



KFRW Newsletter

May 2026

President's Message

I attended the **FFRW Spring Conference & Annual Board of Director's Meeting** in Tampa, Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12, as did **Dotty McPherson**. It was an action-packed weekend and great to re-connect with so many like-minded, republican women around our state. During the weekend, we interviewed gubernatorial candidates **Paul Renner, Bobby Wilson, Byron Donalds,** and **Jay Collins**. We heard from these: **Attorney General James Uthmeier, Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson, Florida's CFO Blaise Ingoglia, Senator Ashley Moody, State House Rep. Danny Alvarez** Dist. 69 (Hillsborough County), **US Congressman Randy Fine** Dist. 6, and Chief of Staff **Alice Rothbauer** with **Humans First** "We need an America First approach to the future of AI, and that means putting Humans First." I plan to get her to come speak! Several conference takeaways: **"Women are who gets republicans elected."** **"When republicans stay home and don't vote we help democrats win."** Blaise Ingoglia refers to DEI as **Deport Every Illegal**.

The Florida FRW will hold a Fall **Virtual** Conference on **Saturday, Sept. 26**. And then **Saturday, October 24** will be **Super Saturday** for clubs to focus on candidates and get out the vote.

We heard from **Audie Rowell**, at our April meeting, candidate for U.S. House of Representative District 2. He explained why he chose to run and detailed his top priorities and concerns. He then opened it up for members' questions. His top ten "W" words, **"With Women We Will Win, Without Women We Won't Win."** *As members of the Keystone FRW and Florida and National Federations of Republican Women, WE all know this is true!!*

Remember, our **May meeting will be the 3rd Monday, May 18**. Our speaker, **Luke Murphy**, is also a candidate for District 2 U.S. House of Representative, residing in North Leon County. All members are encouraged to attend meetings with candidates so you can hear directly from them.

Jibre Knight, one of our associate members, announced at the April meeting he is running against **Allison Tant** in Dist. 9. There is another republican candidate also running, **Tracy Robinson**, in Madison. We will try to schedule them both to speak at one of our club's meetings before the primary.

*Lord, hear our prayer, please provide a nice, steady rain.
See some of you on Saturday, May 2nd!*

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Membership Committee Update

We welcome three new primary members, **Elizabeth Markovich** (joined at the New Member Tea held April 17), **Jessica Wright** (previous Pinellas FRW member) and **Kimberly Odom** (met at the KFRW booth last year).

KFRW 2nd Quarter Social: Saturday, May 2, 4:30-6:30 pm, **Jewel Anderson's**, 1660 Willow Rd. Please bring a covered dish to share. **All KFRW members** are encouraged to attend quarterly socials and feel free to invite a guest. A time to get to know each other better.

New Member Wine & Cheese: Friday, June 26, 4-6 pm at Tracy Boyce's home (520 E Dogwood). *Please RSVP to Tracy by June 24.* Soon after the Watermelon Festival to follow up with those we met at our booth.

New Member gatherings are for new members (joined recently) to learn more about the club. If you are a current member, we would love for you to come too, but with a guest!

2026 Membership: We currently have 54 paid primary members and 22 associate members.

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 2026"***

KFRW Merchandise

We celebrate our nation's 250th 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](#), [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 –

Please 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, January - June 2026, which will be due July 5. 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 – It's time to sign up to work at the Watermelon Festival booth on Friday and/or Saturday, **June 19 & 20**, and participate in the parade Saturday morning. *Let Lynn S. know when and where you want to participate.*

Planning Meeting for our W.F. Parade Float will be Saturday, **May 23rd**, 11 am to 12 pm, at **Tracy & Dusty's home**, 520 E Dogwood St, to create a detailed plan for our float. We aspire to make our float a memorable highlight of the event, celebrating both the Watermelon Festival and America's 250th birthday. If you want to be part of this fun & exciting project, *please reach out to Tracy* and let her know you would like to help. Your participation will be greatly appreciated as we work together to make this celebration truly special. ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

Legislative – The committee is following the FL special sessions (SS). The SS regarding AI and Medical Freedom ended soon after starting. They did pass the new re-districting map Gov. DeSantis presented. Still to come is to pass the budget and maybe discuss Property Tax issues.

The committee welcomes **Susan E. Anderson** as a new committee member, who currently works as a health care lobbyist. ~ **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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