



# KFRW Newsletter

January 2023

## President's Message

The start of a new year is always a busy and exciting time. It brings hope, optimism, resolutions, goals, new plans, and ideas. As we put to rest 2022, we can look forward with hopeful expectations for the year to come...continued on page 4.

I hope you enjoyed the holidays with friends and loved ones. Everyone enjoyed a very lively gathering of 38 KFRW members and a few guests for our **Annual KFRW Christmas Party** on **Tuesday, December 13**, hosted by **Tracy and Dusty Boyce**. The food was amazing! We had 12 door prize winners and a **Successful Silent Auction**, with members bringing some unique items to auction, as well as some merchandise. We ended the evening with 20 auctioned items, ranging from \$6 to \$100, raising a whopping \$387 for KFRW.



Christmas Party Silent Auction

The Volunteer Hours & Calls for July - Dec. 2022 **are now due, by Jan. 5**. See page 2 for info. If you have any questions, please ask me.

We only received a handful of 2023 Planning Surveys that will be helpful during the 2023 Planning Retreat on January 7, which will be attended by all club officers and committee chairs. If you didn't turn in your survey, we would appreciate you doing so, quickly, *thank you!*

Our Annual Meeting is on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday, January 22, 2023**, when we kick off 2023, so please make plans now to attend. The new slate of KFRW Officers, **Lynn Stafford** *President*, **Lynn Wojciechowski** *V.P. Membership*, **Annaliese Mincy** *V.P. Programs & Public Relations*, **Janis Morrow** *Secretary*, and **Judi Cleckner** *Treasurer*, will participate in a swearing in ceremony and voting members will approve the 2023 budget. We will report the results of the KFRW Planning Retreat, and have committee sign-ups and reports as we look ahead at 2023.



We welcome your active participation in 2023—another very important year! We look forward to what all we can accomplish this next year. *What role, or roles, will you undertake to help KFRW become even more successful and well known in Jefferson County?*

Lynn

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### Keystone Federated Republican Women

P. O. Box 45, Monticello, FL 32345

Website: [KFRWFL.org](http://KFRWFL.org) – Facebook: KFRWFlorida

### 2023-24 KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 850-491-8755

VP Membership – Lynn Wojciechowski – 860-214-8392

VP Programs & Public Relations – Annaliese Mincy – 850-519-4818

Treasurer – Judi Cleckner – 850-997-5659

Secretary – Janis Morrow – 850-294-0573

### [Florida Federation of Republican Women \(FFRW\)](http://Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW))

President – Maricel Cobitz      1<sup>st</sup> VP – Diane Van Parys

Secretary – Roberta Ulrich      2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Yvette Benarroch

Treasurer – Ramona Rood      3<sup>rd</sup> 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 \(NFRW\)](http://National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW))

## Membership Update

We welcome new member **Shanna Boutwell** and returning member **Lynda Brown**.

We currently have 42 primary and 18 associate members who either joined recently or renewed their membership for 2023!!

Still awaiting payments for several, and have several we haven't yet heard from, yet remain hopeful they will renew. If not already, please let us know your intentions soon, either way!



**2023 Membership Dues** are now past due. If you plan to remain a member of KFRW, please mail your dues payment to the PO Box or drop off at Lynn's home (295 Hickory St). *Thanks!!*

**Annual dues each calendar year:** Primary Members \$50 and Associate Members \$25.

### Membership Challenge for 2023:

*"Each One Bring One and Watch Us Grow"*

GROWTH = MEMBERS = STRENGTH =  
VOTES = REPUBLICAN MAJORITIES

## KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

### Merchandise



Share the link below to our website with your friends and family or shop for them! This helps our club sell merchandise and raise funds!

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

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

*Contact Lynn Stafford to obtain items, to answer any questions, or offer suggestions. ■*

## KFRW Committee Updates

**All Committee Chairs:** *Please e-mail monthly updates to Lynn S. by Sunday, prior to monthly meeting.* For info on committees and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW [website](#).

**Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours –**  
The Volunteer Hours & Calls for the 6-month period, July - Dec. 2022 **are now due**. *Please tally your hours and submit no later than January 5<sup>th</sup>* using the [Volunteer Hour Log form](#). Hours consist of anything political for KFRW, JCREC, preparing for/attending meetings, campaigns, poll worker/watching, etc. All info can be found here on the [KFRW website](#).

