KFRW Newsletter

January 2022

President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with friends and loved ones. We enjoyed a chilly, festive evening, gathering with other KFRW members, a Monday December 12 heated by **Tracy and Dusty Perce** at their

for our Christmas Party, on <u>Monday</u>, <u>December 13</u>, hosted by **Tracy and Dusty Boyce** at their lovely home. This year we had plenty of desserts! But it wouldn't be the holidays without lots of sweets, right? Oh, and door prize winners were: **Abby McGehee** and **Mac McNeill** (Politically Incorrect posters) and **Karen and Kenny Knox** (Keep America Great 2020 Trump coin).

The KFRW Executive Committee voted and sent \$1,000 to the Wakulla Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 4538 for their "Raise the Roof" fundraiser with proceeds from the 2021 American Valor Dinner.

Keystone Federated Republican Women

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As a new year begins—a time to reflect—I want to personally thank each of you for attending monthly meetings and supporting the KFRW efforts and events in 2021. *Thank you so much!*

Standing up for what you believe in is not an easy thing to do. It takes courage, conviction and strength to speak up for the American values all of us hold dear. In today's culture where one often is cancelled and/or censored quickly, those qualities are sometimes hard to maintain. And even the strongest and most committed among us may sometimes wonder if it's worth it.

My answer to you is a resounding "Yes!" And I want to remind you that you are not alone. Our time to shape the future as KFRW women (and men) is here, and together we can stand up taller, speak out louder, and have a greater impact than going it alone. I hope you know your voice matters and liberty-loving women are making a real difference in our homes, our schools, our communities, our states, and our nation.

Our next meeting is **January 24, 2022**, the **4**th **Monday**, which is our Annual Meeting as we kick off 2022, so please make plans now to attend. Voting members will approve the budget and changes to our bylaws, which we've not done since our inception. An email will be sent on January 13 with the draft of the budget and bylaws in order for you to review both prior to the meeting. If you have

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any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. We will have committee reports as each looks ahead at 2022. And you do know, right? that 2022 is a very important year—be a part of it!

Here's to 2022, but still not forgetting Nov. 3, 2020!

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Membership Update

We welcome **Diana Osietski** (spelled from memory ©) and **Dotty McPherson** as NEW primary members. **Dotty** has been an associate member of KFRW since 2018.

We ended 2021 with 51 primary and 20 associate members, total 71.

Received as of Dec. 31st, 27 primary and 8 associate members have renewed for 2022.

Membership Renewals for 2022: Now Past Due, please remit ASAP. <u>Annual dues are</u> the same: Primary \$50 and Associates \$25. If not already, send a check to KFRW, PO Box 45, 32345, or drop off at 295 Hickory St. *Thank you for renewing for 2022!!*

Membership Challenge for 2022: Who do you know that cares as much about our city, county, state, and country as much as you? Each of you knows at least one person you can invite to join us in 2022!

"Each One Bring One and Watch Us Grow in 2022"

GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH = VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

Help the club S-E-L-L merchandise!

Limited quantities of items. Pictures of all merchandise available to sell & purchase are on the **KFRW Website** by categories: <u>Cowboy & fedora hats, bling & baseball</u> <u>caps, visors, reading glasses (1.0-3.5),</u> <u>fanny packs, umbrellas, flags, magnets,</u> <u>bumper stickers, ties & tie bar, buttons,</u> <u>bracelets, brooches, earrings, lapel pins,</u> <u>scarf holders, watches, Trump shot glass,</u> and <u>tile & paracord bracelets</u>. *Contact Lynn if you have questions or to obtain items.*



Magnet (shown above) & Bumper Stickers for Gov. DeSantis

KFRW Committee Updates

All Committee Chairs: *Please e-mail monthly updates to Lynn S. by Sunday*, prior to monthly meeting, so updates can be shared with *all* club members via email, newsletter, etc. *Thank you!*

For more info on committees and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW <u>website</u>.

Community Outreach – Gretchen Wallace

continues her Civics class for homeschoolers on January 10 with the revolutionary war and establishment of the U.S. of America, which includes in depth studies of foundational documents and prominent events and the founders. <u>Contact Gretchen on how you can</u> <u>volunteer to help her on community projects</u>.

Election Integrity – **Janis Morrow** met with the new Supervisor of Elections, **Tyler McNeill**, and **Lee Davis**, Chief Deputy SOE, and got answers to many questions about the election process. Watch for additional information!



Events & Fundraising – Watch for the KFRW 2022 Calendar (to be emailed) and make note of upcoming events and fundraising opportunities to support KFRW in 2022.

Media – Note: 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.



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets

It's Time to Adopt a basket for 2022, few remaining.

