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March Meeting

The next meeting of the JCRWC will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Trails Regional Library, 432 N. Holden, Warrensburg. **Social time begins at 9:00 am business meeting at 9:30 am.** The meeting will be hosted by members Jan Jones and Billie Winters. Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Lenger, Executive Director of Johnson County Dispatch. See article below for more info!

Dates to Remember

March 31 – Lincoln Day Dinner, Jo Co Fairgrounds
April 2 – JCRWC Meeting
April 16 – District 4 Meeting, Stockton
May 7 – JCRWC Meeting
June 10-12 – MoFRW State Convention, KC, MO
August 27 – Women of Tribute Luncheon
Sept. 3 – JCRWC Meeting
Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 – NFRW Convention, KC, MO
Oct. 8 – JCRWC Meeting
Nov. 5 – JCRWC Meeting



Spring Has Sprung!

Join us for our new member "Spring Has Sprung" event, Saturday, April 2! All members are encouraged to wear the spring colors of pink and light green. This is a great time to invite a friend or co-worker to join us for some spring fun. We will have fun activities, door prizes and lots of spring themed fun! See you there!



Johnson County Lincoln Day Dinner

March 31 is the big day! Join the Republican Central Committee at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Invited speakers are Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and Senatorial candidate Sarah Steelman. Donations for silent auction items are welcome. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Stephen Higgins (660-429-6911). Ticket prices are \$25.00 per person in advance, \$30.00 at the door.

MoFRW 4th District Spring Meeting

The MoFRW 4th District Spring Meeting will be held on April 16, 2011, at the Stockton Methodist Church, 708 East Hwy 32, Stockton, MO. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a continental breakfast and a lunch. Send your registration to Lorene Fisher, Ce-Co Treasurer, 6230 E. 1000 Road, El Dorado Springs, MO 64744, PH 417-876-3878. Guest speakers will be Rep. Sue Entlicher and Assoc. Judge Dennis Reaves.



NEW MoFRW FUNDRAISER

MoFRW has another great fundraiser for the National Convention. The lovely necklaces come in four different pearl versions with a silver elephant attached to each one. These will sell for \$60.00 per necklace. Contact Violet Corbett for this and other fundraising items for the 2011 National Convention.

JCRWC Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2011

Johnson County Republican Women Meeting

March 5, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

The Johnson County Republican Women met at the Trails Regional Library with 19 members and two guests – Taylor Hurley, friend of Montana Mistler and guest speaker, Sheriff Charles Heiss. Two new members, Fran Cust and Christi Allen, were introduced.

Club President Alice Mistler called the meeting to order. Jane Powers led the prayer. Montana Mistler and Taylor Hurley led the Pledge of Allegiance. The girls also recited the preamble of the U.S. Constitution, which they have been studying in school.

Sheriff Heiss spoke to the club on the new jail project. The new facility will have 196 beds. He is negotiating with several cities to contract with housing their inmates. This could generate \$750,000 to \$1 million in revenue, which would help to offset costs for maintenance, operations and staffing. Heiss noted that the operating budget for his department for 2011 is \$1.7 million. The majority of that figure goes for salaries as his department has 834 square miles of roads to patrol, jail operations, extraditions and providing security for the courts. This compares to a \$3 million budget for the Warrensburg police department. Sheriff Heiss discussed his budget, the new jail - the challenges its location poses, video arraignment, the cost of the new facility and how it compares to the previous plans for a facility that would have been built where the existing jail stands. He is also considering future plans for the 140 acres surrounding the jail, which might include a gardening operation to grow vegetables that would be used to feed the prisoners. Additionally, he is considering a work release program for offenders that pose the least security risk (those serving time for bad checks or non-payment of child support). The Sheriff noted there are a number of programs that can be done in the new facility that couldn't in the old. He plans an open house in mid-April before the inmates are moved in. The hold up right now is the communication tower that is being constructed. Several other jurisdictions are working together to get the tower up because they will benefit from it as well.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report – The minutes from the November meeting were submitted by Diane Thompson, Secretary and printed in the JCRW newsletter. There being no additions or corrections, Jan Jones moved and Betty Brenner seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Malsy reported that the White Elephant auction at the November meeting raised \$919.00. She has submitted \$473 to MoFRW for dues for 38 members, which does not include the two members that joined today. The club has a balance of \$1,089.20. The report will be filed for audit.

Alice reminded members to turn in volunteer hours for any campaigns that they worked on in 2010. She recognized Norma Jean Grainger with 235 volunteer hours. Virginia Campbell, Jan Jones, Nancy Jo Jennings and Fran Cust all had over twenty hours each from volunteering at the Republican headquarters. Violet Corbett had too many hours to count.

State Lincoln Days was February 26th. Several candidates are already announcing their intent to run in 2012.

NFRW National Convention is September 29 – October 2, 2011 in Kansas City. Violet Corbett is the chair of the event. She noted that the committee has to raise \$100,000 for the Gala. They have \$25,000 in hand and another \$20,000 committed. They will still be way down from their goal and are challenging each club to raise \$1,000. Kansas is in charge of the Regents event. Nebraska is in charge of the goodie bags. Registration forms will be in the Spring NFRW magazine.

Karen Malsy talked about the sporting clay shoot again for this year as the Spring event went over very well.

March 31st is Johnson County Lincoln Days. Nancy Jo Jennings reported that invitations go out this week. The committee got some new ideas from the Lafayette County Lincoln Days. Nancy Jo noted that the Central Committee needs to beef up the treasury account to prepare for supporting candidates in 2012. Sarah Steelman, David Pearce, Representatives McGee, Hoskins and Largent, and Ed Martin, candidate against Claire McCaskill, will all be at Lincoln Days. Mary Ellen Young will be decorating.

MoFRW 4th District meeting will be April 16th. Alice has registration forms if anyone is interested in attending.

Committee Assignments:

Caring for America – Virginia Campbell and Jane Powers will be on this committee again and they have decided to focus on providing stamps to the Veteran's Home.

Fundraising – Billie Winter has agreed to serve on this committee. Alice needs to touch base with a few more members.

Bylaws – Norma Jean Grainger has agreed to serve on this committee. Alice asked Violet to review the revised bylaws.

Audit – Jan Jones, Lavonne Preston and Betty Brenner will serve on this committee.

Membership – Carol Davis and Fran Cust will serve on this committee. Alice is working on a face book page.

Women of Tribute – Norma Jean Grainger, Carol Davis and Nancy Jo Jennings make up this committee. This is done every two years, with one person chosen as a Woman of Tribute for each club. The state will pick their own. The deadline is May 15th. Norma Jean, Betty Pine Lockard and Mary Ellen Young have all been selected for this honor in the past.

The 4th District is taking names for officers. Mary Ellen Young is First Vice President and we are only allowed one officer per club.

The next meeting will be April 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Alice noted that Karen has been providing the breakfast refreshments for the past two years and suggested that three to four members act as hostesses for each meeting on a rotating basis. Jan suggested a fund to offset the out of pocket costs with additional funds carried over to the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Thompson, Secretary

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