



KFRW Newsletter

May 2019

President's Message

Since forming KFRW, periodically, I've been tracking the number of registered voters by party affiliation, comparing Jefferson County to both Madison and Taylor counties (see page 4). One of the goals of our club, set last July, is to turn our county **RED**, having more registered republican voters than democratic voters. It is so important to "calmly" engage fellow voters, especially those we know who are still registered as democrats, yet say are conservative, and have a conversation with them...

"Just curious, why are you still a Democrat?" "Do you believe in open borders?" "Free college for all?" "Medicare for all?" "In abortion up to time of birth (or just after)?" "Well?"

The **"Cinco de Mayo"** themed basket, donated by Sara Kirsch, raffled at our April meeting, raised \$81. The winner was Susan Carabello. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. So, always bring a little cash **\$\$\$** or a check.☺ We also have a *"Time for Change"* jar for your (or your spouse's) loose change.

Our May speaker will be Artie Projecky, an immigration attorney from Winter Haven, to speak to us about legal and illegal immigration. She is also a Member-at-Large on the KFRW Executive Committee.

We hope to see all of you on May 27th, which is Memorial Day! Mark your calendars now! Also with us will be Beth Young from Brevard FRW.

Happy Mother's Day!♥♥♥

Lynn, Joy, Karen, Brenda & Eydie

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Club Affiliations

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District 2 Representative – Doty McPherson

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National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

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Membership Update

We welcome our newest members: Jeanie Walker, Amanda Hammers, Sheriff Mac McNeill, and Susan Anderson.

Currently, we have 44 Primary members and 14 Associate members, a total of 58!

Individual Member Goal: *Ask at least one person to join KFRW in May and we can double this month!*

When sharing about our club with friends (potential members), invite them to come to our next meeting at the Chamber with you, to learn about KFRW and join us. We do this at 6:30 pm, prior to the meeting.

Fact: Not everyone can attend the monthly meetings or be on a committee, yet they would love to be a member of our club, be a part of our grassroots effort, and making a difference in Jefferson County!

Being connected with each other as a club is what makes us most effective! ■

“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 2nd quarter is underway and ends at the June 24th 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 by Sunday, prior to our monthly meeting, so updates can be disseminated to all club members at the meeting, in the newsletter, or via email.

Campaign – Jason Shoaf won the primary! All members should encourage others to support him for FL House of Rep. District 7 seat between now and the Special General Election on June 18th. Early voting will be the week before. Voter turnout is crucial.

Community Outreach – The deadline for KFRW’s [1st Annual American Government Essay Contest](#), for all Jefferson County middle and high school students, is May 1.

Events and Fundraising – Our next big events, June 14 & 15, is the [Watermelon Festival Booth & Parade](#) and then July 4th. We will be raffling off a gun, donated by J.T. Surles, with drawing July 4. We are pricing KFRW tees to order by end of May. Details to follow, but 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.

Legislative – The Committee met with Jean Wingo in April to get her suggestions on how to be most effective. They meet at 6 pm prior to our 4th Monday meeting.

Media & Public Relations – We’ve received 500 KFRW tri-fold brochures, and they will be available at our May meeting.

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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"At the moment you say you can't, you won't. At the moment you think you can, you will."

-- Candace Owens

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Concealed Weapon Permit Classes



We had a total of 18 participate in the two classes: seven KFRW members and four non-members on Saturday, April 6th, and seven members on Sunday, April 28th.

This was a fundraiser for our club's student Essay Contest, raising \$620. We also gained three new club members due to the class!

The class, provided by the J.C. Sheriff's department, Sheriff Mac McNeill, Sgt. Marvin Edwards, MSgt. Chris Eades, and Captain Gerald Knecht our instructors, is the first step to applying for a Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm License from the Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Total cost is \$97.

Here is the link to schedule an appointment at the Tallahassee Regional Office at 1925 Capital Circle, NE, where you can complete the online application, get fingerprinted & photo taken:

<https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Licensing/Regional-Offices/Tallahassee-Regional-Office>.

If applying by mail, follow the instructions in the FDACS' packet.



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets/Bags

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

August - Its Fall Ya'll <-> **Needed**

Suggestions: Fall themed; teas, coffee, cider, etc.

September - Pink Themed <-> **Needed**

Suggestions: Anything pink



Member's Birthdays In May
Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 5/1 Jessica Lane
- 5/5 Nancy Stover
- 5/7 Eydie Tricquet
- 5/11 Amanda Hammers
- 5/17 Dan Dugger
- 5/19 Dotty McPherson
- 5/20 Lynn Stafford
- 5/31 Dede Wheeler



Calendar of Events

KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 5:00 pm
Lynn Stafford's, 295 Hickory St.



Events & Fundraising
Committee Meeting
Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am
Lynn Stafford's, 295 Hickory St.



J.C. School Board Meeting
Monday, May 13, 6 pm
1490 W. Washington St.



KFRW New Member Social
Monday, May 27, 6:30 pm
Monticello Chamber of Commerce



KFRW Member Meeting
Monday, May 27, 7 pm
(Door opens at 6 pm)
Monticello Chamber of Commerce
~ Speaker: Artie Pobjecky,
Immigration Attorney ~



For additional photos and events >> KFRWFL.org

2016 ELECTORAL EXPLANATION

Why the Founders saw the importance of the Electoral College...

There are 3,141 counties in the United States.

Trump won 3,084 of them. Clinton won 57.

There are 62 counties in New York State.

Trump won 46 of them. Clinton won 16.

Clinton won the popular vote by approximately 1.5 million votes.

In the five counties that encompass NYC, (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond & Queens) Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump. **Clinton only won four of these counties, Trump won Richmond.** Therefore these five counties alone, more than accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote of the entire country. *These five counties comprise 319 square miles.*

The United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles.

When you have a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be ludicrous to even suggest that the vote of those that encompass a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election. Amen!! ■

---- Source: **FFRW 2019 Spring Conference**

VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY COMPARISON

Voter Registration by Party									
County	Republican Party	Democrat Party	Minor Parties	No Party Affiliation	Totals	Rep Party Gain/Loss	Dem Party Gain/Loss	Minor Party Gain/Loss	NPA Gain/Loss
As of June 30, 2018									
Jefferson	3,050	5,451	35	1,115	9,651				
Madison	3,452	6,963	37	1,320	11,772				
Taylor	4,341	6,341	58	1,189	11,929				
As of February 28, 2019									
Jefferson	3,293	5,241	40	1,082	9,656	243	-210	5	-33
Madison	3,730	6,829	53	1,302	11,914	278	-134	16	-18
Taylor	4,898	6,115	84	1,264	12,361	557	-226	26	75
As of March 31, 2019									
Jefferson	3,318	5,232	39	1,091	9,680	25	-9	-1	9
Madison	3,735	6,827	52	1,309	11,923	5	-2	-1	7
Taylor	4,956	6,090	84	1,269	12,399	58	-25	0	5

-- Source: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/data-statistics/voter-registration-statistics/voter-registration-monthly-reports/>

As you can see, the number of registered **Republicans** is increasing while the number of registered **Democrats** is decreasing. Yeah!! **One thing each of us can do**—encourage folks to leave the Democrat party for good—many already have with their votes! ■

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