



KFRW Newsletter

July 2022

President's Message

We had a very successful **KFRW Social** on Friday, June 24th, showing [2000 Mules](#) and potluck dinner at [The Byers' Monticello Mansion](#), on Ashville Hwy. We entertained 43 (12 members, 23 member's guests/invites, & 8 responded on their own; 11 didn't come). Thank you to **Beth Young** for organizing this great event! A member shared via email, "*The movie was an eye opener. Thanks for doing that.*" We're showing again on July 30.

KFRW survived, due to the extreme heat both days, our 3rd appearance in the annual **Watermelon Festival** parade and having a booth. [See page 4](#) for a recap of both the booth and parade, and a list of KFRW members who participated in one or both. The parade crowd appreciated our "give-a-way" items, since not the typical candy. We had many great encounters with visitors at our booth, too!

We ended up reshuffling the order of our June meeting because our **J.C. School Board candidates, Brenda Wyrick (D3) and Mags Flynt (D5)** were at a SB Special Meeting that ran way over. **Ruby Grantham (D5)** was sick. We did hear both Republican candidates for **Supervisor of Elections, Michelle Milligan and Mike Fillyaw**. We then covered the member meeting part of the agenda. No SB candidates still...so **Paul Henry**, a Libertarian candidate for County Commission Dist. 2, spoke rather than in July when he was invited, since we don't have a Republican running. **Brenda Wirick** eventually got to the meeting and shared for a few minutes about the disfunction at the SB meeting and why she's more determined to win Dist. 3. **It's imperative we replace all current SB members!!!**

Please keep track of the time (hours) you spend on behalf of KFRW, JC REC, campaigns, anything political...details were emailed on June 24th and added to our KFRW website under the Committees Tab > [AA/Volunteer Hours](#), so you can access anytime. As stated in an email June 24th, **we need each KFRW member, both Primary and Associate, to complete the first two 6-month recaps and send in to me no later than July 6th**, in order to give us time to add up all members hours for a club total and submit online to NFRW by their deadline. *Continued on bottom of Page 4...*

Our next meeting is Monday, July 25, 2022. Scheduled to speak is County Commission candidate **Austin Hosford**, Dist. 4. I also plan to do a **Poll Watcher Training**. If time permits, we hope we can also hear from SB candidates, **Brenda Wirick (D3) and Mags Flynt (D5)**.

Happy 4th Anniversary to us, KFRW, this month!

Lynn

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Membership Update

We welcome **Josie Hyde** as a new member and new resident of Jefferson County all the way from California where she's been a member of the Estero Bay RFW. Also, **Beth Young** is now a Primary Member after being an Associate since our inception. **Dotty McPherson**, on June 2nd, switched back to an Associate Member for KFRW in order to help the Wakulla club get reestablished.

We have 43 primary & 15 associate members. Annual dues each calendar year: Primary Members \$50 & Associates Members \$25.

Membership Challenge for 2022: More than ever, voters are engaged and concerned about our country's future, especially our elections. *Have you asked them if they'd like to get more involved? Have you told them about KFRW? Have you invited or brought them with you to a KFRW meeting or function? If you have, have you followed up and asked them to join? If not, why not???* If not you, then who???

This is the challenge for each KFRW member:

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

GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH = VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

SALE: All earrings & rings that were \$10, NOW 2 for \$15 for month of July!! Mix & match!

Limited quantities of items. Pictures of all merchandise available to sell & purchase are on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

[Cowboy & fedora hats](#), [visors & baseball caps](#), [reading glasses \(1.0-3.5\)](#), [umbrellas](#), [fanny packs](#), [bumper stickers](#), [magnets](#), [buttons](#), [flags](#), [bracelets](#), [brooches](#), [lapel pins](#), [earrings](#), [scarf holders](#), [watches](#), [ties & tie bar](#), and [tile & paracord bracelets](#).

Contact Lynn if you have questions or to obtain items. ■

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 info on committees and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW [website](#).

Community Outreach – *Let's Get Political*, local government class on Mondays, 10 am at First Baptist Church Ministry Center in July:

7/4 – No Class – Independence Day

7/11 – Julie Conley, Mayor, City Council

7/18 – Gloria Cox, incumbent, candidate City Council, non-Partisan race (DEM)

7/25 – Gene Hall, incumbent, candidate for County Commission, Dist. 2 (DEM)

Election Integrity – Working to fill slots to serve as a **Poll Watcher** during Early Voting, Aug. 8-20, from 8:30-4:30 (2-hr slots) and on Election Day, Aug. 23, from 7am-7pm (4-hr slots) at each of the 16 precinct locations. If you have not already reserved a slot, or two, please contact Lynn S. ASAP. Training July 27. ☺

Events & Fundraising – We're seeking sponsors for a fun, open to the community event on **Saturday, July 30**, from 6-9 pm at the Opera House. Food option provided by local vendor. [Austin Hosford](#) and other republican candidates to speak, then listen and dance to the band **Tom & The Cats**. **Karen Knox** is spearheading this for KFRW, she will need plenty of help, *so please contact her and offer assistance!*

And, 4-5:30 we will do another showing of [2000 Mules](#) also at the Opera House, upstairs.

