



## **Sixteenth Women of Tribute Recognition Luncheon**

**August 5, 2017  
Courtyard Marriott  
Columbia, Missouri**

### **Abraham Lincoln**

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

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# Missouri Federation of Republican Women

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Thirty Fourth – Tane' Schwartzman, Lebanon	2014-2015
Thirty Third – Kathy L. Chinn, Macon	2012-2013
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Thirty First– Carrie Almond, Chillicothe,	2007-2009
Thirtieth – Ronny Margason, Jefferson City,	2005-2007
Twenty Ninth – Barbara Cooper, Manchester,	2003-2005
Twenty Eighth – Violet Corbett, Knob Noster,	2002-2003
Twenty Seventh – Jeanne Hacker, St. Louis,	2001-2002
Twenty Sixth – LaRue Lemons, Lockwood,	1998-1999
Twenty Fifth – Mellene Schudy, Mountain Grove,	1996-1997
Twenty Fourth – Joanne Breckenridge, St. Louis,	1992-1995
Twenty Third – Ruth Ann Compton, St. Louis,	1988-1991
Twenty Second – Garhon Strauss, Lathrop,	1984-1985
Twenty First – Lena Ekman, KC, deceased during term,	1984
Twentieth – Charline Sherrill, St. Louis,	1980-1983
Nineteenth – Marybelle Wnuk, Kansas City,	1976-1979
Eighteenth – Eleanor Schict, St. Louis	
Seventeenth – Betty Arndt	
Sixteenth – Ruby Life	
Fifteenth – Anne McElhiney, Brookfield	
Fourteenth – Maryetta White, Carthage	

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 Twelfth – Honorable Rosemary Ginn, Columbia  
 Eleventh – Mrs. Earl Frost  
 Tenth – Mrs. Harry Gladish, Higginsville  
 Ninth – Miss Frieda Schicht, St. Louis  
 Eighth – Mrs. Ann Becker, St. Louis  
 Seventh – Mrs. Ayers Blocker, St. Louis  
 Sixth – Mrs. Carl S. Crome, Clinton  
 Fifth – Mrs. George Dietz, St. Louis  
 Fourth – Mrs. Ramona Steinbeck  
 Third – Mrs. James Hutchison, St. Louis  
 Second – Mrs. Conger Smith, Kansas City  
 First – Mrs. Pearl Gehrig, Salisbury,

1938-1939

## MISSOURI FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN PAST STATE WOMEN OF TRIBUTE HONOREES

Barbara Cooper .....	August 22, 2015
Carrie Almond .....	August 24, 2013
LaRue Lemons .....	August 21, 2011
Mellene Schudy .....	August 29, 2009
Senator Irene Treppler .....	August 11, 2007
Ruthann Compton .....	August 13, 2005
Catherine Hanaway .....	August 2, 2003
Ann Wagner .....	August 4, 2001
Marybelle Wnuk .....	August 14, 1999
Joanne Breckenridge .....	1998
Joanne Breckenridge .....	1998
J. Charline Sherrill .....	August 9, 1997
Margaret Kelly .....	1996
Ambassador Rosemary Ginn .....	1995
Roberta “Bobby” Capps Moore .....	July 30, 1994

***Welcome from MoFRW President Angela Stiffler***

Dear MoFRW Members and Friends,

Welcome to the 2017 Women of Tribute celebration!  
Today we honor a group of extraordinary women who  
have served their communities and the Missouri  
Federation of Republican Women with distinction.  
The dedication, hard work and vision of today's  
recipients is truly inspirational.

What a privilege to have this group of women as a part  
of the MoFRW. Our towns, state and country are better  
because these women decided to not just believe that  
something needs to be done, but chose to get up and  
Make A Difference.

Thank you, Ladies, for your service. Enjoy your day  
and congratulations!!

