



Lakewood Republican Women
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 Sally Taylor, LRW President
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April 2016

**You are invited to attend the Lakewood Republican Women
 Annual Bridge / Bunco Luncheon
 “ Everything’s Coming Up Roses”**



Saturday, April 30th
 9:30 am - Noon Lunch

Guest Speaker: New York Times Bestselling –Seattle Crime and Mystery Author
J.A. Jance



Tacoma Country and Golf Club
 13204 Country Club Drive SW
 Lakewood, WA 98498

Cost to attend: \$40 for lunch; \$45 for Bridge or Bunco and lunch.

Not a Bridge player, well no problem, we also offer the fun, fast-paced, but easy to learn Bunco dice game with prizes, too! Or, you can choose to come for just Lunch and to hear our guest speaker J.A. Jance. So please invite your neighbors, friends and family.

Please make your reservations to Shirley Burrows by April 24th
shirleyandpaco@comcast.net or (253) 756 - 7428

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

- April
- 1st Book Club: Steilacoom Center 11am
- 8th LRW Board Meeting: Oakbrook 10am
- 9th Pierce County Convention Puyallup 9am
- 30th Bridge/Bunco Fundraiser TCGC 9:30am
- May
- 6th Book Club: Steilacoom Center 11am
- 13th LRW Board Meeting: Oakbrook 10am
- 16th -20th PCO and Candidate Filing Week
- 19th-21st WSRP Convention Pasco
- 26th LRW Scholarship Luncheon 11am
- June
- 3rd Book Club: Steilacoom Center 11am
- 10th LRW Board Meeting: Oakbrook 10am



Pierce County Convention
 The Showplex Washington
 State Fair Events Center,
 Puyallup April 9th

Delegates, Alternates, Guests, Vendors
 and Candidates
 Call to Order 9am, please arrive between
 7:30am to 8:45am to
 check-in and get your credentials badge,
 those with out a badge will not be
 permitted in the building.
 Guest fees: \$40 includes continental
 breakfast and lunch.
 Free parking and entry is available at the
 BLUE gate on Meridian.

<http://piercegop.org/pcrp-convention/>

From our President



Long awaited spring is in the air. Another busy month with the Pierce County convention being held on Saturday, April 9th. Congratulations to those who were elected delegates from your precincts. The first step in going to the state and national conventions. Your board has been busy with planning for our Annual Spring Bridge Luncheon and Program. Information is in this newsletter and invitations are in the mail. Remember you don't have to play Bridge or Bunco to come. The players pay extra and come in the morning. The lunch and program begins at noon so come early to pick up your membership directory and check in. Remember this is our annual fundraiser for our Community service projects. Since this program is always non-partisan, invite your friends and neighbors. If you haven't already sent in your membership dues please do so as we are sending the directory to the printers early this month. We were grieved to hear of the death of LRW member Barbara Lord Nelson. She was an active member and supporter particularly volunteering at the GOP booth at the Washington State Fair and recently facilitating our panel of female candidates at our fall program "Republican Women Rock". See you on April 30!

Sally Taylor

Election Observer Volunteers Needed Please contact Chris Johnson our GOP coordinator at: 253-565-2368 tacoly@mac.com for dates and times. Tentative dates for summer training: Tuesday, July 12th 2pm-4pm and Wednesday, July 13th 10am to noon at the Pierce County Election Center – 2501 S. 35th St., Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409. Please RSVP with Rebecca at Pierce County Elections: 253-798-7430



DUES ARE DUE Time to pay up !! The Board has exciting programs planned just for you, and you don't want to miss out. It's also an exciting time to be a Republican in a Republican Year, and you can make it happen. Pay up, join up, and raise up to great things. You can do it !!

WSRP Convention DEADLINE REMINDER

is Wednesday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.
If you want to have your name printed on the ballots for election as a delegate to the Washington State Republican Convention in Pasco May 19th -21st. You must submit a "Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate" form to Pierce County GOP headquarters by April 6th to be on the ballot. Please follow the instructions on the form carefully. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the day of the county convention.



The Book Club will meet Friday, April 1st at 11am at the Steilacoom Community Center.

