



# KFRW Newsletter

May 2023

## President's Message

The **FFRW Spring Conference**, held in Tallahassee April 14-16 was well attended by KFRW, **Annaliese Mincy, Lynn Wojciechowski, Janis Morrow, Lynn Stafford, Patty Redlich**, and **Dotty McPherson**, *see picture on page 3*. We heard a number of very good speakers throughout the day on Saturday and had a surprise visit from **Governor DeSantis** on Sunday morning. The FFRW Biennial Fall Convention will be in Tampa, the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October, and elect new officers to serve two-year terms. *Consider attending!*

We held a **Concealed Weapon Class** ([see pictures here](#)) with **Sgt. Marvin Edwards** and **Sheriff Mac McNeill** on April 22, at **Lynn McGrady's** home. Ten members and three non-members participated, *see picture on page 2*. Our next goal is to encourage our women to practice shooting regularly with other members and become more confident and practiced with our guns in order to safely carry.

**Sal Nuzzo** was a big hit with our members in April; his knowledge and very informative summary and update of all things pertaining to the 2023 Florida legislative session. He spoke after the member meeting portion (due to his later arrival) and then stayed to answer other questions afterwards!

**Karen Schoen** will speak at our **May 22, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting**. She's with the [Florida Citizens Alliance Group](#), which is the group **Gretchen Wallace** participated with in January reviewing social studies and history text books that are on bid to be used in Florida public schools.

Before the monthly meetings, beginning at 6:30, we are providing time for members to visit and have conversations with each other. We hope members will use this time to get to know one another better. *If you would like to sign-up to bring refreshments, please contact Annaliese. Thanks!*

As candidates for 2024 have started announcing their candidacy, especially for President, let's not forget what happened in 2020, and if you're watching and tuned into other media sources you have seen much evidence that proves Biden did not win legitimately. I recommend you watch this as a reminder and anytime an Election Fraud Denier asks "Where's the evidence?" [show them this video](#) (16:22).

Watched several music videos, compiled by [Shannon Armenia on Truth Social](#), one of America's love for **President Trump Red, White & Blue** (3:22) and a stunning one of **Melania, FLOTUS** (3:34).

I hope each of you have a blessed Mother's Day.

Lynn S.

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## Membership Update

We welcome **Ed Wojciechowski** and **Austin Hosford**, new Associate Members of KFRW.

We have 49 primary & 22 associate members.

The first **Membership Social** of 2023, **April 1**, at the Boyce's was enjoyed by all; 13 primary and 5 associate members and 7 guests.

Some of our members began the **Ladies Lunch Bunch**, meets for lunch at 12:45 pm the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays and **Ladies Night Out** for dinner the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 5:30 pm as a way to build relationships. Area restaurants are in a rotation and will be noted in the Newsletter email, or text/email **Josie Hyde**. For all ladies!

We need members help volunteering at our W.F. Booth greeting potential new members and sharing about KFRW. If so, please contact **Lynn Wojciechowski**, Membership Chair.

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

**Membership Challenge for 2023:** Each one knows at least one person you can invite to join us in 2023! *Help us 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 updates to Lynn Stafford by Sunday, prior to monthly meeting.*

For committee info and purpose of each, refer to each on the KFRW [website](#), and reach out to the committee chair.

**Note:** If you take photos at events, *please forward via text or 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** – If you attended the FFRW Conference record all your volunteer hours, including travel time. All members, continue to record your volunteer hours through June. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

**Campaign** – Time to elect conservatives to the Monticello City Council. Open seats for City Clerk, Chief of Police, and Group 3, 4 & 5 City Council, all non-partisan. [Filing deadline is June 12-16](#) (noon). ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

**Community Outreach** – **Gretchen Wallace** continues her civics class on Mondays at 10 am through May 22 at the homeschool resource center, 380 W. Dogwood (old SOE Office).

**Events & Fundraising** – An order of 32 KFRW shirts was placed April 29 and they should be available for members to pick up at our May meeting, just in time for the Watermelon Festival, June 16 & 17! Be sure to sign-up at the May meeting, or call Lynn Stafford, to work at the booth and walk or ride in the parade.



Concealed Weapon Class – April 22

**Legislative** – **James O'Keefe**, who founded Project Veritas and was fired by his board, is launching a new platform called [O'Keefe Media Group](#) on July 4. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

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

## Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The April raffle basket “**Have a Colorful May**” became a “*Have a Patriotic May*” basket with a blueberry bush, prepared by **Debbie Snapp** and won by **Bill Snyder**, raising \$69.

