

Keystone Federated Republican Women

## President's Message

I hope you all had a very blessed Thanksgiving and time to reflect on how grateful we are for winning the presidency, too big to rig this time!

We celebrated our Republican wins from the General Election, especially **President Trump**, at the **KFRW Social & Victory Party** on Saturday, November 9, at **Lynn McGrady's** home with lots of delicious food and great fellowship – getting to know each other better. If you missed this party, then your next chance is our **Annual KFRW Christmas Party** on **Monday, December 9**, beginning at 6 pm, at the Boyce's home at 520 E. Dogwood. Dress in your holiday attire and bring one of your favorite dishes for a potluck dinner together. Paper products and drinks provided. Please invite your spouse or a friend to attend with you, a wonderful opportunity to get to know members better, for potential members to find out about KFRW, and our last event together of 2024!

We heard from our own Associate Member, **Ernie Morrow**, and several other members on how to be the "well armed woman" in order to be confident and knowledgeable on how to carry concealed so we are better prepared and above all can reliably protect ourselves.

On Monday, Nov. 25, the membership elected the following KFRW officers to serve another 2-year term to begin at the 2025 January meeting: Lynn Stafford for President, Annaliese Mincy for V.P. of Programs & Public Relations, Lynn Wojciechowski for V.P. Membership, Janis Morrow for Secretary, and Tracy Boyce for Treasurer. Please support them in any way you can!

Remember, <u>no meeting in December</u>. Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting, January 27, 2025. We will have the swearing in of our KFRW Officers, share our vision for 2025, adopt the annual budget, and discuss ways each member can become more effective as we kick off the 2025 year!

With just one month remaining in this 6-month period (July - Dec. 2024), please continue to track your volunteer and call hours for December on a <u>Volunteer Hour Log form</u>. Hours are to include

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2023-24 KFRW Executive Committee Officers

President – Lynn Stafford – 850-491-8755 VP Membership – Lynn Wojciechowski – 860-214-8392 VP Programs & PR – Annaliese Mincy – 850-519-4818

Treasurer – Tracy Boyce – 850-322-9548 Secretary – Janis Morrow – 850-294-0573

#### Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

President – Barbara Price	Secretary – Valerie Pfundstein	
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – Yvette Benarroch	Asst. Sec. – Melissa Beaudoin	
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Vennia Francois	Treasurer – Lynn Stafford	
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP – Catherine Webb	Asst. Treasurer – Kim Short	
Member-at-Large: Deborah Stone   Terry Castro   Marsha		
Thoemke   District Executive – Vickie Herrington		
District 2 Representative – Dotty McPherson – 850-591-4988		

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anything political for KFRW, JC REC, campaigns, poll watching/worker, attending BOCC meetings, etc. At the end of December, please tally your hours and email to me or drop off your Volunteer Hour Log form <u>no later</u> <u>than January 5</u>. All information can be found on the <u>KFRW website</u>. Questions? Ask me.

Have a wonderful Christmas with family & friends. Stay warm, the cold temps have arrived! Lynn S.

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## Membership Update

We welcome new member, **Jewel Anderson**, who moved here recently from Alabama. She's attended several meetings and some of our ladies lunch and dinner gatherings.

**2025 Membership Dues**: If not already, please renew your membership NLT **Dec. 15**. Bring to the Christmas Party, mail to our PO Box, or drop off at Lynn S's or Tracy's home. *Thanks!!* 





Thank you in advance for paying your dues no later than December 15!!!

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

**KFRW Christmas Party** is Monday, Dec. 9, at the Boyce's home, 520 E. Dogwood St. See page 1 for additional details.

For ladies, the  $1^{st}/3^{rd}$  Wednesday lunches and  $2^{nd}/4^{th}$  Thursday dinners are a great way to introduce potential primary members to KFRW.

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

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

# Holiday Shop with KFRW!

Wrap up your holiday shopping for friends and family by shopping local with KFRW! Share the link below to our website with them.