April's featured book is:
Strangers on the Train by author Patricia Highsmith. Our May 6th book selection will be *Boston Girl* by Anita Diamont. Our Book Club selections can be found at the local public library.
~ Marlene Bostic



Sunshine Committee Report: Our sympathies to the family of long time LRW member Barbara Lord-Nelson, who passed away on March 15th, Clarene sent get well cards to Mary Lou Ristine, Elaine Winter and associate member Don Bostic on behalf of LRW. If you know someone in LRW who has passed away, has been ill, is in the hospital and/or could use a little cheer, please let our Sunshine chairwoman Clarene Johnson know. You can contact her at: clarene735@comcast.net or 253-588-1277.



The Fisher House on JBLM is the wonderful charity that Lakewood Republican Women is supporting this year with funds raised at our Spring **Bridge and Bunco Luncheon**. Please help us make this year's luncheon a huge success. Come listen to J. A. Jance, a top 10 New York Times bestselling author of mystery and horror fiction, speak at our luncheon. Come early to play Bridge or Bunco. Come have a good time!! We will have raffles to help raise funds for Fisher House of jewelry and scarves. Plus if you wish to make a direct donation, the information is below and will be at the luncheon.

Fisher House at JBLM is a not for profit organization that has the following mission: "to provide our service members and their families a comfortable, nurturing and secure environment while they receive medical care at Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC)." Sometimes these stays can be for long periods of time and it is important to have a safe and affordable place to stay. The new home is located just down the street from Madigan Army Medical Center. It has 7 guest rooms, a kitchen and dining area, living room, laundry area, outdoor pavilion and fenced outdoor play area. The first Fisher House built on JBLM in 1992 has 12 suites available for families to use. "It is the charitable donations that make these houses a 'home' by making it possible to provide guests with food, toiletries, household items (soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, etc...), computers, phone cards, holiday décor, and much more! Currently, there is no fee for qualified families to stay at the home."

If you are so inclined you can help Lakewood Republican Women support Fisher House with a tax deductible check payable to "Fisher House JBLM" or you can bring one or several of the items they need to keep supplied for the families staying at Fisher House.

Here is a list of some of the items they need in addition to monetary donations:

Miscellaneous items: Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (13 gal size) Magic Erasers, Batteries (AAA, AA) Swiffer wet pads, Dishwasher Gel Packs and Forever Postage Stamps.

Food Items: Juice (single serve, shelf stable), Ritz crackers, Snack foods (must be single serving size), Breakfast bars, tea packs (assorted) and Frozen Items from Schwan's Delivery.

Gift Cards: AAFES, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer, Costco, Visa Gift Cards.

Local Museum passes, Movie Theater gift cards, Zoo or NW Trek passes and Local area Restaurants.

Volunteering Opportunities: <http://fisherhouse-jblm.org/volunteering-2/>

Please join us for a wonderful day of games, great food, good conversation, information about Fisher House JBLM and a fantastic presentation by J. A. Jance.

By Shelia Moberg



Fisher House Donations

You can bring donations for Fisher House to our April 30th Fundraiser or you can call ahead and schedule an appointment with a Fisher House staff member.

To respect the privacy of the families staying at Fisher House, they ask that donations aren't dropped off without prior notification as their staff may not always be immediately available for unscheduled drop offs or to answer the door as they maybe on the phone or with a family. Fisher House Office: 253-442-6800



JBLM Support our Troops Rally

On Freedom Bridge Exit 122 on I - 5, Rally starts at 10am Saturday, April 2nd. This flag waving event happens the first Saturday of every month. Wear comfortable shoes, bring your Flag and come show your support for our troops. Hosted by the Tacoma 9/12 Project.



