



KFRW Newsletter

November 2023

President's Message

We again had some important questions and interesting discussion with **Sheriff Mac** at our October meeting. Our Q&A sessions with our sheriff have proven to be some of our best meeting engagements for members!

Dotty McPherson accepted on our behalf KFRW's 2022-2023 NFRW Diamond Achievement Award and diamond pin at the NFRW 2023 Convention in St. Louis in September. She presented both to us at the October meeting. See her NFRW Convention overview on page 4.

Annaliese Mincy has secured a speaker, **Kevin Patten**, Senior Data & AI Specialist at Microsoft, for our November meeting, to get us all in the know on everything AI (Artificial Intelligence). Don't miss it!

If you did not already purchase your ticket(s) for our **3rd Biennial American Valor Dinner** at the Monticello Opera House, Thursday, November 9, 6-9 pm, sorry, but it is now too late. We have 41 local veterans attending, in total approximately 90!



Here's an interesting 7-Question Survey by YouGov, a national polling outfit, with interesting national results (shared by Josie Hyde). *How well did you do?* Survey results on page 4.

- 1) What percentage of the United States is black?
- 2) What percentage of the United States is "Latino"?
- 3) What percentage of marriages are mixed race?
- 4) What percent of Americans are vegetarians?
- 5) What percentage of Americans are "transgender"?
- 6) What percent of Americans live in New York City?
- 7) How many families make more than \$500,000 per year?

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National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

Representing KFRW, Judi Cleckner and I will be attending the **FFRW Biennial Convention in Tampa, November 17-19.**

Looking forward to our Veteran dinner event, seeing many of you there, and I hope each of you have a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Lynn S.

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Membership Update

KFRW Christmas Party is Monday, Dec. 11, 6 pm at the Boyce's home, 520 E. Dogwood St. Bring a covered dish and dress holiday festive.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

Annual dues for 2024 are **due now thru Dec. 20**. Please bring to the Nov. meeting, Christmas Party, mail, or drop off at Lynn Stafford's home.

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

Any new member joining now will be a member through 2024. *Great time to get new members!*

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

Black Friday seems to be the whole month of November, so look at our website as you shop for your friends and family and share with others as they begin their holiday shopping.

As club members, please support our fundraising efforts and help us promote & sell our merchandise!! Your patriotic friends and family members will appreciate you thinking of them in this unique way!

You'll find pictures of items available (*limited quantities*) to purchase & sell to your family & friends on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

[Cowboy & fedora hats](#), [visors & baseball caps](#), [card cases & reading glasses](#), [Trump playing cards & shot glasses](#), [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 –

This is a reminder to record all your hours of activity in attending campaign functions, the American Valor Dinner, and KFRW meetings. ~

Beth Young, Chair

Campaign – City of Monticello election for City Clerk is Tuesday, November 7 at the Supervisor of Elections Office as well as Early voting Oct. 29 - Nov. 4. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Community Outreach – Gretchen Wallace's

American History & Civics class meets 1:30 – 3:00 pm Mondays, 380 W Dogwood St. *Consider attending and/or getting involved!*

Events & Fundraising – The American Valor Dinner is Thursday, Nov. 9. Setup & decorating will begin at 9 am. *If you can help, contact **Lynn Stafford**, Chair.*

Legislative – The committee will begin meeting regularly, with scheduled meetings Thursdays, Nov. 16 and 30, 11:00 am, at the Eagles Nest (next door to the American Legion). *Please email bethanddale3@hotmail.com for suggested issues.* All members welcome to attend.

The 2024 Florida Legislative Session begins Tuesday, January 9 and ends March 8. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The October raffle basket (Thanksgiving theme) **“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”** prepared by **Tracy Boyce** raising \$115.02 was won by **Debbie Snapp**, again! Some are just lucky!

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

November - “Christmas Is With Us Again”

Christmas Themed Basket

Catherine McNeill



Thank You, to **Lynda Brown & Donna Champion** for yummy treats at the October Meeting.



KFRW’s 3rd Biennial American Valor Dinner

Lynn Stafford, Event Organizer

The event planning and organizing is in the home stretch getting ready for a wonderful evening for our local veterans and others attending! We have 41 reserved veteran seats and 49 individual seats. [Event Page](#).

