minutes. You can view it here: ArtClubMovie.com

MONTHLY BRW LUNCHEONS: As many of BRW members know, 95a Bistro & Co. is discontinuing their lunch service. However, **they will continue to host our monthly luncheons at least through the end of the year.**

If you are thinking of enjoying a dinner out, please consider dining at 95a Bistro in Lafayette as a gesture of thanks to them for their ongoing luncheon service to BRW. Have a birthday, bridal or baby shower? 95a Bistro will also host other groups for lunch service as well.



MISSION: To solve problems through the generosity and combined energies of individual citizens. BRW selects a charity to support through time and donations
Thank you BRW members for continuing your generosity into 2024 during the passing of the baby bottle for Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center!



HOWEVER, THE 2024 ELECTION IS BRINGING US TO A CROSSROADS!! We are in a battle of ideas. What kind of a country will we leave to our children and grandchildren? To do our part in the battle, BRW wants to build a “War Chest” to fight for our conservative ideals and values. Please consider making a generous donation.

If you would like to **contribute** to either the Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center or to the “War Chest”, send a check to Marty Neilson, 363 Riverside Dr., Lyons, CO 80540-8990.

SUMMER SOCIAL!!!! BRW has scheduled the biennial Summer Social....July 20th. This is the exciting meet-the-candidates dinner and social occasion. We need a chair to followup on details and some helpful committee members! Please contact Marty Kinsley to help plan this fun event!!! 303-625-3825, martykinsley@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP—WE WANT AND NEED YOU IN 2024!!!!!!
BENEFITS OF BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP



- Interacting with Like-minded People
- Educational Opportunities
- Monthly Meetings
- Informational Publications
- Support Community, State, & National Organizations
- Membership - Colorado Federated Republican Women
- Membership - National Federated Republican Women
- Networking Opportunities
- Lifelong Friendships

TO RENEW YOUR BRW MEMBERSHIP, BECOME A NEW MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR ASSOCIATE* MEMBERSHIP OR BECOME A NEW ASSOCIATE* MEMBER:

*associate members: include men or current member of another RWF club

Online: Go to boulderrepublicanwomen.org **NEW MEMBER:** Select “NEW MEMBER” tab then select new member signup. **RENEWAL:** Log in as a member. Select “MEMBERS ONLY” tab then “Member Renewal” **MAIL** Send a check—\$50 for full membership, \$25 for associate membership with printed application form to Marty Neilson, 363 Riverside Dr., Lyons, CO 80540-8990, 303-747-2159.

OR—BRING YOUR CHECK TO THE NEXT LUNCHEON!! Need information? Contact Karen Vent, Membership VP, (720) 450-6774, karenvent@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO THE COLORADO CAPITOL!!
LEGISLATIVE DAY 2024!! Tuesday, April 30!

Meet with other Republican Women Federated members to **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS** Beginning at 10:00 the visit includes a meet and greet, a visit to the Gallery of the Senate and House, and enjoying lunch with GOP Legislators. (Time to get out your red attire!!!)
WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE RESERVATION FORM AND OTHER DETAILS. Registration deadline is April 26!
 Questions? Contact Marty Neilson, 303-747-2159
marty5539@gmail.com



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THE BOULDER COUNTY ASSEMBLY WAS YUGE!!

We have the candidates
 Stay tuned starting in mid-April to get to know each of these good
 people before the
PRIMARY ELECTION ON JUNE 25TH



Saturday, April 13: **Moms for Liberty**, Speaker: Rich Guggenheim, Leader of Gays Against Groomers,
 (Headquarters: 3-5 pm, Chair, Melissa Marter, momsforlibertyboulder@proton.me)

BCR Monthly Morning Meeting, April 3, 7 a.m. BCR Office: Guest Speaker Laura Carno, Founder of
 FASTER and Colorado Board President. Founded in 2017, Laura brings a reasoned approach to school
 safety and how security teams can keep children safe. Hear about HB24-1310 and how this legislation will
 hurt rather than help your children. She is the author of *Government Ruins Nearly Everything*. RSVP to
 Bradley Beck, bradleycraigbeck@gmail.com, 303-775-7473.



