



**Lakewood Republican Women**  
Serving our community since April 1971  
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**March 2015**

## **Lakewood Republican Women Luncheon**

Thursday, March 17th  
11:30 Social/Noon Lunch

### **Keep Locker Rooms Safe**

Guest Speaker – **Joseph Backholm**  
Executive Director, Family Policy Institute

Cost is \$18.00 per person

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

Reservations to Virginia Suslick by **March 14th**  
253.312.2829 or [vsuslick@gmail.com](mailto:vsuslick@gmail.com)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

#### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> Book Club: Steilacoom Center 11am
- 11<sup>th</sup> LRW Board Meeting: Oakbrook 10am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Day LaQuinta 5pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> LRW Brunch: TCGC 10:30am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Central Committee Meeting Puyallup Elks 8:30am

#### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Book Club: Steilacoom Center 11am
- 8<sup>th</sup> LRW Board Meeting: Oakbrook 10am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pierce County Convention Puyallup 9am
- 30<sup>th</sup> LRW Bridge/Bunco Fundraiser TCGC 9am

#### May

- 6<sup>th</sup> Book Club: Steilacoom Center 11am
- 13<sup>th</sup> LRW Board Meeting: Oakbrook 10am
- 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> WSRP Convention Pasco



### **Pierce County Convention** April 9<sup>th</sup>

Delegates, Alternates, Guests,  
Vendors and Candidates

Please submit your application  
and fee's before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Convention fees include  
continental breakfast and lunch.

Don't forget to include your \$20  
PCRP annual membership if you  
have not already paid it.

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

## From our President



Spring is almost here as we watch the many debates leading to the Republican choice for President. By the time we vote in the primary our choice may be moot which shows the importance of moving the primary to March in the future. March 12th is the Pierce County Lincoln Day Dinner and an opportunity to hear the many local, state and national candidates.

The front page of Northwest Prime Time February/March edition features our Bridge Luncheon speaker Seattleite and bestselling author J.A. Jance. Her new book *CLAWBACK* will be released on March 8th. Her books will be on sale at the luncheon.

Our non-profit featured will be JBLM Fisher House. The second Fisher House was unveiled on November 17, 2015 doubling the number of families that they can help. The new Fisher House is the 66th home the foundation has built for military families and veterans over the past 25 years. The new one adds 11 more suites and an extra playroom for children. It is dedicated in the memory of General John Shalikashvili, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman who retired to Steilacoom. Each one stands on a major military installation or on the grounds of a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital giving families a place to rest at no cost while their loved ones receive medical care.

The Fisher House Foundation was established in 1990 by Zachary Fisher, a New York real estate investor, and his wife Elizabeth and is supported by private donations. Director Jody Land will also be a speaker at our April function. A list of needs will be in our April newsletter if you care to donate items or if you wish to donate financially.

We plan to distribute our 2016 Directory to those who have joined LRW by mid-March. So please renew your dues as soon as possible.

Sally Taylor, LRW President

**Pierce County Republican Party**  
**Lincoln Day Dinner & Auction**

with Special Guest Speaker  
Freedom Foundation CEO,  
**Tom McCabe**

**Saturday, 3.12.16**  
at La Quinta Inn and Suites Evergreen Ballroom - 1425 E. 27th Street, Tacoma, Wa 98421

**With PCRP Chair Deryl McCarty as Emcee**

Join the fun with Officials, Candidates and Friends in the midst of this Important and Exciting election year in our county, state and nation!

