



KFRW Newsletter

July 2024

President's Message

KFRW members survived another *very hot* **73rd Watermelon Festival** on Friday & Saturday, June 14 & 15, our 4th appearance for the annual **Watermelon Festival** parade and having a booth. The parade crowd loved the addition of “Ginny” our republican lady elephant with her long lashes. See page 4 for a recap of both the booth and parade, and a list of KFRW members who participated in one or both.

At our booth, we had many encounters with other like-minded ladies (and men) stopping by, taking their picture with President Trump, buying merchandise, and 15 interested ladies signed up to learn more about the club, which we followed up with a brunch on Saturday, June 22, where three new Primary members and two Associates joined our club, *see page 2 for their names.*

Our final “**Meet the Candidates**” meeting is **July 22** to hear from the last of our local republican candidates, **J.T. Ward**, Clerk of Court, **Al Cooksey**, School Superintendent, and **Andrew Fischer**, Sheriff. Candidates have 15-minutes to talk about themselves and take questions. In June, we heard from candidates: **Jessica Robinson**, County Commission Dist. 1, **Kendra Burrus**, School Board Dist. 4, and **Chris Tuten**, Clerk of Court. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from the candidates!



Our **club meetings, socials and events** provide a great opportunity **for ladies and men** you know to see the benefit in getting involved in a grassroots group like KFRW—others who align with their values. *Please invite others to come to our meetings and join our heels and boots on the ground to Make American Again with a win in 2024 for President Trump and all Republican candidates!!*

KFRW is coordinating **Poll Watchers** for the Republican Party for the Primary Election (August 20) during early voting August 5 – 17 (8am-5pm). Please follow up with **Janis Morrow** to commit to a slot or two and on which days you can. *We need to fill ALL slots.*

Your Volunteer Hours for January – June 2024 are due NOW, please email or drop off by July 5th.

Keep the faith! *Happy Independence Day!*

Lynn S.

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Membership Update

Joining KFRW at the **New Member Brunch** on June 22 were **Ashley Hightower, Carol Miller, Vivienne Treharne & husband Paul Gelerkie,** and returning Associate, **Mike Robinson.**

We are halfway to *meeting NFRW & FFRW's membership challenge to increase our members by 25%!* For us, this means 13 new primary members in 2024. So far, we've gained 7 new primary members leaving us six to go! And we've gained 4 new Associates in 2024, too!

Our current membership is at 73 members, 49 primary and 24 associate.

For ladies, the 1st/3rd Wednesday lunches and 2nd/4th Thursday dinners are a great way to introduce potential primary members to KFRW. See the email with this newsletter for location, dates, and times each month.

If you need a ride to a meeting, please contact **Judi Cleckner** (850-997-5659).

Please support the club by attending activities and inviting someone new and watch us grow!
~ **Lynn Wojciechowski**, Chair

***“Each One Bring One
and Watch Us Grow in 2024”***

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

Trump 2024 merchandise now available includes [buttons](#), [magnets](#), [flags](#), [hats](#), [scarves](#), [shot glasses](#), [card cases](#) & just **ONE** set of golf balls left.



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 –

June, now over, please total your hours for Jan. – June 2024 and submit your [Volunteer Hour Log form](#) via email to **Beth Young and Lynn S.** or drop off at Lynn's home. **Hours are DUE NLT July 5th.** Questions? Contact **Beth Young**, Chair

Campaign – Candidate qualifying has ended; we now know who will appear on the ballots. Filing late, **Steve Byers (Rep)** is challenging **Angela Gray (Dem)** for Property Appraiser.

If you know someone who isn't registered to vote or wants to vote in all the primary races who is now registered as NPA (No Party Affiliation), **July 22 is the last day to file or change party affiliation for the Primary Election.**

Reminder, KFRW does not endorse republican candidates prior to the Primary Election if there is more than one republican in a race; individual members are free to support candidates of their choice. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Community Outreach – The homeschool Civics & American History class is on pause for the summer. ~ **Gretchen Wallace**, Chair

Events & Fundraising – We have a variety of 2024 campaign merchandise we need to find owners for over the next several months. As a club member, please assist in this effort. *Thank you*, **Lynn Stafford**, Chair.

Legislative – KFRW got 7,500 **Do No Harm Florida Vote No on Amendment 4** [cards](#) ready to distribute to churches, co-workers, family, friends, community hangouts...to anyone, where ever you go. Please get a supply to help handout. Still working to get signs "Vote NO on 4" to put out around the county. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair



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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



Just ahead of Independence Day, the June raffle basket, **“My Heart Beats Red, White and Blue”** was provided by **Janis Morrow** and won by **Abby McGehee**, raising \$153!!