LONGMONT REPUBLICAN WOMEN: FILM KICK-OFF EVENT: April 28, BCR Headquarters.
 See Robby Starbuck's eye-opening documentary film, THE WAR ON CHILDREN exposing
 the battle for control of the next generation and their minds. At times difficult to watch, the
 film reveals the battle plan to control the future. Doors open at 2pm. There is a \$5
 requested donation. Enjoy snacks beverages and a brief after-movie discussion. For
 information: sandraholloway2010@gmail.com



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 elections, the website, candidates themselves, the Liberty Road
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 group providing education on excessive taxation, regulation and government
 spending. The annual fee is \$25. Make your check payable to CUT. Mail to P.O.
 Box 1976, Lyons, CO 80540 or go to coloradotaxpayer.org. **JOIN CUT TODAY!**



CFRW 2024 86th ANNUAL SPRING BOARD MEETING



April 13-14, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
 21636 HIGHWAY 160 WEST, DURANGO 81301

Marty Neilson to represent BRW
marty5539@gmail.com if you have
 input or questions.



NEW BRIEFS



WHAT? THE POLIS-BROWN LEGACY?: On March 7 Governor Polis and other government officials rode an inspection train from Denver to Longmont, part of the planned Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) project from Ft. Collins to Pueblo.



Colorado SB 21-238, called the Front Range Passenger Rail District Act, creates this new government agency to “design finance, construct, operate and maintain new passenger rail system along the front range.” The board has the authority to ask voters along the Interstate 25 corridor to approve taxes for the passenger’s line’s construction and operation.

The project is estimated to cost between \$2 and \$6 billion depending on the level of service. The line could be operational “within the next decade.”

Thanks to the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the FRPR has been accepted into the Federal Corridor Identification and Development Program which comes with a \$500,000 “planning grant” from the Federal Railroad Administration.

The District Boundary stretches from the Wyoming to the New Mexico Border through 13 counties near I-25 and the Front Range. The FRPR has a new website listing the new directors/committees formed for this project. <https://www.frontrangepassengerrail.com> .

TRAIN WRECK? LESSONS FROM CALIFORNIA?: Conceived by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1982, the Bullet Train was finally funded through Proposition 1A in 2008 with \$9.95 billion. The business plan estimated costs at \$45-98 billion in 2011. Current goal in 2024: to finish the only rail construction to date from Merced to Madera (34 miles) which broke ground in 2015 with High Speed Rail Authority requesting an additional \$28 billion. San Francisco to LA will cost \$100 billion. (up from \$68)



In the meantime 50 year old San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) is running \$300 million in deficits every year. Ridership has been dropping since 2016. COVID changed work patterns. The stations are

experiencing high levels of drug abuse and crime activity. BART needs to charge \$46 per ride to break even. They have a large bureaucracy and retirement obligations. The Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission might fund them \$325 million (1/2 the amount the state provides to them). Governor Newsom and the Legislature is considering \$1.1 billion funding from the cap and trade revenues to assist dozens of struggling transit agencies across the state.

“There is nothing closer to immortality than a new government program.”
Ronald Reagan

CLARKONOMICS: University of Iowa’s Women’s Basketball Star, Caitlin Clark, began her career playing in empty arenas during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now she competes in sold-out arenas wherever she goes—and for good reason. The Caitlin Clark Effect has added as much as \$52.3 million to the Iowa state GDP during her career. In Colorado, the gross contribution of sports, recreation and tourism is \$60.1 billion to the states GDP of \$526 billion. (Common Sense Institute and Economic Research) According to Visit Boulder, as of December 2023, Coach Prime (Deion Sanders, CU Boulder) has contributed \$113 million to the Boulder economy.



