

ARWC TRUNKLINE

SEPTEMBER 2009

You are invited to
join us for an
evening with



Lt. Gov. Craig Campbell

When: October 8, 2009

Where: Crown Plaza Hotel

(Corner of International and C. St.)

Time: 6:30 PM

(This evening **replaces** our October luncheon. Cost \$25.00) ARWC NOW ACCEPTS MAJOR CREDIT CARDS. PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING 696-1114 OR RESPONDING TO: ARWCYES@YAHOO.COM



From Your President

As you can see we have some exciting events planned for the next couple of months. October will be our first event held in the evenings to accommodate many of our members unable to attend luncheons. We are excited to have Lt. Governor Campbell as our speaker. We are currently in the process of a new meeting place and will notify you as soon as a final decision is made.

It is that time of year again and we will be presenting a slate of new officers at our October meeting. If you are interested in running for one of our elected offices, please contact our Nominations Committee Chair, Margaret Brown at 562-2226.

Look for information in the coming days for something a

little different for our Christmas Party listed below.

We are currently developing our own webpage. As soon as it is up and running we will let you know.

I, with members Chris Duke and Dianne Kiesel just returned from the NFRW in Florida. We had a great time meeting other Republican Women and listening to national speakers motivate us to "take back America!" How encouraging to hear and see the response of so many concerned citizens attending the DC rally. Below you will find some upcoming events where we can all gather to voice our opinions.

Judy

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FOR CHANCES TO SUPPORT
MAYOR SULLIVAN IN HIS
EFFORTS TO CUT THE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET!!**

Health Care Forum

September 21, 2009

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7:00-9:00 PM

**Panel discusses national health
care**

Dates to Calendar

ARWC Annual Meeting 11/12/09

ARWC Christmas Party 12/5/09

National Federation of Republican Women Highlights

Healthcare Debate, 2010 Elections at Convention

ORLANDO, Fla. – ARWC

Members Judy Eledge, Chris Duke, and Dianne Kiesel joined more than 1,300 other Republican women leaders from across the nation in Orlando, Fla., Sept. 10-13 for the 35th biennial convention of the National Federation of Republican Women.

During the four-day event, which was one of the largest national gatherings of Republicans this year, attendees participated in leadership training seminars, campaign management schools, and political and policy workshops taught by nationally-recognized political strategists. They heard from Republican leaders and elected officials, policy experts, authors and other notable guests, including Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and Florida Gov. Charlie Crist.

Founded in 1938, the NFRW has thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories, making it one of the largest women's political organizations in the country. The grassroots organization recruits and elects Republican candidates, advocates the Party's philosophy and initiatives, and empowers women in the political process.

Legislative Summer Update

A number of legislative committees have held meetings this summer. Perhaps most notably the Energy Committee has held hearings throughout the state. Additionally they are developing a contingency plan for the rail belt areas in case of natural gas or electrical shortages during the upcoming winter.

The Committee on Education met in Anchorage in late August. Topics discussed were HS qualifying exams to compulsory high school attendance age. Other topics included raising mandatory age for 'dropping out' from 16 to age 18, and concerns about the lack of curriculum requirements for home-school students.

During the August 10th one day special session was the confirmation of Craig Campbell, as Lt. Governor, and the Legislature override of Gov. Palin's veto of \$28 in stimulus funds for energy efficiency projects. The Dept. of Energy has assured legislators that it wouldn't enforce requirements to meet federal regulations in villages and towns in Alaska that use those funds.

On the national front once the astonishing large stimulus package went through the Democrats attention turned to health care. Senator Murkowski held two public meetings during August and admitted the 1000+ page bills floating around were filled with areas of concerns.

If you contacted Senator Begich's office about when he'd be speaking on the topic, upi were told that he'd already held a town hall meeting on health care in June and had no more planned. But, never believe an insistent electorate isn't effective. Senator Begich has been forced to change his stance and agree to hold two more town halls – one in Anchorage and one in Fairbanks. On September 26th at 5:30 he will be holding speaking at Bartlett High School. I'm sure he'd love to hear from you and your friends.

Respectfully,
Joann Pantages
Legislative Committee Chair