



KFRW Newsletter

February 2020

President's Message

Wow, January flew by! The months between now and the general election on November 3rd -- just 276 days from now -- will be very busy, especially for all who are campaigning. Since our club formed at the end of July 2018, this will be our first presidential election year. We were involved in 2018 to elect Sheriff Mac McNeill, Governor Ron DeSantis (and other republican cabinet members), and Senator Rick Scott. The statewide races in 2018 were tough, remember the recounts? Yet 2020 will be even tougher, with President Trump's re-election, regaining the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, and retaining the Republican majorities in the U.S. Senate and both the Florida Senate and House.

Our **February 24th speaker** is **Brett Doster**, President Front Line Strategies and Political Consultant. Ever since I heard him speak at the FFRW Spring Convention last March, I have wanted him to come and speak to our club. You will not want to miss hearing him either! He is very supportive of the Republican Women in Florida; let's show him what the women in red in Jefferson County are doing!

Your Executive Committee and Committee Chairs met on January 11 for a planning retreat to plan our event calendar for 2020. Please see page 4 for some of what's being planned and how you can participate and stay involved. More in the next issue... Jessica Lane, is now the KFRW Secretary, relieving Susan Carabello. *We appreciate both of you!!*

Keystone Federated Republican Women

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President – Lynn Stafford – 850-491-8755

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Club Affiliations

Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

President – Vacant 1st VP – Michele Merrell

2nd VP – Maricel Cobitz 3rd VP – Dinae Van Parys

Secretary – Meg Merritt Treasurer – Lynn Stafford

Members-at-Large

Yvette Benarroch – Tracy Caruso – April Schiff

Districts Executive – Barbara Price

District 2 Representative – Dotty McPherson – 850-591-4988

National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

Survey Question? One of our club officers (shhh, I'm not telling) missed our monthly meeting on Monday because she forgot!! If *you* would like a reminder text, prior to the 4th Monday meetings, send a text to 850-251-0158 to authorize a monthly text. 📱

Mark your calendars now – 4th Monday!

Lynn

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Membership Update

We welcome our newest member: Jason Shoaf, our district Representative in the FL House.

We ended 2019 with 62 primary and 21 associate members, total in all 83—a great achievement for our first full year! We had some members decide not to renew for 2020, and some who still need to renew. As of now, we have a total of 63 paid for 2020: 45 primary & 18 associate members.

Renewal Dues for 2020: If you still need to renew, *please contact Karen or Lynn soon.*

Membership Socials: In lieu of a membership contest, this year we will have quarterly socials at members' homes to share a meal & view one of our educational DVDs. The first is **Friday, February 28, at 6 pm** at the Knox home (3813 Dills Rd) beginning with a meal. Bring a covered dish to share. If you can host one, *please let Karen know.*

Membership Challenge for 2020: As a member, will YOU commit to inviting at least ONE new person to join us? We can double if everyone invited just ONE new member into the club this year. *Let's do it!*

“Each One Bring One And Watch Us Grow In 2020”

When sharing with friends about our club, invite them to come to a meeting with you, or one of our membership socials, to learn about KFRW and join us. We do this prior to each meeting at 6:30 pm.■

GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH = VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES

Club Fundraising ~ Merchandise

For the 2020 Election, we have Trump [hats and T-shirts you can sell](#) to your friends and family members for them to show their support for President Trump and 4 patriotic bracelet designs. [See the selection here!](#) Funds raised are used for club events & activities ■

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 – Joy Frisby is now the chair of this committee. Will you help by representing one of the 16 precincts to support local campaigns for 2020? If so, she's waiting to hear from you, *please contact Joy at 590-5359.*

Community Outreach – See page 4...

Events and Fundraising – Make a note of the month you adopted a raffle basket, see page 3.

Legislative – Marianne Arbulu asked Dotty McPherson to assist with committee matters, particularly concerning Legislation. With the transition of the new FFRW officers and the FL Legislative Session now in session, we are short on time and on our own. So, we will rely on Capital City's highly esteemed think tank, the James Madison Institute, for leads on critical legislation. E-mails on specific House and Senate Bills will circulate periodically.

Any other legislative concerns, brought to the committee's attention by our members, will be taken into consideration as well.

We must actively participate in the Legislative Process...writing and calling our Legislators about potential Laws that will affect us. Please take note of any Committee communications and take action when you are able.

Media – Please like the KFRWFlorida Facebook page and share our posts on your social media. If you take photos at our meetings & events, *please forward via text or e-mail to Lynn S.*

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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"You learn something out of everything, and you come to realize more than ever that we're all here for a certain space of time, and then it's going to be over, and you better make this count." -- Nancy Reagan

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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The “**ReNEW You**” basket was donated by **Gretchen Wallace** and raffled at the January meeting, raising \$95.

And the winner was....
Debbie Snapp!!

All 2020 baskets are adopted! Thank you!

