



KFRW Newsletter

March 2025

President's Message

Last Monday, our speaker was **Bill Mitchell**, the State Director for the Florida CSPOA (Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association). He spoke to us about the steps and timeline involved in "How to become a Constitutional County." He shared his response to the Covid mandates, which affected so many and were unconstitutional, resulting in him traveling the state to speak to the majority of the counties in Florida. Bill reminded us that Jefferson is a second amendment sanctuary county and without a local ordinance, we do not have a mechanism to enforce constitutional behavior. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and were unable to ask questions, so I plan to gather additional information as to what are the concerns for our county as we consider this effort here in Jefferson County. As individual citizens, it is our responsible for knowing the constitution!

Urgent Action Needed: Several bills up soon in the Florida Legislature to curtail Geoengineering and Weather Modification Activities are [SB 56](#) and [HB 477](#). Please refer to the information attached to the newsletter email of how we each can be effective in supporting these bills.

Our next meeting is the **4th Monday, March 24, 2025**. Our speaker will be **Kelly Burke**, with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team and partners with Samaritan Purse. **Annaliese Mincy** worked with him when she was with the Tallahassee Police Department responding to different types of emergencies and disasters, such as mass shootings, tornadoes, etc. With our share of hurricanes and tornadoes over the past year the discussion should be very interesting to us all. See you then!

The **FFRW Spring Legislative Day** is **Thursday, March 20** beginning at the Florida Capitol in the Rotunda at 8:45 am for a historic tour of the House Chamber. Any one can attend this day at no charge and see the FFRW ladies around the state at work interacting with the legislative process. If you want to attend for the day or part of the day, please register for this option only [here](#).

The **FFRW Spring BOD Conference** begins Thursday at 5:30 pm and runs through Saturday, March 22, at 12:30 pm. Representing KFRW will be myself, as a BOD member, and three of our other officers, **Annaliese Mincy**, **Lynn Wojciechowski**, and **Tracy Boyce**, who will be attending her first FFRW Conference.

See you at our next meeting, 4th Monday!

Lynn S.

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Membership Committee Update

We welcome two new members, **Ande Rosales-Becker** (attended 2/22 New Member Tea) and **Zoe Lemon** (attended The Social 1/20 event).

The **Membership Committee** hosted a **New Member Tea** on **Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22**, at **Tracy Boyce's home**. Three of our newer members attended as well and we all learned more about KFRW.

The **KFRW 2nd Quarter Membership Social** will be on **Saturday, April 5**, 3 pm at the Boyce's home, potluck. This is for all members and please invite a guest. We have fun!!!

The Committee will host a **New Member Wine & Cheese** on **Friday, April 16, 3-4:30 pm** at **Tracy Boyce's home**.

Our quarterly membership socials are a time to invite ladies (or men) who are or may be interested in learning more about our club, meeting our members, and potentially joining our club. A time to get acquainted better.

For the New Member gatherings, if you are a new member or joined recently, you are encouraged to come whether you bring a guest or not. If you are a current member, we would love for you to come too, but with a guest!

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

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

***"Each One Bring One
and Watch Us Grow in 2025"***

KFRW Merchandise for S~A~L~E

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 golf balls & 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.

The expectation is all members will help at club events, as available, when called upon by the committees.

Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours – It's easy to keep track of your volunteer hours by using the [form](#) found on the KFRW website. Hours can be counted when you attend any KFRW meeting or event, research work for a committee, phone calls to discuss meetings or issues, attend JC REC, Commission, and State meetings, write letters... Travel time included. Hours count for associate members, too. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#). Questions? Please contact **Beth Young**, Chair.

Events & Fundraising – We will be gearing up for the Watermelon Festival booth! If you have ideas for merchandise, please let me know. ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair.

Legislative – The **Legislative** Committee will meet **March 12 at 10 am** in the green American Legion building. The 2025 Florida Regular Legislative Session begins March 4. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Public Relations – Get a few KFRW business cards with 2025 meeting dates to hand out as you interact with your friends who may be interested in attending a meeting!

Note: If you take photos at events, *please forward via text/e-mail to Annaliese or Janis and Lynn S. ASAP.* ☺

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Members...Mark Your Calendars



Saturday, April 5, 3 pm

Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



Shanna Boutwell put together the “Green, I See Green Again!” raffle basket, which was of course, **green!** The winner was **Josie Hyde**, drawing her own name, and raising \$122.

If you have items to contribute for a themed basket, *please bring to a meeting.*

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”

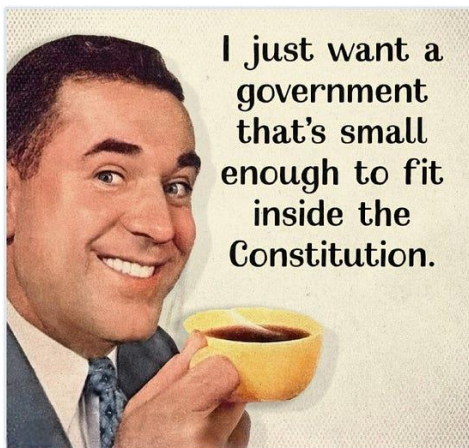
Fall Theme **Debbie Snapp/Anna Horton**

October - “Land That I Love” Annaliese Mincy

Patriotic / Veteran’s Theme

November - “Christmas Cheer is Finally Here!”

