



KFRW Newsletter

July 2021

President's Message

We survived our second **Watermelon Festival** on June 18 & 19, with off and on light rain both days. Thankfully, the weather mostly cooperated, allowing our booth to be open until the wind picked up Saturday mid-afternoon. The rain held off during the parade too! The **KFRW WF Booth** was a **\$uccess**, raising **\$1,744** from merchandise sales, selling a wide variety of patriotic items! See KFRW booth and parade photos on page 4.

A **BIG** *thank you* to those volunteering at the booth. Friday: **Dale Young**, hauled tables, displays & set up tent; **Eydie Tricquet** for loan of tent & tarp; **Karen Purser** (big help w/setup); **Beth Young**, **Susan Carabello**, **Abby McGehee**, **Dotty McPherson**, **Debby Berger**, **Karen Knox**, **Jessica Lane**, & **Betsy Upchurch**, who also helped pack up merchandise for the night and secure booth.

Saturday: **Beth Young** (help setup too), **Trish Hallmark**, **Julie Dybendahl**, and **Dotty McPherson** & **Gretchen Wallace**, who both helped with take down of booth as did **Dusty & Tracy Boyce** and hauled larger items. Andrew was put to work taking things to cars. Much appreciation to my son, **Brannan Salter**, helping Fri. evening, Sat. morning & afternoon hauling bins back and forth to my car and unloading at home! *Thanks* too to the members who stopped by the booth and **\$hopped!**

We **appreciate** all those who decorated and were in the **WF Parade**: **Crystal Putnam** & her dog **Ebony** (on ATV); **Kenny Knox** (pulled float); **Karen Knox**, **Annaliese Wierenga**, **Betsy Upchurch**, **Jean Timms**, **Donna Dowler-Parmer**, **Janis Morrow**, **Joy Frisby**, **Gretchen Wallace** & grandson **Andrew Kang**, & **Susan Carabello** (walkers, who handed out 450 small flags, 330 beads & lots of "It's Cool to be a Republican" fans); **Heatherlee Ibarra**, President of *Wakulla Republican Women's Club Federated*, & son **Levi**, **Rosemary Frisby**, **Edna Hand**, & **Dotty McPherson** on the float.

Annaliese Wierenga was elected as the next KFRW Secretary at the June 28 meeting. **Annaliese** joined KFRW on October 28, 2019 and currently works for the Tallahassee Police Department. We do appreciate **Jessica Lane** for serving as KFRW Secretary from January 2020 through April 2021.

Terri Penrod, another KFRW member, will speak to us about **Semper Fi and America's Fund**, a non-profit organization assisting ill and injured service members, at our **July 26** meeting. And, **KFRW** marks its **3-year Anniversary** on July 26, 2021!! *Mark your calendars now!*

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Membership Update

Crystal Putnam has been a huge asset to KFRW since she joined in January 2019. With help from **Dotty McPherson**, our FFRW Dist. Rep., Crystal took the lead to start a new sister club in Madison County, **Four Freedoms Federated Republican Women**. Once their charter is approved, she will convert to an associate member.

Our current membership count is 68, with 51 primary and 17 associate members.

Membership Social: The 3rd quarter MS is set for Sat., Aug. 7 at Flatwood Café, Lamont, 2-4 pm, during their “slow time.” Also, plan to watch the DVD: *Exceptional* (55 min).

Membership Challenge for 2021: We will double if every member invited just ONE person to join our club this year. *Many want to get involved!! Just share and invite!!*

“Each One Bring One and Watch Us Grow in 2021”

When sharing about KFRW with others, invite them to attend a meeting or social with you, to learn about us & become a member.

**GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH =
VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES**

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E



We have **patriotic merchandise** to sell and purchase from \$2 to \$20. Cowboy & fedora hats, bling & baseball caps, visors, reading glasses (1.0-3.5), umbrellas, fanny packs, flags, magnets, bumper stickers, ties & tie bars, buttons, lapel pins, earrings, scarf holders, brooches, bracelets, watches, and [tile bracelets](#). Contact Lynn S. if you missed the display at a meeting or the WF. ■

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!*

Community Outreach – Gretchen mailed the remaining 13 essay contest participants their certificates, pocketsize Constitution of the U.S. and patriotic pens, since they weren't available to attend the June meeting. She's working with Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) to recognize 19 essay contest participants whose teacher, a week after the deadline, realized he forgot to send their essays in on time. One of our members is contributing \$200, along with ACA's \$250, so the ACA students don't miss out!

Events & Fundraising – Besides continuing to sell merchandise, we will focus our efforts on **KFRW's 2nd Biennial American Valor Dinner** on Saturday, November 13. This event will be held in the Monticello Church of the Nazarene gymnasium. Sponsor, ticket and other information on how you can participate and support our local veterans will be distributed soon.

Media – Did you see another Letter to the Editor by **Lynn Stafford**, *Surrender to Fear*, in the *Jefferson Journal* on June 11, 2021? *Use your words & voice to speak & spread the truth!*

Thanks to **Beth Young & Larry Wallace** who sent photos taken of the WF Parade or Booth.