Sincerely,  
Angela Stiffler  
MoFRW President

“The question isn't who's going to let me; it's who  
is going to stop me.” - Ayn Rand

***Women of Tribute Program***

Welcome . . . . . Angela Stiffler

Invocation . . . . . Kristi Nichols

Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Chris Kahl

**Luncheon**

Introduction of Guest Speaker . . . . . Barbara Smith

Guest Speaker . . . . . Teresa Parson  
Wife of Lt. Governor Mike Parson

Salute to Club Honorees . . . . . Jan DeWeese  
Pat Lehman

Introduction of MoFRW Woman  
of Tribute . . . . . Angela Stiffler

Closing Remarks . . . . . Angela Stiffler

Benediction . . . . . Kristi Nichols

**Thank you to the following for their support of MoFRW programs in 2017.**

**Millennium Club**

Carrie Almond  
Violet Corbett

Jane B.Evans  
Susan Eckelcamp

**Century Club Members**

Charla Abernathy  
Linda Bowen  
Mavis Busiek  
Janice DeWeese  
Joan Fiala  
Nancy Franz  
Donna Hart-Nolte  
Alice Jarman  
Nancy Johnson  
Lisa Kolkmeier  
Connie Mason  
Trish Mitchell  
Sen. Brian Munzlinger  
Sally Owens  
Doris Poholsky  
Carolyn Sealine  
Peggy Shull  
Angela Stiffler  
Sara Walsh  
Jacqueline White  
Beverly Worth

Betty Allen  
Rep. Cloria Brown  
Melissa Cole  
Marilyn Etzenhauser  
Donna Foster  
Lacey Hart  
Sue Hellebusch  
Mary Jane Jokerst  
Chris Kahl  
Pat Lehman  
Jackie Miller  
Doris Muck  
Donna Oakley  
Ruth Pirch  
Mary Potter  
Linda Shomin  
Barbara Smith  
Betty J. Street  
Sen. Jay Wasson  
Susan Woodard

**Century Club District Members**

2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

**Century Club Members - Clubs**

Bonhomme Township FRW  
Boone County RW  
First Capitol RWC of St. Charles  
First FRWC of Clay County  
FRWC of Lafayette County  
High Noon RWC  
Johnson County RWC  
Putnam County RWC  
Randolph County FRW  
RWC of St. Louis

RWC of Union  
United FRW

**Federation Friend**

Sue Entichler

**Donna J. Foster**  
**2017 MoFRW**  
**Woman of Tribute**

For Donna Foster, her introduction to the political world began by attending Missouri Girls State in 1954 where she spent a week working on candidate's campaigns and selected Eleanor McDonald as Governor! The highlight of the week was a trip to Jefferson City, sitting in the House of Representatives and voting on the lighted board.

Donna has worked at the polls for many years beginning with Nixon's election. For the past 20+ years Donna has worked at the County Election Board on the Resolutions Committee, handling and counting absentee ballots during election cycles. She has been involved in many campaigns at all levels, and has worked at County Republican Headquarters, Co-chairing during two elections.

Donna joined the First Federated Republican Women of Clay County in 1980, having served as President two different terms and has served in every other office at least one term. Donna has also served the Sixth Congressional District as President twice and all other offices.

Donna has served on the MoFRW Executive Committee for 10 years, 4 as Treasurer and 6 as Corresponding Secretary. Donna has also served on the Board of Directors as Bylaws Chair several terms and has acted as appointed auditor for various Presidents.

Donna has attended most MoFRW Annual Conventions since the first one in Chesterfield in 1987. Donna was co-chair of State Convention in Kansas City in 1991 and 1995. She has attended other events on a regular basis such as State Board meetings, Legislative

Day, Lincoln Day, and Women of Tribute celebrations.

Donna has attended "at least twelve" NFRW Biennial Conventions, most of the time as a delegate. Donna was the Chair of Volunteers for the NFRW National Convention held in Kansas City in 2011.

Donna's political activities are not limited to those of the Republican Women, as she regularly attends other Republican organization's activities and the county, district and state caucuses.

Donna's personal life revolved around her husband of 49 years, Robert who passed away in 2004, one son, Kevin, one daughter, Sheila Rae, a grandson, Luke and a granddaughter, MacKenzie. Donna always found time to be involved in her family's activities, and as a family the Fosters spent summertime at the lake. Most of Donna's working career was in accounting and tax services for small businesses.

