



# KFRW Newsletter

February 2024

## President's Message

Wow...one month of 2024 is already past!

We kicked off our first meeting of 2024, our Annual Meeting, on Monday, January 22, 2024, with **Tracy Boyce** (on right) taking the Oath of Office for Treasurer administered by **Dotty McPherson** (on left). Besides approving the 2024 budget, each committee chair gave a brief report on what is in store for 2024. Afterwards, we broke up by committees enlisting sign-ups from members to get involved with a committee or two! What committee are you on? Our club's success is enhanced by the active participation of each of our members. Get involved and help KFRW make a difference!! And, *thank you* to **Annaliese & Janis** for refreshments. ♥



I wish to thank the Primary and Associate members who tallied their Volunteer Hours and Calls for July-Dec. 2023 and sent them in on time. I ended up estimating for some members, based on event and meeting participation, to include in the total for our club. **Our club total was 1,750 hours!** Members over 100 hours: **Lynn Stafford** 325, **Bill Snyder** 128, **Gretchen Wallace** 120, and **Beth Young** 104. Remember, we have several candidates who are members and I know from personal experience a lot of hours are spent campaigning, going door-to-door, putting out signs, filling out required paperwork, the list goes on, so please track your hours and report them so our club gets credit for all you're doing, too!

Our next KFRW Member Meeting is Monday, February 26. Our speaker will be **Randolph Russell**, with *The Fascinating Story of America*. The history of America is a fascinating story, but all too unfamiliar. He is the author of *American History In No Time*, the quickest and easiest way to learn (or re-learn) the basics every citizen should know. Being more knowledgeable will help us persuade others to join our ranks and vote with us to preserve what has made America great. Patrick Henry said, "*I know of no way of judging the future but by the past.*" And, our speaker may close by playing a patriotic number on the saxophone. Don't miss out and invite someone to come with you.

*Keep the faith! Speak the truth! And never quit!*

*Lynn S.*

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

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## Membership Update

As we start the new year, we have 63 members, 43 primary and 20 associate. Remember with "Each one Bring One" we can double our membership. Our Wednesday luncheons and Thursday dinners (every other week) are an easy way to introduce potential members to our club.

We have some members and potential members who may need a ride to our evening meetings. Judi Cleckner (850-997-5659) is coordinating this effort, if you know of anyone.

Besides recruiting new members, the Membership Committee plans activities for all members. **Our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter social** will be a potluck at 6 pm on March 15. Thanks to Tracy & Dusty Boyce for volunteering to host. The **2<sup>nd</sup> quarter social** will be a brunch at 10 am on June 22 for potential new members.



Please support our club by attending these activities, inviting someone new, and consider joining or assisting our committee! ~ **Lynn Wojciechowski**, Chair

***"Each One Bring One  
and Watch Us Grow in 2024"***

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

***Special thanks to the club members who support our fundraising efforts and help us promote & sell our merchandise!!***

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** – We are now tracking our hours for January – June, doing it consistently makes it easy to tally and report at the end of 6 months. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#), including the [Volunteer Hour Log form](#). Have questions? Please contact **Beth Young**, Chair

**Campaign** – **Beth Young** is requesting candidates contact her and let her know about your campaign events so the club can support your efforts. Remember, KFRW does not endorse any republican candidates prior to the Primary Election if there is more than one republican in a race. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

**Community Outreach** – **Gretchen Wallace's** American History & Civics class started back Jan. 15 and the essay contest was announced in the paper and circulated to the schools and homeschoolers. *Please help spread the word!*

**Events & Fundraising** – We will soon begin gearing up for the **Watermelon Festival**. Mark your calendars now, **June 14 & 15**, theme is "Homegrown Happiness" and KFRW is certainly homegrown, grassroots! ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

**Legislative** – All members are encouraged to stay informed about the bills winding their way through the various legislative committees and contact our state legislators with your support or decent of any bills. Remember, they work for us, We the People! *Please email Beth at [bethanddale3@hotmail.com](mailto:bethanddale3@hotmail.com) for more info.* ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

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**Q:** What is "the big lie"?

**A:** "The big lie" is the conspiracy theory which holds that Joe Biden got more than 81 million votes.

## Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



**Josie Hyde** was the winner of the “*Let Winter Warm Your Heart*” raffle basket, provided by **Judi Cleckner**, raising \$123.

