



# KFRW Newsletter

April 2019

## President's Message

We finally have a club logo!! Please [read the blog post](#) on our website briefly detailing the evolution of the logo. The final vote was 11 for #1 and 7 for #2. We appreciate all members who voted and again Sara Kirsch for all her help on the logo! Also on the website, are several new blog posts with pictures and highlights from the FFRW Spring Conference: [Spring FFRW 2019 Conference](#) and [FFRW 2019 Legislative Days at the Florida Capitol](#). Lynn and Gretchen attended from our club.

The **“Easter”** themed basket was raffled at our March meeting, raising \$118! Awesome!!! The winner was Amy Rosmini. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. So, remember...bring a check or a little cash **\$\$\$**. We also have a *“Time for Change”* jar for your loose change.

**Our April speaker** will be Jean Wingo, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of FFRW who'll give an overview of FFRW &

an update on Florida's Legislative session. She lobbied the Florida Legislature for 25 years and responsible for making Florida the first non-smoking state in the nation. She worked for Gov. Bush on health care legislation and named one of the 25 Women to Know by the *Tallahassee Democrat*. [Read Jean's full bio](#) and come hear her passion!

**We hope to see all of you on April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in April, not the last this month! Mark your calendars now! And, remember we are now meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

*Lynn, Joy, Karen, Brenda & Eydie*

### Keystone Federated Republican Women

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Website: [KFRWFL.org](http://KFRWFL.org) – FaceBook: [KFRWFlorida](#)

### KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 491-8755

VP Membership – Karen Knox – 251-0158

VP Programs/Fundraising – Joy Frisby – 590-5359

Treasurer – Brenda Sorensen – 508-0729

Secretary – Eydie Tricquet – 491-5903

### Club Affiliations

#### Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

President – Dena DeCamp      1<sup>st</sup> VP – Jean Wingo

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Kathy Gibson      3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Michele Merrell

Secretary – Barb Zakszewski      Treasurer – Suzie Loving

Asst. Treasurer – Vanessa Danford

Members-at-Large

Rana Erbrick – Charlotte White – Artie Pobjecky

Districts Executive – Beth Young

District 2 Representative – Doty McPherson

Bylaws Chair – Cherie Billings

#### National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

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## Membership Update

We welcome our newest members: Donna Dowler-Parmer, Hilda Smith, Margie Stern, and Pam Willis.

Currently, we have 41 Primary members and 13 Associate members, a total of 54!

Individual member goal: *Ask at least one person to join KFRW in April and we can double this month!* Tracy Boyce was the winner of our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter membership contest, which ended March 25<sup>th</sup>.

We have 2 New Member Socials planned in April. Please invite potential members to learn about KFRW and join us. All new members are encouraged to come to get to know other members! *See separate flyer.*

\***Wednesday 4/17**, 11 am, at Electric City Wheels & Grinds at 166 E. Dogwood St.

\***Monday 4/22**, 6:30 pm, prior to our meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. ■

***“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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is underway and ends at the June 24<sup>th</sup> 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. ■

## KFRW Committee Updates

All KFRW committee chairs are requested to email monthly updates to Lynn prior to or soon after our monthly meeting so updates can be disseminated to all club members at the meeting, in the newsletter, or via email.

Campaign – After April 9<sup>th</sup>, KFRW will support the republican candidate for FL House of Rep. District 7 seat leading up to the Special General Election on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Community Outreach – KFRW’s [1<sup>st</sup> Annual American Government Essay Contest](#), for all Jefferson County middle and high school students, launched March 18<sup>th</sup>. Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, please spread the word!!

Events and Fundraising – Our next big event, June 14 & 15, is the [Watermelon Festival & Parade](#). Plan now to participate!!

Asking members to sign up for a month or bring items that can be used to fill baskets for our raffle. See the partial list on page 3.

Reserve this date for our **Christmas Party**, Monday, December 16.

Legislative – The Committee meets at 6 pm prior to our 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting.

Media & Public Relations – Our meeting announcements are in the Community Calendar of the Monticello News/Jefferson Journal and Chamber of Commerce eBlast.

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



"It continues to defy explanation why liberals who theoretically love liberty, equality, tolerance and moderation, should find so much to despise in their own country, which represents the fullest expression of those virtues anywhere on the globe." -- Mona Charen



KFRW New Member's Social – Tuesday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>



Owner, Margie Stern, joined KFRW at the new member's social held last month at her café, *Electric City Wheels & Grinds*, on E. Dogwood St. Plan now to

attend our April new member socials, we have a lot of fun! Shown here: Karen Knox, Lynn Stafford, Margie Stern, and Tracy & Dusty Boyce.



