



# KFRW Newsletter

July 2023

## President's Message

We will recognize and celebrate the club's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, July 26, at our July 24 meeting. We will not have a regular membership meeting with a speaker, yet we will hear from some of our members throughout our time together. *Please make plans now to attend*, especially if you typically miss our 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meetings. Also, **wear your club shirts or another red shirt** so we can get a picture of all members to submit to the paper about this special occasion.

Below are the eight **KFRW Charter Members** [16 original primary members when we filed our New Club Application with the FFRW and NFRW] who are *still* KFRW members, and our four Associates from the start.

**Tracy Boyce**

**Michele Brantley**

**Robin Frutig**

**Karen Knox**

**Abby McGehee**

**Brenda Sorensen**

**Lynn Stafford**

**Eydie Tricquet**

**Scott Brantley**

**Dotty McPherson**

**Beth Young** (was Associate until 6/21/22)

**Dale Young**



Unfortunately, the Chamber made the decision to cancel the Watermelon Festival activities for June 16 and 17 (except the 5K Melon Run and Children's Play), which abruptly ended our booth plans, as well as our participation in the parade. A big disappointment for us! We'd just spent \$1,000 and received additional merchandise, many new items and designs, to sell at our booth. The ONE main fundraising event for KFRW all year! As it turns out, the weather did cooperate (answer to prayer), yet the decision was made for us, and the rest of the vendors, rather than allowing vendors to decide. In 72 years, this is the first time the festival has been cancelled due to weather, and only in 2020 for, yep, Covid. **So, what now? We need members to help us promote our merchandise!!**

**Karen Knox**, spoke at our June meeting about her long involvement with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the local commitment required, as they start and grow a group in the Jefferson School.

*Thank you* to those who already volunteered to bring refreshments prior to our meetings. *If you wish to help, see the sign-up sheet or let Annaliese know. Thanks!*

*Happy Independence Day, America! Be safe!*

*Lynn S.*

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### [National Federation of Republican Women \(NFRW\)](http://NationalFederationofRepublicanWomen.org)

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## Membership Update

The Membership Committee is hosting a **New Member Brunch** on **Saturday, July 8, 10 am to noon** at the Boyce's home. Who is *one* that you know who is or would be interested in learning more about KFRW and potentially joining the club? Please invite them to attend and accompany them, if possible. Please RSVP to **Tracy Boyce** so we plan accordingly. We had intended to collect names of interested folks at our WF booth, now we are relying on you, our members, to make this first time ever New Member Brunch a success. *We need your help!*

We have 50 primary & 22 associate members.

**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

**New merchandise items are now available and added to the website:** [several styles 2nd Amendment caps](#), [both DeSantis & Trump 2024 campaign caps & flags](#), [magnets](#), [new card cases with patriotic themes](#), and [President Trump playing cards](#), a true collector's item!

**Restocked on some of our best sellers:** [bling caps](#), [flags](#), [Trump shot glasses](#) (collectibles).

Let the  
**\$hopping**  
Begin!

*We appreciate those members who purchased items at or after our June Meeting. Keep it up!*

Pictures of items available (*limited quantities*) to purchase or sell to your family and friends are on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

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

*Contact Lynn Stafford to for more information. ■*

## 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 – All members (Primary & Associate) your Volunteer Hours for January 1 – June 30, 2023, are DUE now through July 3. Please email NLT July 3rd to Lynn Stafford. Thank you very much! ~ Beth Young, Chair**

**Campaign – Beth Young, Chair** – The City of Monticello election filings closed June 16 with only one race with two contenders, **James C. Griffin (R)** and **Dr. Vivian "Judy" Hall Royster (D)** who both filed for City Clerk, to replace **Emily Anderson**. Election is set for 8 am – 5 pm, Sunday, Aug. 13 thru Saturday, Aug. 19.

For all other races, candidates were unopposed. **Police Chief Fred Mosley (D)**, Incumbent and all three City Council seats:

Group 3 – **Brian Bachman (D)** will replace **Julie Conley (D)**

Group 4 – **John Jones Jr. (D)**, Incumbent

Group 5 – **Katrina Richardson (R)** will replace **Troy Avera (R)** who also resigned June 16.

**NOTE:** All city races are non-partisan races, but listed in parenthesis is the party affiliation of each.

**Events & Fundraising** – Our next BIG event is our **3rd Biennial American Valor Dinner** on November 9th. *If you are interested in helping with this event, please let Lynn Stafford know.*

**Legislative** – Governor DeSantis signed the Florida 2023-2024 Framework for Freedom budget for \$**116.5** billion. ~ **Beth Young, Chair**

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

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**FFRW Biennial Convention  
November 3 – 5, 2023  
Marriott Westshore, Tampa**

## Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



**“Let’s Have a Blast!”** The June patriotic themed raffle basket was patriotically prepared by **Diana Mulhearn** and won by **Tracy Boyce**, raising \$104.

