



KFRW Newsletter

October 2024

President's Message

Doug Wheeler, with the James Madison Institute, gave an informative overview of the six Florida ballot amendments and answered members questions. KFRW Members have unanimously adopted Resolutions denouncing **both** Amendments 3 (Legalizing Recreational Marijuana) at last month's meeting and 4 (Right to Abortion) last November, so KFRW's position is to **VOTE NO on both of these amendments**, and educate others to do so too! Neither of these citizen initiatives should be enshrined in our Florida State Constitution.



Regarding Amendment 3, don't be fooled by the medical marijuana smoke-screen. Every state that has legalized recreational marijuana started by passing seemingly harmless "medical marijuana" laws and now most regret it. Watch [Smokescreen](#), from [Citizens Against Legalizing Marijuana - CA](#) forwarded by **Lynn McGrady**, who shared at our meeting some statistics mentioned in the video (45 min). See page 4 for notes Lynn shared from the video.

We did not receive any applications from other members wishing to become a KFRW officer by the deadline of September 29. The current KFRW officers are all agreeable to serve again for another term and at our November 25th meeting we will elect 2025-2026 officers. Nominations can be made from the floor. I want to thank **Tracy Boyce**, **Judi Cleckner** and **Catherine McNeill** for being willing to oversee the [candidate application](#) process as the Nominating Committee.

Time is running out to sign up as a **Poll Watcher** for the Nov. 5th General Election during early voting Oct. 21 – Nov. 2 at the SOE Office and on Election Day. Please let me or **Janis Morrow** know which days you can commit to. We don't need to cover precincts where some of our members are poll workers. *Sign up NLT Oct. 5th!*



Courthouse Flag Wave was to begin Friday, Sept. 27, but due to Helene we will start Friday, Oct. 4. Every Friday, meet at 4:30 and from 4:45 - 5:45 pm (weather permitting), around the courthouse circle, we'll wave Trump flags, display candidate signs and handout Vote No on Amendment 4 cards to drivers. *See more about this on page 3 under Campaign Committee.*

See you at our October 28th meeting. Pray for protection for President Trump!

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Membership Update

We welcome a new associate member, **Trey Hightower**, our soon to be J.C. Clerk of Court.

At our October 28th meeting, 2025 membership dues will begin being collected, which are due by December 15th. *Thank you for taking care of this sooner than later!!!*



Our current membership is at **56** primary and **26** associate members, total of **82** members!!

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 includes [flags](#), [buttons](#), [magnets](#), [hats](#), [one set of golf balls](#), [card cases](#), [shot glasses](#) & [scarves](#).



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

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 – For July-Dec, track your volunteer hours and record your hours on a [Volunteer Hour Log form](#), also available at meetings. Contact **Beth Young**, Chair

Campaign – Continued from pg 1, **Courthouse Flag Wave...** Afterwards, meet at the Social for some social time with fellow club members! And 9-10 am on Fridays we will do the same and meet afterwards at CowHaus.

Please share what we are doing with fellow Republicans, Trump supporters, other local candidates and their supporters, and invite anyone to join us. Dress comfortably, wear your Trump, candidate, or KFRW shirts, or other red shirt, and bring your water!!

Please note the Oct. 5th Republican Rally was postponed, again due to the hurricane!



Jefferson County Republican Rally Event Postponed

Sat, Oct 5, 6-8 pm, Opera House

KFRW Victory Party & Social

Sat, Nov 9, 3 pm, Potluck Dinner
Lynn McGrady's, 5370 Lake Rd

Events & Fundraising – We still have a variety of 2024 campaign merchandise to sell, see the [website](#) for what's available. We may also have Trump items for sale during our Courthouse Flag Waves. Please assist in this effort. *Thank you, Lynn Stafford*, Chair.

Legislative – Please continue to distribute **Do No Harm Florida Vote No on Amendment 4 cards** to all, where ever you go! Please get a supply to help handout. *Contact Lynn Stafford, Beth Young, or Bill Snyder.* ~ **Beth Young**, Chair



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The September **“Fall Breeze and Autumn Leaves”** raffle basket put together by **Tracy Boyce**, was won by **Amy Hill**, raising \$152!