**Still ONE 2024 baskets up for adoption. Have you adopted one before? Been awhile? See below:**

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

### February - “Spring Glow, Bloom, Shine”

Spring / Easter Theme

Diana Mulhearn

### March - “Monticello Madness”

Monticello Theme (Made in Monticello)

Abby McGehee

### April - “Let the Fiesta Begin!”

Cinco De Mayo / May Theme

**\*\*\* Adopt ME \*\*\***

### May - “It’s Watermelon Time!”

Watermelon Theme

Donna Champion

### June - “My Heart Beats Red, White and Blue”

Patriotic Theme (Red, white & blue items) Janis Morrow

### July - “Sunshine on My Mind”

Summer Theme

Beth Young

### August - “Your Guess Is as Good as Mine”

Basket Theme is up to the adopter

Jacque Flint

### September - “Fall Breeze and Autumn Leaves”

Fall Theme

Tracy Boyce

### October - “Make America Great Again”

Election Theme

Dotty McPherson

### November - “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”

Christmas Theme

Catherine McNeill



## February Members' Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

2/2 Becky Clayton  
2/4 Austin Hosford  
2/6 Josie Hyde  
2/14 Elise Eslinger ♥



## Calendar of Events



### FFRW Legislative Days

Tuesday, February 6, 10 am - 4 pm  
Florida Capitol, Tallahassee



### JC School Board Meeting

Monday, February 12, 6 pm  
1490 W. Washington St



### KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30pm  
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



### ♥♥♥ Valentine's Day ♥♥♥

Wednesday, February 14



### George Washington's Birthday

Monday, February 19



### Voter Registration Deadline & Party Changes for Presidential Preference Primary

Tuesday, February 20



### KFRW Membership Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> Monday, February 26

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



## ~ The 2024 Presidential Election ~

In Florida, the Presidential Preference Primary will take place **March 19, 2024** and only registered Republicans can vote for one of the two Republican presidential candidates. Our Florida delegates review the votes cast by us and then they are supposed to choose the candidate who represents the “the will of the people” at the Republican National Convention.

We have to vote in the primary in order for them to know who we want on the November ballot as the Republican Presidential Candidate. And even if we think we already know who that will be (most of us do!), we still must vote and make our choice known.

Have you heard anything on the Presidential Primary from our local REC? Have they geared up for a Presidential Primary “Get Out the Vote” effort? Do they have a plan to “Get Out the Vote” for the Republican candidates in March? I’ve read in our local paper the Democrats sure do and it includes trying to flip our county back to being blue!

From what I’m “not” hearing, educating Republican voters about this Primary may not be a priority. Make of that what you will, in the meantime, **here’s what we, KFRW members, need to do:**

Presidential Preference Primary - 3/19/2024

**Presidential Preference  
Primary Election  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**Registration deadline:  
Tuesday, February 20,  
2024**

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at  
7 p.m. on election day--

Remember to bring a valid and  
current photo and signature ID  
when you go to vote!

- **Tell your Republican friends to vote** (the last time we had to vote in this primary was for the 2016 election ... *many Republicans have no idea!*)
- **Tell your friends and neighbors who are transplants.** Many people from other states don’t know Florida is a *closed* primary state (they have to registered as Republicans to vote in a primary). Time is running out for them to register as Republicans.
- **Check your own party affiliation on our County Supervisor of Elections website.** Voters have reported that when they got a new driver’s license, their party affiliation was changed to NPA (NO PARTY AFFILIATION). Guess who will be turned away at the polls? That’s right, NPAs and Independents (Libertarians, Green Party, Constitutional Party members).

### **The Florida Republican Presidential Primary: It’s all about the Super Voters**

It will ALWAYS be about the Republican Super Voters. The Republican Super Voters participate in every single Primary and General Election... and that’s how they earned the moniker of “SUPER VOTERS.” The Republican Establishment loves manipulating and deceiving these Super Voters... in the Republican Primaries to get “their” Republican candidates elected and destroy the America First Republican candidates by hit piece mailers, rumors, and innuendo.

For the Republican Establishment, they are focused almost solely on the Republican Primaries. They know, in the marketplace of ideas, Florida mostly reject Democrats ideology and agenda. It doesn’t take much to defeat Democrats in this state. However, it is nearly impossible to defeat the Republican Establishment Primary candidates because the state party (RPOF) and many counties’ leaders appear to either covertly or overtly sabotage America First MAGA Republican candidates.

The mantra of the Republican Establishment is: “The purpose of the Republican Party is to elect Republican candidates.” What they fail to admit is there are two kinds of Republican candidates from which to choose—MAGA/America First or the STATUS QUO/Republican Establishment.

There are fundamental differences between the two types of Republicans. The current MAGA/America First candidates want the 2016 Trump Agenda in place... **because it worked.** The Republican Establishment wants to return to the pre-Trump era when they had 80% of Republican voters completely duped. Don’t be fooled! We are now fully awake!



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