



# KFRW Newsletter

June 2026

## President's Message

**Jibre Knight** and **Tracy Robinson**, both candidates for Florida House District 9, and running against democrat **Allison Tant**, spoke at our May meeting. Tracy arrived later than scheduled so heard only briefly from her, but both shared their reasons for running. Jibre answered all questions asked by members.

At our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we are to hear from both **Jim Norton** and **Luke Murphy**, candidates for District 2 U.S. House of Representative. Jim lives in Port St. Joe and Luke lives in North Leon. All members are encouraged to attend meetings with candidates so you can hear directly from them.

The **Watermelon Festival**, Friday & Saturday, **June 19 & 20**, is fast approaching. Contact me to walk or ride in the **parade on Saturday**. Decorating the float is 6-8 pm on Friday on Henry St at the Boyce's Home. Those in the parade, can meet at the Boyce's home Saturday by 8:00 to leave your cars and be transported to our start location. Float has to be in our assigned spot by 8:55 am to be judged. The parade begins at 10 am (route CC Bank to York St) and should end about 10:45 am. Those walking will hand out small USA flags, patriotic beads and pencils! Let Monticello/Jefferson County see who the ladies, and men, in **RED** are and what we stand for!!

**At our booth**, during the **Watermelon Festival**, **June 19 and 20**, we will have a sign-up sheet for any potential new members who would like to know more about KFRW and what we do. Our booth provides a great opportunity to meet other like-minded ladies (and men) who see the importance in getting involved in a grassroots group, like KFRW. We are planning a wine & cheese for anyone interested in becoming a member, **Friday, June 26, 4-6 pm**. **Please RSVP by June 24** to **Tracy Boyce**, if you have someone you'd like to bring.

There will be a special tribute to our troops at the **Monticello Opera House** on **Friday, July 3**, at 8 pm, **Divas Tribute to the Troops: Heartfelt Musical Celebration**, a captivating female trio. See all the information at the MOH link. Reserve your tickets now to kick off the local July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration!

### Keystone Federated Republican Women

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District Executive – Charlotte White

District 3 Representative – Vacant

### National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

I hope to see many of you all at the **Watermelon Festival**, with us in the parade and at our booth. *Let's have a great turnout of KFRW club members for the annual **Watermelon Festival parade on June 20**. And at our next meeting, the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday, June 22!***

Lynn S

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## Membership Committee Update

We welcome a new associate member, **Richard Odom** (Kim's husband), joined at the May meeting.

**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.* To follow up with those we met at our Watermelon Festival booth or other new members.

**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!

**KFRW 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/3rd Quarter Social: Saturday, July 25**, 5:30 pm, **Lynn McGrady's** home 5370 Lake Rd. 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.

**2026 Membership:** We currently have 54 paid primary members and 23 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

As we celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, be sure to come by the KFRW WF Booth to see the new 250<sup>th</sup> items, caps, flags, shot glasses, [patriotic signs](#), [notepads](#), [serving tray](#), and [dog tags](#), which will make great gifts and items to add to your collections. Check them out and help 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** – Continue tracking your volunteer hours by using the [log form](#) found on the KFRW website or pick up one at a meeting. Hours count for associate members, too. At the end of June, please total your hours for Jan. – June 2026, submit your [Volunteer Hour Log form](#) via email to **Lynn S.** or drop off at Lynn's home. **Hours are DUE NLT July 5<sup>th</sup>.** ~ **Beth Young**, Chair

**Elections** – 2026 Local Races:

**School Board (Non-Partisan)** will be decided during the Primary Election, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**D2: Donnie Burdick (R)** v Jamia Bradley (D) & Miranda Gilley (D)

