



KFRW Newsletter

February 2019

President's Message

We kicked off 2019 at our January meeting. We are thrilled to announce eight new **Keystone Federated Republican Women** (KFRW) committees, which will enable our club to be more effective in accomplishing our goals and outreach into our communities. Once each committee meets initially over the next several weeks, you will be informed of new endeavors and community events our club plans to be involved in this year and how all KFRW members can get involved.

We raffled off a ♥Valentine♥ themed gift bag filled with goodies at our January meeting. We took this easy fundraising idea from the last FFRW Newsletter. Raffle tickets were \$3 each or 4 for \$10. The winner was Gretchen Wallace. Even though not all members had cash or check with them we still raised \$52!

The plan is to raffle off a gift bag or basket each month with a monthly theme. We're asking members to sign up for a month and/or bring items that can be used to fill baskets. This can be items you've received as gifts and never used. The theme at our next meeting will be St. Patrick's Day, think green! So, remember...bring a little cash\$\$\$

Our February speaker will be Marty Bishop, JC Supervisor of Elections. Submit any questions you'd like him to answer by 2/18.

We hope to see all of you on February 25th. Mark your calendars now!!!

Lynn, Joy, Karen, Brenda & Eydie

Keystone Federated Republican Women

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KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 491-8755

VP Membership – Karen Knox – 251-0158

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Club Affiliations

Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

President – Dena DeCamp 1st VP – Jean Wingo

2nd VP – Deb Tamargo 3rd VP – Michele Merrell

Secretary – Barb Zakszewski Treasurer – Suzie Loving

Asst. Treasurer – Vanessa Danford

Members-at-Large

Rana Erbrick – Charlotte White – Kathy Gibson

Districts Executive – Beth Young

Bylaws Chair – Cherie Billings

National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

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Membership Update

We welcome are newest members:
Sally Beshears and Sally Walton.

Currently, KFRW has 35 Primary members and 12 Associate members for a total of 47 club members.

There are two opportunities in February to invite potential members to learn about KFRW and join us! Flyer to follow.

*Friday the 15th, 10 am, at Tupelo's Bakery
*Tuesday the 19th, following the JCREC 7 pm meeting at the Chamber of Commerce; Dinner at 6 pm; Jason Shoaf at 7:30 pm.

The Membership Committee consists of Karen Knox, chair, Sally Beshears, Brenda Sorensen, Sally Walton, and Lynn Stafford. The main focus is member recruitment and retention, plan membership events and other membership tasks, such as identify Republicans in the community and invite them to support KFRW. ■

***"Each one bring one and
Watch us Grow in 2019"***

***GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH =
VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES***

2019 Membership Rewards Contest

The Membership Rewards Contest for the 1st quarter of 2019 is underway and ends at the March 25th meeting. Earn 1 point for each new Associate Member; 2 points for new Primary Members; and add 1 point to each when the new member changes party affiliation to a Republican.

Keep in mind, rewards for the most *new* members will be awarded quarterly at meetings in March, June, September, and at the December Christmas party. The member responsible for the most new members joining our club in 2019 will get a *special* prize at the Christmas party.

2019 KFRW Committees

Won't you join one of these committees?

Hospitality – Provide greeters at meetings & events and lead invocation & flag pledge.

Media & Public Relations – Notice meetings & events in local paper, create flyers & post, submit articles for KFRW Newsletter & local paper, take photos at meetings & events.

Membership – Set club membership goals, develop & implement new programs for membership recruitment & retention.

Fundraising – Plan & organize fundraising events for our club and other causes.

Special Events – Plan & organize events our club will participate in, such as the Watermelon Festival, Christmas Party, etc.

Campaign – Organize our members to promote republicans during election cycles in conjunction with the JC RPOF.

Community Outreach – For approved project(s), plan & organize tasks & enlist support & involvement from KFRW members & community to accomplish goals of the project.

Legislative – Work with FFRW & our local elected officials to advance issues of importance to all Floridians & local residents during the Florida's Legislative session.

The expectation is all members will help at club events, as available, throughout the year when called upon by the committees.