**5 pm** Registration, Silent Auction, Meet Candidates and Republican Friends  
**6 pm** Dinner of Alder Smoked Salmon with Wild Rice Pilaf ... OR  
Roast Prime Rib of Beef with Baked Potato  
Followed by Program and Live Auction

Tickets are \$60 (\$75 after March 8th)

**Thank you for your Support!**  
Proceeds will fund programs to win in Pierce County. Every dollar raised helps us support our 2016 Candidates. Sponsorship opportunities are available! Please call (253) 722-5353

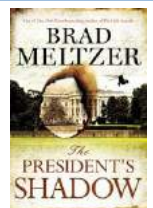
### 2016 Membership Dues

\$30 Members, \$20 Associate Members

Make your check payable to LRW and it mail to:

**LRW** P. O. Box 39462  
Lakewood, WA 98496-3462

The Book Club will meet Friday, March 4th at 11am at the Steilacoom Community Center. February's featured book is: *The President's Shadow* by author Brad Meltzer. Our Book Club selections can be found at the local public library.



~ Marlene Bostic

## Save the Date Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>



**Annual LRW Bridge and Bunco and Luncheon Fundraiser** at the Tacoma County and Golf Club to benefit Fisher House at JBLM, with guest speaker J.A. Jance, American Mystery and Horror author. COST to attend: \$40 for lunch; \$45 for Bridge or Bunco and lunch.

Even if you aren't a die-hard Bridge player, we also offer the fun, fast-paced, but easy to learn Bunco dice game with prizes, too! This is a non-political, non-partisan event. So please invite your neighbors, friends and family. More information will be included in the April Newsletter.

**Volunteers Needed** at Kim Wyman's Kickoff Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Hotel Murano Downtown Tacoma. Registration 6:45am Breakfast 7:30am. We would need at least 10 women who are willing to check people in and get them to their tables. Plus help set up the table decorations and clean up. Please contact Sally Taylor 253-984-7572 [taylor3darmy@msn.com](mailto:taylor3darmy@msn.com) if you would like to volunteer.



From PCRP **Linda Siegel Vice Chair, Pierce County Republican Party**

We've all been getting calls and emails from folks who encountered problems completing the tasks which needed to be done at our Feb 20 Precinct Caucuses, and who therefore now are either elected Delegates from the wrong Precinct or are not Delegates at all when they wanted to be, because some of the attendees at the Caucus didn't follow the instructions. Unfortunately, WA State and Pierce County Republican Party Rules strictly forbid us from credentialing any County Convention Delegate who was not duly elected to that position by their fellow attendees at their designated Precinct Caucus. However, folks CAN register for the April 9 County Convention as a GUEST (\$40), and if they're so inclined, notify their Legislative District Leader that they would like to run for LD Delegate to the May 19-21 WA State Republican Party Convention in Pasco. Edited due to lack of Space.



**Fisher House at JBLM** Lakewood Republican Women are proud to have chosen Fisher House at JBLM as our community organization to support this year. We will be raising funds with our annual Bridge and Bunco Luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. For those of you who are not familiar with Fisher House, here is a little information: "Our mission is 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)." Many families come long distances and must stay for extended periods of time while a member of the family receives care. This is a financial hardship and a lonely time. Fisher House helps to make these tough times easier "We have seven beautifully decorated guest rooms, each with private bathroom. Four of our rooms have a queen bed and the other three are equipped with a pair of double beds. We try our best to provide our guests with all the amenities of home." There is a lovely kitchen that the families share, and "common areas include the living, family and dining rooms as well as the kitchen, laundry room and patio. Our cozy living room with fireplace, comfy furniture and kids play area provide a great space for reading or meeting with friends and other visitors. "Currently, there are no costs associated with a stay at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fisher House." Needless to say there are many needed items to make all this possible. Lakewood Republican Women has decided to help support the mission of Fisher House with the Spring Fund Raiser. More information will be available in the April newsletter.



By Shelia Moberg

February 25, 2016 Legislative Update by: Trish Otterholt, Legislative Chair.

There is a lot going on this session, and it changes daily. I've included links to the House and Senate pages so you can get a more in depth view of what is happening in Olympia.



