



KFRW Newsletter

April 2023

President's Message

This newsletter will email at the time of our next **Membership Social** on **Saturday, April 1, 5-7 pm**, at the Boyce's home, 520 E. Dogwood St. If you missed the last two meetings and hadn't already signed up, please come anyway. It's potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share in a meal together! We're planning a fun activity, don't miss it!

We are again offering a **Concealed Weapon Class** (see pictures here of the [April 2019 classes](#)) with the J.C. Sheriff's Office on Saturday, April 22, at **Lynn McGrady's** home, 5370 Lake Road, 9:30 am to noon. Cost for the class is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. Deadline to sign up is April 1st. This is a great first step, then much practice. *If you haven't signed up, contact me ASAP.*

We had 12 students participate in the **2023 Essay Contest**, six high school and six middle school, two from Aucilla Christian, and the rest homeschoolers. After all winners were announced, cash awards and certificates presented, we heard the top winner in both groups read their essays. See the full list of participants and winners on page 2 under Community Outreach Committee Update and picture of the winners in both groups on page 3. I want to thank **Gretchen Wallace** for all her time and effort in conducting the essay contest. Also, I wish to thank the three members who were essay judges for this year, and who will remain anonymous. *Great job by all of you!! Thank you!!*

The following from KFRW will attend the **FFRW Spring Conference** April 14-16: **Annaliese Mincy, Lynn Wojciechowski, Janis Morrow, Lynn Stafford, Patty Redlich** and (**Dotty McPherson**).

The speaker at our **next meeting, 4th Monday, April 24**, is **Sal Nuzzo**, with the James Madison Institute, to provide a state legislative update, highlight key legislation, and answer questions.

Before the monthly meetings, beginning at 6:30, we are providing time for members to visit and have conversations with each other. No more can one say, *"I don't know who that member is."* To sign up to help with refreshments, *please contact Annaliese. Thanks!*

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Don't forget, we have a **2-sided KFRW business card** with 2023 meeting dates to make it easier when inviting potential members and/or guests to attend our monthly meetings.

And now, **Natasha Owens**, award-winning Christian music artist, with her [hit music video Trump Won!](#)

Lynn S.

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Membership Update

Not all members attend the monthly meetings or many of our events for varying reasons. They are still valued members and *we ask each member to help—by contacting the members you know, or those you don't, to keep them involved.* Maybe a member who joined, because of you telling them about KFRW, hasn't been to a meeting in a while—*please reach out to them and invite them to come with you next time.*

All KFRW members are part of the Membership Team, even if you aren't on the Committee. ☺

If you would like to host a **New Member Get-together** or a quarterly **Membership Social** at your home, or if you have an idea for ways to interact with other members, please contact **Lynn Wojciechowski**, Membership Chair.

We have 49 primary & 20 associate members.

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

Membership Challenge for 2023: Each of us knows at least one person we can invite to join us in 2023! *Let's meet this challenge!!*

***“Each One Bring One
and Watch Us Grow in 2023”***

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

Ahead of the Watermelon Festival in June, we will replenish some merchandise items. Hot items will be 2024 campaign merchandise. If you'd like to offer any suggestions, please let Lynn S. know of your ideas.

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

Note: If you take photos at events, *please forward via text/email to Annaliese & Lynn S. ASAP.* ☺

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

Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours – NFRW reports in 2nd Quarter of 2022 over 4.6 million hours and 3 million calls were made by all FRW clubs. The NFRW priority legislation is a requirement for Achievement Award. See *Legislative Update below.* ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Community Outreach – The participants and winners of the **2023 KFRW Essay Contest** were introduced at our meeting by **Gretchen Wallace** and certificates and cash prizes were presented to those in attendance. [You can read the essays & see photos on the KFRW website.](#)

Middle School:

1st Corban Blake Burrell (\$300)

2nd Ansleigh Camper (\$200)

3rd Lillian Burrell (\$100)

Belle Burrell, Allie Dollar, and Kamrynn Johnson.

High School:

1st Zoe Burrell (\$300)

2nd Annalise Grettenberger (\$200)

3rd Adeline Grettenberger (\$100)

Gannett Fulford, Talia Grettenberger and Vera Peters.

Events & Fundraising – An order for KFRW shirts will be placed by end of April to have in time for the Watermelon Festival. If you would like one, *contact **Lynn S.*** to choose a style and size. These are provided at cost, no markup!

Legislative – NFRW priority legislation: 1) **HR 734** – Protection for women and girls in sports limited to birth gender participation. In committee. 2) **HR 5** – Ensure rights of parents are honored and protected in the nation's public schools. On March 24, passed in the House 213-208. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Lists of all [Elected Officials contact information](#), **Great Resource** ~ [Download & Save](#).

Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The March **“Spring has Sprung”** Easter raffle basket, was won by **Josie Hyde**, who drew her own ticket! And prepared by **Lynn Wojciechowski**—raising \$72.

