KFRW Newsletter

April 2020

President's Message

In the midst of the Covid-19 virus, which is disrupting our day to day operations, we need to stay in touch with each other, our

members, even if it is to help each other run errands for those that cannot get out. Sometimes we are so busy putting out fires we don't take the time to organize and strategize. Now is a good time to take a long range look at what is needed. *Be safe and stay healthy!*

Keystone Federated Republican Women

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Getting involved in the Trump Victory phone banking or just calling Jefferson County voters to encourage them to support the republican candidates is something all of us can be doing from the safety of our homes. Consider calling several people a day or 10 a week!

We hope everyone received the email where we cancelled the March 23rd meeting. We were going to focus on the **2020 Campaign**. Based on the recommendation to continue social distancing and discontinue low crowd gatherings, we may end up having our April 27 meeting via Facebook Live (minus our scheduled speaker, Eric Eggers). We may focus on the campaign and have several on the Campaign Committee take the lead. If so, we would reschedule Eric Eggers to speak in June or July. The Executive Committee will meet next Wednesday (just 5 of us!) and finalize plans so we can stay connected.

Member, Abby McGehee, shared this link, <u>Trump Train 2020 Music Video by Lloyd Marcus</u> <u>The Unhyphenated American</u>, enjoy and share with others!

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KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 850-491-8755 VP Membership – Karen Knox – 850-251-0158 VP Programs/Fundraising – Joy Frisby – 850-590-5359 Treasurer – Brenda Sorensen – 850-508-0729 Secretary – Jessica Lane – 321-231-4099

Club Affiliations

Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

1 st VP – Michele Merrell		
2 nd VP – Maricel Cobitz		
3 rd VP – Diane Van Parys		
Member-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)

Diane Mulhearn put together an awesome raffle basket, see page 3, so we are going to raffle it off even if we can't meet in person. Please let me know how many tickets you want to purchase and you can pay at the next meeting, or mail a check if you prefer. Drawing will be next Wednesday, April 8th.

Mark your calendars now we meet on the 4th Monday, April 27th even if virtually!

Lynn

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Membership Update

We hope members will use this time to call each other and check in with them. Take this opportunity to make plans with another member, or two, for when things return to "normal" as you can bet the other side is not sitting idle and we can't either. Above all, we hope each of you and your family stay well and virus free.

Membership Social: Our 2nd quarter social and movie night will be at Eydie and Butch Tricquet's home, 61 N. Ojibwa Rd, on **May 22**. Plan to attend now! We begin at 6 pm with a potluck meal together & then view one of our educational DVDs. Bring a friend or fellow club member. If you can host one in August, *please let Karen know*.

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

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 <u>hats</u> <u>and T-shirts you can sell</u> to your friends and family members for them to show their support for President Trump and 4 patriotic bracelet designs. <u>See the selection here</u>! 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 and Susan Carabello are contacting club members who prefer phone calling to train them on phone banking to benefit the Republican party candidates. For all members, this is the perfect time to call your friends and family and mention one of the local, republican candidates and ask their support. *Contact Joy (590-5359) to see how you can help.*

Community Outreach –Gretchen and Charlie Cook are temporarily suspended from remedial phonics and reading for designated first graders twice a week due to the school closure. *Please contact Gretchen Wallace* if you'd like to know how you too can volunteer.

Events and Fundraising – As of now, the Watermelon Festival will go on and we hope so! KFRW will have a booth and be in the parade > June 19th & 20th. Save the date, we need you!

Media – Our website was hacked with malware and deactivated on Feb. 17. After much time and numerous attempts to restore to an earlier backup, Lynn had to rebuild the website getting the main pages back up. The blog posts have been lost for now and as time permits some of them will be recreated. As a result of this, we now have a paid service to protect the site from future attempts by hackers!

Please share what our candidates are doing on your social media. If you take photos at 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.

Did You Know? The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.

Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



"<u>Put on Your Easter Bonnet</u>" basket, by **Diana Mulhearn,** will be raffled at the next E.C. Meeting, April 8, just in time for Easter! Purchase your ticket(s) now > email Lynn no later than 5 pm April 8th. The winner will get the basket in time for Easter!