Donna has been active in PTA, Jaycee Wives, ACS and other organizations. Donna also enjoyed 10 years as a Youth Friend.

Donna is a member of Hillside Christian Church and participates and volunteers in several groups and activities there.

**Congratulations, Donna Foster, MoFRW 2017 Woman of Tribute!**

"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. " Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Vonna Bauer-Jones**  
**Polk County Federated Republican**  
**Women's Club**

The Polk County Federated Republican Women's Club has selected Vonna Bauer-Jones as our 2017 Woman of Tribute. Vonna is currently serving as Vice President for our club. Vonna is no stranger to hard work, she is the first to volunteer, and the last to leave our club sponsored events. In 2010 she was elected Polk County Treasurer. Vonna and our club members are proud to have helped elect our Republican Lieutenant Governor and long time friend, Mike Parson.

Vonna was born and raised north of Bolivar, Missouri, on the Tinsley Family Farm. She was a Daddy's girl, working livestock and the soil. She is not afraid to get her hands dirty and can drive a tractor better than most. Vonna worked in the banking industry at Polk County Bank, now Mid-Missouri Bank, for 30 years.

Vonna and husband, Mike, have 4 children, Courtney Brummel and husband Justin, Corey Bauer and wife Rebecca, Mikey Jones, and Angela Jones. They have 2 beautiful granddaughters, Cameron and Tinsley Bauer.

Vonna and Mike love to travel. Silver Dollar City is one of their favorite spots. Vonna likes to sew. She will never pass up a chance to shop at Joann's Fabric. She makes beautiful quilts, and has donated several for fundraisers. Vonna also sews for Newborns in Need, making soft blankets and bibs for tiny babies. She has traveled to El Salvador 3 times to teach sewing and deliver sewing machines. Vonna is a generous, kind woman, and most of all a true friend.

**Primrose Casey**  
**Texas County Federated**  
**Republican women**

Primrose Casey is the Vice President of our club and has been a very active member for many years. She has also worked faithfully in the Texas County Republican Central Committee. She has contributed many hours working at Republican Headquarters and at various booths at county events passing out information on local, state and federal candidates. She was treasurer for her son's three successful campaigns for county commissioner. She also keeps the club informed on legislative issues. She is always willing to help with any task.

Primrose is the Information Chairwoman for the Texas County Farm Bureau and keeps 4 local newspapers aware of Farm Bureau activities and concerns. For many years, Primrose has worked at Farm Bureau events, and been part of their State Convention and involved in policy matters.

Primrose has been equally involved in the Community Betterment and Arts Council in Houston, Texas County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, active participant in the Relay for Life. Fourteen years ago, Primrose was instrumental in working with the hospital to provide a physical therapist and space for senior citizens to do daily exercises. This began a group called the Senior Exercisers.

Recently Primrose was named one of the recipients of Lieutenant Governor Mike Parson's Senior Service Awards. She was one of 60 seniors from around the state who were honored for their involvement within their community.

**Sandi Clark**  
**First Federated Republican Women's**  
**Club of Clay County**

The First Federated Republican Women's Club of Clay County has nominated Sandi Clark to be our 2017 Woman of Tribute. Sandi has been a member of the Clay County Club since 2010 and has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Caring for America chairman, and most recently, President.

As President, Sandi has shown her leadership by looking for new ways to increase membership. Initiating ideas for great programs and speakers serving our veterans and community through Caring for America projects, and getting the vote out during election years.

Sandi has been instrumental in implementing Caring for America projects such as Hero Box, Wreaths Across America, and most recently Warriors Best Friend. She also volunteered weekly at the Clay County GOP Headquarters during the 2016 election season, scheduling workers, assisting visitors, and contributing to fundraising efforts that raised more than \$4,000. This year she volunteered our club to host the 2017 Fall 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting and to chair the 2018 MoFRW State Convention.

While Sandi has not been a long time member of the Federation, she has been active since she first joined, stepping up whenever asked and working to make our club be the best it can be.

**Sue Dobbs**  
**Santa Fe Trail**  
**Republican Women's Club**

From a family heritage rich in Republican values, Sue Dobbs is a lifelong Republican. Her dad voted for every Republican presidential candidate since 1948. Having barely turned 18, she continued the tradition by voting for Richard Nixon in her first presidential election followed by every Republican candidate thereafter.