If you missed adopting a 2023 raffle basket, you can pair up with another member on their basket. Suggested items for baskets are to provide ideas. If you have items to contribute for a themed basket, *please bring to a meeting.*

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”

Summer Themed Basket Dotty McPherson

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”

Thanksgiving Themed Basket Tracy Boyce

November - “Christmas Is With Us Again”

Christmas Themed Basket Catherine McNeill



2023 Essay Contest Winners (Left to Right)

H.S. Winners: Adeline & Annalise Grettenberger & Zoe Burrell

M.S. Winners: Corban Blake Burrell, Ansleigh Camper, & Lillian Burrell



April Members’ Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 4/8 Jason Friedrich
- 4/17 Ken Faircloth
- 4/18 Michael Flint



Calendar of Events



April Fool’s Day



KFRW Membership Social

Saturday, April 1 – Potluck Dinner
5-7 pm @ Boyce’s, 520 E. Dogwood St



Easter

Sunday, April 9



JC School Board Meeting

Monday, April 10
6 pm, 1490 W. Washington St



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, April 12
5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St



FFRW Spring Conference

“Heels in the Halls”

Friday-Sunday, April 14-16
Doubletree Hotel, Tallahassee



Concealed Weapon Class

~ Registration Required ~
Saturday, April 22

9:30 am – Noon, 5370 Lake Rd



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, April 24

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

Speaker: Sal Nuzzo, JMI



WHY GRANDPA CARRIES A GUN...

[The following story is re-shared from the Unified Sportsmen of Florida. Feel free to share it too!]

A world history lesson...lest we forget.

The quintessential reason why Grandpa carries a gun. Please take time to read this and pay particular attention to "A Little Gun History" about half way down.

Why Carry a Gun?

My old Grandpa said to me, "Son, there comes a time in every man's life when he stops bustin' knuckles and starts bustin' caps and usually it's when he becomes too old to take a whipping.

I don't carry a gun to kill people; I carry a gun to keep from being killed.

I don't carry a gun because I'm evil; I carry a gun because I have lived long enough to see the evil in the World.

I don't carry a gun because I hate the government; I carry a gun because I understand the limitations of government.

I don't carry a gun because I'm angry; I carry a gun so that I don't have to spend the rest of my life hating myself for failing to be prepared.

I don't carry a gun because I want to shoot someone; I carry a gun because I want to die at a ripe old age in my bed and not on a sidewalk somewhere tomorrow afternoon.

I don't carry a gun to make me feel like a man; I carry a gun because men know how to take care of themselves and the ones they love.

I don't carry a gun because I feel inadequate; I carry a gun because unarmed and facing three armed thugs, I am inadequate.

I don't carry a gun because I love it; I carry a gun because I love life and the people who make it meaningful to me.

Police protection is an oxymoron: Free citizens must protect themselves because police do not protect you from crime; they just investigate the crime after it happens and then call someone in to clean up the mess.

Personally, I carry a gun because I'm too young to die and too old to take a whoopin'!

A LITTLE GUN HISTORY...

PLEASE DON'T THINK FOR A MOMENT, THAT THIS COULDN'T HAPPEN IN OUR COUNTRY ALSO!

- ★ In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control: From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- ★ In 1911, Turkey established gun control: From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- ★ Germany established gun control in 1938: From 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.
- ★ China established gun control in 1935: From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- ★ Guatemala established gun control in 1964: From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- ★ Uganda established gun control in 1970: From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
- ★ Cambodia established gun control in 1956: From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated
- ★ 56 million defenseless people were rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control.

You won't see this data on the US evening news, or hear politicians disseminating this information.

Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun control laws adversely affect only the law-abiding citizens.

With guns, we are 'citizens'; without them, we are 'subjects'.

During WW II, the Japanese decided not to invade America because they knew most Americans were ARMED!

Gun owners in the USA are the largest armed forces in the World!

If you value your freedom, please spread this anti-gun control message to all of your friends.

The purpose of fighting is to win. There is no possible victory in defense. The sword is more important than the shield and skill is more important than either.

SWITZERLAND ISSUES A GUN TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD!

SWITZERLAND'S GOVERNMENT ISSUES AND TRAINS EVERY ADULT IN THE USE OF A RIFLE.

SWITZERLAND HAS THE LOWEST GUN RELATED CRIME RATE OF ANY CIVILIZED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!!!

IT'S A NO BRAINER! DON'T LET OUR GOVERNMENT WASTE MILLIONS OF OUR TAX DOLLARS IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE ALL law-abiding CITIZENS AN EASY TARGET.

I'm a firm believer in the 2nd Amendment! If you are too, please forward this. If you're not a believer, please reconsider based on these true facts.

This is history; not what's being shown on TV, sanctioned by our illustrious delusional leaders in Washington.

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The **KFRW Literacy & Education Committee**, our 1st ME Library Project, presented the first set of *The Tuttle Twins* books to **Natalie Bender** at the **J.C. Public Library**, on March 14. Representing KFRW were: **Gretchen Wallace, Lynn Stafford, Beth Young, and Josie Hyde** along with **Austin Hosford**. *If you wish to contribute \$\$ for this project, please contact either **Gretchen** or **Lynn S.***



Josie, Beth, Lynn, Natalie Binder, Gretchen, & Austin at JC Library



Gretchen reading, *The Law*, to Jefferson 4th Graders

On March 23, **Gretchen Wallace** and **Lynn Stafford** attended **Mrs. Bellamy's** 1st period class of 4th graders at Jefferson School, shared in reading aloud book #1, *The Law*. Afterwards they presented the 13-book set to Mrs. Bellamy and one student. Email received later from **Mrs. Bellamy**,

"It was a great honor to have you both with us this morning. We are indeed grateful as well as thankful to have these great reading resources to help support the learning of our students. We look forward to having you with us real soon. Again, thank you so much and we appreciate your generous contribution to our class."

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