



KFRW Newsletter

December 2019

President's Message

We had 81 participate in our **Inaugural American Valor Dinner**, on Saturday, November 9, honoring 36 of our local veterans, 32 as guests due to our generous sponsors. We've received great feedback from those attending and are being encouraged to make this an annual event.

On Monday, November 11, the following decorated and/or participated in the **Veteran's Day Parade**: Betty, Joy, Harris & Rosemary Frisby, Susan Carabello, Karen & Kenny Knox, Jessica Lane, Lynn Stafford, Andrew Kang, Gretchen Wallace, Annaliese Wierenga, Beth & Dale Young, Kirk Reams (driving the BIG JD tractor), Bill Snyder, Charlie Cook, Colin Barton and John Bryan. KFRW handed out small US flags. Earlier that morning, several members attended the Veteran's Day breakfast hosted by the American Legion Post #49.

At our November meeting, five new members joined!!! (See page 2 – Membership Update) At the end of 2018, we had 28 primary and 10 associate members. As of now, we have 62 primary and 21 associate members, a total of 83 members! We have doubled our membership this year for both primary and associate members!!! Awesome job everyone!!!

KFRW officers and committee chairs have a **2020 planning retreat** on January 11th. Please complete a Planning Survey no later than December 16th. *Your suggestions needed!!*

Looking forward to the Christmas Party on Monday, December 16th. If you've not purchased your ticket(s), please see page 3.

Our January speaker, Pete Dunbar, is co-author of *The Modern Republican Party in Florida* released in October. Informative!!

Mark your calendars now – 4th Monday!

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KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 491-8755

VP Membership – Karen Knox – 251-0158

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Treasurer – Brenda Sorensen – 508-0729

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Club Affiliations

Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

President – Dena DeCamp 1st VP – Jean Wingo

2nd VP – Kathy Gibson 3rd VP – Michele Merrell Secretary

– Barb Zakszewski Treasurer – Suzie Loving

Asst. Treasurer – Lynn Stafford

Members-at-Large

Rana Erbrick – Charlotte White – Artie Pobjecky

Districts Executive – Beth Young

District 2 Representative – Dotty McPherson

National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

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Membership Update

We welcome our newest members: Leta Allen, Lynn McGrady, Diana & Harry Mulhearn, Tom Amburgey, Charlie Cook, and Kirk Reams.

Encourage others to join our club now, as those joining now through the end of the year are active members through 2020. See *Membership Contest rules below*.

Reminder: Please renew your dues for 2020 no later than December 31st. NFRW voted to increase dues for 2020; the portion we pay to the NFRW & FFRW is now \$25 for each primary member. Our annual club dues are now \$50 for primary members and \$25 for associate members. We do retain 100% of our associate member dues.

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

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

GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH = VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES

2019 Membership Rewards Contest

Membership Contest for the 4th quarter is underway and **ends December 16th at the Christmas Party**. 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 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 e-mail monthly updates to Lynn by Sunday*, prior to monthly meeting, so updates can be shared with *all* club members via email, newsletter, etc. *Thank you!*

Campaign – Susan and Lynn will begin this month developing a campaign strategy from information obtained at NFRW Campaign Management School to support our conservative candidates in January. If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact Susan. It's assumed KFRW members will help with 2020 campaigning needs as time permits.

Community Outreach – Gretchen, Lynn S., and Marianne, completed two 7-week “*Career Success*” Jr. Achievement classes at Jefferson-Somerset for 12th graders. The JA program is looking for additional volunteers for new classes next year for 3rd (*Our City*), 4th (*Our Region*) and 7th (*Economics for Success*) graders; classes are five sessions and all materials are provided.

Are you interested in one-on-one mentoring with student(s) needing assistance, such as with reading? Contact Gretchen for more information on options available.

Events and Fundraising – The *Inaugural American Valor Dinner* netted \$3,889.53 after expenses. If you have suggestions or ideas for events for 2020, please contact Leslie Rabon prior to the Planning Retreat on January 11th.

KFRW's 2nd Annual Christmas Celebration will be Monday, Dec. 16th. ***See details on page 3. Please make your reservation(s) now to attend!!***

Legislative – The committee is monitoring Toll Road Extension and Power Line meetings and will advise as meeting dates become available. The 2020 legislative session begins Jan. 14th.

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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“If you lose control of your country, it will become the great enemy of your family.” - Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

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KFRW 2nd Annual Christmas Party

Monday, December 16, 2019

**6 – 9 pm ~ The Mays House
925 E. Washington St, Monticello**

If you've not yet purchased your ticket(s), please do so by Dec. 5th to get the best price. The deadline for advanced reservations is December 12th.

Tickets: \$25 for members/\$30 non-members if paid by Dec. 5. Afterwards, tickets are \$30/\$35.

