

Hello, fellow ORPA members ! My name is Gwen Bailey and I was elected your President at the Annual Meeting. Some of you may know by now, President David Johnson stepped down at the end of his second year for personal reasons. We thank him for his service and hope that he will continue to stay active as his time permits. He has done a great job and we are sorry to see him leave.

One of my goals is to increase participation of juniors in our programs because our future lies with our juniors. Our adults give us an invaluable resource to use in helping juniors. They have enjoyed the smallbore Mentor Match at Camp Perry and we need to concentrate our efforts to provide juniors for them to work with.

Another of my goals is to increase our membership. I was thinking about ways to do this when we began receiving inquiries from shooters and lapsed members referring to a letter they received from NRA telling them about the Association. I think now is the time to ask each of us to try to bring in one new member. If we did so we could double our membership. When you are finished with your GUNSMOKE, take it down to your local club or give it to a friend. You may be surprised at the results.

For those of you who may not know, another important case, McDonald vs. City of Chicago is going to the Supreme Court. Your Association voted to add our name as a sponsor to an amicus brief along with 30 other state associations in favor of McDonald. I would also like to add that 38 state attorneys general also filed a brief in support of McDonald including Our own Attorney General of Ohio. Basically the case seeks to apply the decision of the Heller vs. D.C. Case to all the states and municipalities, affirming that the right to bear arms is an individual right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

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