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**Magic Valley RW— Billee Dinges**


**Nez Perce County RW— Sue Pring**

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**Cec Tyler - Valley County**



Valley County Republican Women (VCRW) is pleased to honor the club's president, a lifelong patriotic woman, Cec Tyler, during the Tribute to Woman breakfast.

A retired Colonel in the U. S. Army, Cec moved back home to her native Valley County with her husband, Gene, also a retired Colonel and current Chairman of the Valley County Republican Central Committee.

Upon their return, Cec dedicated herself to the VCRW, where her passion and enthusiasm have contributed to doubling the club's membership. During her presidency, the National Federation of Republican Women presented the VCRW with their first Diamond Award, the highest award given to clubs. Cec chairs the Armed Services Committee for the IFRW, encouraging statewide support for deployed American troops. Cec is currently the Republican candidate for Valley County Commissioner.

The VCRW is proud to have Cec Tyler as their president and honor her outstanding efforts. Cec works tirelessly to help make the VCRW a vibrant, service-minded and productive club.

## **Linda Hartgen - Southern Idaho**



The Southern Idaho Republican Women (SIRW) honors Linda Wright Hartgen as the club's 2018 Tribute to Women awardee.

After serving as the Clerk of the District Court and the County Jury Commissioner, Linda was the District Trial Court Administrator for the Idaho Supreme Court for 23 years. Currently she is the Republican candidate for the Idaho House from District 24B. She has served as a precinct committeewoman and a member of the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee.

Linda's community service is extensive. She has served as President of Kiwanis, President of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and President of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. She is a charter member of Children at Risk Evaluation Services and a founding member of the Building Individual Life Long Skills for women just released from prison or on probation.

The SIRW commented, "Linda is very deserving of this honor for outstanding Republican women. She will carry on the high standards and ideals that have made the Republican party the great party that it is. "

## **2018 IFRW TRIBUTE TO WOMEN PROGRAM**

### **Welcome**

Kitty Kunz, IFRW President

### **Prayer**

ID GOP Chairman Jonathan Parker

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Representative Wendy Horman

### **God Bless America**

Representative Kelley Packer  
Dusty Rae Packer

### **Introduction of Honorees**

Kitty Kunz, IFRW President

### **Presentation of Awards**

Lt. Governor Brad Little

### **Breakfast Buffet**

Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon & Sausage Links  
Hash Brown Potatoes  
Fruit Medley  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Juice, Tea & Coffee

***We encourage you to participate in the IFRW Red Bag Auction.***

## **Farhana Hibbert - Southeast Idaho**

*The Tribute to Women Award originated in the 1980's. It is the highest honor presented by the Idaho Federation of Republican Women (IFRW) to Republican women volunteers.*

*The IFRW promotes Republican principles and educates Republican women in the governmental process. Idaho's Republican women are among the most active in the nation, providing thousands of hours of service while campaigning to elect Republicans.*

*Many hardworking Republican women in Idaho are worthy of recognition. Today we honor a few of the most committed and diligent workers.*

*To all Republican women - I offer a heartfelt thanks for your service. We could not succeed without you!*

Sincerely,  
Kitty Kunz  
IFRW President

**The Idaho Federation of  
Republican Women sincerely  
thanks the Southeast Idaho  
Republican Women for their  
assistance with this  
Tribute to Women Breakfast.**



The Southeast Idaho Republican Women's (SIRW) 2018 Tribute to Women honoree is the club's vice president, Farhana Hibbert.

Farhana has been a member of the Southeast Idaho Republican Women since its inception. She currently serves as the Outreach and Community Involvement Chair of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women. A doctoral student at Idaho State University, Farhana reestablished the College Republican organization on campus. Farhana has served on the Idaho Rural Partnership Board, the Idaho Women's Commission and the Eastern Idaho State Park Site Selection Committee. She is the Regional Director for U.S. Senator Mike Crapo.

For 16 years, Farhana and her husband, Monte, published Idaho Unido, a statewide bilingual English/Spanish newspaper which received numerous national and state awards. The mother of six children, Farhana was selected as the Head Start 2016 National Parent of the Year.