While living a quiet law abiding Republican life drowning in a sea of flaming liberals, she met Joy Freeland who was campaigning at a primary election poll and joined like-minded conservative women in the Santa Fe Trail Republican Women's Club in Independence. A copious note taker, she has served as Secretary or Chaplain since 2005, primarily acting as event planner for spring luncheons and Christmas dinners and serving on the Executive Committee as well as participating in club and Fifth District activities.

Sue is active in the First Baptist Church of Raytown and is a staff dentist at Truman Medical Center Lakewood in Kansas City. She is a member of the American Dental Association, is a Season Underwriter and has served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Kansas City Dental Society. She reminds us that we don't have to floss all our teeth, just the ones we want to keep.

For such a time as this, let's all work together to make *America Great Again!*

**Elaine Duncan**  
**Linn County Republican Women**

Elaine Duncan served as first president of the Linn County Republican Women as a federated club. The county club existed for many years but had not been a federated club. Elaine was asked to become president after her husband ran for commissioner. About twenty women met in Marceline and elected officers and adopted a constitution, all in one evening, under the direction of Ronnie Margason, then MoFRW President. Elaine served four years as president and then as Vice President.

Elaine has served as secretary for the county Republican Central Committee and has been a delegate to several state Republican Conventions. She has served as 6<sup>th</sup> District President, corresponding secretary of MoFRW and on several state committees.

She has two children. Tish a professor at Texas Christian University and two granddaughters, Edy and Vivian. Her son Tyler is a thermal engineer for Dell Computers, and has a son, Lincoln. Elaine and Fred spend their winters in Texas closer to children and grandchildren.

“Being a part of MoFRW and getting acquainted with all the wonderful people involved in the organization has been a true blessing. Instead of just complaining about the way things are in politics, I hope I have made a difference in some small way. It has truly been a pleasure to be part of this organization.”  
- Elaine.

**Jane B. Evans**  
**Bonhomme Federated Republican Women**

A Certified Professional Fund Raising Executive, Jane B. Evans has spent a life time either as a professional or volunteer for non-profit organizations. She has served as a volunteer or the President of the Boards of over 35 organizations, planned or worked on at least 50 special events and started and ran the Development Departments for four agencies. She has helped raise millions of dollars for many organizations. Jane has been an active Republican for years, having served on the staff of Rep. Bob Snyder, was the treasurer for the Bonhomme Republican Club for eight years, treasurer for the MoFRW for over 12 years, was a Supervisory Judge at a Polling Place for at least 12 years, served as parliamentarian for several caucuses, and has worked in a multitude of campaign offices or walked with candidates. She is currently the President of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District MoFRW.

Jane currently is a National Honorary Vice President General for Life in the DAR, holds two State and two Chapter Chairmanships for that organization, is a member of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Kirkwood, is an active alum of Washington University, a member of the Wednesday Club of St. Louis, the National Society of Arts and Letters, the PEO Sisterhood, Women's Committee of Forest Park Forever, Rotary Club of Kirkwood, Voluntary Service Council, Coldwater Book Club, and is an Elder and currently serving as a Deacon for the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood. She is married to husband Bob. They have four daughters and four grandchildren, most of whom do not live in this part of the country.



**Beverly Fries**  
**Boone County Federated Republican Women**

Beverly was born into a Military family, and became a “world traveler” at an early age, as her father was a career Army man. Beverly's time in Germany and Panama, as well as various stateside posts, gave her a unique view of the world during her formative years. Her Dad's strong sense of Patriotism was instilled in Beverly at an early age, and her love of country has remained strong throughout her life.

Just as strong as her love of Country, is Beverly's love of children. When starting a family, she decided that it would be best for her children for her to be a stay at home Mom so she left her job and spent the next 25 years in her home raising her children to be decent, productive, educated citizens. She is proud of her children's growth into successful, family oriented adults. Beverly has volunteered for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization advocating for children in foster care. She was nominated for Volunteer of the Year in 2011 by the local CASA, and continues to serve as a volunteer. She was also recently honored as an Outstanding Senior Volunteer by Lt. Governor Parson and the Missouri House of Representatives. Beverly is a strong Pro-Life Supporter.