Pierce County Convention

Volunteers Needed:

PCRCP is looking for young Republicans to help during the convention Saturday, April 9th. Please contact Rick Bauer for security positions, (you must be 18 years or older and not already be a delegate or alternate). rick99now@yahoo.com or Colleen Wise for hospitality positions. (13 years and older). Volunteers are also needed Friday, the 8th 11am-3pm to help set up. Email Colleen for details. wisecouncil5@msn.com

“Just Want Privacy” March Luncheon

Joseph Backholm, Executive Director of the Family Policy Institute of Washington (FPIW), was the outstanding keynote speaker at the LRW March 17th Luncheon. The mission of FPIW is “to unite a coalition of allied national and local organizations to create public policy that recognizes and respects the significance and sanctity of the family.” *

An exploratory committee “Just Want Privacy” heading a Statewide initiative campaign has been formed in response to The Human Rights Commission’s enactment of WAC-162-32 which “requires all schools and businesses with more than eight employees to grant access to bathrooms and locker rooms on the basis of gender identity rather than biological anatomy. This means that people of any sex can enter a locker room of the opposite sex and defend their right to be there based on gender identity, a subjective concept that is impossible to prove. This rule also imposes burdensome regulations on free speech, as it prohibits ‘any unwelcome questions related to gender identity’ and forbids the use of ‘incorrect gender-related pronouns’.” *

Petitions to overturn this WAC and restore privacy to everyone are being readied and will eventually be available for pick up at Regional Petition Centers. Volunteers are needed to gather signatures for the petition as well as monetary donations. For more information go to: www.JustWantPrivacy.Org



LRW members and guests luncheon attendees made donations of \$260 to support Just Want Privacy after Mr. Backholm’s presentation, and many signed up to volunteer to work for the organization.

Beverly Raschke, 1st VP

Save the Date Thursday, May 26th our annual Betty Jo Neils Scholarship Luncheon will be held. We will be awarding our \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving young lady from our community. Leslie Watt’s committee has been busy preparing for applicant submissions; the deadline for applications is May 2nd. We look forward to you joining us May 26th and hearing from the 2016 award recipient.



May 24th Presidential Primary Registered Washington State voters will receive their ballots in May. May 6th is the start of the voting period – Only Republicans can vote in the GOP

Presidential Primary. Unlike in all other Washington elections, since our state does not have registration by party, Presidential Primary voters are required by law to sign an oath publicly declaring a party for the primary they’re voting in. The oaths are located on the return envelope. Without a signature and checking the appropriate party box, the vote will not be counted. Your ballot must be submitted and postmarked on or before May 24th. April 25th is the deadline for voter registration, address change and other updates.

Register to vote at: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/myvote/olvr.html> * Source: www.wsrp.org/may24/



Become an elected Republican Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) PCO’s are the grassroots base of their political party and are vital to its success. Each Legislative District is divided up into “precincts” the PCO is the representative of their precinct. Both the Republican and Democratic Party have its own elected/appointed PCO’s. PCO candidate filing is May 16th thru May 20th.

An online candidate application will be available on the Pierce County Auditors website starting May 16th. <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/>

There is no cost to file and uncontested seats will be automatically become PCO’s, you will be sworn in at the December Central Committee Re-Org Meeting and take “office” in January 2017 for a two-year term. PCO’s are asked to pay annual PCRCP member dues, attend quarterly Central Committee Meetings, their District PCO’s meetings, training classes, canvass and doorbell their precincts. Our most active PCO’s spend 2-4 hours per month. Becoming a PCO is a good first step if you should run for higher office.

March 28, 2016 **Legislative Update** by: Trish Otterholt



You may have heard by now that the State legislature has been called into a special session, and Governor Inslee has refused to sign 27 bills passed by both Houses.

What you may not have heard is why? The Senate Majority Coalition Caucus (MCC) and the House Democrats have a fundamentally different view on taxes. Our Senator Steve O'Ban, stands with the MCC in trying to craft a budget that forces us to live within our means. They prioritized education where they have allocated the lion's share of revenue growth. They have also boosted our mental health system and preserved our rainy day fund. The House Democrats are seeking to use the rainy day fund to spend on new programs.....and the battle rages on!