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

Pictures of items available *(limited quantities)* to purchase & sell to your family & friends on the **KFRW Website** by categories:

<u>Cowboy & fedora hats, visors & baseball caps,</u> <u>card cases & reading glasses & Trump golf</u> <u>balls & shot glasses, bumper stickers, magnets,</u> <u>buttons, flags, bracelets, brooches, earrings,</u> <u>scarf holders, watches, lapel pins, ties & tie</u> <u>bar, & tile & paracord bracelets</u>.

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 <u>website</u>, 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 – As a reminder, continue to record your hours on a <u>Volunteer Hour Log form</u> of activity in attending political functions and KFRW events through December. Then, tally your hours and email your form to Lynn S or drop off <u>no later than</u> January 5. All information can be found on the <u>KFRW website</u>. Beth Young, Chair

**Campaign** – Thank you to all who helped our candidates win—by making \$\$\$ donations, putting up signs, waving & holding signs, making calls, attending candidate events & forums, telling others to vote for them. This is how we get our candidates over the finish line and WE win !!



**Events & Fundraising** – See you at the Annual Christmas Party and shop our merchandise, see the **website** for what's available. *Thank you*, **Lynn Stafford**, Chair.



**Legislative** – Nov 19th was the organizational session for the State of Florida Legislature. Members were sworn in and leadership in both chambers turned over. **Senate President Kathleen Passidomo** turned the gavel to **President-Designate Ben Albritton**. **House Speaker Paul Renner** turned the gavel to **Speaker-Designate Daniel "Danny" Perez**.

The 2025 Florida Legislative Regular Session will begin March 4, 2025 and end on May 2, 2025.

House and Senate committee meetings will run from December 2, 2024 to February 17, 2025. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

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## Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" the November raffle basket donated by Catherine McNeill, was won by Kay Clement, first time winner, raising \$79. If you have items to

contribute for a themed basket, *please bring to a meeting*.

#### All 2025 baskets have been adopted, thank you!

January – "Winter I<u>s Snow Much Fun!"</u> Janis Morrow Winter Theme February - "Green, I See Green Again!" Shanna Boutwell St. Patrick's Day or Green Theme March - "Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!" Kay Clement Spring / Easter Theme April - "Right here. Right now." Carol Miller Locally Made and Homegrown Theme May - "Watermelon Lovers! Where Y'all At?" Watermelon Theme Lynn Stafford June - "Bold Stripes, Bright Stars, and Brave Hearts" Patriotic Theme (Red, white, blue items) Dotty McPherson July - "In Chocolate We Trust" Chocolate Lovers Basket June Campbell/Amy Hill August - "My, My, What a Surprise!" Diana Mulhearn Basket Theme is up to the adopter September - "Oh My Gourd I Love Fall" Debbie Snapp/Anna Horton Fall Theme October - "Land That I Love" Annaliese Mincy Patriotic / Veteran's Theme November - "Christmas Cheer is Finally Here!" Christmas Theme Catherine McNeill \*\*\*\*\* Merry Christmas America



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# A LOOK Back at the Other 2024 Raffle Basket Donors & Winners!

What a variety of talent we have among our members, adopting a monthly raffle basket with a different theme each month, and the rest of us who take a chance on winning one of their monthly creations. Lots of fun and anticipation each month seeing who the winner (W) will be!!



Judi & Josie (W)

January "Let Winter Warm Your Heart" "Spring



February "Spring Glow, Bloom, Shine" Diana & Mac (W)



March "Monticello Madness" Janis (for Abby) & Don (W)



April "Let the Fiesta Begin!" JT (& Brenna), Beth (W) & Lynn



May "It's Watermelon Time!" Frances (W) & Donna



August "Your Guess is as Good as Mine" Lynn (W) & Jacquie



"My Heart Beats Red, White & Blue" Janis & Abby (W)



September "Fall Breeze & Autumn Leaves" Amy (W) & Tracy



"Sunshine on My Mind" Beth & June (W)



October "Make America Great Again" Dotty & Beth (W)