

Welcome to Rancho Bernardo Republican Women Federated!



When you become a member of Rancho Bernardo Republican Women Federated (RBRWF), you also become a member of California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), and National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

Federation History

The Republican Women's Federation has been in the process of becoming what it is today – for over 100 years. The Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848 marked the beginning of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. When the Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote in the 1870s, it ignited Republican women and the first club was established in Salt Lake City. The RNC was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.

The RNC Platform of 1876 stated, "The Republican Party recognizes with approval the substantial advances made toward the establishment of equal rights for Women." With that statement, the Republican women were off and running. Hundreds of independent organizations grew up all around the nation. The California Federation began in 1920, the year the 19th Amendment granting equal suffrage to Women was ratified. The California Federation of Republican Women was organized in January 1925. They organized the Los Angeles Republican Study Club with Mrs. Florence Collins Porter as leader. This Study Club became a model for other cities.

Mrs. Porter served as an Associate Member of the Republican National Committee. In 1924, while continuing her efforts with the Republican Study Club, she seconded the nomination of Calvin Coolidge for President. In January of 1925 three women issued a call to women of various clubs in Southern California and to women in San Francisco and Berkeley, to attend a meeting in Los Angeles. At this meeting, the California Federation of Republican Women was formed. Mrs. Porter was elected President of Southern Division and Mrs. Parker Maddux, of San Francisco, as President of Northern Division. In 1937-38 Central Division was formed.

At the 1938 biennial conventions the members voted to join the newly organized National Federation of Women's Clubs under the name of the California Council of Republican Women. Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In 1954, National became the National Federation of Republican Women and our State organization again became known as the California Federation of Republican Women.

Rancho Bernardo Republican Women Federated was granted its Charter in 1964 and is recognized as one of the first established organizations in Rancho Bernardo. Over fifty years later, our membership hails from Rancho Bernardo, Poway, 4S Ranch, Scripps Ranch, Sabre Springs, and Rancho Penasquitos.

Objectives

NFRW Objectives

- Inform the public through political and legislative education, training and activity;
- recruit, train and elect Republican candidates;
- protect the integrity of our electoral process;
- promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Republican Party;
- unite and facilitate cooperation among the state and club organizations; and,
- increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.

CFRW Objectives

- Promote an informed public through education and activity
- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government
- Influence legislation and maintain a CFRW presence in State government in accordance with CFRW goals
- Promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party
- Encourage active citizenship
- Cooperate with the California Republican Party and the County Central Committees for the election of Republican Nominees
- Facilitate cooperation among Federated Republican Women's Unit Clubs
- Foster loyalty to Republican candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections

Education Arm of the Republican Party

When hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs banded together as a Federation in 1938, they adopted political education as one of the fledgling organization's primary objectives. The Federation is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

In the last 100 years, Republican women and many others have played an important role in making our organization what it is today, with more than 55,000 members in over 1,400 clubs, in 50 States, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and most recently Guam.

The National Federation of Republican Women is still building its legacy as the "education arm" of the Republican Party. At our last biennial convention, a series of leadership seminars, and political and policy workshops – taught by well-known and respected experts – helped equip and prepare Republican women activists for the 2016 political season and beyond. Attendees returned home with tools and training to help them grow as successful policymakers, elected officials, campaign managers, politicians, activists, businesswomen and community leaders.

The Federation is proud of its innovative and intensive efforts to educate Republican women throughout the country, a commitment which has endured since its founding more than 75 years ago.

Membership

A Republican woman becomes a member by joining her local club or through a national at-large membership. Members of a local club also are granted membership in their state federations. State federations are chartered under the auspices of the NFRW but operate under their own bylaws. A member in good standing is a member who has paid her yearly dues and follows the By-Laws. A member cannot be a regular member in more than one club but she can be an associate member in other clubs. A husband, for example, can join as an associate member. A member can only belong to one state federation.

By-Laws

All levels of the Federation are guided by a set of By-Laws, Policies, Procedures, and Standing Rules. Club and State By-Laws must not conflict with NFRW By-Laws, and Robert's Rules of Order are referenced and applied if the procedure or protocol is not prescribed in the By-Laws. By-Laws are reviewed biennially and approved by the Division Parliamentarian and voted on by the membership. RBRWF By-Laws are available to you as a member.