Thanks to **Bill Snyder, Debbie Snapp & Karen Purser** for taking photos at our meetings and sending to **Lynn S.** quickly!

If you take photos at events, *please forward via text or e-mail to Lynn Stafford ASAP.* ☺

The expectation is all members will help at club events, as available, when called upon by the committees.



A screenshot of a social media post titled "Take The Oath" by General Flynn. The post includes a call to action and lists three action items: 1. Local action = national impact, 2. Attend and monitor local school board meetings, 3. Learn about and engage in local elections.



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The **“Made in the USA”** raffle basket donated by **June Campbell**, full of patriotic red/white/blue items, raised \$110. The winners were **Gretchen Wallace** & her grandson **Andrew Kang**, who won a matching cowboy hat to match Gretchen’s

purchased at last month’s meeting. He was thrilled!

Raffle Tickets: \$3 or 4 for \$10. Bring cash \$\$\$ or check to the meeting or buy tickets prior. **Time for Change** jar is available for your loose change!

Suggested items for baskets are to provide ideas, but optional. If you have items to contribute for a basket, *please bring to a meeting. Thanks!* ☺

July - “Get Ready to Hit the Books” Lynn Stafford

Suggestions: Books, bookmarks, pens, small notebook, memo pad

August - “It’s the Great Pumpkin” Karen Purser

Fall Themed Basket - Suggestions: coffees, teas, ciders

September - “Boo Away Cancer” Diana Mulhearn

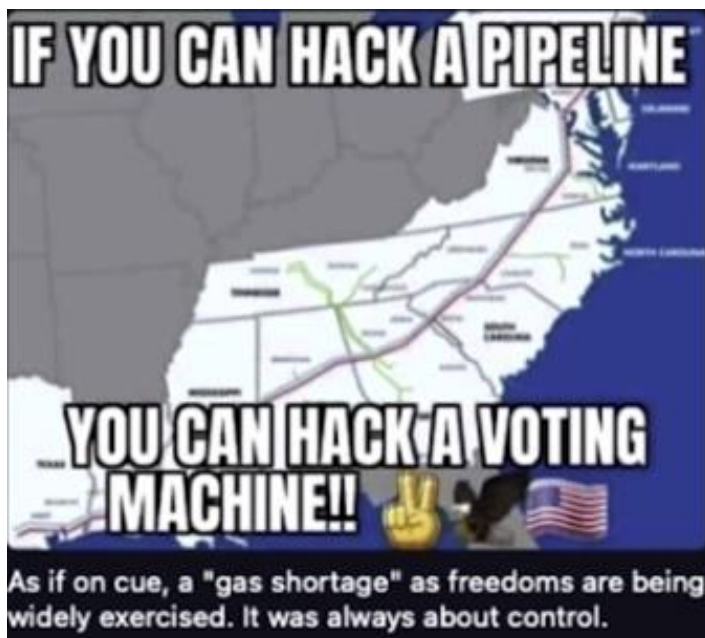
Pink Themed Basket

October - “Blessed and Thankful” Crystal Putnam

Thanksgiving Themed Basket

November - “It’s Almost Christmas” Catherine McNeill

Christmas Themed Basket



July Members’ Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you!

- 7/7 Debbie D’Attile
- 7/20 Catherine McNeill
- 7/24 Donna Champion
- 7/25 Harry Mulhearn
- 7/28 Jean Timms
- 7/30 Jeanie Walker
- 7/31 Diana Mulhearn



Calendar of Events



Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, July 3,

Lake Frances, NW Corner of Rutledge & Lake Shore Dr, **Madison, FL**

Four Freedoms FRW Booth

6-8 pm | **Fireworks** at Dark



*** Independence Day ***

Sunday, July 4



J.C. School Board Meeting

Monday, July 12, 6 pm

1490 W. Washington St



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 5:30 pm

Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



Republican Party EC Meeting

Tuesday, July 20, 6 pm

Chamber, 420 W. Washington St



KFRW Club 3-Year Anniversary

KFRW Member Meeting

Monday, July 26, 7 pm (Door open 6:30)

New Member Information at 6:40 pm

American Legion Post 49 - 1065 S Water St

Speaker: Terri Penrod, Semper Fi and America’s Fund

~ 2021 KFRW Watermelon Festival Booth & Parade ~



Inside Booth – Jewelry, Button & Flag Display



Inside Booth – Hat, Cap, Visor & Umbrella Display



Back of KFRW Booth - Lynn Stafford & Gretchen Wallace on Saturday



Crystal Putnam & Ebony leading KFRW in Parade



Kenny Knox pulling trailer; sliver of Annaliese Wierenga (photo left)



Jean Timms & Andrew Kang following the trailer



[NC Lt. Gov. Robinson GOES OFF in one of the best GOP speeches you'll ever hear \(14:30\).](#)



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