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In politics, if you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman. -- Margaret Thatcher

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Ron DeSantis Inaugural Events

A few club members attended Governor Ron DeSantis' inaugural events on January 8th in Tallahassee.



< Streets Signs on S Monroe St at E Jefferson St replaced for events



Attending Inaugural Ball - Left: Brenda & Lynn - Right: Tully & Paula Sparkman



FFRW 2019 Spring BOD & Legislative Conference

Sunday March 10 - Tuesday March 12, 2019

Residence Inn, 600 W. Gaines Street, Tallahassee

Sunday March 10, 2018

Registration 12 Noon-5 pm

Meeting begins at 2:00 pm ~ Dinner at 6 pm

Monday March 11, 2018

Registration 7:30 am ~ Breakfast & Speaker 8 am

BOD Meeting begins at 9 am - Noon

Legislative Update at the Capitol, 2-4 pm

6 pm Reception and Banquet

Tuesday March 12, 2019

Breakfast at 8 am ~ BOD Meeting 9-10 am

Adjournment then travel to Capitol for Lobbying and meetings with Legislators

Registration: \$195 PayPal includes meals

Please register on website: ffrw.net



Member's Birthdays In February

Happy Birthday to each of you!

2/18 President's Day

2/23 Paula Sparkman

2/24 Tamara Heseltine



Calendar of Events

Jefferson Somerset SGA Gala

Friday, February 8, 7:30-10 pm

Jefferson Somerset Cafeteria



J.C. School Board Meeting

Monday, February 11, 6 pm

1490 W. Washington St.



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 5 pm

Brenda Sorensen's Office



KFRW New Member Socials

Friday, February 15, 10 am

Tupelo's Bakery & Café



Tuesday, Feb. 19, after JCREC

Meeting at 7 pm ~ Dinner 6 pm ~

Jason Shoaf speaks at 7:30 pm

Monticello Chamber of Commerce



KFRW Meeting

~ Speaker: Marty Bishop,

J.C. Supervisor of Elections ~

Monday, February 25, 7 pm

Jefferson Art Gallery



For additional photos and events >> KFRWFL.org

Difference Between Democrat and Republican

---- continued from January issue

Democrat vs Republican

Given their different origins and opposing political orientations, the two parties clash on a number of fundamental issues:

Taxes: **Republicans** believe that both rich and poor should pay the same share of taxes (and possibly receive tax cuts). Even if large tax cuts may lead to a decrease in the revenue collected by the government, **Republicans** believe that, after tax reductions, wealthy people and entrepreneurs would be more likely to invest and create jobs – thus initiating a trickledown effect that would eventually benefit the entire society. **Republicans** also oppose raising minimum wages as such increase could hurt small businesses; and **Democrats** believe in raising taxes for the upper class and lowering taxes for the lower and middle class to allow the government to boost spending for social programs for lower class

Gun laws: **Republicans** oppose gun control laws and believe that one should be able to obtain ammunitions with no registration. **Republicans** also strongly support the right of self-defense; and **Democrats** are in favor of an increase in arm control but recognize that the Second Amendment is an important part of the American tradition and that the right to use firearms should be preserved. **Democrats** advocate for the reinstatement of the assault weapons ban and believe that the government should make the background check system stronger.

Voter ID laws: **Republicans** are requesting photo identification for voting: they believe that such measure would prevent cases of election fraud; and **Democrats** believe that everyone has the right to vote and oppose photo identification, as they believe it may be discriminatory.

Abortion: **Republicans**, largely influenced by religion and tradition, believe that the government should restrict abortion. In fact, **Republicans** think that an unborn child has the fundamental right to live which cannot be taken away; and **Democrats** support Roe vs Wade and believe that a woman should have the right to make her own decisions regarding her pregnancy and that the government has no right to get involved with any woman's pregnancy. Instead of eliminating abortion, **Democrats** want to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies by enhancing the level of sex education in all schools. An increased awareness would also reduce the number of cases of sexually transmitted diseases.

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The KFRW Membership Directory, with member contact information, is updated monthly and distributed via email to each active member.

If you have any changes, please email them to lynn@kfrwfl.org.