



Illinois Federation of Republican Women

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Message From President

Wow! What a first six months of 2009 nationally and state-wide. There is something new every day. Does the saying "Hast makes waste" apply here? Only time will tell. Keeping up is a challenge.

It's up to us to keep up with what is going on politically nation-wide, in the state and locally. It's up to us to do our best to see that in 2010 Republicans and common sense returns to government. We need good Republican Candidates. Start by filling precinct committeeman positions and other grassroots positions. Do it NOW. IFRW club members are the largest women's political organization in Illinois. We do make the difference. We must join together regardless of our varied personal goals. We must give priority to what is best for the party and work to retake Illinois in 2010.

In 2008, Republican's suffered one of their greatest defeats. The stress was an unbelievably devastating experience for many. Apathy became the modus operandi for many. It seems as every one of our Articles of the Constitution, the laws and rules upon which this nation was built are being threatened.

Surprise, shock, fear, scare tactics, questionable rhetoric, lack of definition, changing ideas, media control, no specific plan, misinformation, mistrust, confusion, laws being passed without due consideration, blaming, prescriptive questioning, loaded press conferences, rumors, lack of planning, lack of details, give them a pill, creeping euthenia, uninformed public, urgency, ill defined legislative, noise, deadline changes are just a few of the words that we hear daily to define what is happening. Don't just absorb these words into our vocabulary. As Republicans learn from them, what do they really mean for America and Americans? Don't

always accept what you hear, question, hunt for the truth, discard what you should, but always keep in mind. "**We are the United States of America and we want to preserve the premise upon which our country was built.**"

Together; united Republican can come back. Regain our state: Regain our Nation. Learn from what has happened. Don't let it happen again! Be proud to be a Republican and let people know you are proud to be a Republican.

Now about IFRW

IFRW has several projects going and a convention coming up October 23 & 24, 2009 at the Chateau in Bloomington. At this convention a new slate of officers will be elected. Do come! Participate! A new president will be elected. Bylaws say a President can only be elected to two, two-year terms; so it's time for a new IFRW President.

At the April Conference in Rockford, a Nominating Committee was elected. Mary Alice Erickson, Peoria, was elected by the Nominating Committee as Chairman. The Nominating Committee is representative of each IFRW Region. IFRW has seven regions.

Do plan now to come to the October 23 & 24 Convention. Registrations forms are included.

At the April Conference in Rockford, the Executive Committee voted to hold a logo contest. It's been at least six years since we had a new logo. The Executive Committee will recommend to the membership a new logo from those submitted by our fall convention Executive Committee meeting. Please have your suggestions for a new logo to Lois Frels, 25329 1st Avenue North, Hillsdale, IL 61257 or Stacie Baker, 15689 Norrish Road, Morrison, IL 61270, post-marked by October 15, 2009.

Few Illinois clubs sent in the

lengthy NFRW questionnaire for achievement awards at the NFRW Convention. These were forwarded in a timely fashion to NFRW.

The NFRW Convention is September 10 – 12 in Orlando, Florida with the Regents event the day before. Seven delegates at large and seven alternates to the convention were elected at the IFRW April conference. Additionally, each club is allowed a delegate and an alternate delegate. The club delegate and alternate registration forms are also to be submitted to the National and the IFRW Presidents by August 1. E-mails have been sent to all Club Presidents. As President of IFRW, I will be attending as a delegate and will be attending the President's meeting, as well as others. All members are invited. Convention registration is still being taken, so it's not too late if you wish to attend. Information can be found at www.nfrw.org.

All who are attending, especially delegates and alternates, it is asked when

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Failure is Impossible; Recruiting College Students to the Republican Party

Conclusions and Recommendations

On Saturday June 20, of this Year, IFRW Region 6 held it's first "Think Tank" in Mt. Vernon, IL. A gathering of IFRW Members, Republican College Professionals; Republican Politicians; Young Republican Club Presidents; and College Students, were invited to meet to collaborate and brainstorm about recruiting college students to become Republican Party members.