Beverly also works diligently for the national, state, and local conservatives' causes and candidates. She is a member of the Boone County Central Committee and is Secretary of the Boone County Federated Republican Women's Club. She frequently participates in state and local political events and has a strong following on social media. Beverly is truly a Woman of Tribute for her club.

**Carol Hall**  
**McKinley Federated Republican Women**

In 2010, Carol and her family decided that as Republicans they needed to get involved if they wanted things to change. Since then, Carol Hall's commitment to Republican politics has only been exceeded by her devotion to her family.

Carol, a charter member of McKinley FRW, has served 3 terms as Vice President and Chaplain. She has been tirelessly dedicated to her work on the bylaws committee since McKinley was just an idea. Carol was also instrumental in establishing literacy projects with a local school. In particular, Carol's work with establishing a yearly essay contest and book distribution has been a major focal point of the chapter. Her dedication to the chapter helped secure two national Diamond Awards and three state Diamond Awards.

Beyond McKinley, Carol has volunteered at Pettis County Republican HQ and worked for candidates in several elections. Additionally, Carol is an invaluable member of the community. She has been named Pettis County Outstanding Citizen of the Year and Missouri Volunteer of the Year for DFS. She has been a member of her church choir for 50 years, starting at age 9. She also sang in the community production of Handel's Messiah for 15 years. Carol also has held a variety of leadership roles in her church that included arranging for McKinley and her church to send bi-yearly care packages to deployed service members from the community.

Carol has been married to Leonard for 47 years. She has three children, James, John and Rebecca and one granddaughter, Hailee.

**Roselee Hogan**  
**Callaway County Republican Women's Club**

When Roselee Hogan grew up, her mother was on the local Democrat Central Committee, but the Republican Party better matched Roselee's beliefs of right and wrong.

Back when Callaway was ruled by Democrats, there was a State Rep candidate who wasn't afraid to take on the most powerful woman in Missouri at that time. Roselee and her husband were key supporters. Once Roselee found a spike driven into her van's tire. Another day her brakes locked up and burned out due to "brake line contamination by an unidentified source." When the candidate lost, her husband was taking down signs when he heard a bullet whiz by his head. But the eyes of people began to open and Republicans started coming out of the closet!

Roselee has served as committeewoman for the largest precinct in the county for many years. She is a charter member of the Republican Women's Club and has served as both President and Vice President. She has been Treasurer of the local club as well as the former 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and current 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. As club Treasurer, she also serves as Membership Chair and performs most of the communication with club members as well as mentoring new club Presidents.

Roselee spent most of her professional career in IT doing systems analysis and development. More recently she has taken it a little easier working two part-time jobs: handling audits for a hospital and pharmacy technician.

Roselee and her husband have three grown children, three grandchildren, two cats and a tank of fish. In 1997, they helped start Callaway Christian Church in Fulton where Roselee currently leads Bible study class for ladies.

**Carolyn Jeffrey**  
**Randolph County Federated Republican Women**

Carolyn Jeffrey describes herself as a "lifelong" Republican. She is the daughter of Republican parents. Her values and her character were shaped early in life and there was never any doubt about her being a Republican for life.

Carolyn married Jerry Jeffrey after they both attended MU and after he served a tour in the military. They have a daughter and two sons. Theirs was a "traditional" home as she calls it. Jerry was a banker for over 40 years and Carolyn a homemaker. Today she enjoys her six wonderful grandchildren.

She and Jerry, deceased in 2012, were married for 54 years sharing a life of commitment and service to each other, their family, their church, their community, and the Republican Party.

Carolyn has been active in the Randolph County Republican party since its inception. She helped to form the Central Committee serving as Committeewoman from Union Township for decades. As a Republican election judge for over 40 years, Carolyn worked long hours for every election. She helped found the local Pachyderm club and attends faithfully.

