



KFRW Newsletter

April 2025

President's Message

Kelly Burke, with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (BGRRT) and also serves alongside Samaritan Purse, gave us an overview of how the two organizations respond to different types of emergencies and disasters and his role as a Chaplain with the BGRRT. The speaker at our next meeting, on **April 28, 2025**, will be **Logan Padgett, Sr. Vice-President of the James Madison Institute (JMI)**. She will provide a legislative update on the Florida session.

Jewel Anderson, Carol Miller, Tracy Boyce, Lynn Wojciechowski, and myself attended the **FFRW Legislative Day** on Thursday, March 20. We began with an hour-long historic tour of the House Chamber, including recognition of each of the [10 murals depicting much of Florida's history](#). Lunch was provided by the **Leadership Institute** and during that time, 20+ legislators, both house and senate, as well as **James Uthmeier**, the new Florida Attorney General (quickly arranged by **Catherine McNeill**), came in to speak with us. Afterwards, we sat in on a Senate committee meeting until they voted and then adjourned. We then gathered on the steps of the old Capitol for a picture with all the FFRW ladies in red.

The **FFRW Spring BOD Conference** began Thursday evening with a reception; was all day Friday with some business and speakers and ended with dinner and silent auction winners announced. We resumed for a half day Saturday with FFRW BOD meeting, and election of a FFRW Nominating Committee and delegates for the NFRW Biennial Convention in September. Attending was myself, as a BOD member, and three other officers, **Tracy Boyce, Lynn Wojciechowski** and **Annaliese Mincy**, each



pictured above. The picture on page 3 are all who attended Legislative Day and were on the tour of the Florida House Chamber. KFRW ladies center, top row.

Reminder: Our May meeting will be the 3rd Monday, May 19, since Memorial Day is the 4th Monday.

See you at our Saturday Social and next meeting!

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Membership Committee Update

We *welcome* two new members who joined at our March meeting, primary **Damien Lovatto** (attended The Social 1/20 event & previous meetings) and associate **Don Eslinger** (Elise's husband). We *welcome both of you!!*



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. Come enjoy some fellowship and good food!!!

The Committee will host a **New Member Wine & Cheese** on **Friday, May 16, 3-4:30 pm** at **Tracy Boyce's home**. [Correction it is May!]

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 – Now halfway through this reporting period, continue to track your volunteer hours using the [form](#) on the KFRW website or pick up one at a meeting. Hours count when you attend a 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 – Please reserve some time to work at the booth on Friday and/or Saturday, June 13 & 14 and also walk or ride in the parade Saturday morning. Please sign up at the next meeting or let me know when you will participate. ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair.

Legislative – The Legislative Committee is planning a tour of the Florida Capitol during the legislative session on **April 9**. Please contact Beth Young if you plan to attend. The 2025 Florida Regular Legislative Session should end May 2. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Public Relations – Have you picked up 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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ALL Members...April 5th, 3 pm.



Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



Kay Clement prepared the "Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!" raffle basket. The winner was **Anne Horton**, who has now won the two times she's attended a meeting! The basket raised \$140.

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

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/Anne Horton

October - "Land That I Love" Annaliese Mincy

Patriotic / Veteran's Theme

November - "Christmas Cheer is Finally Here!"

Christmas Theme Catherine McNeill

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April Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

4/8 Jason Friedrich
4/11 Kay Clement
4/17 Ken Faircloth
4/29 Carol Miller

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Calendar of Events

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KFRW 2nd Qtr. Membership Social
Saturday, April 5

3 pm, potluck, The Boyce's

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Wednesday, April 9

Legislative Committee Tour

Contact Beth Young for Details

KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

5:30pm - Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St

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J.C. Republican Party Rally

Tuesday, April 22 - 6-8 pm

Monticello Opera House

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Easter

Sunday, April 20



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KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, April 28

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm

American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

Speaker: Logan Padgett, Sr. V.P. James

Madison Institute

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Comparison Between Republicans and Democrats

What sets Republicans and Democrats apart? As the two dominant political parties in the U.S., they represent contrasting ideologies, policies, and visions for the nation's future. From economic strategies to social issues, the Democrat vs Republican rivalry defines these parties and shape American politics. Below are the key policy differences between Republicans and Democrats.

Key Policy Differences	Republicans	Democrats
Philosophy	Conservative and Right-Wing Philosophy	Liberal and Left-Wing Philosophy
Economic Beliefs	Believe taxes should not be imposed on anyone and wages should be controlled by the market.	Progressive economic taxation, meaning higher taxes should be based on the rich and lower in the middle and lower classes.
Military Stance	Military spending should be increased	Military spending should be decreased
Social Ideals	Based on individual rights	Based on social responsibility
Non-Conventional areas	Oppose gay and lesbian marriages; believe abortion should not be legalized.	Supports gay and lesbian marriages; believe abortion should be legalized.
Government Regulation	Believe government regulations are against free market capitalism.	Believe government regulations help protect consumers.
Gun Laws	Support the 2 nd Amendment as a constitutional right of all Americans.	Government should impose gun control laws and restrict access.
Healthcare Policy	Oppose universal healthcare and believe private companies can provide better health facilities than government-run organizations.	Supports universal healthcare such as Medicaid and Medicare overseen by the government.
Immigration Policy	Against granting immigration to unlawful immigrants.	Call for lenient immigration laws and make America a more welcoming nation.
Symbol (Political)	Elephant	Donkey
Color	Red	Blue

One of the most influential political parties in the USA, The Republican party traces its roots back to 1792. The term was adopted by the supporters of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson believed in a decentralized government that had limited power to intervene in matters of the state or the economy. Although the current political party has ideals similar to that of Jefferson, the Jeffersonian party became the Democratic party in the 1830s.

The modern Republican party emerged in the 1850s as a response to growing tensions over slavery in the United States. At its founding in Ripon, Wisconsin, the party attracted anti-slavery activists, former Whigs, Free Soilers, and abolitionists who were determined to oppose the expansion of slavery into newly acquired territories, such as Nebraska and Kansas.

In 1860, the Republicans nominated Abraham Lincoln as their presidential candidate, and his election marked a turning point in the history of the party. During the Civil War and the subsequent reconstruction era, the republican party played an important role in the abolishment of slavery. After the war, it helped legislate and pass the Reconstruction Acts.

In the decades that followed, the Republican Party evolved to embrace a broader platform, including support for business interests, limited government intervention in the economy, and conservative values. Over time, the GOP became associated with fiscal conservatism, strong national defense, and conservative social values, shaping its role in American politics to the present day.

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