## **Jenise Eskridge - North Idaho FRW**



The North Idaho Federated Republican Women (NIFRW) is pleased to announce Jenise Eskridge as their 2018 Tribute to Women honoree.

The NIFRW was founded in January 2014 and Jenise was a charter member. She is a driving force in the NIFRW's Caring for America project of collecting pop top tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Boise. Jenise is among the first to volunteer for club projects and events, always providing cheerful service. Her outstanding cookie-making skills enhance NIFRW meetings and events.

Jenise attended Eastern Washington University, majoring in recreation/physical education. She taught in several high schools and was principal of a K-8 one-room school house. Jenise's husband, George, was an Idaho Representative for 14 years. She is a member of "Legisladies", an organization for spouses of current and past Idaho legislators.

The NIFRW wrote, "We are fortunate to have Jenise as a member and are honored to have her represent our club."

## **IFRW State Honoree**



### **Representative Maxine Bell**

First elected in 1988, Representative Maxine Bell has been the longest-serving Chairman of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) in Idaho's history and is a member of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. During her 30 years representing the Magic Valley in southern Idaho, she has won 15 elections. She has worked with five governors and helped set 29 annual budgets.

Representative Bell is a retired librarian and has been an avid advocate for children with disabilities. She attended the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University.

Maxine and her husband, Jack, raised three sons on their family farm. One son and three grandchildren live in Idaho Falls. Throughout her service to the state of Idaho, Maxine's top priority has remained the family.

The IFRW is grateful to have had Representative Maxine Bell as a strong supporter during her tenure in the legislature. She epitomizes true "Republican Feminism."

## Janalee Woolf - Ada County



The Ada County Republican Women (ACRW) is pleased to honor the club's current president, Janalee Woolf, during the Tribute to Women Breakfast. She is the proud wife of Idaho Controller Brandon Woolf.

Under her leadership, in 2017, the Ada County Republican Women received the highest award given to a club by the National Federation of Republican Women, the Diamond Award.

The increase in membership of the ACRW is due, in part, to Janalee's graciousness and welcoming spirit. Her organizational skills have contributed to the club's successful events over the past two years, including Red Jacket Luncheons, annual Christmas Parties, fair booths and bake sales. Janalee's work identifying scholarship candidates will help our party grow in years to come.

The ACRW wrote, "We chose Janalee Woolf because she consistently represents our Republican values. Janalee, we are in your debt. Thank you for your dedication to seeing the ACRW succeed!"

## Mary Ruth Hassett - Nez Perce County



Dr. Mary Ruth Hassett (née Mortorff) is the Nez Perce County Republican Women's (NPCRW) 2018 Tribute to Women honoree.

Mary Ruth joined the Republican party in 1977. The oldest of 4 children, she and her siblings followed her father, a U.S. Army officer, to Japan and Germany. She graduated from Mercy College of Nursing, Pacific Lutheran University, University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Texas. She moved to Lewiston to become Chair of the Lewis-Clark State College Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. She and her husband, Mike, have three children and four grandchildren. After retirement, she joined the NPCRW in the fall of 2008. She has served as club president and is currently on its board. She has served as historian for the Idaho Federation of Republican Women.

The NPCRW wrote, "Mary Ruth is a wonderful asset to the Nez Perce County Republican Women's Club, the IFRW and the NFRW."

## **Florence Sandy - Magic Valley**



The Magic Valley Republican Women (MVRW) is proud to honor the club's chaplain, Florence Mary Sandy, with the Tribute to Women Award.

Florence Mary Sandy has voted in every general election since she was of age to vote and has consistently supported the Republican Party. She was the president of the Snake River Republican Women for 15 years, vice president of the Twin Falls Republican Women for several years and has been chaplain of the Magic Valley Republican Women for 6 years. She has been a delegate to conventions of both the NFRW and the Idaho GOP.

An avid campaigner for Republican candidates, Florence Mary routinely hosts benefits in her beautiful backyard in Hagerman. She is the proud mother of John Sandy (Chief of Staff for Senator Risch), Cheryl Sandy Miller (wife of Representative Steve Miller), Lora & Robert, grandmother of 3 and great-grandmother of Allie.