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

### 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



### **Seth Keshel “Captain K” Quote**

*“The longer I live and the more I see, I understand why my dad loved history and encouraged me to study it.*

*There isn’t anything new under the sun. Men still seek to obtain power and then subjugate those they perceive as beneath them. Only the means of doing so have changed.*

*Evil is the same it has always been, and it consumes the simple minded who cannot discern one thing from another. **Your role is not to save everyone, but rather to wake up the lions around you.** [emphasis mine]*

*These are the greatest of times to be alive, because those who repel the evil all around us will be part of a new generation of American founders. We could have been sentenced to live in monotonous times handed down from stronger people.*

*Instead, we live in monstrous times handed down from the inaction of weak minded, simple people who chose to go along to get along.*

*This American carnage stops right here, and stops right now.” -- June 28, 2023*



### **July Members’ Birthdays**

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 7/7 Deborah D’Attille
- 7/20 Catherine McNeill
- 7/24 Donna Champion
- 7/25 Harry Mulhearn
- 7/30 Jeanie Walker
- 7/31 Diana Mulhearn



### **Calendar of Events**



*Independence*  
**DAY**  
*4th of July*

**Tuesday, July 4**



### **KFRW New Member Brunch**

**Saturday, July 8, 10am-Noon - RSVP**  
Boyce’s Home, 520 E. Dogwood St



### **JC School Board Meeting**

**Monday, June 10, 6 pm**



### **KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 12**  
5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St



### **KFRW Membership Meeting**

**4th Monday, July 24**  
Refreshments 6:30 pm; Celebration 7 pm  
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

### **KFRW’s 5th Anniversary Celebration**



**Wednesday, July 26**  
**KFRW’s 5th Year Anniversary**



## **Operation Underground Railroad (OUR) and Release of *Sound of Freedom*** **'RISE UP FOR FREEDOM' CHALLENGE**

OUR leads the fight against child sex trafficking and sexual exploitation around the globe. Their work has no boundaries, going to the darkest corners of the world to assist law enforcement in rescuing children and ensure ongoing aftercare. It's time to **RISE UP** and protect the freedoms we oftentimes take for granted, that many victims of trafficking are robbed of.

To kickoff **Rise Up For Freedom**, OUR is issuing a challenge to their supporters. *"Help us flood the world with social media posts about the freedoms we enjoy and why we Rise Up For Freedom!"*

1. Create a post, share a freedom you are grateful to have, and post a picture or video on social media with the hashtag **#riseupforfreedom**.
2. Challenge and tag 3 people to rise up and raise awareness about the serious issue of sex trafficking.
3. For an even bigger impact, encourage your friends and family to donate to [Operation Underground Railroad](#) (OUR) to help their effort to save the children.

If we all come together, post about the freedoms we enjoy, spread awareness and encourage others to donate, we can make a major dent on the issue of sex trafficking and help rescue countless victims.

### **Freedoms we don't often think about, but should consider.**

- ★ **Freedom To Move Around** – Someone in trafficking is often kept confined in a small space, never allowed to leave or go outside.
- ★ **Freedom To Make Choices** – Trafficked individuals have their choices taken away from them. They may be forced into exploitative labor, marriage, or prostitution, without the ability to say no.
- ★ **Freedom To Communicate and Connect With Others** – Traffickers often isolate their victims, preventing them from communicating with others who might help them escape.
- ★ **Freedom To Work and Earn An Income** – Victims of trafficking are often forced to work long hours without pay, preventing them from earning an income.

### **STATISTICS**

- Human trafficking is the 2nd largest illicit industry in the U.S., 2nd only to the drug trade. (UNICEF)
- There are 40.3 million trafficked persons globally today and 25% of them are children. (Liberate Children, International Labour Organization) Forms of Child Trafficking include forced marriage, begging, sweatshops, pornography, migrant farming domestic labor, sex tourism, armed groups (commonly known as child soldiers). (UNICEF)
- Sex trafficking is the most common type of trafficking in the US. In North America, 72% of detected survivors were trafficked for sexual exploitation. (UNODC, HTIP report 2020)
- 70 million CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material) files were estimated in 2019. 78% of this file are children under the age of 12. (Thorn)
- The extent of family involvement in child trafficking, 4x higher than in cases of adult trafficking. (CTDC)
- 53% of all male victims trafficked into sexual exploitation are children. (CTDC)
- Child sex trafficking has been reported in all 50 U.S. States. (NCMEC)
- A higher percentage of identified children are trafficked for sexual exploitation than for forced labor. (UNODC)

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