



KFRW Newsletter

July 2019

President's Message

A **BIG** thank you to the following KFRW members who participated in our first **Watermelon Festival Parade**: Gretchen Wallace and Karen Purser (carried the club banner); Karen Knox, Dotty McPherson & John Haynes (in first golf cart); Crystal Putnam (on her ATV, with flags & red/white/blue beads handed out by walkers); Joy, Rosemary & Harris Frisby, Leslie Rabon, Susan Carabello, Lynn Stafford & Stephanie Short (walkers); Kenny Knox (pulled the float); & Abby McGehee (on the float). A special thanks to Tom Amburgey who walked and took photos along the parade route!

We appreciated the **Wakulla Republican Women's Club Federated** (WRWCF) ladies (and children) who joined us in the parade, which included: Michelle & JoLee Harden and Juliette Carson, who walked, and Virginia Moore, Virginia Delke, June Davis, and Heatherlee & Levi Ibarra, who rode on the float. [Check out the photos on our website](#). Total of 24 folks in all!

Our WF booth was a success, selling \$1,314 in merchandise and 7 new memberships!! The Trump hats were very popular. *Thank you* to those who volunteered at the booth!

We'll have a table July 4th near the Court-house Annex to sell patriotic bracelets, Trump hats and t-shirts, share about KFRW & hand out Voter Registration applications.

Our July speaker will be Kirk Reams, the JC Clerk of Court. He has a big, exciting announcement. You don't want to miss it!! *Mark your calendars now!*

Join us July 4th to celebrate our Nation's Independence.*** Wear your **red** shirts!

Lynn, Joy, Karen, Brenda & Eydie

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Membership Update

We welcome our newest members: Becky Clayton, Terri Long, Holly Stone, Betsy Upchurch, Susan Hopkins and BT and Arthur Williams, who all learned of KFRW at our Watermelon Festival booth, and USMC Ret. Major John Haynes.

Currently, we have 51 Primary Members and 16 Associate Members, a total of 67!

Susan Carabello won the 2nd quarter contest that ended June 24th with 4 points. Volunteering at the WF booth was a boost for several members this month. *Awesome!*

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 due to other obligations, yet they will become a club member in support of our grassroots effort, in Jefferson County, in order to make a difference along with us!

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

“Each one bring one and Watch us Grow in 2019”

2019 Membership Rewards Contest

The Membership Contest for the 3rd quarter is now underway and ends at the September 23rd 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 Committee Chairs: Please send monthly updates to Lynn by Sunday, prior to monthly meeting, so updates can be shared with *all* club members via email, newsletter, etc.. *Thanks!*

Campaign – The winner is Jason Shoaf, for District 7 FL House of Representative. *Yeah!*

Community Outreach – The committee plans to have face to face meetings with both H.S. principals & staff prior to next school year to discuss how our club can best supplement/support civic education in their schools. Afterwards, we will finalize plans for another essay contest in the fall. At that time, we will expand our outreach to additional groups to publicize our contest. Any ideas from other members is most welcome, please contact Gretchen Wallace at 997-1968 or gretchenhwallace@yahoo.com.

Events and Fundraising – We’re currently planning the *Inaugural American Valor Dinner*, Saturday, November 9, 2019, at Willow Pond. The event will feature a former Navy Seal as our keynote speaker. More details will be available soon! Our goal is to make this an annual event! Soon we will solicit sponsorships for the event and tickets will go on sale in September.

KFRW’s 2nd Annual Christmas Celebration will be Monday, December 16, 2019, from 6pm-9:30 pm. The event again will be held at the Mays House. ***Plan now to participate!!***

Legislative – The committee met last month; discussed ways it can advocate and support citizens at the local, state and federal levels. We decided to publish a notice to voters of its desire to advocate on their behalf and ask the community to voice their local and state concerns. Committee will meet July 22, at 6 pm.

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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“Republicans believe every day is the 4th of July, Democrats believe every day is April 15th.”

-- Ronald Reagan

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Monthly Raffle Basket – The Winner Is...



The “**Proud to be an American**” themed basket, prepared by Tamara Heseltine, was raffled at our June meeting, raising \$109. Terrific job! <<The winner was Merry Ann Frisby!

Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. So, bring a check or cash \$\$\$ ☺ We have a “Time for Change” jar for loose change. ■

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GUN RAFFLE – Do You Have Your Ticket(s)?