School Board – **Keren Stevens** is no longer a SB candidate in District 5, leaving 3 candidates still in the race for that district. **The August Primary is when we vote for SB candidates.** *Please help support any of the candidates.*

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.

"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



We ended up with an interesting June raffle basket exchange. **June Campbell** arrived with her “**Let’s Get Ready for Football**” basket (instead of in August) and since **Susan Carabello** missed the meeting with her “**America First**” patriotic themed basket, we ended up raffling off June’s basket, won by **Debbie Snapp**, raising \$52.

2022 raffle baskets: Consider pairing up with another member on the baskets. 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.* ☺

July - “Elephant Ears” Janis Morrow
Primary is Coming! - Election Themed Basket

August - “America First” Susan Carabello
Red/White/Blue Themed Basket - Suggestions: Patriotic items

September - “Boo Away Cancer” Gretchen Wallace
Pink Themed Basket - Suggestions: Pampering items

October - “Gobble till You Wobble” Catherine McNeill
Thanksgiving Themed Basket

November - “Silver Bells” Susan Anderson
Christmas Themed Basket




July Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of 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



Constitution Alive

Saturdays: July 2- July 30, 10-11 am
166 E. Dogwood St.



Let's Get Political, Local Gov't

Mondays: July 11- July 25, 10-11:30 am



Independence Day, Mon., July 4

Fireworks, etc. 6 pm @ Tiger Stadium



JC School Board Meeting

Monday, July 11

6 pm @ 1490 W. Washington St



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, July 13

5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, July 25

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm

American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

Speaker: **A. Hosford | PW Training**



KFRW 4th Anniversary

Thursday, July 28



Saturday, July 30

Monticello Opera House

2000 Mules Showing 4-5:30 pm

T&C Band | Hosford, etc. 6-9 pm



~ KFRW Watermelon Festival Recap ~

KFRW WF Booth Sales & Volunteers: Want to thank **Bill Snyder** for helping with set up and take down of the tent and hauling heavy items to and from my home. For set up, also **Karen Knox** and **Abby McGehee**. Those who helped on Friday were: **Diana & Tammy Mulhearn, Annaliese Mincy, Beth Young, and Karen Purser**. On Saturday: **Abby McGehee, Beth Young, Dotty McPherson** and **Susan Carabello** with take down. *Appreciate the members who stopped by and shopped too!*

The new Pop-Up tent we purchased (\$257) was a huge asset for those of us putting it up and taking it down, although it would be rather cumbersome if ONE person (as they say) had to put it up alone. The tent came with four optional zip-up sides so we zipped her up tight on Friday night and prayed all would still be there on Saturday morning, weather-wise and undisturbed, and it was!



Foot traffic was a little less than last year, most likely due to the 100° temps both days and located on the asphalt made it even hotter. We made \$966 from merchandise sales and \$3 donations ("keep the change"). In all, we sold: 15 Bumper Stickers, 15 Magnets, 9 Buttons, 14 Flags, 3 Trump Shot Glasses, 3 Fanny Packs, 13 Caps, 4 Hats, 10 Cowboy Hats, 9 Jewelry items, and the last 2nd Amendment License Plate. The website has been updated removing items no longer available and noting SOLD OUT for items we most likely will reorder.



WF Parade: Members represented KFRW in the WF Parade, which thankfully was overcast. Want to thank all those who helped decorate, rode on the float and kept walkers supplied with give-a-ways (**Robin Frutig, Diana Osietski, & Dotty McPherson**), and the walkers (**Annaliese Mincy & Andrew Kang** carried the banner) **Karen Knox, Gretchen Wallace, Janis Morrow, Betsy Upchurch, Brenda Kiff, and Chuck Mincy**, who provided the truck and trailer, and drove "slow" during the parade. They gave away 804 items: 150 tri-color beads, 288 patriotic pencils, 240 "God Bless America" buttons, and 126 small USA flags. *Whew!*

Pictures from members are on the KFRW website > **Club Events** tab > [2022 Watermelon Festival](#).



Continued from Page 1: Going forward, record your hours on the [Volunteer Hours Log form](#), so recapping your hours and calls will require very little time at the end of the 6-month period. As a help to jog memories, Annaliese has recorded meeting attendance for all members, and I've noted for the socials and American Valor dinner event, on a separate spread-sheet, [download here](#). If you need help, please contact either **Annaliese Mincy** or **Lynn Stafford**. *Thank you all!*



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