The event was attended by;

Senator John O Jones, Illinois 54th District
Bobbi Snyder, IFRW Region 6 Director, IFRW 4th Vice President (Program Organizer)
Professor Betsey, Morthland Black Hawk College, Faculty Advisor Black Hawk College Republicans
Deb Detmers, District Director, Collinsville Office, Office of US Congressman John M. Shimkus
Mayor Janie Grimes Iuka, IL; President of Southern IL Mayor's Association
Matt Zimmerman, Chairman of the Illinois College Republican Federation.
Jonathan Wallace, Coe Township Trustee (age18)
Doris Purcell, Chairman, Marion County Rep. Central Committee; Salem Township Trustee
Wilma Harpole, President, Jefferson County Republican Women's Club (JCRWC)
Paul Wilcoxon, President Jefferson County Young Republicans
John Spraggon, Student and President of Black Hawk College's Republican Club
Shirley Pressgrove, JCRWC, IFRW Member
Doris Wallace, JCRWC, IFRW Member
Liz Ragan, Student, Saint Ambrose University

The following are the group's conclusions and recommendations;

Implement Professor Morthland's 11 point program as a guideline to create College Republican Clubs.
Encourage political party debates on campus
Challenge the beliefs of the Democrat Students
Keep abreast of the electronic media. Overcome playing catch up with state of the art communications equipment.
Get out Talking Points to the grass roots / college level immediately and make them easily accessible.
Develop a mentoring program to help students enter into local politics.

The members of this Think Tank hope you will consider our recommendations in the ongoing challenge of recruiting students to be Republicans
Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions.

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Eleven Easy Steps to Starting a Successful College Republican Group

1. Check to see if the school currently has a sanctioned club on its roster. *Often times a College Republicans group existed at one time, but is no longer active. Nonetheless, the club is still available to be reformed.*
2. Does the club have a faculty advisor/sponsor? *If a club exists, who is its sponsor? Is the person a Republican? If no sponsor exists, can you find a full time faculty member who is a Republican and is willing to advise the club?*
3. In addition to a faculty sponsor, most colleges require a full slate of officers for a club to be sanctioned. *About two weeks into a semester, hold an initial club meeting late afternoon on a Monday through Thursday. Promote it throughout campus. Be careful to follow the college's guidelines for advertisement. Ask the Political Science Professors to announce the club meeting to their classes. It is best if you already have at least a couple of students interested who will come to the meeting and nominate each other for office. These should be students who are bold and charismatic...*
4. Draft a club constitution and mission statement and submit it to the college's Dean in charge of Extra Curricular Activities. *If a group's constitution currently exists, it may need updating.*
5. Consider affiliating with the Illinois College Republican Federation. *They offer help in drafting a group's bylaws, as well as sponsor state-wide events a couple of times a year.*
6. Set up a Facebook for the group for communication purposes. *Traditional college students have to be reminded several times of upcoming meetings, events, and activities.*
7. Start immediately planning meetings/events that are consistent with the club's mission. *These should be suggested by the students.*
8. Encourage students to work for a candidate. *A good way to facilitate this is by having candidates come to club meetings to speak.*
9. Encourage students to run for office. *College students can make great candidates.*
10. As much as possible, publicize **everything** your club does in the school papers, as well as in the local newspapers/television/radio. *Students want to be involved in groups that are actually doing something. The more they hear about activities, the more they want to participate. Give a report on the College Republicans at your local Central Committee/Women's meetings.*
11. Expect opposition! *The liberals on campus will be beside themselves if a College Republicans group is the most active club on campus. When you experience opposition, you'll know you have arrived!*

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"Rebuilding Illinois Together in '09"

IFRW 2009 Biennial Convention
 Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24, 2009
 The Chateau Bloomington
 1601 Jumer Drive
 Bloomington, Illinois 61704-0902

The Illinois Federation of Republican Women (IFRW) is dedicated to returning Illinois and the Nation to a country of Republican philosophy and to electing women to Republican offices.

Join us on October 23 & 24, 2009, in Bloomington.

Hotel room reservations are due by October 1, 2009. Each individual is responsible for their hotel reservation. Rooms have one king size bed and 1 sofa full size hide a bed. Make your reservations by calling The Chateau Bloomington phone 309-662-2020.

Registration is due by October 12, 2009. Mail enclosed registration form with payment to IFRW, c/o Joyce Hundhausen, 366 Trailside Court, Carol Stream, IL 60188-3913.

Friday, October 23, 2009

2:00 – 6:45 p.m. Registration

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
 (IFRW Officers only)
 Port of Entry Room, 1st Floor

5:30 p.m. Networking and Cocktail Reception
 (cash bar)
 This is IFRW's way of saying "Thank you"
 to our supporters and members.