Christmas Theme **Catherine McNeill**



I just want a government that’s small enough to fit inside the Constitution.



March Members’ Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

3/3 Anne Horton
Jim McNally

3/16 Shanna Boutwell
3/28 Lynda Brown



Calendar of Events



Tuesday, March 4
FL Legislative Session Begins



Sunday, March 9
Daylight Saving Time Begins



Wednesday, March 12

Legislative Comm. Meeting
10 am – Green Legion Building

KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting
5:30pm - Lynn Stafford’s Home, 295 Hickory St



FFRW Legislative Day

Thursday, March 20 – Free to Attend
Florida Capitol, Tallahassee

FFRW Spring BOD Conference

Thurs., March 20- Sat., March 22
AC Marriot, Tallahassee



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, March 24

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

Speaker: Kelly Burke, with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team



History of the National Federation of Republican Women

The story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote. Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: "The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ...," Republican women's clubs were off and running. In fact, the oldest such club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.

Hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs grew up around the nation in the years to come. For example, there were 140 clubs in Indiana alone by the late 1930s.

It was in 1938 that Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago to organize these clubs into a national organization.

States in which Republican women's clubs were organized on a "statewide" basis sent delegates and alternates to that meeting with a request to affiliate with such an organization. To be considered "statewide" at that time, a state or local club had to have members in 60 percent of the counties of that state. (Later this rule was changed to cover either 50 percent of the counties or 75 percent of the state's congressional districts.)

The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes:

"to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands - to promote education along political lines - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another - and to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party."

Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At the age of 31, Joyce Arneill of Denver, Colorado, was elected the first president of the Federation, and the organization began to grow.

At the time of NFRW's founding, three states - Maryland, Virginia, and Alabama - had not even ratified the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting suffrage to women. The campaign of 1936 had reelected Franklin D. Roosevelt over Alf Landon with only two states - Maine and Vermont - going Republican. There were only six Republican governors, 89 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, and 16 in the Senate.

And yet the National Federation of Republican Women - born in a climate of defeat - grew in size and strength, providing a vehicle for women concerned with the direction of our government.

In 1940, the NFRW reported that, "Since the founding of the Federation, there has been a steady and consistent progress." Thirty-four states, as well as the District of Columbia, were represented in the Federation through statewide federations and/or individual clubs.

In its earliest days, the Federation was a lobbying group. In 1940, NFRW enlisted the support of its members to urge their representatives in Washington to hold free and open hearings and a full investigation on the amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act. They wrote their

representatives during National Debt Week to impress them with the fact that constituents were concerned about the national debt. And on June 10, 1940, NFRW President Joyce Arneill sent a letter to all club presidents urging their help in keeping Congress in session until the immediate crisis of the “foreign situation” was past.

By September 1, 1943, 23 statewide federations held membership in the national organization, along with 98 individual clubs from 16 states. In January 1953, the organization's name was changed to the National Federation of Republican Women.

Today, the NFRW – once an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee – is financially and organizationally independent. It is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

The goals of those women who met in Chicago in 1938 continue to be the goals of the NFRW – to encourage women’s participation in the governing of our nation, to elect Republicans to office at all levels, and to promote public awareness of the issues that shape America.

Biennial national conventions have been held in cities across the nation, with U.S. presidents and vice presidents, first ladies, cabinet members, legislators, party leaders, political experts, and celebrities attending. Presidential candidates never miss these meetings. They know that many of those attending will be delegates to the Republican National Convention or will be instrumental in the delegate selection process. They know that these women are the GOP’s grassroots activists.

Programs such as NFRW’s campaign management schools, women candidate seminars, and polling schools have trained literally thousands of Republican women and men to help elect GOP candidates, and communities throughout the nation have benefited from the volunteer services of NFRW’s Caring for America and literacy programs.

Millions of American women, ages 19 to 90, have helped shape our nation through wartime and peace, through depression and prosperity, through good times and bad – all through the NFRW.

State Affiliation: (C = Charter Member)

Alabama - 1962	Louisiana - 1953	Oklahoma - 1941
Alaska - 1962	Maine - 1946	Oregon - 1940
Arizona - 1940	Maryland - 1938 (C)	Pennsylvania - 1938 (C)
Arkansas - 1955	Massachusetts - 1940	Puerto Rico - 1963
California - 1938 (C)	Michigan - 1938 (C)	Rhode Island - 1950
Colorado - 1938 (C)	Minnesota - 1941	South Carolina - 1961
Connecticut - 1938 (C)	Mississippi - 1961	South Dakota - 1956
Delaware - 1952	Missouri - 1938 (C)	Tennessee - 1955
District of Columbia - 1938 (C)	Montana - 1938 (C)	Texas - 1955
Florida - 1950	Nebraska - 1956	Utah - 1941
Georgia - 1957	Nevada - 1950	Vermont - 1941
Hawaii - 1947	New Hampshire - 1944	Virginia - 1953
Idaho - 1944	New Jersey - 1938 (C)	Washington - 1945
Illinois - 1940	New Mexico - 1939	West Virginia - 1939
Indiana - 1938 (C)	New York - 1939	Wisconsin - 1940
Iowa - 1939	North Carolina - 1953	Wyoming - 1939
Kansas - 1938	North Dakota - 1940	
Kentucky - 1947	Ohio - 1940	



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