Suggested items for baskets are to provide ideas, yet optional. If you have items to contribute for a themed basket, *please* bring to a meeting. \bigcirc

January - "Cold Night Survival Kit" Debbie Snapp Suggestions: Devotional, mug, cocoa, teas, coffee, honey, candy

K. <u>Knox/L. Stafford</u> February - "Spring into Action" Spring/Easter Theme - Suggestions: Fresh plants, umbrella

Annaliese Mincy March - "Gold Dust be Gone" Time to remove the pollen! Car Cleaning/Outdoor Cleaning Theme

April – "Seaside Escape" Beach Themed Basket

Diana Mulhearn

May – "Thanks a Melon"

Judi Cleckner

Watermelon Themed Basket

June - "America First!" Susan Carabello Red/White/Blue Themed Basket - Patriotic items, USA made

July – "Elephant Ears"

Janis Morrow

Primary Is coming! - Election Themed Basket

August - "Let's Get Ready for Football" Joy Frisby

Fall Themed Basket - Suggestions: Snacks, Dips, Recipes

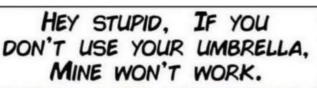
September - "Boo Away Cancer"

Pink Themed Basket - Suggestions: Pampering items

October - "Gobble till You Wobble" Catherine McNeill Thanksgiving Themed Basket

November - "Silver Bells"

Christmas Themed Basket







January Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 1/2 Ernie Morrow
- 1/4 Lynn McGrady
- 1/7 Donna Dowler-Parmer
- 1/9 Karen Knox
- 1/12 Debby Beger
- 1/27 Susan Carabello
- 1/29 Crystal Putnam
- 1/31 Julie Dybendahl

**** **Calendar of Events**

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New Year's Day Saturday, January 1



JC School Board Meeting Monday, January 10 6 pm @ 1490 W. Washington St

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FL 2022 Leg. Session Begins Tuesday, January 11

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KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting Wednesday, January 12 5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St

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KFRW Membership Meeting 4th Monday, January 24 Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

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~ What are *Your* KFRW (or Political) Goals for 2022? ~

What are your KFRW and other politically motivated goals for 2022? They are just as important as other personal goals, such as exercise, health, finances, etc. Write them down. When you do, you are 10 times more likely to achieve them vs those who only think about them.

Connect with another member who challenges you to reach your potential, similar to an accountability partner. For good reason, being connected with others who will encourage you to achieve your goals cannot be overstated. Rely on others to push you to follow through.

Here are ten suggestions, in no particular order. Please share yours as well...

- Have you thought about running for one of the upcoming local races in 2022? There are several
 races up for Monticello City Council, Jefferson County Commission and School Board Members.
 We, the county residents, need fresh minds and faces in these seats. (It is rumored, DOE will not
 give back the school until all current school board members have been replaced!)
- 2. Does something bug you? Do you have something others need to hear? Consider then, writing a Letter to the Editor of our local paper and get your message out there for others to read!
- 3. *Mark your calendars now for KFRW events*! Fill in the big events KFRW participates in on your 2022 calendar and plan your other personal events around these dates. Be available for KFRW!
- 4. Do you have family members or friends who are still registered Democrat, yet they support the *Republican platform and vote that way*? Encourage them to change their voter party affiliation.
- 5. Are there issues, topics, and/or events you need more information on? Make a point to read more (political science books) to be better informed, especially if being active in politics is something rather new for you. Here's a suggestion for a daily read: 100 Bible Verses That Made America Defining Moments That Shaped Our Enduring Foundation of Faith, by Robert J. Morgan (©2020). I saw this book online at my favorite site to order books (NOT Amazon), and been reading one per day, just 3 pages a day! (It's <u>BookOutlet.com</u>.) If interested, I have 3 extra HB copies, \$13! -- LS
- 6. *Can you commit to be a Poll Worker in Jefferson County <u>all day</u> on election days, August 23 and <i>November 8, 2022?* If so, contact the SOE office (850-997-3348) and sign up today!
- 7. *Can you only commit to 2, 4, or 6 hours on Election Days?* If so, consider being a Poll Watcher at a precinct polling location on election day or at the SOE Office during Early Voting days in order to watch and report anything questionable during your scheduled time.
- 8. Do you like to gather with other like-minded, politically incorrect, truth-seeking patriots from time to time? Well, consider doing just that to watch documentaries or movies on topics of interest.
- 9. *What can you do to address election fraud concerns about the 2020 elections?* Get involved with the KFRW Elections Integrity Committee and contribute where you're interested and/or needed.
- 10. *Do you know other like-minded friends who you could invite to a KFRW monthly meeting*? Of course, you do! Offer to bring them to a meeting and encourage them to become a member.

As most folks have come to realize over the past several (or more) years, many became complacent, weren't paying attention, and just went on with their lives. And by not paying attention, being informed, and participating where and how one could—just look at where things are today. "*Oh my, how did we get here?*" Time goes by quickly. Now is the time to get involved, put forth your ideas, and make a difference to improve our community and state, and save our Republic.

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