Trish, Diane, Carla & Kristi at the SB 6643 Rally on 02/15/2016

The bill on Gender segregated bathroom, shower facilities, SB 6443 lost by one vote on the Senate floor, with 3 R's voting with the D's, and 2 D's voting with the R's. These bills were never even allowed a hearing in the House, due to 27th District Laurie Jenkins, not allowing it, in spite of thousands of phone calls and emails requesting a hearing. The FPIW has begun the drive to collect signatures to get this on the ballot in November as an initiative. Please go to [www.justwantprivacy.org](http://www.justwantprivacy.org) to see how you can help this move forward.

Gun owners and Second Amendment supporters can breathe a sigh of relief. All anti-gun bills, have stalled in the House Judiciary Committee. However, this doesn't mean the fight is over this year. Following news of the stalled legislation, those same anti-gun billionaires who pushed Initiative 594 have announced that they plan to go back to the ballot to accomplish their political agenda.

Your NRA has heard that the usual suspects are planning to roll out a ballot initiative similar to House Bill 2461. This legislation sought to allow family members or law enforcement to petition the court to issue an "extreme risk protection order," taking away someone's Second Amendment rights without due process. At this time, no language exists for the ballot initiative, but extreme versions of this bill have been drafted to allow virtually anyone to petition the court and have the Second Amendment rights of a law-abiding individual stripped away without a judicial proceeding. In most cases, the individual doesn't even know that they have had their rights removed until it is too late. Your NRA-ILA will continue to keep you updated when more information is available.

Our own 28<sup>th</sup> District Senator Steve O'Ban and Senator Mike Padden are heading up the Senate investigation of the DOC, and how a "technical failure" has led to the early release of thousands of inmates since 2002. Two of those inmates released murdered two innocent people. Interesting that a truck driver, related to one of the people murdered, figured out the problem in 5 minutes. For more information, please click the link below. <http://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/why-the-legislature-needs-its-own-investigation-of-corrections-case/>

For more information on a variety of bills: House or Senate links. [www.houserepublicans.wa.gov](http://www.houserepublicans.wa.gov) and please visit [www.src.wastateleg.org](http://www.src.wastateleg.org)

### Annual WFRW Day in Olympia



## WANTED: APPLICANTS FOR BETTY JO NEILS SCHOLARSHIP

In 2003, a \$1000 annual scholarship fund was endowed by Lakewood Republican Women to remember the work and legacy of Betty Jo Neils. Since that time, the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation has supported 10 students totaling \$10,500. Applications for the 2016 Betty Jo Neils Scholarship are now available (see attached) and we need your help.



Betty Jo Neils  
1919 - 2006

We are looking for a Pierce County Republican woman who needs help to continue her education. She needs to be a currently enrolled community college or university student (which includes Running Start) with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. This scholarship must be used at an institution of higher education (which can include a university, community college, or professional technical school Fall 2016. Financial need is not a factor. Her essay needs to describe her career goals and beliefs reflecting the advancement of traditional values as well as fiscal and personal responsibility (our Republican values).

Ideally our applicants have had civic or political involvement, but this is not a requirement. One of the application questions asks them to describe their civic or political involvement, the level of their involvement, what they have learned and how their involvement has influenced them.

Please email us, if you need a copy of the application. We can email you the paperwork and you can forward it to someone you think might be a potential applicant. You can also contact me at [lesliegwatts@yahoo.com](mailto:lesliegwatts@yahoo.com) or (253) 380-4290 to get extra copies.

The application deadline is Monday, May 2nd. The LRW Scholarship Committee will meet Thursday May 12th to select the top three applicants to present at the May 13th LRW Board Meeting. Our 2016 recipient will be honored at our May 26th LRW Luncheon.

Thank you for keeping your eyes and ears open at all upcoming Republican functions for anyone who might know of a potential applicant.

Leslie Watts, LRW Scholarship Committee

\* You can download the PDF link from the Mailchimp e-newsletter body.



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**Please renew your dues today!**  
**Thank you!**

**Lakewood Republican Women Membership Application/Address Update**

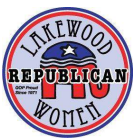
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