



# KFRW Newsletter

March 2026

## President's Message

The KFRW 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Membership Social was held Saturday, Feb. 21, at **Gretchen Wallace's**

home and attended by 16 members and four guests. We had plenty to eat (as usual) and challenged members to U.S. history & culture trivia, with prizes given for those with the right answers: **Jewel Anderson, Tracy Boyce, Abby McGehee, Bill Snyder, Lynn Wojciechowski, Dotty McPherson,** and guests **Steven & Jackie Bentz.** We handed out to all primary members in attendance the new KFRW tote bag, and again to members at the February meeting. Come to a meeting and get yours!



If you are interested in attending the **FFRW Spring Conference in Tampa, Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12** (noon), at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel, please let me know as soon as possible, early bird registration of \$225 ends March 15<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the Spring Conference is on celebrating America's 250th Anniversary, training club leaders to run effective clubs and committees, and equipping clubs to be impactful in the fall elections and beyond.

**Turner Loesel with James Madison Institute (JMI)** spoke at our meeting **February 23**, providing a Florida legislative update at week 7, especially in the area of technology, like the AI Bill of Rights, which would provide ability to protect your name, image, likeness so not to be used by others. Your information won't be resold. Bills have until the end of the week to get out of committee. This session, 1,500 bills have been filed, less than half have made it to committee.

Our next meeting is Monday, **March 23, 2026** and speaker will be **Nick Lewis**, candidate for District 2 U.S. House of Representative (Neal Dunn's seat) who resides here in Jefferson County.

*Do you have an American flag?*

*Lynn S*

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### National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

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## Membership Committee Update

We welcome two new primary members, **Barbara McQuagge** (invited by *Jewel Anderson*) and **Susan Anderson** (*Barbara's neighbor*). And yes, we now have two members, both named Susan Anderson, how rare is that? ♥



**Mark your calendars for KFRW 2nd Quarter Social: Saturday, May 2.** Plan ahead & invite a guest, too! *More information to follow!*

KFRW 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. Just a time to get acquainted better.

**2026 Membership:** We currently have 50 paid primary members and 21 associate members.

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

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

***“Each One Bring One  
and Watch Us Grow in 2026”***

## KFRW Merchandise

We celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2026, see the new items, [patriotic signs](#), [notepads](#), [serving tray](#), and [dog tags](#), which will make great stocking stuffers. Check them out and help us our club with fundraising!

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](#), [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 –

There are two categories to track: **Calls** (phoning) and **Hours** (activities), so try to record based on which category. The log form has a column to check for each type. It's easy to keep track of your volunteer hours by using the [log form](#) found on the KFRW website or pick up one at the monthly meetings. Total by type at the end of the six-month period, currently January - June 2026, which will be due July 5.

**See page 4 for the updated NFRW policy and examples of what counts.** Hours count for associate members, too. All information can be found on the [KFRW website](#). Questions? Please contact **Beth Young**, Chair.

**Elections** – 2026 local races: School Board Dist. 2, 3 & 5, JC Commission Dist. 2 & 4, and City Council Group 1 & 2. [Link to check local candidates who've filed](#). ~ **Janis Morrow**, Chair

**Events & Fundraising** – For merchandise, see the [website](#). *Thank you*, **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

**Legislative** – The committee meets **March 6 at 11 am**, Carol Miller's home at 285 Henery St.

Three committee members, **Judi Cleckner**, **Carol Miller**, and **Beth Young** attended the FFRW Feb. 12 Legislative Day at the Florida Capitol and had the opportunity to attend the House of Representatives' and the Senate committee meetings.

One proposed bill passed in the House committee was no state or federal funds can be used by local government to pay for a lobbyist. If this passes in the House and Senate, it will be interesting to see how the lobbyist Jefferson County Commission recently hired would be covered.

Another interesting law went into effect February 1st that all Florida Driver's License tests would be in English only. ~ **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 February “**Unwind, Refresh, Renew!**” raffle basket contributed by **Lynn Stafford** was won by **Don Ledbury** and raised \$182.



**All Baskets are Adopted for 2026, thank you!**

**March - “Hop Into Spring!”** **Shanna Boutwell**

Spring / Easter Theme

**April - “Have a Bitter Sweet Chocolate Day!”**

Chocolate Lovers Basket **Treasa Towson**

**May - “The Sweet Taste of Summer”**

Watermelon Theme **Abby McGehee**

**June - “America, Celebrating 250 Years!”**

America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Theme **Dotty McPherson**

**July - “Turn the Ordinary into Extraordinary!”**

Theme is up to the adopter **Carol Miller/Jewel Anderson**

**August - “I Love Fall Most of All”** **Catherine McNeill**

Fall Theme

**September - “In Pie We Crust”** **Lynn McGrady**

Locally Made and/or Homegrown

**October - “Let Freedom Ring”** **Beth Young**

Patriotic / Election Theme (Red, white & blue items)

**November - “Tis the Season to be Jolly!”**

Christmas Theme **Janis Morrow**

[You can pair up with another member for a basket and bring new and/or unused items to contribute to other baskets.]



### March Members' Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

3/3 Anne Horton  
3/6 Roger Champion  
3/16 Shanna Boutwell  
3/17 Susan E Anderson



### Calendar of Events



#### KFRW Legislative Comm. Meeting

Friday, March 6, 11 am  
Carol Miller's Home 285 Henry St



Sunday, March 8

#### Daylight Saving Time Begins



#### KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30pm  
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



Tuesday, March 17

#### St. Patrick's Day



#### KFRW Membership Meeting

Monday, March 23

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

Speaker: Nick Lewis, Dist. 2 U.S. House of Representative Candidate



~ Next Month ~

#### FFRW Spring Conference

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 10-12  
Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel  
225 North Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL



