



KFRW Newsletter

August 2025

President's Message

What a special gathering with members and a few guests to celebrate our club's **7th Anniversary Party** on Saturday, July 26, at Lynn McGrady's welcoming home. We stuffed ourselves with fried fish (thank you Gary), hushpuppies, cheese grits (3 recipes, yum!), baked beans, salads (coleslaw, Jello, fruit, pasta, & potato), and plenty of desserts. No one left hungry, that's for sure!

We went around the room and all members shared, "Why did you join KFRW?" This proved helpful for all members to learn more about other members. In hindsight, at our monthly meeting, I asked members to write the answer to that question on an index card, so I could share here for all and put some in the article for the newspaper, see quotes beginning on page 4. Also, all members selected a merchandise item for the keeping, along with a button.

At the July 28th meeting, our speaker was **Andrew Shirvell, J.D., Founder and Executive Director of Florida Voice for the Unborn**, a pro-life grassroots advocacy group, which formed in January 2020. He shared the progress "we" (Florida) have made since the defeat of Amendment 4 in 2024. Of critical importance, here in Florida, was the recently passed Petition Reform Bill (HB 1205) that changes the state's citizen-led constitutional amendment process. So far, no pro-abortion amendment has started due to the changes, which include: 1) all petition gatherers have to be registered and trained and undergo background checks; 2) requires all petitioners be US citizens and legal residents of FL; 3) no felons can gather petitions; 4) once a petition is signed, they have to be turned in within 10 days (was 30); 5) prohibits forms from being prefilled and requires more identifying info for signers; 6) every SOE must contact petition signers to confirm they signed; and 7) requires petitioners to front load cost and impact of bill before petitions can be circulated. There are some legal challenges to the bill from petition groups.

Our August meeting speaker will be one of our favorite speakers, **Eric Eggers**, VP of Research with the Government Accountability Institute, an author and investigative reporter who co-hosts a weekly podcast called "The Drill Down with Peter Schweizer." You do not want to miss this meeting!

Stay cool! See you at the August 25th meeting.

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Membership Committee Update

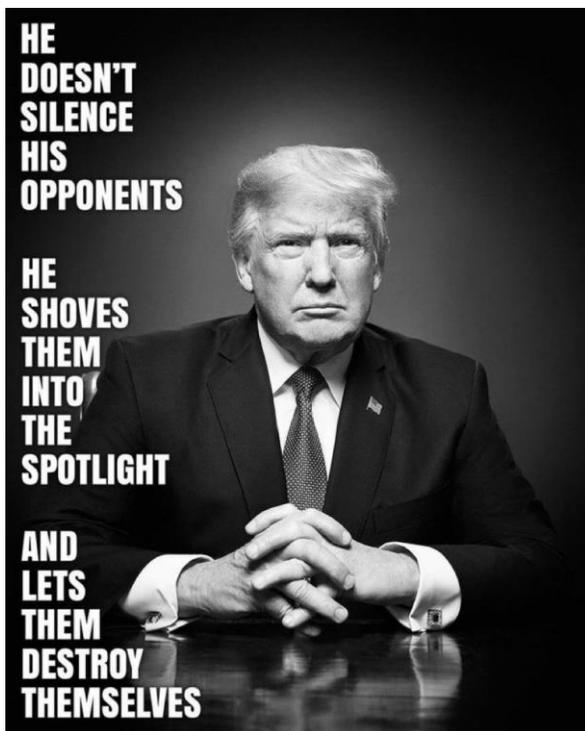
We currently have 59 Primary and 25 Associate Members.

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.

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](#), [baseball caps](#), [card cases & reading glasses](#), [bumper stickers](#), [magnets](#), [buttons](#), [flags](#), [bracelets](#), [brooches](#), [earrings](#), [scarf holders](#), [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 – We are in a new 6-month period, July – Dec. 2025, so if not already, please start a new [Volunteer Hour Log form](#) and record your volunteer hours.

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.

Community Outreach – The next **Constitution Alive!** class in Monticello begins Sept. 6 at [The Social](#) on Saturdays, 9-10:30 am, thru Nov. 22, facilitated by **Bill Snyder**. [Register here for this free class](#) or contact Bill for assistance.