6:30 p.m. Banquet
 This includes a gourmet meal prepared
 by The Chateau staff.

7:00 p.m. Dinner Speaker
 Mark R. Warnsing, J.D.
 Republican Legal Counsel
 "Little Known Facts about Abraham Lincoln"

7:30 p.m. President's Award

7:45 p.m. Mary Jo Arndt
 Past NFRW & IFRW President
 Former Republican National
 Committeewoman for Illinois
 Guest of Honor: Remarks

8:00 p.m. Panel: Illinois Gubernatorial Candidates
 Invited
 Moderator: Curt Conrad
 Illinois State Republican Party
 Panel Members: Illinois Republican Gubernatorial
 Candidates
 Questions and Answers

Following: Hospitality Room in the
 President's Suite

Saturday, October 24, 2009

7:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration

7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:15 – 9:15 a.m. Mary Jo Arndt
 "Challenges, Accomplishments and
 Memories of Illinois Republican
 Women: A Legacy of Leadership"

9:15 – 10:00 College Republicans
 Betsey Morthland
 Bobbi Snyder

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:30 p.m. Board Meeting

11:00 a.m. Election 2010 and 2011 Officers
 Installation of Officers
 Invited Senator Christine Radogno
 Illinois Republican Minority Leader

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Attention: From Susie Tebow & Sharon Corwin, Ways & Means
 Each club please bring a basket of products produced in their county
 for silent auction and jewelry is no longer needed.

**From President: Hospitality Room food and drink contributions are
 welcome.**

**Questions: Contact Lois Frels, IFRW President, phone/fax 309-658-
 2463 or e-mail loisfrels@yahoo.com or Joyce Hundhausen, IFRW 3rd
 Vice President, phone 630-653-4222, fax 630-653-4882 or e-mail
joyce.svs@gmail.com**

**Mail registration form and check to Joyce Hundhausen, IFRW 3rd Vice
 President, 366 Trailside Court, Carol Stream, IL 60188-3913.**

**Call Hotel by October 1 for room reservation. Hotel information is on
 the registration form.**

IFRW Fall Biennial Convention Registration Form

“Rebuilding Illinois Together in ‘09”

Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 2009

The Chateau Bloomington
1601 Jumer Drive
Bloomington, Illinois 61704-0902
Phone 309-662-2020
Fax 309-662-6522

Please Circle One

*I want to attend the Friday
V.I.P. Reception 5:30 – 6:30
p.m.*

*Thanks, but I will not be
attending the V.I.P. Reception.*

Registrant Information:

Print First Name _____

Print Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Club Name _____ Office Held _____

Please circle preferences and registration information

	No, I will not attend	YES, I will attend
Early Registration for full conference, received up to/including October 12, 2009	\$	80
Late Registration for full conference, received after October 12, 2009	\$	90
Friday Evening ONLY	\$	50
Extra ticket Friday Banquet ONLY: Guest(s) Name: _____	\$	50
<i>Dinner Choice (pick one) Breast of Chicken a la Greque or Grilled Salmon with Dill Butter</i>		
<i>Dessert Choice (pick one) Chocolate Mousse or Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce</i>		
Saturday Conference ONLY	\$	50
Guest(s) _____	\$	50
<i>Luncheon Choice (pick one) Supreme Club or Tuna Salad Croissant</i>		
Sustaining Membership (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1000 or \$1500)	\$	_____
Total Conference Registration, check enclosed.	\$	_____

**Conference registration and payment should be made to the IFRW and mailed to:
IFRW, Joyce Hundhausen, 366 Trailside Court, Carol Stream, IL 60188-3913**

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation after **October 12** incurs a \$50 fee.

Registration includes reception and evening banquet, Continental Breakfast and Saturday luncheon.
Hotel Registration made by October 1 directly through
The Chateau Bloomington
Phone: 309-662-2020
Each member is responsible for payment of their own room costs.

Jessica's Law Update – Lynda Filipello

Currently, I am working with GROW member Suzanne Hart to formulate our latest efforts on behalf of IFRW to stimulate more legislative and budget activity to institute Jessica's Law in Illinois.

All IFRW members should be contacting their legislative representatives in the various districts. This is a club effort statewide.

Please refer to previous reports and also search internet information on Jessica's Law.

IFRW Logo Contest

Win a \$100 Gift Certificate for
Wal-Mart!