A Charter member of the Randolph County Federated Republican Women, Carolyn has embraced the ideals of the MoFRW. She embodies that solid, unshakable steadfastness that endures in the face of tragedy and triumph and of the humdrum of ordinary life. Through the ebb and flow of patriotic fervor, Carolyn stands as a living example of what it means to BE a Republican.

Carolyn, today we salute you and say "Thank You." Your beauty and your grace makes each of us stronger and more resolute in our own commitment to BE good Republicans.

**Pat Lehman**  
**Republican Women of Greater K.C.**

Pat Lehman has been a member of the MoFRW for over 15 years. At the present time, she serves as President of the Republican Women of Greater Kansas City. For the past 6 years, she has served as the MoFRW Parliamentarian, and has volunteered to serve as the MoFRW Membership Secretary beginning in 2018.

Pat has been active in Republican politics since high school. She stepped up to work in many campaigns, volunteered at headquarters, and helped with the registration at Missouri Lincoln Days. She was elected to the Jackson County Republican Committee in 2016. In 2006, she and her husband Tom were named by the Missouri Association of Republicans as the volunteers of the year.

A graduate of M.U., she has a B.S. degree in math and general science education, and has taught in both public and private high schools. In 2010, she earned her Professional Registered Parliamentarian certification from the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Since 1996, during an election Pat can be found working a poll as election judge. An active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit, she taught Sunday school for many years and is currently Clerk of Session. She and her husband, Tom, have operated Adaptive Instruments, Inc., since 1988. They have been married 37 years, and have three grown children; Theresa, Laura, and Andrew.

**Deborah Phillips**  
**Johnson County Federated Republican Women**

Deborah was born in Missouri, a twin to a boy named Michael. She is one of five children. She grew up in a small town, surrounded by farm land. Her parents were wonderful. They were family centered with high morals. She experienced the childhood freedom of the 50's and 60's era where parents let their children roam the town and spend hours away from the home. Her mother was a Republican, and her father, a Democrat, but politics never really affected their love for family.

Debbie married Robert (Bob) in June 1970. They have three daughters and four grandchildren, who all live in Missouri. Bob has managed the family business of retail propane since 1971.

Debbie worked as a Registered Nurse in Missouri. She loved the work.

She is an active member of the Johnson County Republican Women and became very involved in politics when the "Affordable Healthcare Act" was passed. She did not believe the ACA would improve healthcare in the U.S. She did, however, believe it would ruin the best healthcare in the world. Since she became involved, she has served as Johnson County RW President, Johnson County Central Committee Secretary, MoFRW Chairman for Legislative Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City, 4<sup>th</sup> District 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and will serve as the MoFRW Recording Secretary in 2018-2019.

Debbie is passionate about working to help our country maintain a free, family friendly, high moral, law abiding, faithful and patriotic place to live.

## **Virginia Robbins High Noon Republican Women**

Virginia first became involved with the Republican Party in 1972, during Kit Bond's run for Missouri State Auditor. Since that time she has been a continual presence in local, state and national politics, working in campaigns and fundraisers too numerous to list. She was a charter member of the Santa Fe Republican Women's Club, and co-founder of the High Noon Republican Women's unit, serving as both Vice President of Programs and Chaplain. Virginia has been a delegate at the Jackson County Caucus, Congressional District Convention and the Missouri State Convention. She has served as an election judge since 1992, and volunteers at the Jackson County headquarters. She has played and provided musical entertainment at Lincoln Days and at the Missouri Republican Women's State Convention. For almost 50 years, she dutifully knocked on doors, handed out literature, made phone calls, walked in parades and promoted Republican candidates and values.

Virginia has been married to Max Robbins for 59 years, and they have two children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Virginia taught in public schools for over 32 years, and for over six decades worked in several Kansas City area churches as a music director. Continuing family tradition, Virginia loves quilting.

## **Linda Shomin Barton County Federated Republican Women**

Linda moved from Vice President to President of the Barton County Federated Republican Women's Club in 2003. She was also the club president during 2004-05, and again in 2010-11. She has also served as Treasurer and has been Membership Secretary for many years. She continues to send an email notice of each upcoming meeting.