Our nation's 250th birthday will be celebrated on July 4, 2026! The **Constitution Alive!** class, a popular video series filmed in Independence Hall, is known as “The Citizen's Guide to the Constitution”. ~ **Gretchen Wallace**, Chair

Events & Fundraising – Our next **BIG** event is the **4th Biennial American Valor Dinner**, Thursday evening, November 6th at the Opera House. If you are or know of a local veteran(s) who would like to attend, please let me know, I will compile a list to work from when filling the available sponsored seats. ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

Legislative – New legislation allows rent payments to count towards credit scores. Churches can now endorse candidates and maintain their tax-exempt status.

Check out [AmericaReadstheBible.com](#), to join a historic, week-long, continuous Bible-reading, April 18-25, 2026 in Washington, D.C. ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

Public Relations –

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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Monthly Themed Raffle Baskets



The **"In Chocolate We Trust"** raffle basket, a chocolate lover's theme with lots of chocolate and other neat items, created by **Amy Hill & June Campbell** was won by a first-time guest, **Alicia Longshore**, and raised \$148.

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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August Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

- 8/4 Brenda Sorensen
- 8/11 Brenna Ward
- 8/13 Dottie Taylor
- 8/15 Mac McNeill
- 8/18 Carol Daniels
- 8/23 Earlene Knight
- 8/26 Bill Snyder
- 8/30 Diana Rodriguez
- 8/31 Don Ledbury



Calendar of Events



KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, August 13

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



KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, August 25

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

Speaker: Eric Eggers, VP Government Accountability Institute



NFRW Biennial Convention

September 25-28, Orlando, FL



FFRW Biennial Convention

75th Anniversary Year

October 24-26, Daytona Beach, FL



~ KFRW Celebrates 7 Years on July 26, 2025 ! ~

Keystone FRW celebrated our 7th Anniversary on Saturday, July 26, with 28 in attendance.



L to R: (kneeling/sitting) Carol Miller, Damien Lovatto, Zoe Lemon, Abby McGehee, Carol Daniels, Gretchen Wallace, & Bill Snyder; (standing middle row) Beth Young, Kim Knight (and daughter), Dotty McPherson, Judi Cleckner, Josie Hyde, Anne Horton, Eva St. Onge, Lynn Stafford, Anne Davis, Jewel Anderson, & Lynn McGrady; (standing back row) Dusty Boyce, Tracy Boyce, Ernie Morrow, & Janis Morrow. Left before the picture: Gage Ogden, Ande Rosales-Becker, Lynn Wojciechowski, & Bill Leach.

Why did you join KFRW? ~ Quotes from KFRW members (in alphabetical order w/date joined)

"The reason I joined KFRW is to be more informed, and that has certainly been the case. This group of ladies, and men associates, are well informed and work diligently to bring KFRW well informed speakers. Also, the fellowship is superior." ~ **Jewel Anderson** (11/26/24)

"My friend Karen Knox invited me to join. I've really enjoyed learning more about my community and my local, state, and federal government!" ~ **Tracy Boyce** (Charter Member (7/28/18)

"To support my wife in her endeavors and to support the Republican Party of Jefferson County." ~ **Dusty Boyce** (2/19/19)

"I joined the KFRW club because I wanted to help get Trump re-elected. We live in a town with a lot of registered Democrats that were my friends and thank God I was able to get them to go Red. Since then, I've even learned more about the party. But better yet, I've been able to change a lot of their minds and help them see for themselves that Trump was doing things for them, as well as for our country." ~ **June Campbell** (8/24/20)

"I saw the notice in the paper in 2019, about a Republican ladies' club and since I was a Republican I decided to go to the meeting. I was very impressed and have been coming ever since." ~ **Judi Cleckner** (5/27/19)

"Because of failing health, I moved here to be near my daughter. She, of course very busy, I was not. I found the Chamber of Commerce website and started scrolling. I found a dentist, a veterinarian, and – Wow, there was not only a woman's club, but a Republican Club. I called the number listed and Lynn Stafford returned my call. Of course I joined immediately!" ~ **Carol Daniels** (6/21/25)