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets/Bags

**April – Cinco de Mayo** <-> **Sara Kirsch**

Suggestions: Mexican Fiesta - Chips, salsa, hot sauce, margarita mix, make it colorful and fun!

**May - Sweet Summertime** <-> **Brenda Sorensen**

Suggestion: Watermelon Themed Basket

**June – “Proud to be an American”** <-> **Tamara**

Suggestion: Red, White & Blue “Patriotic” **Heseltine**

**July – Back to School** <-> **Needed**

Suggestions: Book(s); book mark, highlighters, pens, small notebook(s), memo pads, etc. in a book bag



Concealed Weapon Permit Class

Offered to KFRW Members and Non-members by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

**Date:** Saturday, April 6, 4-6 pm (Class Full) & Sunday, April 28, 2-4 pm

**Cost:** \$35 for Members & \$50 Non-Members

**Class Location:** Karen & Kenny Knox's Property 3813 Dills Road, Monticello

**What to Bring:** Your own gun and box of bullets

***This is a fundraiser for our club's student Essay Contest expenses and cash prizes.***



Member's Birthdays In April

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 4/1 David Frisby
- 4/21 Susan Rissman



Calendar of Events

Concealed Weapon Permit Class (Pre-registered Only)  
Saturday, April 6, 4-6 pm  
3813 Dills Road (Knox Property)



J.C. School Board Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 6 pm  
1490 W. Washington St.



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting  
Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 pm  
Brenda Sorensen's Office



KFRW New Member Socials  
Wednesday, April 17, 11 am  
Electric City Wheels & Grinds  
Monday, April 22, 6:30 pm  
Monticello Chamber of Commerce



KFRW Member Meeting  
Monday, April 22, 7 pm  
(Door opens at 6 pm)  
Monticello Chamber of Commerce  
~ Speaker: Jean Wingo, FFRW ~



Concealed Weapon Permit Class (Must Pre-Register)  
Sunday, April 28, 2-4 pm



For additional photos and events >> [KFRWFL.org](http://KFRWFL.org)

# Difference Between Democrat and Republican

---- continued from March issue – Conclusion

Individual vs collective rights: **Republicans** believe in individual rights and in the “survival of the fittest”; and **Democrats** believe in collective rights over individual rights.

While the differences between the two parties are clear, not all **Democrats** have the same ideas and not all **Republicans** support all the traditional beliefs of the GOP. The two parties have become so big that it is almost impossible to understand where they really stand on certain issues. For instance, while traditionally **Republicans** are against abortion and in favor of death penalty, there are cases in which Republican representatives have expressed their support for free choice and have condemned the use of capital punishment.

Furthermore, while **Republicans** traditionally advocate for a “small government” that should not interfere in the private sphere, they do support some “big government” stances when they insist on the need of imposing government regulations on abortion. In the same way, while **Democrats** advocate for a “big government” that should intervene in economic and social decisions, they support free choice and believe that the government should have no say on abortion and should not interfere with a woman’s pregnancy.

## Summary

The **Democratic** and the **Republican** Party are the two main forces that have shaped the political scenario of the United States since the 19th century. It is interesting to note that in the past few decades, **Democrat** and **Republican** Presidents have been constantly alternating. Such tendency shows that the American society remains deeply divided over key issues.

The traditional, right-leaning **Republican Party** opposes the liberal, left-leaning **Democratic Party** on economic, social and political matters: **Republicans** believe in strong border controls, in tax cuts, in the use of firearms and in death penalty. They are against abortion, same-sex marriages and support private health care systems; and **Democrats** support open immigration policies, believe that wealthy people should pay higher taxes, advocate for more regulations in the use of firearms and oppose death penalty. They are in favor of free choice, support same-sex marriage and adoption rights for same-sex couples and believe that the government should intervene in economic and social matters, including health care.

However, the two parties are so large and diverse that it is quite complex to understand where they really stand and to identify the line that clearly separates them. In fact, we can find extremists and moderates on both sides and the evolution of the national and international assets often leads people to change views and perspectives on key issues, including immigration, gun control, death penalty, same-sex marriage and abortion. Therefore, while the traditional stances of the **Democratic** and the **Republican** Party are quite different, the reality is rather blurred and their positions do not oppose as neatly. ■

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