Raffle Tickets: \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Remember

to bring a check or cash **\$\$\$** to the meetings. This is a fun way for us to raise club funds. If you have items to contribute, *please bring to a meeting.* ☺

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” <-> **Leslie & Brenda**

Suggested Items: Summer Items, Red White and Blue

May - “Watermelon Crawlin” <-> **Jessica Lane**

Suggested Items: Watermelon Themed Items

June - “1776 was a Great Year” <-> **Marianne Arbulu**

Suggested Items: Patriotic Items, Grilling Accessories

July - “Celebrating 100 years of Women Voting” <->

Susan Carabello - *Suggested items: Empowering Women*

August - “I’ll Take Fall for \$100, Alex” <-> **Jessica**

Robinson - *Suggested Items: Fall Themed Basket*

September - “Fight Like a Girl” <-> **Joy Frisby**

Suggested Items: Pink Themed Basket

October - “Paint Jefferson Co. Red” <-> **Charlie Cook**

Suggested Items: GOP Themed Basket

November - “Winter Wonderland” <-> **Judi Cleckner**

Suggested Items: Items for those Cold Winter Nights

December - Christmas Party Basket <-> **Catherine**

McNeill - *Items for Raffle Basket for Christmas Party* ■



February Members’ Birthdays
Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 2/2 Becky Clayton
- 2/6 John Haynes
- 2/7 Kirk Reams
- 2/23 Paula Sparkman
- 2/24 Tamara Heseltine



Calendar of Events



JCREC/Trump Victory
Voter Registration Training
Tuesday, February 4, 6 pm
Monticello Chamber of Commerce



J.C. School Board Meeting
Monday, February 10, 6 pm
1490 W. Washington St.



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 5:30 pm
Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



KFRW New Member Info.
Monday, February 24, 6:30 pm
KFRW Member Meeting
Monday, February 24, 7 pm
(Door opens at 6 pm)
Monticello Chamber of Commerce
Guest Speaker: Brett Doster,
President Front Line Strategies
and Political Consultant



KFRW Membership Social
(Covered Dish Meal & DVD)
Friday, February 28, 6 pm
Knox Home, 3813 Dills Rd.



For blog posts: KFRWFL.org

KFRW Community Outreach and Educational Opportunities

Our club took advantage of the Black Friday sale at WallBuilders and purchased resources to use for educational purposes in the community (like Bill Snyder did with the Constitution Alive series), at schools, and for social film-nights for our club members and potential new members. Here's a list of single DVDs we have (last two were donated) and looking forward to delving into the various topics. We will select one to watch at our Membership Social on February 28th. *See you at Karen's!*

“Exceptional - America's Keys to Greatness” by David Barton, WallBuilders (60 min)

America truly is a blessed nation. In so many important categories, she represents the exception rather than the rule among the nations of the world. Our exceptionalism encompasses great diversity of race, ethnicity, and religion, and has benefited every American. But today, American Exceptionalism is no longer understood or venerated. Following several decades of indoctrination in both education and politics, many Americans now seem ashamed of their country and feel compelled to apologize to others for it. We have been taught America's flaws but little of its matchless benefits. What produced the blessings we take for granted that so many other nations only dream of? The answer is found in five principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence. Discover these principles and learn what every citizen can do to restore America's greatness.

“Four Centuries of Education” by David Barton, WallBuilders

Excellent presentation explaining the foundation of education was based on religion; the founders promoted education for all (public education started in 1650); the Northwest Ordinance provided that “religion, morality and knowledge are the foundation of education.” Barton concludes that the more secular based the education is, the poorer education becomes. Religion, morality and knowledge are the basis of character development and essential for the survival of a republic form of government like ours.

“Politics: Easy as PIE” (Politics = Integrity + Economics) by Bob McEwen, WallBuilders (60 min)

A good, basic explanation of how wealth is created; capitalism is contrasted with socialism; the Declaration of Independence and God's influence on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution is discussed. He has a very straightforward and easy to understand interrelationship between freedom and wealth as well as the opposite circumstance with the twin conditions of greater government and less freedom and greater poverty. He provides examples of what limited government looks like and what changes are needed to have/keep limited government.

“A Nation Adrift” by Timothy Barton, WallBuilders (62 min)

America has long been a beacon of freedom, stability, and prosperity. But recent generations no longer understand the foundations upon which America was built. As a consequence, there is now a visible erosion of the unique principles that produced the success we long enjoyed. How do we recover and restore what is now being lost?

“Fire From the Heartland: The Awakening of the Conservative Woman” (2010; 84 min)

The first-ever film to tell the entire story of the **conservative woman** in her own words, a powerful statement about America at a crossroads and the women who have awakened to the crisis.

“America: Imagine the World without Her” by Dinesh D'Souza (2014; 85 min)

A follow-up to his film *2016: Obama's America*. D'Souza contends that parts of United States history are improperly and negatively highlighted by liberals, which he seeks to counter with positive highlights.

We also purchased these DVD sets: **Constitution Alive** (12 week series), **Foundations of Freedom Series** (18 episodes/30 min. each), **American Heritage Series** (26 episodes/30 min. each), and **Building on the American Heritage Series** (13 episodes/30 min. each). ■

More on plans for 2020 for the Keystone FRW next month. The 2020 calendar was e-mailed to all members on January 21. *Save it and refer to it monthly!*

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