

July President's Message

The 2019 MoFRW convention is in the history books! It was a phenomenal convention and we have so many members to thank. We appreciated three days of well-organized programs and activities, thank you 7th District members and Convention Chairman Katy Drake. MoFRW elected leaders for 2020-2021: President Barbara Smith, 1st. VP Lana Crain, 2nd VP Deborah Phillips, Recording Secretary Trish Mitchell and Treasurer Sharon McCann to be our new Executive Committee. Each of these ladies is an outstanding leader and we are honored to have them guide and direct our organization.

Congratulation to the eleven of our clubs that received the Diamond Award, four clubs received the Ruby Award and four clubs received the Sapphire Award. This represents a lot of hard work by many club members.

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft was our luncheon speaker. The Secretary was informative and gave insight into the responsibilities of the office of Secretary of State. We were honored to have his lovely wife Katie join us for lunch. We appreciated Governor Parson and our First Lady joining us in the afternoon and it is always enjoyable spending time with them. Having Immediate Past President of the NFRW Carrie Almond is always a special treat. She told us of a special program called Jonathan Project and encouraged us to become involved. NFRW 3rd VP Julie Harris joined us from Arkansas and she brought information from the NFRW. Thanks to Carrie's generous donation, two MoFRW ladies won NFRW registration scholarships and it will be such fun to see Sandi Clark and Kristi Nichols attend their first NFRW convention.

It was an honor to have Joyce Mucci, Regional Field Representative from the Federation for American Immigration Reform. Her message was inspiring and informative. With all the information she shared it made me want to know more about our failing immigration system.

I look at our conventions as the MoFRW family reunion; it was great to see all of you! I am looking forward to our celebrating Women of Tribute on August 3rd. Angie Stiffler is our special Missouri State Woman of Tribute this year and so deserving of this award. She is the perfect example of the qualities we look for in a Woman of Tribute. The tribute forms are on line at www.mofrw.org.

Have a Happy 4th of July celebrating our 243 Birthday!

See you on August 3rd. in Columbia!

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