

# Mat-Su Republican Women

## INITIAL NEWSLETTER

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### From the President

What a great year! The Republican Women are on the move. It has been a busy year with a great 2006 Fair, then on to fun shopping at Senator Lyda Green's, bringing us to yet another successful Lincoln Day event. Plus there were many other side events and support for elections that the MSRWC worked on.

As hosts of the 2007 Convention, we received many compliments from around the State for how much it was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank Janey Wineinger, Corri Feige, Judith Carmony, Elinor Goodrich, Glenda Ledford, Pat Purcell, Phu Le White, and Sherry Whitstine for their hard work on the Convention.

Again, I must give a BIG thanks to Senator Lyda Green for generously offering her beautiful home and hosting our gathering at the conclusion of the State Convention. What a gift you are, Senator Green!

Our next meeting will be July 28 – in preparation for the Sate Fair. We need volunteers/workers (i.e., you) to help us make this a success. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Judith Carmony (jhollin@gci.net) or me (abm\_51@yahoo.com) if you can help out.

Thank you to Margaret for getting our first Mat-Su Republican Women's Club Newsletter out. We hope to issue these on a monthly basis. We need a name for our newsletter. See "Name our Newsletter Contest" on Page 3 for more about that.

As the president of the MSRWC, I would like to say to everyone: Pay attention to your political information in our Mat-Su Valley and be an active voter!

Thank you,  
Alice  
~ ☺ ~

### Supporting Our Troops

MSRWC donated \$500 and assembled "goody boxes" for our troops in Iraq. Among other donations for the bags, we purchased sunscreen and foot powder. The boxes will also contain candy, comics, and drink mixes. Tamie Miller led the effort with consultation from Sergeant First Class Douglas Weiser.

SFC Weiser also spoke at the June 14th Republican Forum and offered a first-hand report on Iraq. Other speakers at the forum included Senator Lyda Green, Senator Charlie Huggins, and Ron Arvin, chief operating officer of NPI, LLC.



Heather and SFC Douglas Weiser, and Tamie Miller.

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# Membership Application

I would like to join the Matanuska-Susitna Republican Women as a member and have enclosed my \$25 for membership dues. (Make checks payable to MSRW.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

- New Membership
- Membership Renewal
- Associate Membership

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

**Judith Carmony**  
**MSRW Vice President**  
**P.O. Box 875536, Wasilla, AK 99687**



## MSRW: Mission

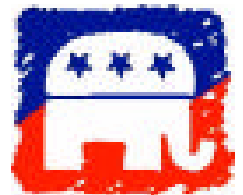
Our purpose is to promote an informed electorate, to recruit women for elective office (local, state, and national), to promote loyalty to the Republican Party, and to work for the election of Republican candidates.

## What Do Members Do?

- ★ Find an avenue of involvement in the political process.
- ★ Attend monthly meetings that keep members informed on current issues.
- ★ Participate in educational discussions.
- ★ Learn leadership skills.
- ★ Learn campaign management and polling techniques.
- ★ Conduct voter registration drives.
- ★ Create goodwill and support the Republican Party.
- ★ Develop lifelong friendships.

## Committees/Activities

- ★ Wasilla and/or Palmer Chamber of Commerce
- ★ State Fair – Voter Registration
- ★ Merchandising
- ★ Monthly Program Planning
- ★ Attend Borough Assembly and/or School Board Meetings
- ★ Candidate Coordination (*Election Years*)
- ★ Fundraising
- ★ Membership Recruitment



The government is us; we are the government,  
you and I. – **Theodore Roosevelt**

# Let's Say I Break into Your House

*Source: This was a forwarded, forwarded email received from a friend with no citable source. The preface said it was a "Letter to the Editor" in a Canadian newspaper.*

Recently, large demonstrations have taken place across the country protesting the fact that parliament is finally addressing the issue of illegal immigration. Certain people are angry that Canada might actually want to protect its own borders, might make it harder to sneak into this country and, once here, make it harder (as an illegal immigrant) to stay indefinitely. Let me see if I correctly understand the thinking behind these protests.

Let's say I break into your house. Then, when you discover me in your house, you insist that I leave. But I say, "I've made all the beds and washed the dishes and done the laundry and swept the floors; I've done all the things you don't like to do. I'm hard-working and honest (except for when I broke into your house).

According to the protesters, not only must you let me stay, you must add me to your family's insurance plan, educate my kids, and provide other benefits to me and to my family (my husband will do your yard work because he too is hard-working and honest, except for that breaking-in part).

If you try to call the police or force me out, I will call my friends who will picket your house carrying signs that proclaim my illegal right to be there.

It's only fair, after all, because you have a nicer house than I do, and I'm just trying to better myself. I'm hard-working and honest, um, except for... well, you know. And what a deal it is for me!!

I live in your house, contributing only a fraction of the cost of my keep, and there is nothing you can do about it without being accused of selfishness, prejudice and being an anti-housebreaker. Oh yeah, and I want you to learn my language so you can communicate with me! English is too hard for me to learn. You should also allow me to vote – in my own language, since I live in your house!

Why can't people see how ridiculous this is? Only in Canada??

*(Sadly, not only in Canada – eh?)*

## MSRW Officers

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President .....	Alice Massie
Vice President - Membership .....	Judith Carmony
Vice President - Programs .....	Shelley Hughes
Treasurer .....	Aryne Randall
Assistant Treasurer .....	Pat Purcell
Secretary .....	Karen Tucker
Assistant Secretary .....	Florence Scott

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## Name Our Newsletter Contest

We hope you are enjoying our first newsletter. As you can see, it does not yet have a name. Newsletters from other Republican Women's clubs have clever names such as *The Trunk Line* or *The Party Line*. Some are simply called "Newsletter."

If you have a bright idea for a name, please submit it to Margaret Sharpe – [sharpeandfree@yahoo.com](mailto:sharpeandfree@yahoo.com) or 746-1036. The winning name will receive a wonderful prize!

### Newsletter @you.com ....

If you would prefer to receive the MSRW newsletter electronically via e-mail, please let us know. We'd be happy to save a stamp!



## Next Meeting – July

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 28. Watch for the meeting reminder card in the mail, or the email reminder, which will have more details as we get closer to the meeting date. Please help us to determine the best meeting place and time for you. Give your meeting location ideas, times, and days to Alice – 376-5667 or [abm\\_51@yahoo.com](mailto:abm_51@yahoo.com). We would like to see as many members as possible attend the meetings.

# Calendar/Upcoming Events

## JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	<b>28</b>	29	30

## JULY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	<b>*4*</b>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	<b>28</b>
29	30	31				

## AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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★ **MSRWC Meeting** – 7/28 – TBD; No meeting in August; Contact Alice Massie, abm\_51@yahoo.com or 376-5667

★ **Republic Forum** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at Evangelo's Restaurant, 12:00 noon; Contact: Tamie Miller, 376-5636

★ **State Fair MSRW booth** – 8/23/07-9/3/08; Contact: Judith Carmony, jhollin@gci.net or 376-7163

## Happy Fourth of July!

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.”

– **Abraham Lincoln**




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“My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!” – **Thomas Jefferson**

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