



# Broomfield Republican Women Newsletter

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## President's Corner – What Republicans need to do to Win!



Mary Dambman & Kim Ransom at Legislative Day

On May 3, all northern Republican Women's clubs including two of our BRW ladies attended Legislative Day in Denver. It brought back so many memories of my time in the Colorado Legislature. Also on Friday, June 11, Bill Owens was on John Caldera's show on KBDZ. With our country in political and civil chaos, these two events have caused me to travel down memory lane to a happier and more like-minded time to review what actions led us to a more equally-seated legislature.

Bill Owens hasn't aged a bit since he, Wayne Allard, and Ben Campbell and I walked into the State House of Representatives in 1983. I had met, Bill's wife, Francis in 1980 when NFRW held its biennial conference in Denver.

Wayne Allard went to the State Senate Chamber, Ben Campbell went to the Democrat side of the House (changed to Republican in 1995); and Bill and I sat as part of the Republican House of Representatives. A few years later, Bill occupied the first floor of the Governor's Office. How did he get there? He was a member of the Colorado House of Representatives (January 1983-January 1989); Colorado Senate 27<sup>th</sup> District (January 1989-January 1995); Treasurer of Colorado (January 1995-January 1999); and the 40<sup>th</sup> Governor of Colorado (January 1999-January 2007). He got there because he had a vision – a Vision for Colorado.

Dick Wadhams, who managed the victorious campaigns of Wayne Allard and Bill Owens as well as managing the defeat of Senator, Tom Daschle, in South Dakota, hit the nail on the head when he said, "Bill Owens had a Vision." Bill Owens' Vision included the Holy Trinity of Political Issues in Colorado which are Transportation, Education and Taxes. Every candidate MUST have a plank in their platform addressing each of those issues. All three appeal to everyone regardless of age, party, gender and demographics.

Yes, roads are always bad, from potholes to stand-still interstate traffic; we always want to be moving and moving safely. Colorado did not have enough user fees, like gas tax, to maintain, let alone, to construct new roadways. However, Gov. Owens found a way to fund roads through bonding. Remember, T-Rex, the I-25 route through Denver? Gov. Owens made that a first-class highway that would ensure Colorado as the link joining all parts of the nation. You may recall that at the same time Highway 70 was being completed in Western Colorado. The engineering brilliance of Colorado showed in that unity of State/Federal highways; and Bill Owens did this for our state.

In my 2<sup>nd</sup> term, I served on the House Education Committee. We supported Rep. Bill Owens' School choice efforts in the 80s before charter schools were finally realized. These choices remained locally controlled with no state requirements for all 176 School Districts, which included: transferring to another school district, parents' choice of enrolling in any school in their assigned district, and home schooling.

Parents became in-charge. Charter schools were the inevitable good result of Gov. Owens' tenure.

Finally – Taxes: Thank goodness Colorado has a balanced budget amendment in its Constitution. That restraint is augmented by the Tax Payer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), failing twice, but in 1992 finally TABOR became law. Voter approval of tax levels – what a concept! Government spends our money; we should determine how much of our money government can spend.

So where is the next "Bill Owens"? The last time Republicans won both Governor and U.S. Senator was in 2002 when Owens and Allard were re-elected. Owens, Allard and Democrat-turned-Republican Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell collectively won five straight elections from 1996–2007. We have failed to elect a Governor and a U.S. Senator in the same year since 2002. Fast forward to 2021 and Democrats have already declared Colorado to be permanently blue. Any Republican, who is considering running in 2022, needs to strongly consider the change in Colorado demographics. The Republican candidates must have a cohesive agenda. There have been changes, but the fundamentals have not changed. Dick Wadhams stated in CompleteColorado.com, May 7, 2021, "If a candidate cannot answer the question of why they want a major statewide office other than personal ambition, or cannot define a clear and compelling agenda that goes beyond the conservative Republican base; and cannot attract the support of hundreds of thousands of unaffiliated voters, then the candidate will lose."

So here's to 2022 Colorado Elections. It's time we get more Republicans in office that have a vision for our beautiful state! In 2022 both Governor and US Senate seats are on the ballot! Do your part, assist by volunteering for our Republican Candidates for Governor and State Senate, send a check, go hear our candidates speak, tell them what they need to do to win! Our Colorado Republican future depends on it!



BRW Members in attendance at Legislative Day, May 3, 2021:  
Mary Dambman (lower left) and Mary Halbert (third row, fourth step, middle)

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## 2021 Goals



Our Club Goals for 2021 are:

- Updating our By-Laws (will begin mid-June 2021)
- BRW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – August 14, 2021
- Define Committees

The Bylaws Committee will be revising our bylaws in June. Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party will be Saturday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. You have received a "Save the Date" Announcement already. Please mark your calendars!

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## 2021 Events - this Quarter



The May, June, July, and August events were/are:

- Legislature Day at the Capitol, May 3
  - Bling Sale Fundraiser, May 17
  - Memorial Day Program, May 17
  - District 2 Day – TBD
  - June / July – no activities
  - BRW 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, August 14
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## BRW Birthdays - *Belated Birthday & Happy Birthday!!*



### May

Camille Cave  
Joan Griep  
Sharon Grow

### June

Mary Graeber  
Shirley Orr  
Mary Oslund  
Judy Varra  
Doris Willimont

### July

Barbara Belt  
Marian Bentley  
Nancy Goodman  
Mary Halbert

Georgia Taft

### August

Marlys Allen  
Beverly Mc Adam  
Emily Miller

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## BRW Website ([www.broomfieldrepublicanwomen.com](http://www.broomfieldrepublicanwomen.com))



The BRW Website has seen a great deal of change in the last few months. We have added security & a password for Members News, the Republican Presidents' page, reorganized pages, added an Important Links page. Still to come, new photos, a new President in September (decided to leave Donald Trump on the President's page because he did so much to Make America Great Again, plus his birthday is June 14, which happens to be Flag Day also, how appropriate).

## Pictures from our May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 Regular Luncheon Meeting

**BRW Bling Sale Fundraiser  
May 17 Regular Luncheon Meeting**



**Marion Bentley and Mary Graeber at the Bling  
Sale Fundraiser**



**John Cunningham speaking about his  
pilot days in Vietnam**



**Pete Swanson with American Flag for his  
brother, Capt. Jon Swanson, a Congressional  
Medal of Honor recipient, who died in service  
to his country during the Vietnam War**



**The Swanson family, Pete, Sandy and Tom at  
the May 17 Regular Luncheon Meeting; Sandy  
and Tom gave the flag to Pete.**



**Congratulations to one of our own-Marilyn  
Harris, who currently is the Colorado GOP  
Secretary 2021 - 2023**



**She is on the NFRW ballot running for Secretary at  
the Convention (September 23-26, 2021). This is a  
BIG win for Colorado Republican Women!**