



## **Canyon County Republican Women President's** **Red Jacket Day Spring Report 2025**

We're having a great time in Canyon County educating our members and other attendees at our meetings and events, on local, Idaho and national issues and policy. We continue to promote the values of the Republican Party and the principles of freedom, equality, and justice on which the government of this country is founded, as we work to increase the recognition of the effectiveness of women working for the cause of good government at all levels.

As one of the longest standing Republican Women's clubs in Idaho, we have been educating and serving in Canyon County for decades and we have developed and grown our social media presence in the last two years, to reach more people with our conservative message and education.

In February of 2024, we held a very successful and fun 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reagan Roundup dinner, auction and fundraiser, and we are looking forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reagan Roundup this fall.

At the end of February, we hosted a membership drive evening event, a "Leap Year Cocktail Hour" where we shared who we are as Canyon County Republican Women and took Q & A on what topics and speakers our members were most interested in.

In March of 2024, many of our members attended Red Jacket Days and we hosted "Take Your Legislator to Lunch" just as we are doing at this year's Red Jacket Days. We love this opportunity to spend some time talking one on one with our legislators and honoring their commitment and work for Idaho with a delicious well-deserved lunch.

In April, we held our regular noon luncheon meeting and hosted a very well attended Canyon County legislative candidate forum in the evening at Vallivue High School. We had all except two candidates attend and it was informative for all.

In May, our speaker was Trent Clark, former ID GOP Chair and recipient of the Eisenhower Commission for Lifetime Service to the Republican Party. He gave a very

informative talk about the history of the Republican Party and how to gather people around principles, as opposed to forcing principles on people.

In July we hosted a fun (although very hot!) evening potluck dinner in the park with three speakers who each shared their experience and perspective on attending the ID GOP Convention in June. They were Tracey Wasden, experienced PC, convention delegate, and member of the Resolutions Committee; Dale Dixon, new PC and first-time delegate to the convention; and Republican Primary winner, Shawn Dygert for State Representative, D23 and first-time attendee and observer at the convention.

Our speaker was Canyon County Clerk Rick Hogaboam in August, at our regular lunch meeting. He gave a very informative talk, especially on how county budgeting is done.

In September, CCRW hosted an IFRW Welcome Reception for the Convention meetings. This was held at the beautiful Koenig Distillery, where guests from all over the state got to enjoy the beauty of our Canyon County agricultural area overlooking the Snake River. A fun time was had by all!

For our October meeting, we had a luncheon at The Venue at Wood Farms with speaker Greg Casey speaking in favor of Proposition 1, along with information from Janet Moyle on how to access information that many legislators had compiled on why they were against the proposition.

We held a fun Christmas party at The Venue at Wood Farms in December, where our speaker was Pastor Dave McGarrah, who gave us a great current events update particularly pertaining to Israel.

Our January lunch meeting had two great speakers, our own VP Samantha Parrott, who is the Executive Director of the Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association. She educated us about agriculture in Idaho and did a great legislative preview. Middleton City Councilman Dave Murray presented information on a national piece of legislation to help wounded veterans get the funding and help they deserve.

In February, we held an informative evening meeting with speaker Rex Ingram, Caldwell Police Chief, at Mesquite Creek Outfitters.

CCRW supports our veterans with providing coffee and donuts once a month at the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall and we did a veterans' essentials and warm clothing drive with our Christmas party. We will be awarding our CCRW "Future Leaders of America" scholarship to a young Republican woman again this year, and we support the Idaho Youth Ranch and their incredible work in helping youth.

We are looking forward to another great year ahead representing and promoting traditional Republican values that have helped make our county and Idaho the great places they are to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely, Jamie Wood- CCRW President