



IFRW HISTORY

Idaho was the fourth state to grant women suffrage. As a result, interest in politics came early too. In 1904 the first woman, Minnie Howard of Pocatello, Idaho, held a meeting of Republican Women in Idaho. April 29, 1943, saw the establishment of Nez Perce County Republican Women's Club. The terrain in Idaho made it difficult to maintain contact among the first clubs. Thus, Idaho lacked enough clubs to become affiliated with NFRW until after 1943.

NFRW was organized in Chicago in 1938. Finally, in 1944, the Idaho Federation of Republican Women was founded and affiliated with the NFRW.

Several Idahoans have served as NFRW Officers; Rose May, Fourth Vice President; Gertrude Detweiler, Secretary, 1955-56; and Pamela Bengson, Fourth Vice President, 1985-1987.

IFRW currently has 434 members and 15 Clubs. They are:

Ada County RW
Blaine county RW
Bonneville County RW
Canyon County RW
Clearwater County RW
Fremont County RW
Jefferson County RW
Kootenai County RW
Magic Valley RW
Madison County RW
Nez Perce County RW
Southeast Idaho RW
North Idaho FRW
Southern Idaho RW
Valley County RW

Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs are active in campaigns and political races throughout the state. The Clubs are also involved in community service and projects which give aid to our Veterans.