More witnesses contradict the findings of the governor's office on the early-release scandal at the DOC:

During public testimony on March 16th, before the Senate Law and Justice Committee, two DOC employees took issue with a report that puts the blame on middle management and largely absolves those at the top. Witnesses included David Dunnington, formerly the department's acting chief information officer, who was demoted by the governor as punishment for postponing a software fix. Among other things, Dunnington provided records showing he was not present at an internal meeting when the decision was made. "Five people in a row have found discrepancies in the governor's report, and we ought to wonder if he is singling out the right people," said committee chair Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley. "As we get to the bottom of this, it certainly appears that former secretary Bernie Warner bears a significant amount of responsibility, and that perhaps the governor's office should have been looking over Warner's shoulder." Senator Padden said the Law and Justice Committee may hold more hearings before it produces its final report this Spring.

The Washington State Human Rights Commission voted March 24, at a "Special" meeting in Seattle, called only 24 hours in advance, to reject 2 petitions that would have repealed a rule that allows transgender people to use public restrooms and locker rooms of the gender they identify with. I went to this meeting with a friend, and although we testified in favor of the repeal along with about 8 others, it appeared the HRC had their minds made up in advance. We will move ahead with the Just Want Privacy Initiative. The actual title hopefully will be decided at a hearing with the Attorney General's office on April 6, then we can begin to get the initiatives printed. If you can help by volunteering, or with monetary donations, please go to: www.justwantprivacy.org

For more information on a variety of bills: House link: www.houseRepublicans.wa.gov

Senate link: www.src.wastateleg.org



38th Annual Pierce County Prayer Breakfast

with special guest speaker Clebe McClary.

6:50am Friday, May 6th, 2016

at the Tacoma Dome Convention Center.

About the Special Guest Speaker

Patrick Cleburne "Clebe" McClary was a platoon leader of the 1st Recon Battalion in Vietnam. Clebe's valiant battle with the pain and disabilities that followed is nothing short of amazing.

He spent over two years in military hospitals, undergoing over 30 major surgeries and countless hours of physical therapy.

Since then Clebe has used his powerful story of courage, determination and strength to motivate audiences the world over.

For more information and to reserve a table visit:

www.prayerbreakfast.info/

Save the date!

Saturday, May 14th 9am-5pm
Bellevue, WA

The **TechRoanoke** conference is the essential center-right technology training and networking event for those who want to get involved in NW politics.

Join us to learn new skills, meet like-minded people, make new connections, and find business opportunities in both tech and politics.

www.techroanoke.com/



Adopted Resolution Pledging to Support Republican Presidential Nominee

Adopted at the NFRW Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Arlington, VA
March 19, 2016

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1938, the National Federation of Republican Women and its members have always joined together in unity following a vigorous primary campaign season; WHEREAS, 2016 is a pivotal year, and the winner of the presidential race will shape the direction of our nation for many years to come; and,

WHEREAS, Electing a Democrat to the White House ensures the continuation of President Obama's policies, which have been ineffective at best and disastrous at worst;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, March 17-19, 2016, pledges to actively support and work to elect the 2016 Republican nominee for president, as well as all Republican candidates for federal, state and local office. Adopted Resolution Pledging to Support Republican Presidential Nominee for president, as well as all Republican candidates for federal, state and local office.

Adopted Resolution Pledging to Support Republican
Presidential Nominee.



It is time for SSRRC to start hosting our monthly dinner/program events. We have a lot of issues to cover and candidates to hear from until the election in November 2016.

Our first SSRRC Dinner/Program will feature National Committeewoman Fredi Simpson and National Committeeman Jeff Kent before they head off to upcoming RNC meetings regarding the national convention.

Fredi and Jeff are going to share what to expect/how to prepare for the State and National Conventions: Truth vs Media, how the state and national conventions really work.

The process is confusing as well as knowing how you can participate more effectively as a delegate. This is an exceptionally important issue to Republican activists right now, and even the MOST active don't really understand how difficult it is to be a state or national delegate, and all the insider politics involved.

Please join us on April 14th at the Great American Casino, Lakewood.
Social hour 6:00 p.m.

Welcome & introduction of candidates 7:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:15 p.m. Program 7:35 p.m.

Cost for dinner is same low price of \$20. Please RSVP to Connie Coleman-Lacadie no later than April 12th at cjlacadie@aol.com

Please share on your FB, with your family and friends, other Republicans and Republican groups.



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Please renew your dues today!
Thank you!

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 Email Address _____ Moved? _____

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