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

### May - “Sweet Melon”

Jacquie 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



## OUR LADIES LOOKING GOOD IN RED!



KFRW members at the Florida Capitol in front of the Senate Chamber during the FFRW Spring Conference, April 14, 2023. Left to Right: Dotty McPherson, Patty Redlich, Janis Morrow, Lynn Stafford, Annaliese Mincy, and Lynn Wojciechowski



### May Members’ Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 5/1 Daphne Wood
- 5/2 Cathy Taber
- 5/5 Ed Wojciechowski
- 5/6 Judi Cleckner
- 5/7 Eydie Tricquet
- 5/8 Shanna D’Attile
- 5/19 Dotty McPherson  
Michelle Milligan
- 5/20 Lynn Stafford



### Calendar of Events



**End Florida Legislative Session**  
Friday, May 5



**JC School Board Meeting**  
Monday, May 8, 6 pm



**KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 10  
5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St



Sunday, May 14



**Armed Forces Day**  
Saturday, May 20



**KFRW Membership Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday, May 22  
Refreshments 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm  
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

**Speaker: Karen Schoen**



**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 29 (Observed)



## HAS COVID BACKLASH SPARKED A MOVEMENT?

[The following is part of a story by J.B. Shurk, *American Thinker*, January 20, 2023 ~ [read full article here](#)]

### Friends of freedom generally agree about four points:

- (1) Protections for expansive individual liberty and respect for limited government are essential for the promotion of human rights, self-determination, and prosperity.
- (2) Over the course of American history, the U.S. government has strayed far beyond the original limitations of its enumerated powers as set forth in the Constitution.
- (3) Globalism, international government, plutocracy, rule by "elite" experts, unchecked bureaucracy, and the steady erosion of inalienable rights all work to maximize the power of centralized authority while minimizing the power of individual citizens.
- (4) The most important conflict raging today is between individual liberty and coercive State control.

Where defenders of liberty disagree is in their assessment of the future. Some believe that so much ground has now been lost in humanity's centuries-long struggle for freedom that [centralized government control](#) over each individual is all but certain. Technology's rapid intrusion into the private sphere, the exponential expansion of the national security surveillance State, the rise of government-directed mass censorship, the successful efforts of multinational corporations and banks to influence national government directives, and the Intelligence Community's vast programs for [manipulating public opinion](#) on a global scale all lend support to this admittedly pessimistic point of view.

On the other hand, there are those who see the ebb and flow of human liberty as a natural occurrence, technology as a set of instruments that can just as ably expand freedom as curtail it (conquerors and liberators use the same weapons, after all), and encroaching totalitarianism as a necessary precursor for sparking popular revolt. From this vantage point, the darker things get, the more likely real change is afoot. I fall into this latter camp, and I will repeat a couple truths I hold dear: (1) before any system can be overhauled, there must first be a revolutionary shift in social consciousness, and (2) transformational change often occurs when people least expect it.

[Break in story...]

As an important example of how quickly social revolutions can upend entire systems, I encourage you to take a look at a recent article on [The Conservative Treehouse](#) in which intrepid intellectual warrior Sundance has asked his readers a simple question: if you did not take the COVID-19 shots, why not? The impetus for his inquiry comes from an informal poll he had conducted showing that 85% of CTH's Twitter followers remained un-jabbed. Even though his readers have always had a healthy skepticism of government, Sundance was surprised that such a high percentage would have withstood the years-long pressure campaign for universal "vaccination" from the combined efforts of government, news media, medical authorities, and corporate proselytizers. What he got in response to his question is nothing less than stunning.

[Break in story...]

What Sundance revealed with his question to readers is that an energetic movement of Americans is rising. In watching how the American Deep State (Uniparty politicians, social media censors, Dept. of [in]Justice, and Intelligence Community) had worked to take down President Trump, many Americans were well aware of the government's capacity for treachery. Still, in enduring that treachery up close and personal under the fear-inducing tyranny of COVID-1984—in which their lives and livelihoods, as well as those of their children and grandchildren, have all been affected in painfully intimate ways—Americans have gained a rebellious self-awareness forged in the fires of experience.

The government's determination to censor Americans' COVID experiences has only strengthened their resolve. As [Sundance concludes](#), the "issue is percolating in the background right now—like a powder keg in search of a spark." *Or like a wobbly domino, one little flick away from crashing down.*

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