*"To be a Republican!!" ~ **Amy Hill** (8/26/24)*

*"Because I love Trump and want to help Make American Great Again!" ~ **Anne Horton** (1/27/25)*

*"When I was deciding to move from California to Florida, I looked for a place that had a Republican Women's Club because I was active in my CA club for more than 10 years, and it was important that I relocate to a place that had an active club. Luckily, there was one here in the town where I had family!" ~ **Josie Hyde** (6/27/22)*

*"I was at the Watermelon Festival and the life-sized cutout of Trump caught my eye and I thought, this is definitely something I want to be a part of. I'm deeply conservative, love the Lord and I have been a Republican since our high school government teacher helped us register to vote my senior year when I turned 18. My husband is interested in running for the house seat currently held by Alison Tant and I know that I need to learn as much as possible about politics and the government so that I can be the best support system for him during this endeavor." ~ **Kim Knight** (6/21/25)*

*"Joined KFRW to be more aware of Republican activity in Jefferson County." ~ **Zoe Lemon** (2/24/25)*

*"We met this group of ladies at the Presidential Inauguration. We were in awe of their commitment and cohesive efforts. It was a blessing to meet them and join." ~ **Damien Lovatto** (3/24/25)*

*"I was sick of Obama and didn't want another Democrat." ~ **Abby McGehee** (Charter Member 7/26/18)*

*"At a Jefferson County Commission Meeting, in Nov. 2019, Lynn Stafford spoke and I was very interested in the club. She gave me an application on the spot and I joined soon after. I have learned so much and enjoy the friends and fellowship. But, best of all is the effect the Republican Women have had in Jefferson County!" ~ **Lynn McGrady** (11/25/19)*

*"At the organizational meeting of the Keystone FRW, it was very clear that its organizer, then 1st & subsequent President, Lynn Stafford, is a born leader. It also was immediately clear that the KFRW club would become an outstanding representative of our Republican Party, and reach its and FFRW's goals of educating the public, recruiting dedicated Republican workers and candidates, and getting the votes we need to save our Country and our Constitution and the Freedoms it guarantees. I HAD to be a part of all that in the KFRW. ~ **Dotty McPherson** (Charter Associate Member 7/26/18)*

*"I joined KFRW to network with conservative women and to be active in a grassroots organization." ~ **Annaliese Mincy** (10/28/19)*

*"I joined to meet people because I was new to town and to get to know more about my party, The Republicans." ~ **Carol Miller** (6/22/24)*

*"I heard about the club at a Trump Train activity. The club is very active, supports candidates, volunteers at elections, and is a great group of people!" ~ **Janis Morrow** (1/25/21)*

*"I appreciate how active this group is and wanted to be a part of that." ~ **Ernie Morrow** (7/25/21)*

*"I am a lifelong republican and was not satisfied with the Republican Party meetings. This is less confining and more relaxed." ~ **Diana Mulhearn** (11/25/19)*

*"If you don't like the direction of the country, one must do something." ~ **Harry Mulhearn** (11/25/19)*

*"I was never into politics before joining the club. I'm learning a lot. I'm meeting a lot of interesting people especially the women that are part of the club. This last election was the first time I ever attended a meet and greet where you met the people that were running for offices. So, I joined the KFRW club because I wanted to be a part of something that is good." ~ **Diana Rodriguez** (7/30/23)*

*"I joined because I don't know very many people in Monticello and I was looking forward to meeting like-minded people!" ~ **Ande Rosales-Becker** (2/24/25)*

*"KFRW most organized group in town...best newsletter ever...monthly meeting with speaker...get candidates elected...nice bunch of concerned citizens...everyone is welcome..." ~ **Bill Snyder** (9/24/18)*

