

Officers & Award Winners

by IFRR President, Jeff Ward



In February of each year Kootenai County Reagan Republicans install our new officers and honor certain members for their contributions to the political life of North Idaho. I would like to introduce you to our new board and the Reagan-Republican award nominees.

This year Ron Lahr was re-elected as President of KCRR and will lead a new leadership team consisting of Jeff Tyler (re-elected as First Vice President for a third term,) Lora Gervais (elected as our first Vice President of Activism after serving last year as Vice President of Finance) Rob Moser (elected as Vice President of Citizenship after serving as Sgt. at Arms,) Jacquie Mayo (who comes on to the KCRR Board after being elected as Vice President of Training and Education,) Larry Seward (elected as our Vice President of Membership after serving two terms as Vice President of Operations,) Doug Shevalier (elected as our Vice President of Operations after serving two terms as Vice President of Training and Education,) Rep. Ed Morse (re-elected as Vice President of Political Affairs,) the newest Board Member Becky Brewer-Fund (elected as Secretary) and yours truly Jeff Ward (elected as Treasurer.) The At-large Board Members for 2013 are Jim Pierce, Jim Hightower, Bob Brooke, Mark Fisher, and Luke Sommer.

The 2012 Reagan Republican Awards recipients were also announced. Barb Heddon won the "New Republican Party Award" for Party Building for her extensive work as an elected Precinct Committee Chair, member of the Kootenai County Central Committee and especially for her outstanding service as coordinator of the Kootenai County Republican Headquarters. For the first time a married couple was awarded the "Time for Choosing" Award for Activism. Doug and Neini Shevalier were honored for their unfailing commitment as Republican activists and for always being the first to volunteer for Reagan Republicans efforts. KCRR founding member Jeff Tyler was tapped for the "Shining City" Award for Citizenship for his willingness to step up and run for office and his leadership on a wide variety of community and state issues. I was honored with the "Eureka Award" for Training and Education which listed my efforts to train candidates and campaign workers.

Each year KCRR honors political courage with "The Gipper" Award. This year we honor the commitment and courage, in spite of merciless political attacks, of the Trustees of the Coeur d'Alene School Board (Brent Regan, Tom Hamilton, Terri Seymour, Ann Seddon, and Jim Hightower.) Longtime Reagan Republican leader Linda Koehler was honored with the "Presidents" Award for Service to the KCRR for her undaunted service to our organization and its principals.

Each year KCRR also honor Reagan Republicans who have dedicated their life to the principals of the Republican Party, activism, citizenship and political education by inducting them into the Reagan Republicans Hall of Fame. Past inductees have included former Rep. Gary Ingram, Rep. Frank Henderson, State Committeewoman Ruthie Johnson, Senator Jim Hammond and Highway Commissioner Marv Lekstrum. This year we induct Lora Gervais for her longtime activism as a founding member of the Reagan Republicans, her leadership in the Republican Party and her dedication to conservative causes. We also induct longtime Republican activist and leader Donna Montgomery for her service to Reagan Republicans, as past President of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women, and as past Chairman of the Kootenai County Republican Party.

Please join me in congratulating our officers for 2013 and our 2013 award winners and Hall of Fame inductees.