





KFRW Newsletter

February 2022

President's Message

We had a productive first, *chilly*, meeting for 2022 on January 24th. Club business was discussed, updates from

committees (see page 4 for full report highlights), and great participation from members present. We missed members dealing with family illnesses or loss, our prayers are with you and your loved ones. Let us know how we can help.

The members unanimously approved the 2022 KFRW Budget and we went over the KFRW Bylaws, which we've not reviewed and updated since we initially established the club in 2018, which we are to do prior to each club election (every 2 years). After highlighting the changes in the distributed marked-up copy of the bylaws, a member questioned why all candidates and nominees for office weren't put to a full membership vote, rather than a few on the Nominating Committee selecting one candidate per office. After a brief discussion, it was agreed we would modify the Section 1 clause under Article VII (see page 4) and redistribute the marked-up Bylaws via email, which will then be voted on for approval at the next meeting.

Our next meeting is Monday, **February 28, 2022**. Our speaker will be **Tyler McNeill**, Supervisor of Elections, appointed in mid-October to replace Marty Bishop, who retired September 30. Tyler will



be on the 2022 ballot, as he has to run for the remaining two years of the 2020 term. He will go over being a Poll Worker and Poll Watcher and answer your questions.

The **FFRW Spring Conference** will be held in Tallahassee March 4 (1 pm start) through March 6 (ends at noon), the weekend before the regular Legislative Session ends. If you have never attended a conference and would like to, please let me know no later than Feb. 7. Call me if you would like more information on attending.

Joy Frisby has resigned as one of the VP's of KFRW effective January 12. At this point, there has been no discussion or plan by the Executive Committee to replace this officer. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me or another officer know. Contact information for KFRW officers is shown below-left in the red box.

Keystone Federated Republican Women

P. O. Box 45, Monticello, FL 32345 Website: <u>KFRWFL.org</u> – Facebook: <u>KFRWFlorida</u>

KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 850-491-8755 VP Membership – Karen Knox – 850-251-0158 Treasurer – Judi Cleckner – 850-997-5659 Secretary – Annaliese Mincy – 850<u>-519-4818</u>

Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

President – Maricel Cobitz 1st VP – Diane Van Parys
Secretary – Roberta Ulrich 2nd VP – Yvette Benarroch
Treasurer – Ramona Rood 3rd VP – Vennia Francois
Member-at-Large: Esther Byrd, Emily Nunez, Kathy Smith
Districts Executive – Lisa Johnson

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

National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

One month in to 2022, yet still praying for Nov. 3, 2020 truth to be revealed!

Lynn

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Membership Update

As a new member, dues are good for the calendar year in which you join. Thereafter, dues are good for a calendar year and due by Dec. 31st. We are expected to report to FFRW no later than Jan. 31st. If you have not already renewed or notified us that you don't plan to, please let us know so we can finalize renewals and update our records.

As of now, 40 primary and 14 associate members have renewed for 2022.

Thank you for renewing for 2022!!

Annual dues: Primary \$50 & Associates \$25. Send checks to KFRW, PO Box 45, 32345, or drop off at 295 Hickory St.

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: Cowboy & fedora hats, bling & baseball caps, visors, reading glasses (1.0-3.5), fanny packs, umbrellas, flags, magnets, bumper stickers, ties & tie bar, buttons, bracelets, brooches, earrings, lapel pins, scarf holders, watches, Trump shot glass, and tile & paracord bracelets. Contact Lynn if you have questions or to obtain items.



Bumper Sticker (shown above) & Magnets 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 website.

Contest for Jefferson County students "The Divide between the Patriots and Loyalists during the Revolutionary War: Separation and Independence or remain British subjects?" is being distributed now. It's available on the KFRW website to download. Please assist Gretchen Wallace reach all JC students and encourage their participation, share with those you know.

Election Integrity – Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 3, 6:15-7:15 pm at JC Library. If you'd like to get involved, please contact **Janis Morrow**.

Events & Fundraising – Please reserve June 17 & 18 to participate with KFRW during the annual Watermelon Festival. We'll have a booth and be in the parade.

2022 Calendar was emailed and is available on the KFRW website here. Let's stay organized.

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



Lynn Wojciechowski was the winner of the "Cold Night Survival Kit" raffle basket, prepared and donated by Debbie Snapp. And the raffle proceeds were \$97.

All raffle baskets are

now adopted for 2022. *Thank you!* Feel free to pair up with another member on your basket.