Carrie Ann & Company Buffet Menu:

Grilled, Sliced Pork Tenderloin ~ Grouper Fingers ~ Orzo Salad ~ Chicken Salad w/Tartlett Shells ~ Sliced Veggies ~ Bruschetta (w/& w/o cheese) ~ Stuffed Mushrooms ~ Olive & Pepperoncini Tray ~ Assorted Christmas Sweets

Seating is Limited ~ Cash Bar ~ Door Prizes ■



Merchandise for Holiday Giving

Need any holiday gifts for your family or friends who are patriots? If so, consider giving the Trump hats and/or shirts or the tile bracelets, which make great stocking stuffers! [See the selection here!](#) ■



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The **“It’s Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas”**

basket was donated by Leslie Rabon and raffled at the November meeting, raising \$79. The winner was Marianne Arbulu!

The “Time for Change” jar was counted and loose change collected in 2019 totaled approx. \$18.70!

All 2020 baskets are adopted except for April.

January - “ReNEW You” <-> **Gretchen Wallace**

Suggested Items: Devotionals, Calendar, Book(s)

February - “Green with Envy” <-> **Leta Allen**

Suggestions: Anything Green, Lottery Tickets

March - “Put on Your Easter Bonnet” <-> **Diana**

Mulhearn - *Suggestions: Springs Items, Flower Seeds*

April - “Patriotic Summer Ahead” <-> **Needed**

Suggested Items: Summer Items, Red White and Blue ■



December Members’ Birthdays
Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 12/1 Karen Purser
- 12/3 Scott Brantley
Dale Young
- 12/12 Holly Stone
- 12/27 Joy Beth Frisby
- 12/30 Sara Kirsch
- 12/31 Amy Rosmini



Calendar of Events



Jr. Achievement Vol. Lunch
Thursday, December 5, 12-1 pm
Monticello Restaurant
(Reservations Required)



J.C. School Board Meeting
Monday, December 9, 6 pm
1490 W. Washington St.



J.C. Republican Exec. Comm.
Annual Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 10, 6 pm
Monticello Chamber of Commerce



KFRW Annual Christmas Party
Monday, December 16, 6-9 pm
Mays House - 925 E. Washington St.



KFRW Renewal of 2020 Dues
Due NOW until December 31
Contact Lynn S. or Brenda



KFRW 2020 Planning Retreat
Saturday, January 11, 9:30-3 pm
Lynn Stafford’s Home



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Is America a Democracy or a Republic? Continued from Oct. Newsletter...

Economic System	Democratic capitalism, also known as capitalist democracy is a political, economic and social ideology that involves the combination of a democratic political system with a capitalist economic system.	A capitalist economic system is one characterized by free markets and the absence of government intervention in the economy. Within a republic a capitalist economy will allow some government intervention, primarily to protect private property.
Famous Examples	Classical Greece, Rome	Rome, France, United States Of America
Sovereignty	Held by the whole population (as a group)	Held by the people (individual liberty). In the case of the US, it is also held by the States.
Key Elements	Free elections.	Free elections, with a constitution.
Common Confusions	People commonly confuse direct democracy with representative democracy. The US officially has a representative style, though many mistakenly refer to the United States as a democracy.	The US is actually a Republic (see Article 4, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution) as it is governed by rule of law. The elected are bound by oath to the constitution and vote as elected bodies to create laws to address concerns of those they represent.
Discrimination	In principle, all citizens have an equal say and are supposed to be treated equally. In practice it often allows for the tyranny of the majority over the minority.	In principle, all citizens have an equal say and are treated equally by the government, in accordance with constitutional prohibitions on government discrimination.
Freedom to Choose	Individuals may make decisions for themselves except for any limitations imposed on individuals by a majority faction.	Individuals may make decisions for themselves, within the freedoms provided by a constitution.
Private Property	Generally, private property is permitted, although a majority faction has the power to place limits on individuals' and minorities' property rights.	Private property is permitted and protected by constitutional rights to personal property.
Variations	Direct democracy, parliamentary democracy, presidential democracy.	Democratic republic or Constitutional republic.
Process of Change	The people must vote on proposed change with the majority winning.	People vote to elect their representatives and the representatives vote on proposed change. Although there are instances where the people vote directly on issues.

The Framers of the Constitution were altogether fearful of pure democracy. Everything they read and studied taught them that pure democracies “have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and in general have been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths”

(Federalist No. 10).

That said, some states allow for policy questions to be decided directly by the people by voting on ballot initiatives or referendums. Since the Founders did not provide for national ballot initiatives or referendums suggests the Framers' opposed such processes of democracy. They were not confident the people had the time, wisdom or level-headedness to make complex decisions, such as those that are often presented on ballots on Election Day.

Article Credit: <https://foundationsofliberty.org/democracy-vs-republic/> ■

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