**D3: Brenda Wirick (R)** v Shirley Washington (D)

**D5: Mags Flynt (R)**, no opponent

**JC Board of County Commission:**

**D2:** Gene Hall (D), no opponent

**D4: Austin Hosford (R)** v Lois Howell-Hunter (D)

**Monticello City Council (Non-partisan):**

**Group 1:** George Evans (D), no opponent

**Group 2:** Gloria Cox (D) v Derrick Jennings (D)

Mail ballots will be mailed beginning July 4. ~ **Janis Morrow**, Chair

**Events & Fundraising** – If you've not already signed up yet to work at the Watermelon Festival booth on Friday and/or Saturday, **June 19 & 20**, and participate in the parade Saturday morning, *please let Lynn S. know when and where you want to participate, ASAP, please!*

**Planning Meeting for our W.F. Parade Float** was held Saturday, **May 30**, at **Tracy & Dusty's home**. We have an awesome float planned; *you don't want to miss it!!* ~ **Lynn Stafford**, Chair

**Legislative** – FL Legislators passed a \$114.5B budget on May 30. A Special Session, June 1-3, is scheduled on an ad valorem taxation (property tax reduction) amendment. ~ **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 May raffle basket, "**The Sweet Taste of Summer**" (watermelon theme) was provided by **Abby McGehee** and won by **Anne Horton**. The basket proceeds raised \$162! Way to go!!



**2026 Raffle Baskets remaining:**

**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

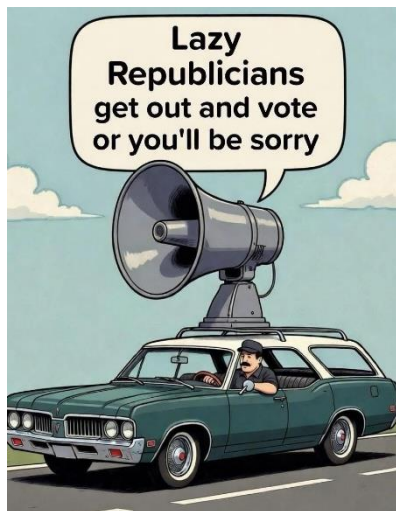
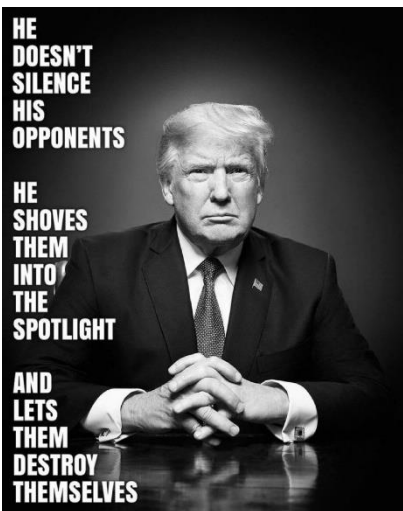
**October - "Let Freedom Ring"** Beth Young

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.]



**June Members' Birthdays**

*Happy Birthday to each of you!*

- 6/2 Debbie Snapp
- 6/5 Chuck Mincy
- 6/9 Treasa Towson
- 6/26 Theo Cox
- 6/29 Leslie Wilkinson



**Calendar of Events**



**Election Qualifying Dates**

Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12



**KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting**

Wednesday, June 10, 5:30pm  
Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St



**Flag Day ~ Sunday, June 14**



Friday, June 19 – Booth (2-8 pm)  
Saturday, June 20 – Booth & Parade



**Father's Day ~ Sunday, June 21**



**KFRW Membership Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday, June 22**

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm  
American Legion, 1065 S. Water St  
Speakers: Jim Norton & Luke Murphy, Dist. 2 U.S. House of Representative Candidate