FOUR MORE YEARS?: Union Square San Francisco's Macy's Store is closing. It is a beautiful store...the best one, even better than the New York flagship store. Downtown San Francisco is in shambles, not returning soon. This recent blow to San Francisco is emblematic of the crises in our country. Contributing factors—COVID shutdowns, vacant office space, defund-the-police policies, crime, and sanctuary policies. But last but not least is the exponentially rising fentanyl crisis. All this and the persistent rise in homelessness and illegal immigrants are making U.S. citizens' lives much more difficult. .



According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) website, total nationwide encounters in fiscal years 2021 through YTD 2024 is 9,155,158. (government fiscal year is October 1 to September 30). (Numbers do not include unknown numbers of got-aways.)

2021: 1,956,219 (October to January averaging 90,000/month under President Trump, 200,000/month eight months under President Biden)

2022: 2,766,582,

2023: 3,201,144,

2024: 1,231,213. (October 2023-January 2024 with eight more months before fiscal year-end.)

At the current rate FY24 ends with **3.7 million illegal immigrants and 12 million over four years**—more than the populations of 44 states and twice the population of Colorado (at 5.8 million in 2020). (Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick estimates that there is closer to 12-14 million illegal immigrants now under the Biden administration.)

The effects? 1—City budgets depleted for immigrant services. 2—Hospitals inundated, leaving some on the brink of bankruptcy. 3— Schools taking in more students than budgeted, many not speaking English. 4—Escalating crime—examples abound...nursing student murdered while jogging. Police being beaten in NYC streets. Gang violence growing...the Venezuelan sex-trafficking gang, Tren de Arauca, is penetrating areas of the country (Florida, Chicago, NYC). Laken Riley's killer's brother is a member of this gang. 5—Human trafficking escalating. Since 2021, 500,000 unaccompanied migrant children have crossed the border. 6—Reappearance of infectious diseases previously eradicated. 7—"Very dangerous threats at the border" with a smuggling network with "ISIS ties" says FBI Director Wray.

8—From June 2022 to 2023 112,000 U.S. drug deaths occurred. Every week 22 kids die of drug overdoses with 80 percent from fentanyl. Some don't know they are taking it. It is disguised as xanax, adderall, oxycontin, and percocet. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized more than 360 million doses of fentanyl in 2023.

In early March 2024 DEA Rocky Mt. field division seized more than 50,000 fentanyl pills and 50 pounds of methamphetamine in Metro Denver, tracing it back to the Mexican cartels. Overdose deaths in Denver were 522 people in 2022. In 2023 so far 1,454 have been recorded. Final numbers await toxicology reports.

The Northern Colorado Drug Task Force (Larimer County Sheriff, Ft. Collins, Loveland and Windsor Police), arrested 13 people with eight pounds of fentanyl, 32 pounds of meth, three pounds of cocaine and 28 firearms.

Across four states—Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana, 565,000 fentanyl pills were seized in 2021, 1.9 million in 2022, 3.4 million in 2023. There is a U.S. drug death every 4-1/2 minutes. A fentanyl pill costs 10 cents to produce, selling for \$10-\$30 per pill...billions for the cartels. Eventually, everyone will know someone affected. People do not realize the danger of fentanyl until it takes a someone from their lives.

"From what I see, it doesn't look great" says an undercover agent of the fentanyl trade in Denver Metro. "In my experiences, there's lots of overdoses... That's not really out there in the public. The affects on the families and friends is pretty bad.

"Fentanyl is unlike any other drug problem in modern history. It's more useful to think of it as a mass poisoning than as a traditional drug epidemic."