During her tenure in 2003-04, the club received the MoFRW Ruby Achievement and third place in State Membership Recognition and fourth place statewide for Three Years Continued Membership Growth. In 2010-11, the club also received the MoFRW Ruby Achievement Award.

Linda also initiated the practice of the club providing a canopy tent in off election years at the numerous Barton County festivals, offering water and a resting place for politicians attending.

Linda reinstated the practice of the club hosting political forums for local, state and national politicians to attend and speak.

Linda was elected the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District President for 2008-09 and 2010-11. She attended many events hosted by district clubs. She sent "Linda's Letter" to club presidents to keep them informed of events and tasks needing to be completed. She also developed a guide book for her successors to help them in the presidential role.

Linda was tasked to develop a newsletter for the MoFRW. "The Elephant Speaks" was the result, becoming a monthly newsletter for many years.

Linda has attended many MoFRW State Conventions. She has also attended the 1997 NFRW Convention in Palm Springs, California, as a delegate and the 2013 Convention in Louisville as alternate.

**Carolyn Sipes**  
**Christian County Federated Republican Women**

Carolyn has expressed, “I am honored and humbled to be chosen as a “Woman of Tribute”, honored that my Republican women colleagues have considered me worthy and humbled when I consider the service of those women whose works have sought to preserve the ideals of freedom in our nation.”

Carolyn is a member of the Christian County Federated Republican Women where she has served as secretary for 2 years. She is the former 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the 7<sup>th</sup> District; prior delegate to the Missouri Convention; delegate to local and district caucuses; Christian County Republican Headquarters volunteer; Christian County Republican Central Committee member; involved in Republican outreach and voter registration.

Carolyn taught school for 32 years, 29 in Title 1 schools; she has extensive literacy and crisis prevention training; she has been a delegate to Missouri State Reading Convention; involved in master plan development for summer school strategies; and is a certified caregiver for Integrity Healthcare.

Carolyn is involved in many volunteer activities, including, Cards of Caring ministry to nursing and veterans' homes; weekly story hour at Republic Care Center; monthly gospel sings; Baptist Hill Youth Camp promoter/worker; “Coming Home Center” for needy veterans; Christmas visits/cards to Mt. Vernon Veterans' Home; song leader at Alzheimer's Unit at Republic Care Center; Operation Shoe Box organizer; Missouri Home Missions leader; Women's Missionary Union leader; Fund raiser for Pregnancy Care Center; Annie Armstrong Missions leader.

**Barbara Smith**  
**Greene County Republican Women's Club**

Sometimes when opportunity knocks, you have to answer. That is how Barbara felt when, as a VERY new member of the GCRWC, she was approached by the officer nominating committee asking her to become the new club President. Their look of desperation persuaded her to say “yes” and thus began her re-entry in to Republican politics in 2009. She is proud to have served as President “more than once”, as well as in other offices. She has since served as President of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; has been a delegate to the county, district caucuses, and State Convention; served as secretary of the Greene County caucus in 2016; she has worked on several candidate campaigns, and worked at Republican Headquarters during election cycles. Besides the GCRWC, Barbara is a member of T.A.R.G.E.T. and Pachyderms.

She is extremely proud and thankful to have been a member of the MoFRW Executive Committee for the past four years, serving as Recording Secretary for two years, and currently as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, chairing the Joanne Breckenridge Scholar Day event in 2016-17 as well as the “Women of Tribute” luncheon in 2017. She is looking forward to 2018-19 to be serving as the MoFRW 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Barbara is a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker, having worked for the Missouri Division of Family Services and Department of Health and Senior Services for a total of 25 years. Most of her work was in the field of investigation/prevention of Abuse/Neglect of children and adults.

Barbara and husband, Denny, live in Springfield, Mo.. They have a blended family of four ambitious children; 7 wonderful grandchildren; and 3 adorable great granddaughters.

GCRWC has many members deserving of this award. Barbara is honored to have been chosen in 2017.

**Cynthia Smith**  
**Benton County Republican Women**

Cynthia Smith has expressed the following about being chosen as the Woman of Tribute for Benton County Republican Women.