At the April 23rd Executive Board Meeting, the members voted to hold a contest asking members to design a new IFRW logo.

Several members have suggested that the IFRW's logo be of a different design. That our current one reminds individuals of the state of California and on occasion has been mistaken for that state.

Instead of forming a committee, it was decided to get our members involved by holding a design contest with a prize certificate of \$100 for the winning design. The Executive Committee will serve as judges with the winner being announced at our October 23 – 24, 2009, convention in Bloomington.

To enter the contest:

- A) One must be a 2009 member of IFRW.
- B) One must have voted in the last two elections.
- C) Include a camera ready recommended design.
- D) Include a written explanation of no more than two sentences that explains how the new logo depicts IFRW.
- E) Send, postmarked no later than, October 1, 2009 to:

Dr. Lois Frels
IFRW President
25329 1st Avenue North
Hillsdale, IL 61257

Any questions please call Lois Frels at 309-658-2463 or e-mail loisfrels@yahoo.com.

New Constitutional Amendment – Lynda Filipello

A New Constitutional Amendment: Supporting Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

I have read through a proposal by BasicProject.org and have consulted with an attorney who will be working with us to prepare legislation. We are in the planning stages and will keep IFRW informed as to the progress. This is according to the assignment given me at our Spring Conference.

Several members have expressed interest and for now I would like the names of one member from each of our Illinois districts to be on this committee.

Please email me at lyndafilipello@aol.com, or write to me Lynda Filipello, 4401 Fender Road, Lisle, IL 60532 if you are interested.

Message From President – continued...

you check in to your hotel rooms that you call my room and leave a message with your telephone number so we can set up an Illinois caucus. There are some issues, perhaps, a NFRW dues raise, we may want to caucus about. I will know more once I arrive at the meeting. NFRW Nominating Committee does have a new slate of officers and on Sunday each delegate will vote for new NFRW Officers. Illinois needs to be well represented. Clubs do send a delegate.

Other IFRW Activities

Over half of the IFRW clubs either organized or participated in the Tea Parties. Many participated in 4th of July or Memorial Day Parades, as did some of our College Republican Clubs.

Under the leadership of Betsey Morthland, two College Republican workshops for members were held. The workshops were designed to aid our members to start Republican College clubs in their areas. One workshop was held in Freeport and another in Mt. Vernon. The Mt. Vernon program also included a member "Think Tank" on various issues. Members enjoyed the "Think Tank" as well as the college students. Thanks to all who worked so hard on these programs.

Bobbi Snyder, of Salem, was appointed by the Executive Committee, at their April meeting, to serve as 4th Vice President and to move Joyce Hundhausen, the present 4th Vice President to 3rd Vice President.

Kathy Thomas, 3rd Vice President, who has faithfully served the IFRW as Sustaining Member Chair for at least eight years, resigned due to a new job which takes up additional time and would be unable to attend the IFRW meetings. Kathy is President of the Chicago Republican Women's Network. We are pleased that she will remain as that club's president. We will miss, Kathy, and wish her well in the future.

Your IFRW President has been traveling and visiting as many clubs as possible. There is not enough days to make all the invitations. So far, I've visited the following counties and met with the following officers or clubs in DuPage, Henry, Rock Island, Jackson, Union, Williamson, Johnson, Whiteside, Sangamon, Vermilion, Peoria, Stevenson, Carroll, Iroquois, Douglas, and Kend-

all. Please forgive me if I've visited and missed listing your county. In addition to visiting various counties, I've attended all of the State Central Committee meetings, one at which former Governor Mike Huckabee was the speaker. I will also attend the State Central Committee meeting in Springfield on August 20.

IFRW Legislative Day was March 11. We want to thank Christine Radogno, Dan Rutherford and Tom Cross for making this day a success. Lunch and dessert was great. Thanks.

I also attended the NFRW Conference in Washington, D.C. in March. Additionally, I attended some Lincoln Day Dinners.

Remember, August 20 is Republican Day at the State Fair. Our College Republicans have volunteered to work the State Republican Booth from 2 – 4 pm.

IFRW, this year, is offering two \$1,000 scholarships. These will be announced late August. Cheryl Towne, Danville, and her committee have been doing a great job on redesigning the scholarship application and evaluation forms. The goal has been to announce the scholarships in August so they can be available for fall semester tuition and be included in the current year's budget. IFRW has offered scholarships for three years, in the past there has been yearly scholarships carry over to the next year. In 2009, the committee has developed guidelines to contain the 2009 scholarships in the 2009 budget.