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

July - “Sunshine on My Mind” Beth Young

Summer Theme

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



July Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 7/7 Deborah D'Attilie
- 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



Thursday, July 4



JC School Board Meeting

Monday, July 8, 6 pm



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 5:30pm
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



Republican National Convention

July 15-18, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



KFRW Membership Meeting

★★★ Monday, July 22 ★★★

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



~ Meet the Candidates Series ~

Al Cooksey, School Superintendent,
Andrew Fischer, Sheriff
J.T. Ward, Clerk of Court



★★★ KFRW 6th Anniversary ★★★

Sunday, July 28



~ KFRW Watermelon Festival Recap ~

KFRW Booth Sales & Volunteers: Thanks to **Bill Snyder** for hauling heavy items to and from my home and **Brannan Salter** for helping with set up (and take down) of the tent, tables, and displays, and hauling bins to & from my car. For set up, **Lynn Stafford** and **Abby McGehee**. Those who helped at the booth on Friday were: **Abby McGehee, Beth Young, Tracy & Dusty Boyce, Jacquie Arbogast, and Lynn McGrady**, who along with **Brannan Salter** helped close up the tent for the night by dark! On Saturday: **Diana Rodriguez & Lynn S.** opened up the booth, with help from **Don Ledbury**, and after the parade **Lynn Wojciechowski** and **Tracy Boyce** and **Dusty Boyce**, who also helped with take down.

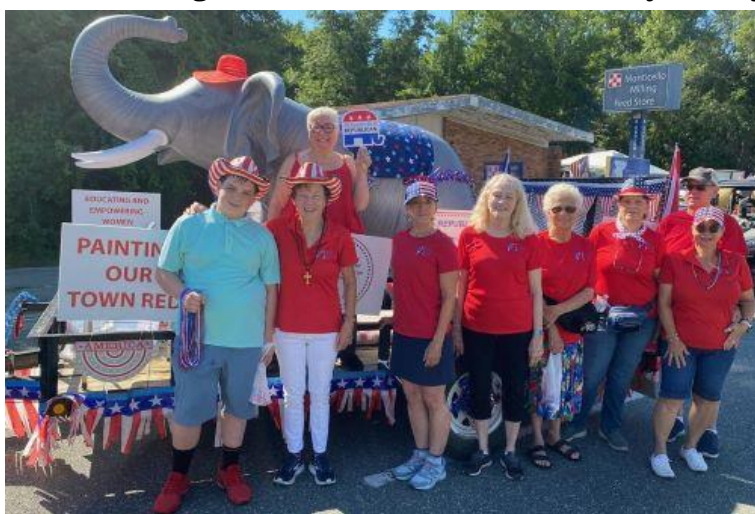


KFRW had a great location, right on the end of the E. Dogwood St row of booths at the corner of N. Cherry St, so open on two sides for entry into the booth. The Pop-Up tent we purchased in 2022 proved a great asset again this year. Fortunately, we had no rain this year, just the extreme heat to contend with. When not helping visitors in the booth, we were able to seek shade under a Crepe Myrtle tree and utilized a fan to keep the air circulating.

After we were set up on Friday, **Beth Young** went to the REC Campaign Headquarters (150-170 N. Jefferson) and other local shops leaving a supply of **Do No Harm Florida** Vote No on Amendment 4 cards. *Check with Beth to see where a supply of cards has been left.*

Foot traffic was a little less again this year, most likely due to the high temps. We made \$778 from merchandise sales and a “keep the change” donation. In all, we sold: Bumper Stickers, Magnets, Buttons, Flags, Card Cases, Caps, Hats, Mark Levin donated books, lapel pins, and a Cowboy Hat, Trump Golf Balls, Visor, Scarf, and Earrings. The website has been updated removing any items no longer available; please share links with your friends to help make a difference in 2024.

WF Parade: Members represented KFRW in the parade. I especially want to thank **Tracy Boyce** for decorating the float at her home on Friday, **Dotty McPherson** for bringing Ginny, those riding on the float and kept walkers in supply of give-a-ways (**Robin Frutig, Abby McGehee & Dotty**), and the walkers, **Tracy & Dusty Boyce** carrying the banner, **Janis Morrow, Gretchen Wallace, Lynn Wojciechowski, Andrew Kang, and Ernie Morrow**, who provided the truck and trailer, and drove “slow” to the parade spot, which was an ordeal due to the blocked streets for the 5k walk/run route, and during the parade. The walkers passed out: red-white-blue beads and bracelets, “God Bless America” and patriotic smiley face buttons to the children and Do No Harm Vote No on Amendment 4 cards to the adults along the parade route.



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