Items in the Basket: Garden Gloves, Wildflower Seeds, Gift Box with Jelly Beans, Floral

Kitchen Towels, Bunny Napkins Rings, Handmade Chocolate Candy, Homemade Italian Cookies, Easter Party Bags...

All 2020 baskets are adopted! Enter > Win!

Raffle Tickets: \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Remember to bring a check or cash **\$\$\$** to the meetings. ⁽²⁾ Have fun and help us raise club funds! If you have items to contribute for a theme below, *bring to a meeting*.

<u>April - "Patriotic Summer Ahead"</u> <-> 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 Joy Frisby <u>September – "Fight Like a Girl"</u> <-> 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 ■



April Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you!

4/1 David Frisby

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J.C. School Board Meeting – Virtual Meeting

Monday, April 13, 6 pm Access Website for Link to Meeting 1490 W. Washington St.

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KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 pm Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St

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KFRW New Member Info. Monday, April 27, 6:30 pm

KFRW Member Meeting Monday, April 27, 7 pm May Meet Virtually via Facebook Live if we can't meet in person (Door opens at 6 pm) Monticello Chamber of Commerce

Guest Speaker: TBA (Will reschedule Eric Eggers, Government Accountability Institute)

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KFRW Member Social & Movie

For blog posts: KFRWFL.org

The Threat Political Correctness Poses to American Values

The following, by Dennis Prager, is a portion of the foreword in the book *Retaking America* and these three questions will clarify why it needed to be written and why you should read it.

1. IS AMERICA REALLY THE GREATEST COUNTRY THAT HAS EVER BEEN CREATED? Yes, it is.

It is great because it created the first large experiment in individual freedom. And it succeeded beyond anyone's wildest dreams. That is why such a large percentage of humanity from every racial, ethnic, religious, and national background yearns to live in America. This is why France presented only America with a Statue of Liberty.

It is great because it has given more people from more backgrounds more liberty, more affluence, and more opportunity to do in life whatever they wanted to do in life than any other country.

It is great because it has spent more treasure and spilled more blood for the liberty of strangers than any other country (though Australia should be honorably mentioned in this regard). America did not fight Nazism to gain an inch of European land, but solely to help Europeans shed the monstrous tyranny of Nazism. America did not fight Communism in Vietnam and Korea out of any colonialist impulse, or to gain any territory, or for raw materials (Korea in particular has none). Almost 100,000 Americans died on the other side of the world in the Korean and Vietnam Wars solely in order to preserve the liberty and independence of South Korea and South Vietnam against the successor to Nazi tyranny—Communist tyranny.

It is great because often alone or nearly alone, America so often stood by Israel when the tiny Jewish state was attacked militarily or politically by those many nations that seek to destroy it.

It is great because it was founded in the belief that the less powerful the government, the more powerful the individual. Therefore, America challenged the whole world's belief in big government. And it succeeded.

It is great because it creates a uniquely charitable society. Americans give more charity and devote more volunteer time to help others than any other national group of comparable income.

It is great because it showed the world that race and ethnicity mean nothing, that values are what matter.

2. WHY DOES AMERICAN NEED DEFENDING?

America is being attacked—from within, no less—by those who wish to dismantle the American value system, what I have come to call the American Trinity. This trinity is composed of the three values that appear on all US coins and bills: "Liberty," "In God We Trust," "e pluribus unum" ("from many, one"). No other country lists those three as its core values.

3. WHO OR WHAT IS THREATENING AMERICA?

The Left seeks to replace those three values. It seeks to replace liberty with equality (material equality), to replace "In God We Trust"—a God-centered religious citizenry—with a godless secular society, and to replace "e pluribus unum" with "multiculturalism."

One of the major tools in undoing the American Revolution is Political Correctness, the focus of this book by Nick Adams, a 31-year-old Australian immigrant. He understands the threat that so-called Political Correctness poses to American values. It is, as he repeatedly points out, a war against truth. And to paraphrase the New Testament, "Lies are the root of all evil." America is in deep trouble, yet Nick has the courage to fight it, at least one American sees rays of hope.

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