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

October - “Make America Great Again”

Election Theme **Dotty McPherson**

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

Christmas Theme **Catherine McNeill**



2024 November 5th General Election Candidates

~ October 7, 2024 – Last Day to Register to Vote ~

Local, State & Federal Races

- County Comm. D3 – J.T. Surlis** v. C.P. Miller (D)
- School Superintendent – Al Cooksey** v. Jackie Pons (D)
- Tax Collector – Shanna Boutwell** v. Sharon Enoch (D)
- Property Appraiser – Steve Byers** v. Angela Gray (D)
- State Rep. D7 – Jason Shoaf** v. Kenny Beasley (D)
- State Rep. D9 – Spencer Brass** v. Allison Tant (D)
- State Senator D3 – Corey Simon** v. Daryl Parks (D)
- U.S. Senator – Rick Scott** v. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D)
- U.S. Representative D2 – Neal Dunn** v. Yen Bailey (D)
- U.S. President – D.J. Trump/Vance** v. Harris/Waltz (D)



October Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 10/4 Keith Cook
- 10/8 Alice Sander
- 10/9 Jessica Robinson
Vicki Sheffield
Jennifer Wiwi
- 10/17 Amy Hill
Dusty Boyce
Paul Gelerkie
- 10/20 Michele Brantley
- 10/24 Brenda Kiff
- 10/28 Ana McGlamory
- 10/29 Stephanie Cook
Trey Hightower



Calendar of Events



KFRW Courthouse Flag Wave

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 4:30 pm



Voter Registration Closes

Monday, October 7



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, October 9
5:30 pm @ 295 Hickory St



Local Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 17, 6 pm
Jefferson County Courthouse Courtroom



Early Voting Begins

Monday, October 21, 8 am - 5 pm
Supervisor of Elections Office



KFRW Membership Meeting

★★★ Monday, October 28 ★★★

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

Speaker: Spencer Brass

Candidate for FL Representative, Dist. 9



Vote No on Amendment 3 ~ Here's Why

(Notes from Smokescreen shared by Lynn McGrady)

Part of what makes drugs so harmful is not only the pharmacological properties effect, but society and the normalization of the drugs. We are being pushed into an era of normalization we've never seen before. The term "medical" is used to help normalize marijuana use and marketing for recreational use follows. The mindset becomes "If it's legal, it's ok." This is a scam.

The term "marijuana" could cover almost anything today. Today's marijuana has been genetically bred to be a totally different drug. Marijuana contains THC, which attaches to the brain receptors and interferes with how the brain cells work. Due to the interference with the function of the brain, it affects memory, coordination, movement, and pleasure and impairs your judgement and reaction time.

In the 70's, during Woodstock, people were consuming about a 3% concentration of THC. In the 80's that number was at 10%. Today, anything below 90% is basically unsellable in the market. Currently, potency and concentrates are up to 99.9% pure. Wax and dabs are concentrations of PURE THC. A dab is a small amount of THC, but equals 26-27 hits of a standard joint.

In the 90's, there were 900,000 people in the US who used marijuana daily. In 2018, there were 9 million people in the US who used marijuana daily. Now 1 in 4 kids under 18 are addicted. The health and safety of our children should be of concern to everyone, since they are our future. The pressure of drug use robs children of their innocence. We are losing children every day.

Every state that currently allows recreational use started with "medical" marijuana. The companies intentionally use the word "medical" because people will relate it to "safe." However, these companies bypassed the medical systems and initiated an excellent marketing campaign. There is no recommended dosing and physicians don't support "medical" marijuana over other approved medicines. These companies don't want responsible users. They want to make money at the expense of others. These companies, like Trulieve and others, use children and elderly to exploit them in order for a political for-Profit group to get what they want. ADDICTION FOR PROFIT. Legalizing marijuana has nothing to do with compassion, nothing to do with finding cures for diseases, or helping the public health. It is all about PROFIT.

Where marijuana has been legalized, there has been a marked increase in homelessness, theft and violent crime. Hospitalizations increased 400%. Users flow to states where marijuana is legal. The freedom to use marijuana infringes on the freedoms of those who don't use.

In Colorado, there's been a 66% increase in marijuana related crashes since the passage of recreational marijuana. When someone is stopped for DUI, they can be tested to determine their level of intoxication. In marijuana users, you can't currently measure the level of "high." And what happens now to probable cause to search a vehicle where marijuana odor was used as a reason before. Hopefully, this will be addressed since many drug seizures were made during these stops.

Drug abuse crosses the lines of every socioeconomic group. Currently, the US is:

- #1 in vaping
- #3 abuse of illicit drugs
- 43rd in high school graduation
- #1 in pot use
- #9 in suicide

The tobacco companies used these same methods to get "medical" tobacco and then to legalize tobacco use. They funded their own "scientific studies" and advocated for legalization just like marijuana companies are doing now. When citizens realized they were being lied to about the use and effects of tobacco, the perception and use changed, but at what cost? In 1994, the tobacco companies were still testifying before Congress that tobacco and nicotine were not addictive.

If Amendment 3 passes, a few people will get very, very rich and Floridians will be faced with long term consequences. The cost will be high—in both lives and dollars. **Vote No on Amendment 3!**

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