**KFRW New Member Wine & Cheese**

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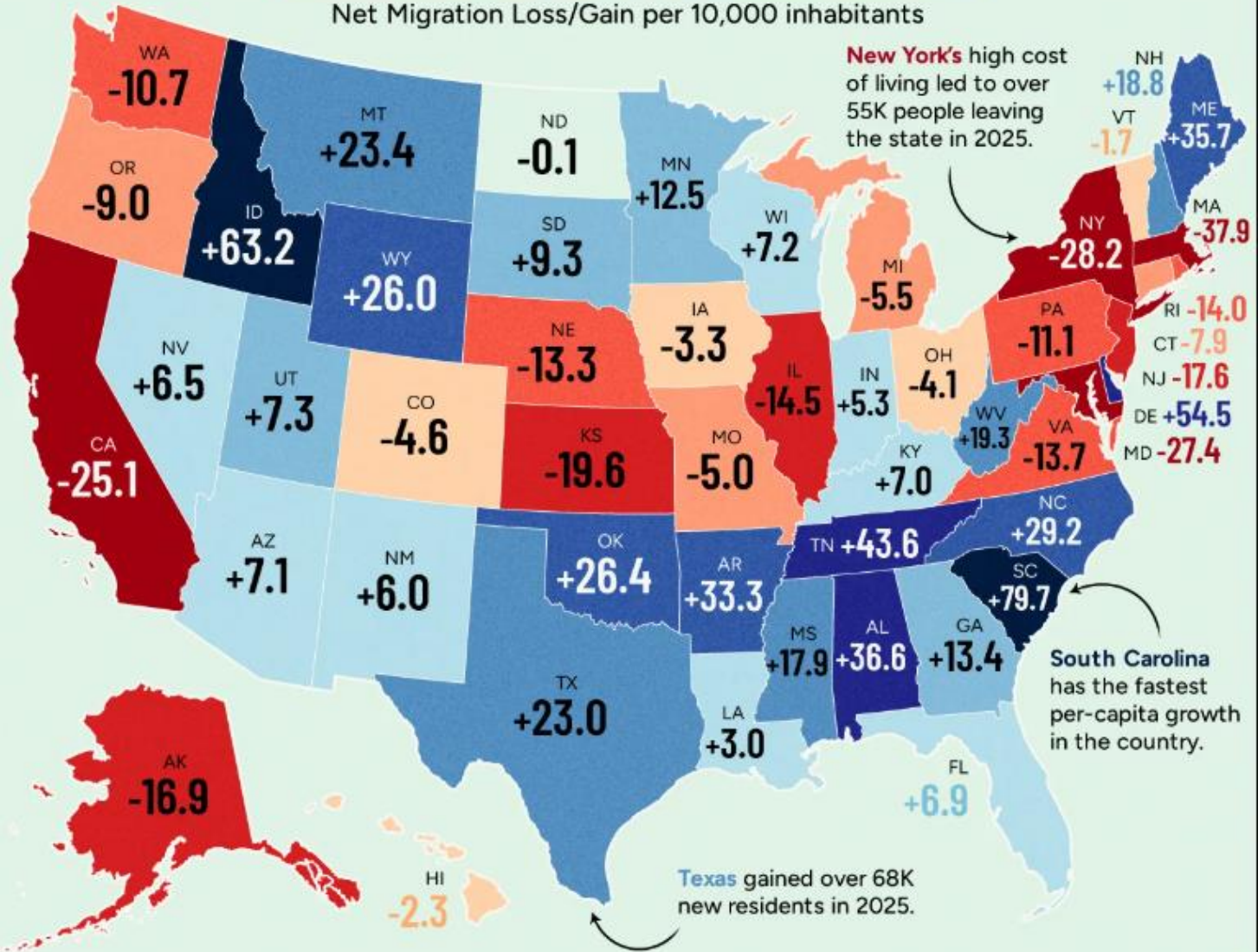


# Where Americans Moved

in 2025



Net Migration Loss/Gain per 10,000 inhabitants



New York's high cost of living led to over 55K people leaving the state in 2025.

South Carolina has the fastest per-capita growth in the country.

Texas gained over 68K new residents in 2025.



Source: HireAHelper



Where Data Tells the Story



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