## **Marty Orwig - Blaine County**



### **In Memoriam**

The Republican Party lost a fierce advocate in 2017. The Blaine County Republican Women proudly recognizes Martha Lee (Marty) Orwig at this year's breakfast.

Marty graduated from the University of Denver in 1973 and received a master's degree in Biblical Studies from Multnomah University in Portland, Oregon. She was a political consultant for 33 years. Marty founded and served as president of the Quincy Group, which studied political issues. She also helped found and was executive director of the North American Moose Foundation.

Marty campaigned for numerous Republican presidential candidates, attended several Inaugural Balls, served on the Idaho Fifth District Magistrates Commission and was the IFRW Outreach Chair. She served as an Idaho delegate to Republican National Conventions.

The members of the Blaine County Republican Women are proud to have had Marty Orwig as a colleague and friend.

## Sheila Olsen - Bonneville County



### In Memoriam

In 2018, after more than 55 years of service in Idaho Falls, Sheila Olsen, went home to the Lord. She is the 2018 honoree of the Bonneville County Republican Women.

Sheila's contributions to the Republican Party are numerous. She was a longtime member of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women and was the founding Committee Chair of the Dedra Morris Scholarship. Sheila was a precinct committee woman for 30 years and served multiple terms on the Idaho Human Rights Commission. She was a founding member of the Governor's Work Force Development Council and a member of the electoral college for President George H.W. Bush.

Sheila was known for her inclusiveness and ability to seek input and common ground upon which people could unite. She valued and appreciated each person's ideas.

The BCRW wrote, "Sheila was a clear ray of light. She was always promoting Republican principles and protecting individual freedom."

## Joan Genter - Kootenai County



Kootenai County Republican Women's (KCRW) Tribute to Women honoree is their vice president, Joan Genter, a long-time Republican.

Joan and her husband of 50 years are both retired Air Force. She served in the Guard as an Airfield Manager. During the last 15 years of her service, she was on a rapid deployment team. She is a graduate of California State University.

Joan's skill in developing programs and planning fun events has contributed to the growth of membership for the KCRW. An active member of the community, she belongs to the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls Chambers of Commerce. Her network of exciting guest speakers has brought new energy and spirit to the KCRW.

The Kootenai County Republican Women wrote, "KCRW would be lost without you. Thank you, Joan Genter, for all you contribute to our club and our community."



## **Coleen Erickson - Jefferson County**



The Jefferson County Republican Women (JCRW) is pleased to honor lifelong Republican Coleen Erickson at the 2018 Tribute to Women Breakfast. She has belonged to the club since its inception and served as president for four years.

Coleen began her leadership with the Republican Party as the Secretary for the Young Republicans of Idaho. She has served as the Jefferson County State Committeewoman for 36+ years and has been Jefferson County Republican Central Committee Secretary. Coleen held the offices of secretary, second vice president, first vice president, and president of the IFRW, serving as a delegate from Idaho at several National Federation of Republican Women's Conventions. She was Region VII Vice-Chair and worked as the District Representative for Congressman Mike Simpson for 11 years. For the IFRW and its clubs around the state, Coleen is the bylaws guru.

Coleen's willingness to share this knowledge and experience is invaluable. Thank you Coleen for your many years of support and enthusiasm! You keep things rolling for JCRW!

## **Shirlayne Corder - Canyon County**



The Canyon County Republican Women (CCRW) is proud to honor the club's past president, Shirlayne Corder, with the Tribute to Women Award in 2018.

Shirlayne has been a force for good in many Republican organizations: the IFRW's Caring for America Chair, the ID GOP 2016 Convention Decorating Committee, the Canyon County Republican Central Committee and the CCRW, where she led the club to receive the NFRW's Diamond Award in 2017. Her contributions include assembling a cookbook, donating books to schools, preparing fundraising meals, registering voters, walking precincts, distributing literature, rewriting bylaws and decorating any and everything possible.

Shirlayne was born in Caldwell where she graduated from high school while participating in cheerleading, ballet and rodeo. She graduated from BYU with a degree in General Studies.

The CCRW wrote, "We, the Canyon County Republican Women, cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award than Shirlayne Corder!"