Final List of AV Dinner Sponsors: *Please thank them!*

- ★ **Let Freedom Ring** (\$1,000): Friends of Corey Simon
- ★ **Uncle Sam** (\$500): Dean & Andie Jerger, Marty & Daphne Wood, and Rep Jason Shoaf
- ★ **Lady Liberty** (\$250): Malloy’s Nursery, Angela Gray, Sheriff Mac McNeill, Brenda Sorensen, Michelle Milligan, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Austin Hosford, and 1 anonymous
- ★ **Hometown Hero** (\$100): Gary Wright, Big Bend Tire, Bill Snyder, Judi Cleckner (2), Billy & Tara Kang (2), Larry & Gretchen Wallace, Bob Perry Construction, Chuck & Annaliese Mincy, Bob Davison, Buck Bird, Stephen Walker, Brenda Sorensen, NF Abstract & Title, ABC Maintenance Services, Steve Walker Realty, Vintage Treasures, Ronald Reagan Clubs of Florida, Eydie Tricquet, and Chris Tuten

If you can help set up and decorate on Nov. 9 serving our dinner, registration table, merchandise table, silent auction, and pack up after the event, please contact Lynn Stafford to make the job easier for all.



November Members’ Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 11/2 Gretchen Wallace
- 11/3 Shannon James
- 11/12 Diana Osietski
- 11/25 Pamela Andrews
- 11/29 Tracy Boyce



Calendar of Events



Sunday, November 5



KFRW American Valor Dinner

Thursday, November 9, 6-9 pm



Veterans’ Day

Saturday, November 11



JC School Board Meeting

Monday, November 13, 6 pm



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

3rd Wednesday, November 15

5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St



Thanksgiving Day



Thursday, November 23



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, November 27

Refreshments 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm

American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

Refreshments: Tracy Boyce & Josie Hyde

Speaker: Kevin Patten, Sr. Data &

AI Specialist at Microsoft



NFRW 2023 BIENNIAL CONVENTION OVERVIEW

Submitted by Dotty McPherson ~ Edited by Lynn Stafford

The **National Federation of Republican Women** (NFRW) celebrated 85 years at their [42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2023](#), with nearly 1,200 registrants, including 692 delegates, and members attending from 42 States and new clubs from Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Territory of Puerto Rico. NFRW clubs “live” the Credo: *Educate, Motivate, Activate!* NATIONWIDE, during the past 2 years the NFRW has chartered 137 NEW clubs!

Based on the total political and campaign volunteer hours and phone calls submitted by all the clubs throughout the NFRW, here are the totals: **VOLUNTEER HOURS** = 14,531,606 and **PHONE CALLS** = 5,718,987. Note: Florida was 1 of 6 states making the top numbers of “Phone Calls”, and was the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-Place Quarterly Winner (States with 30-49 clubs) for “Volunteer Hours”. The NFRW calculates the total dollar value of all the calls and hours equates to \$435,948,180!!

The **FFRW**, one of 25 states, earned the top National award—the “**Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence**” in these areas: Membership Development, Campaign Activities, Programs, Community Service, and State Function. **21 FFRW clubs**, including **Keystone FRW**, won the top CLUB Achievement Award—the “Diamond Award” for those same areas.

Florida (the FFRW) was the NATIONWIDE 1st Place Trophy Winner for “**Public Relations**”, which involves improving visibility and attracting coverage of federation activities. And, also top winner of the “**Armed Services Award**” in supporting members of the United States Armed Services.

Our Keystone Club, was a Regional Finalist of the “**Caring for America Award**” for its Community Service and Outreach in the Medium Club category. Only one other Florida club was a finalist, WRC of Naples Federated (MEGA Club category). Great job to **Gretchen Wallace** for her projects!!

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From page 1: **Results to the survey questions asked of average people on the street in the USA:**

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| 1. What percentage of the country is black?
**If you watch commercials, you would think it is 90%. | Answers: 41%... Actual 13% |
| 2. What percentage is "Latino"? | Answers: 39%... Actual 17% |
| 3. What percentage of marriages are mixed race? ** | Answers: 50%... Actual 1% |
| 4. What percent of Americans are vegetarians? | Answers: 30%... Actual 5% |
| 5. What percentage of Americans are “transgender”? | Answers: 22%... Actual .5% (POINT 5) |
| 6. What percent of Americans live in New York City? | Answers: 30%... Actual 3% |
| 7. How many families make more than \$500,000 a year?
We think a quarter of the country is rich. | Answers: 26%... Actual 1% |

So why do people have such inaccurate thoughts on these counts? THE MEDIA! The media runs race, gender, and wealth stories constantly. You are being brainwashed by the national left media.

Disney just went full-on "gender." It will no longer welcome guests with the traditional "Welcome ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls." Why? Because 0.5% of the population dictates to the other 99.5% (that would be the vast majority), and corporate America falls for it.

Regardless of what you think, less than 20% of Americans use "Twitter," yet Twitter controls 80% of public opinion. Why? Because the media is so effective at what it does. It promotes as well as censors. Think about it. Most people think just like you do, but the media has brainwashed Americans with constant broadcasting of LIES. It's called social engineering. It's here, it's effective!

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