I also would like to thank Joyce Hundhausen, Marie Piraino, and Mary Jo Arndt who served on the Bylaws Committee. The revised bylaws were approved on April 24 at the IFRW Board Meeting. The new bylaws were designed to streamline the operation of the IFRW.

The bylaws still call for two conferences and board meetings and four Executive Committee meetings a year, however, two of the Executive Committee meetings can now be held by telephone conference, thus saving time and expenses. IFRW now has a conferencing number which can be used anytime we desire for IFRW Conferencing.

The 2008 financial books were audited and found to be in order. Thanks to Gwen Henry for all her work as Treasurer.

The IFRW website is being utilized by more than in previous years. We hope more will expand their utilization of the website ifrw.org. Stacie Baker had done a terrific job of keeping it up to date.

For years, the IFRW has kept their records in a variety of places. When Shirley Fazio was President, I, as Historian, made arrangements to keep certain IFRW records at the Illinois State Historical Library, but they would only take a limited number of records. In the past IFRW records have been moved from one Presidents' residence or storage place to another. Stacie and I have started the horrendous job of going through these records. We hope to complete this in the remaining months of my term. They currently fill a rented storage unit in Hillside. Arrangements have been made to utilize a room at the Illinois State Central Committee office in Springfield. We do need file cabinets so in my own cleaning process I think there will be at least four filing cabinets that I can donate to IFRW. This should cut down on expenses we pay for storage and all our past records will at least be in one town, Springfield. The cost of storage has been minimal the past years to IFRW because of our utilization of a rural site of the storage center, but now we should eliminate this cost. Time is needed to sort. I hope we can get it done in 2009.

How many of your clubs still have a copy of your charter? When NFRW moved a few years back some charters were misplaced, as were some bylaws and other club records. This has sometimes made it difficult to trace a club. If you as club members have any historical data or histories of your units, we would like copies to file in our archives at the Springfield headquarters.

The NFRW is remodeling their headquarters. IFRW contributed at the April meeting \$500 to their building fund. The outside of the building is complete with new shutters, windows, paint, etc. Most states have contributed. Illinois was at the low end of contributions but every little bit helps.

Our club membership is starting to grow again, as are the requests I receive for forming new or the renewal of clubs. Republicans have had very rough years but the future is very promising. Remember to Shout: I am a REPUBLICAN!

See you in Bloomington in October.

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IFRW Awards

Achievement

Honorable Mention

Addison Township Republican Women's Club
Chicago Republican Women's Network
Douglas County Republican Women
Du Page County Federation of Republican Women
Jefferson County Republican Women
Northern Illinois Republican Women
Salem Republican Women's Club
Vermilion County Republican Women's Club

Bronze Award

Carroll County Republican Women
GROW: A Republican Organization for Women

Silver Award

Crawford County Republican Women
Upper Northwest Illinois Republican Women
Wheaton Women's Republican Club
York Township Republican Women's Organization

Gold Award

Jackson County Republican Women
Kendall County Republican Women
Peoria County Republican Women
Republican Women of Rock Island County

Membership

Honorable Mention

Addison Township Republican Women's Club
Jackson County Republican Women
Jefferson County Republican Women
Salem Republican Women's Club
Upper Northwest Illinois Republican Women

Bronze Award

Carroll County Republican Women
Wheaton Women's Republican Club

Silver Award

Republican Women of Rock Island County

Gold Award

Crawford County Republican Women
Kendall County Republican Women
Peoria County Republican Women
York Township Republican Women's Organization

Campaign Hours

Honorable Mention

Douglas County Republican Women

Fine Achievement

Salem Republican Women's Club—1,289
Crawford County Republican Women—2,018
Carroll County Republican Women—2,043
Jefferson County Republican Women—2,180
Vermilion County Republican Women's Club—2,550
Republican Women of Rock Island County—5,890
Upper Northwest Illinois Republican Women—8,016

Outstanding Achievement

Wheaton Women's Republican Club—13,530
GROW: A Republican Organization for Women—15,625
York Township Republican Women's Organization—20,580
Jackson County Republican Women—23,190
Peoria County Republican Women—49,610
Kendall County Republican Women—58,754