“I would like to thank the Benton County Republican Women for recognizing me for this award. However, the award belongs, not to an individual, but to the group. For the past years, we as a group have grown into a family having accomplished many objectives together.

Due to the club efforts, Benton County has achieved some of the highest Republican voter turnout in the State.

We have been truly blessed with excellent candidates to fill the offices. Because of the hard work, we as a club, have achieved 3 National Awards, as well as State Awards. Without these items mentioned, these goals could not have been reached.

In closing, I want to offer my sincere heart felt thanks to all members of the Benton County Republican Club.”

**Doris Strickler**  
**Lafayette County Federated Republican Women**

Doris Strickler of Lexington, Mo., is a lifelong Missourian who grew up in Ray County but has made Lafayette County her home for many years. She and her husband, Earl will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October and have owned and operated a large grain farm in west central Missouri for all those years. They have one son Trevor Strickler, his wife Randa, and a granddaughter, Penelope, 2.

Doris joined the Lafayette County FRW in the summer of 2008 during the McCain-Obama election year and also began serving as an elected committeewoman for the Lafayette County Republican Central Committee. Doris has been active in Republican politics, helping in county, state and presidential elections in some capacity since 2008.

She served as Lafayette County FRW club secretary from 2010-15 and is the current club treasurer serving since 2016. Doris has attended all of the MoFRW State Conventions since 2012 when she first became a delegate. She also attended the NFRW National Convention as a delegate in 2011 in Kansas City and in Phoenix in 2015.

Doris is the current President of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, with her term running from 2016 through 2017.

In 2016, Doris helped sponsor the NFRW “Rosie the Bus” campaign rally and voter registration event held at Frontier Justice in Lee's Summit with NFRW President Carrie Almond.

In addition to her ongoing service to FRW and to state Republican political efforts, Doris serves as the Vice Chair of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Committee and as Vice Chair of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Committee. Additionally, she has attended Missouri GOP State Conventions as a delegate in both 2012 and 2016.

**Pat Summerfield**  
**Dade County Federated Republican Women**

Pat Summerfield is a resident of Everton, Missouri, and has lived there the majority of her life. Pat's husband George passed away after a courageous battle with lung cancer in March of 1997.

The have three daughters and two grandchildren. Wendi and Hannah (age 13) Earhart live in Westerville, Ohio; Cindi, Jim and Shane (age 18) Pass live in Monett, Missouri; and Teri Summerfield lives in Republic, Missouri.

Pat has been a member of Dade County Federated Republican Women since 1980. She served as President at least twice and has held various other offices through the years. She is the current Vice President. Pat was able to attend many district meetings and state conventions.

Pat was chairman for several years of one important local event that the DCFRW supports. The Relay For Life is a fundraiser held in May each year in Dade County. This is to help people in the area dealing with cancer.

Pat retired from Dade County Collector/Treasurer Office in July 2016. She had been a county employee for 29 years.

Now she is able to travel and do fun things with her grandson and granddaughter.

**Frances “Fran” Trainer**  
**St. Clair County Republican Women**

Fran was born in Kansas City, Missouri. She attended school in Kansas City and has an Associate's Degree in Business.

Fran and her husband, John, of 55 years have three children, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They raised their children in East Lynn, Missouri. Fran was very active in school activities, 4H, sports, church, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

She spent her career working for the U.S. Postal Service. She started Postmaster in East Lynn, Missouri, and retired Postmaster at Carthage, Missouri. While working for the Postal Service she was not allowed to participate in any Political Party.

Upon retiring in 1999, Fran became very active with the Republican Party in St. Clair County. She served on the Central Committee for several years. She was the Vice Chair for most of those years. She has worked endlessly in the elections of Vicki Hartzler, Mike Parson and Sandy Crawford to name a few. She has walked many miles, made hundreds of phone calls and hosted dinners for both State and local Republican candidates.

Fran belongs to Osceola First Baptist Church where she helps with Vacation Bible School. Fran served for three years on the Twin Lake Hospice Board, two years were as Chairman. Currently, she is volunteering for both Twin Lake Hospice Board and Compasses Hospice. She is looking forward to 2017 and 2018 and the challenges ahead.