The Gun Raffle is ending soon for a Taurus 9mm handgun, donated by J.T. Surles of Trophy Creek Outfitters. Donations for tickets are \$10 per ticket. There will be three (3) winners, **drawing is July 4.**

- 1st Place** – Taurus 9mm handgun
- 2nd Place** – \$100 Gift Card to Trophy Creek
- 3rd Place** – \$50 Gift Card to Trophy Creek

Members are encouraged to **buy & sell** tickets up until July 4 to friends, co-workers and family. Tickets can be obtained from Lynn Stafford. ■

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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets/Bags

Asking members to take 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. Please consider “adopting” a month.

- July – Back to School** <-> **Merry Ann Frisby**
Suggestions: Book(s), book marks, highlighters, pens, small notebooks, memo pads, book bag
- August – Its Fall Ya’ll** <-> **Needed**
Suggestions: Fall themed; teas, coffee, cider, etc.
- September – Pink Themed** <-> **Crystal Putnam**
Suggestions: Anything pink
- October – “Give Thanks”** <-> **Needed**
Suggestions: Thanksgiving theme
- November – “It’s beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas”** <-> **Leslie Rabon**
Suggestions: Christmas theme



Member’s Birthdays In July *Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 7/7 Deborah D’Attile
- 7/14 Hilda Smith
- 7/20 Catherine McNeill
- 7/30 Jean Walker

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Calendar of Events

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- July 4th KFRW Table
Thursday, July 4, 5 pm – 8 pm,
Near Courthouse Annex
- July 4th Community Event
Band begins at 7:30 pm
Program begins at 8:15 pm
Fireworks Display approx. 9:30 pm

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

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- KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 5 pm
Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St

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- KFRW Legislative Comm. Mtg.
Monday, July 22, 6 pm
- KFRW New Member Info.
Monday, July 22, 6:30 pm
- KFRW Member Meeting
Monday, July 22, 7 pm
(Door opens at 6 pm)
Monticello Chamber of Commerce
~ Speaker: Kirk Reams, JC
Clerk of Court ~

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For additional photos and events >> KFRWFL.org

Common Sense Has Left the Building

(we cannot afford to remain quiet)

Arming yourself with accurate and verifiable information is key so that each of us may succinctly combat the never Trump hate speech. While many of the issues we will be highlighting may be federal, they also dramatically impact individual states.

Let's talk about illegal immigration and our southern border. A week ago, President Trump gave Congress two weeks to work together to finally fix the nation's flawed immigration laws.

The mantra of the Democrats and media in early 2019 was that President Donald Trump was making it all up; there was NO CRISIS at the southern border...it was all manufactured. Now, they are lamenting the crisis at the border and blasting Trump for doing nothing about it. WHAT??? And, the media doesn't challenge them. That's where you come in.

May 16, 2019, [Speaker Nancy Pelosi was asked](#) if Democrats were now willing to say there was a crisis at the southern border. Her response: ***"We have never not said there is a crisis..."***

Months of public statements from leading House Democrats show just how false that is:

"A crisis that does not exist." – [Speaker Pelosi & Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer](#)

"There is no crisis." – [Majority Leader Steny Hoyer](#)

"There is no crisis on the border." – [House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler](#)

"I'm from the border, there's no crisis there." – [Rep. Henry Cuellar](#)

Pelosi is now blaming the Trump administration for the deaths of kids who show up at the border already sick. And Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says the centers set up for those caught trying to break U.S. laws are 'concentration camps'.

While Pelosi tweets about the deaths of illegals, Angel Moms – those mothers who have had loved ones murdered by illegals – are still waiting for her to acknowledge their losses. Pelosi, you may remember, refused to meet with a delegation of Angel Moms several months ago.

As we shake our heads at the outrageous and idiotic comments and proposals we hear coming from an increasingly far-left Democrat party and its' media minions, those same comments are making an impact on those who rely on the so-called 'main stream' reporters to let them know what's going on.

Too many of us believe that these statements and proposals are SO ludicrous that nobody will take them seriously. We're wrong. While some of us, sadly, live and breathe this stuff...the vast majority of Americans are way too busy living their lives and taking care of family and commitments to dig below the headlines to get to the truth.

It is up to you to challenge the rhetoric and the false narrative with facts. For additional information to add to your arsenal:

<https://wjla.com/news/nation-world/college-students-denounce-trump-immigration-quotes-democrats-campus-reform>

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/columnists/media-had-no-problem-calling-it-a-border-crisis-in-2014-under-obama>

<https://twitter.com/SpeakerPelosi/status/1130867505390657536>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10156156092545090> ■

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