RAND Corporation

In his January 1989 Farewell Address to the nation, Ronald Reagan said, ***"All great change in America begins at the dinner table. So tomorrow night in the kitchen, I hope the talking begins."*** Family dinners are another dividing

line separating those who succeed in life compared with those who struggle. According to an American Time Use Survey, more than 65% of families with highly educated parents (post-graduates) have regular family dinners. Unfortunately, families with a high school education has dropped to 55% after an initial rise during the COVID 2020 Pandemic. "Youths who ate dinner with their parents at least five time a week did better over a wide range of outcomes according to Jane Wladfogel's book, *What Children Need*. Stanford Medicine agrees, citing eating together as a family is important for a child's emotional and physical health





UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES?: Thirteen states and almost 500 cities have enacted bans on plastic bags. Recycling difficulties, ocean contamination and 1,000 years to biodegrade are reasons given to eliminate them. But, according to Freedomia Marketing Group, New Jersey's consumption has tripled since their ban. The alternative polypropylene bags purchased uses 15 times more plastic and are not widely recycled. The manufacturing for this bag material leads to a 500% increase in greenhouse gas emissions and bags end up in landfills. Customers, forgetting them at home, keep buying these bags. A typical store makes \$200,000/year in sales.

California, legislating thicker reusable plastic bags thinking they would be re-used multiple times, discovered they still ended up in landfills in large quantities and took up more space. The LA Times reported the tonnage of discarded plastic bags jumped 47% from 2014 to 2022. With single-use bag regulations, plastic bags sales increase. The outlawed bags had been used as trash liners. Now people are forced to buy trash bags. Reusable bags can be contaminated with bacteria. They do a lot of traveling—in cars, public transit, restrooms, less-than-tidy homes and then back to the grocery store. Buying bags at the store adds financial hardships on customers.

What to do? Encourage our overseas neighbors to improve? Studies show the biggest polluters of plastic waste is Asia, particularly China. The U.S. contributes one percent.

Boulder County Presidential Primary Results

As of February 2024, active registered voters in Boulder County were: **Democrats:** 89,910, **Republicans:** 24,443, **Unaffiliated:** 107,041, **Other:** 3,263 or **224,657** active registered Boulder County Voters.

Results of the primary vote in Boulder County are as follows:

<u>Democratic Primary</u>		<u>Republican Primary</u>
Joe Biden: 47,820 (84%)		Nikki Haley 18,808 (55%)
Noncommittal delegate: 5,250 (9%)		Donald Trump 14,355 (42%)

Approximately 37,000 unaffiliated voters participated in the primary with 58% (21,400) participating in the Republican Primary. Though Nikki Haley won the Boulder Republican Primary, she lost Colorado to Donald Trump. Primary voters of 86,233 votes represents a 38% turnout of Boulder County active registered voters.

Birthdays: April & May

April 6 Jane Meagher	April 22 Elisabeth Nelson	May 28 Jamie James
April 10 Jane Rubenstein	May 3 Barbara Swenson	May 29 Tammi McCoy
April 14 Cathy Zabel	May 6 Nancy Kinne	
April 18 Julie Kaewert	May 27 Pamela Reinhard	



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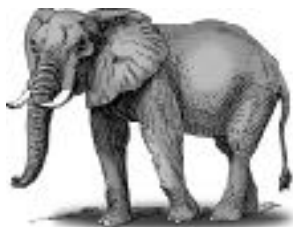
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If you are interested in participating on the board contact the BRW President!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS/INFO

- **BEAUTY & THE BULLET** (2nd Wednesday of each month), Boulder Rifle Club, Just \$10 to shoot with the ladies: contact Katy Fassett, for time which varies with the current winter weather, katyfassett@gmail.com
- **BOULDER COUNTY REPUBLICANS (BCR)**
Tara Menza, Chair, Office location: 425 S. Bowen #1, Longmont, (303 443-6606) (bocogop.org)
- **BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN:** brw.clubexpress.com, Marty Kinsley, President
April 16, Luncheon meeting, 11:15 am, 95a Bistro & Co., 1381 Forest Park Circle, Lafayette
- **LONGMONT REPUBLICAN WOMEN (LWR):** longmontrepublicanwomen.org
Peg Cage, President: Meeting—**April 18**, Pinocchios, 210 Ken Pratt Blvd., #260, 6pm. Order off the menu.

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