**Community Outreach – Gretchen Wallace** will be releasing the 2023 KFRW Essay Contest on January 2, stay tuned! Her civics class to homeschoolers begins January 9<sup>th</sup>. *If you would like to help or listen in, please contact her!*

**Media –** *Please use your voice and skills to inform and educate others. It's up to us to help inform those who are not hearing truth.*  
Note: If you take photos at events, *please forward via text or e-mail to Lynn Stafford ASAP.* ☺

**School Board –** Monthly meetings will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, same time and place. *If we maintain this committee, we need a new chair.*

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



**Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets**



**All 2023 raffle baskets have been adopted with several fun, new themes this year!**

Two members can pair up on the baskets. Suggested items for baskets are to provide ideas. If you have items to contribute for a themed basket, *please bring to a meeting.*

**January - "Chilly Nights, Frosty Mornings" Janis Morrow**

Suggestions: Devotional, mug, cocoa, teas, coffee, honey, candy

**February - "Lucky, Blessed, and All the Rest" Beth Young**

Suggestions: Anything green or gold, gold candies, lottery tickets

**March - "Spring has Sprung" Lynn Wojciechowski**

Spring / Easter Themed Basket

**April - "Have a Colorful May" Debbie Snapp**

Colorful Themed Basket

**May - "Sweet Melon" Jacque Flint**

Watermelon Themed Basket

**June - "Let's Have a Blast!" Diana Mulhearn**

Patriotic Themed Basket (Red, white and blue items)

**July - "Summer is Hot, Do Something Cool" Dotty McPherson**

Summer Themed Basket

**August - "Hello Gourdgeous!" Michelle Milligan**

Fall Themed Basket

**September - "Surprise! Surprise! Surprise!" Josie Hyde**

A Surprise Basket - Suggestions: It's up to the adopter

**October - "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart" Tracy Boyce**

Thanksgiving Themed Basket

**November - "Christmas Is With Us Again" Catherine McNeill**

Christmas Themed Basket

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**January Members' Birthdays**  
*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 1/2 Ernie Morrow
- 1/4 Lynn McGrady
- 1/9 Karen Knox
- 1/27 Susan Carabello
- 1/31 Julie Dybendahl

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**Calendar of Events**

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**KFRW 2023 Planning Retreat**

Saturday, January 7, 9:30-2:30 pm  
all KFRW Officers & Comm. Chairs  
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St

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**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Monday, January 16

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**JC School Board Meeting**

Monday, Jan. 9, 6 pm  
1490 W. Washington St

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**KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting**

NO Meeting this Month

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**KFRW Membership Meeting**



**4<sup>th</sup> Monday, January 22**

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm  
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

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# 👁️👁️king To 2023—Be A Part Of What KFRW WILL DO In 2023!

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As a club, there's tasks to do to wrap up 2022 and plan for the next. It's important to get our year started off on the right foot: setting and meeting our goals and pursuing new ideas. What's the best way to ensure those things happen?

In my opinion, it's prioritizing scheduling and your calendar.

## Why Are Calendars So Important?

Calendars are one of the top tools that can help us avoid decision fatigue. Our brain gets tired from making so many decisions each day, even small decisions like "what should I wear today?" or "what should I do with this email?"

Decision fatigue can sabotage our well-intentioned goals, plans, and tasks.

However, when something is put on our calendar, it's established. We don't have to *decide!* We've prioritized the task by giving it a set time and place in our busy lives. The bottom line is, if you want something to happen, putting it on our calendar will most likely insure it gets done.

## Put all Important KFRW Events on your Calendar!

Now that 2023 is here, go through your new 2023 calendar and note the KFRW monthly meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, January – November. If you are also one of the KFRW officers, note the KFRW Executive Committee Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Also, mark off June 16 & 17 for the Annual Watermelon Festival so you don't schedule time away that weekend. Later this month, we will publish the 2023 KFRW Calendar with other important dates for you to note in your calendar well before they are to take place.

## Why is this beginning of the year task so important?

How many of you said you forgot to attend a meeting, because you just forgot? Or, missed an important KFRW event, like the Watermelon Festival or our Biennial Veterans Dinner, because you'd scheduled an out-of-town trip. Most conflicts can be avoided by noting the KFRW events throughout the year on your calendar now, prior to planning other things throughout the year!

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The phrase "Conspiracy Theorist" is doublespeak for "THINKER".

Do you think?  
You might just be a "Conspiracy Theorist".

Don't follow the narrative prepared for people who can't think for themselves?  
You might just be a "Conspiracy Theorist".

I much rather be a conspiracy theorist and question everything vs. a sheep that blindly accepts the B.S. we're being sold. 🙄



God woke you up for a reason.

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