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.* ©

February - "Spring into Action"

Spring/Easter Theme - Suggestions: Fresh plants, umbrella

<u>March - "Gold Dust be Gone"</u>

Annaliese Mincy

Time to remove the pollen! Car Cleaning/Outdoor Cleaning Theme

<u>April - "Seaside Escape"</u>

Beach Themed Basket

May - "Thanks a Melon"

Judi Cleckner

Watermelon Themed Basket

<u>June - "America First!"</u> <u>Susan Carabello</u>

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

<u>September - "Boo Away Cancer"</u> <u>Gretchen Wallace</u>

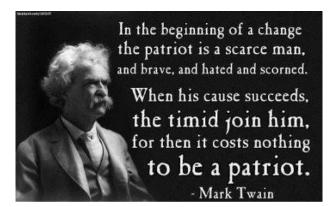
Pink Themed Basket - Suggestions: Pampering items

October - "Gobble till You Wobble" Catherine McNeill

Thanksgiving Themed Basket

November - "Silver Bells" Susan Anderson

Christmas Themed Basket





February Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

2/2 Becky Clayton

2/6 John Haynes

Calendar of Events

FL 2022 Legislature in Session

KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, February 9 5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St

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Monday, February 14
Valentine's Day



JC School Board Meeting

6 pm @ 1490 W. Washington St

President's Day (Observed)Monday, February 21



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, February 28 Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

Speaker: Tyler McNeill, SOE

~ News from KFRW 2022 Annual Meeting ~

Below are highlights from KFRW Committee Reports for 2022 during the KFRW Annual Meeting:

Community Outreach - Gretchen Wallace, Chair provided the following plans for 2022:

- 1. She continues to teach a Civics and American Government class for homeschoolers at the JCHAI Resource Center (old SOE Office) from 10 11:30 am on the revolutionary war through in depth study of the U. S. Constitution. Visitors are welcome! They are waiting on the results of the Fleet Reserve Association essay contest to see if they had any winners as her students participated.
- 2. 2022 KFRW Essay Contest See page 2 and the KFRW website for complete information.
- 3. Plans are to facilitate a speaker on Florida specific voting laws for students and their parents.
- 4. Recruit several students (age 16-25) for the 2022 Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camp, usually in June, in Tallahassee. KFRW has budgeted for a partial scholarship of \$100 to assist the student with a portion of the participation fee. "The most realistic simulated legislative sessions in America provide the leadership laboratory in which Patriots are forged with the Principles, Strategies, & Skills to lead their generation and our nation with character and courage!"
- 5. Meet with Eydie to plan outreach opportunities at Jefferson/Somerset for next school year.

Election Integrity – **Janis Morrow, Chair** provided this update from her initial meeting on Dec. 17 with JC Supervisor of Elections (JCSOE) Justin "Tyler" McNeill and Chief Deputy Lee Davis:

- 1. The JCSOE maintains the master voter roll for Jefferson County. It's their responsibility to accurately maintain the roll for Jefferson County; perform voter roll maintenance in non-election years. Currently, the roll cannot be updated within 90 days of any election, including primaries.
- 2. If you wish to be a Poll Worker, you must go by the JCSOE in person to apply. Please apply no later than the second week of May.
- 3. The county will be implementing electronic voter sign in at voting precincts, allowing real-time tracking of who has already requested a mail-in ballot and also shows up at the polls, the ability to let voters know which is their correct precinct if they show up and the wrong precinct and will prevent a voter from going to another precinct and submitting a provincial ballot as the electronic system will already have them flagged as having already voted.

Janis has divided a recent J.C. voter roll up by Precincts and plans to present an "electronic canvassing" methodology at the committee's February 3rd meeting using Google Earth and the Property Appraiser's website. *If you would like to assist the E.I. Committee, please contact Janis.*

School Board – Karen Purser, Chair reminded KFRW members that three SB seats are up for election in 2022, Districts 2 (Sandra Saunders), 3 (Shirley Washington), and 5 (Charles Boland). Currently, Brenda Wirick, has filed to run for District 3. Remember these are Non-partisan races, and most likely decided in the August Primary Election. It is important to replace all three, as they are part of the problem and current state of our schools. If you live in any of these districts, please consider running in 2022! School Board meets on the 2nd Monday at 6 pm at the District Office.

KFRW Bylaw Update: Article VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Section 1, last sentence, was modified at the January 24 meeting, text in **BOLD** that was agreed on shown below:

A Nominating Committee of not less than three members shall be elected by the Club at the August September meeting prior to the Club election meeting December (last meeting of the year) of the election year. This committee shall elect its chairmanperson from one of its own members. The committee and shall vet each candidate for necessary qualifications for the office and report one all nominees for each office at the November October meeting, after which nominations from the floor shall be allowed.

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