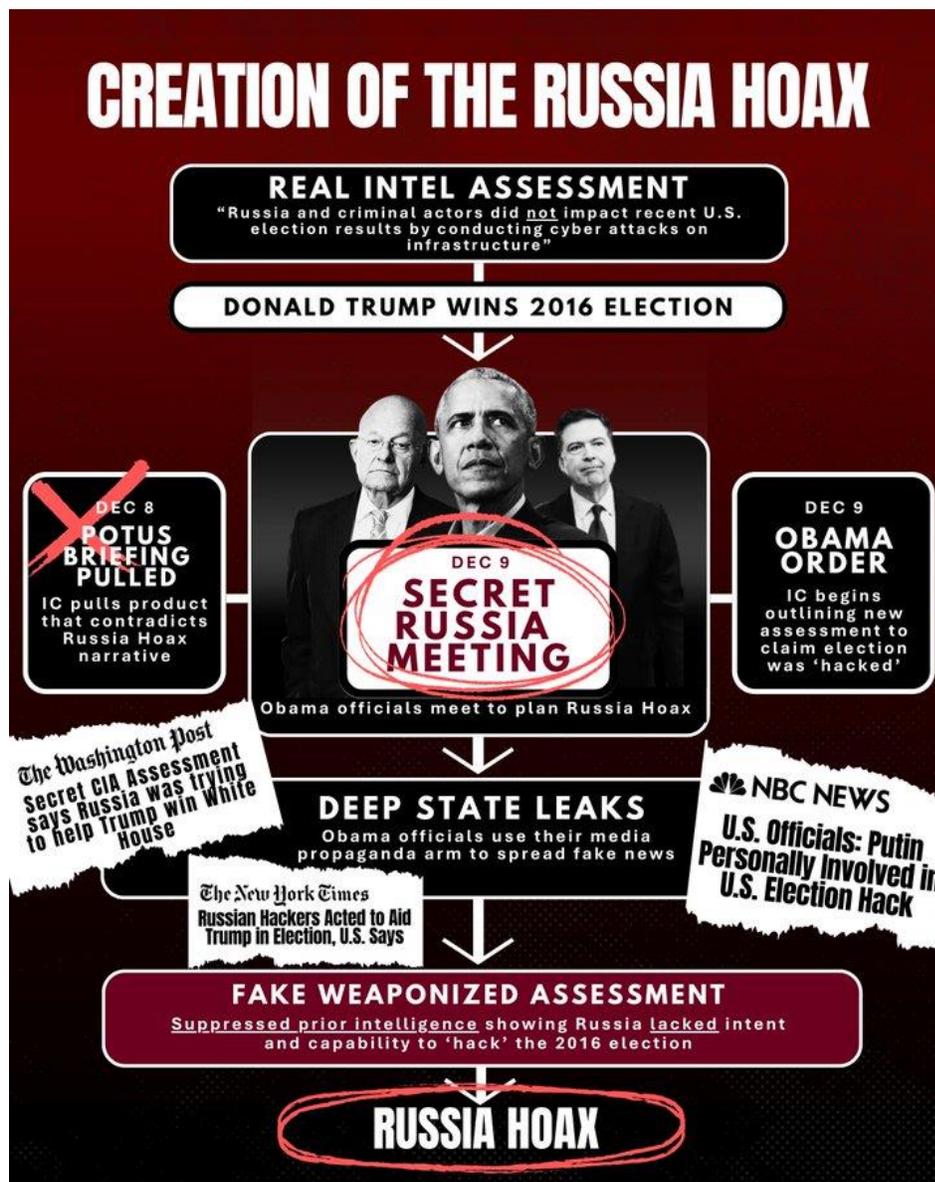
"I've never been interested in being politically involved, but since the 2016 election I've felt more and more led to do something in my community...to help expose others to the facts in order to make informed decisions. As in other industries, there is much deception circulating constantly in the political arena and that can be frustrating. This was my motivation for being more intentional here in Jefferson County." ~ **Lynn Stafford** (Charter Member 7/26/18)

"I joined KFRW in 2018 while Mac was running for sheriff. I went over to his booth to talk to him and there was Lynn Stafford, waiting to pounce on unsuspecting visitors. Her pitch was sincere and convincing, and as a long time Republican member of the Tea Party, this membership was meant for me. Thanks, Lynn!" ~ **Gretchen Wallace** (11/26/18)

"I wanted to learn and share ideas about topics important to me." ~ **Leslie Wilkinson** (5/19/25)

"As a new resident, I joined KFRW to learn about Florida government, support the Republican Party, and meet with like-minded people." ~ **Lynn Wojciechowski** (8/10/18)

"Fun fellowship and spread the conservative word." ~ **Beth Young** (Charter Member 7/26/18)



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