

National Federation of Republican Women & *Missouri Federation of Republican Women*

The National Federation of Republican Women is America's foremost political organization, bringing together women to positively impact the direction of our nation. We come together as a collective force to advancing the power of women through political access and participation. Our mission is to see women from all age groups and walks of life as key players at the political table on national, state and local issues.

In order to be a chartering State, the requirement was to have clubs in 60 % of the counties (64 clubs). Missouri's oldest club is in St. Louis County, formed in 1921. We currently have 53 clubs across the state and 1500 members. We receive a small portion of funds from membership. We keep \$2.00 of each member's fee and the rest of our operating money comes from Century Club membership (\$100.00 annually) and Millennium Club membership (\$500.00 annually). Membership in these clubs is strictly voluntary. Millennium/Century Club members have their names featured in all MoFRW Programs, preferred seating and a special event evening before the Annual Convention.

Our number one goal is to elect Republicans. Therefore, all of our programs (meetings) are political. They can be of local, state or national issues but must have a political message. Through grassroots efforts the power of Republican Federated women can make a significant difference. The Volunteer Hours Program is an effective tool in getting women involved in legislative issues, community forums, election oversight, petition drives and working campaigns. The money raised from Century and Millennium Club memberships funds The ABC (About Basic Campaigning) Schools whose number one goal is to elect Republicans at all levels of government. These schools are geared mainly to local candidates. We like to say that MoFRW is the farm club for State Representatives since the term limits mean a turn over every eight years. In 2010, the MoFRW conducted 4 schools with topics such as: Organizing Your Campaign/Overview; Public Speaking; Message Development; Grassroots; MEC Compliance/Ethics Demographics & Strategy; Media.

MoFRW holds two Board of Directors meetings annually - the first in January or February and the second at their Annual Convention in June. Each of the nine Congressional Districts meets in the Spring and Fall; all clubs within the respective districts are included.