



KFRW Newsletter

October 2026

President's Message

The deadline to apply for one of the KFRW Officer positions was September 27. The Nominating Committee, **Gretchen Wallace, Beth Young** and **Carol Miller**, will now vet the applicants who applied and announce the candidates at our October meeting. At that meeting, there is an opportunity to run from the floor. The election will take place at our November 23rd meeting for the 2027-2028 KFRW Officers.

Jeff Kottkamp, President and CEO of Florida Tax Watch, spoke at our September meeting and covered his view on Amendment 3: Property Tax Reductions for Homestead Properties. He confirmed reports that over the past six years almost all of the 67 Florida counties' property tax revenue have outpaced their population growth, one by as much as 200%. His main concern with the proposed amendment: it provides no prohibition for local governments to increase other taxes to offset property tax revenue loss, therefore not amount to a tax cut, but rather a tax increase. I suggest reviewing other opinions and decide for yourself how to vote. The Republican Party is recommending to vote YES for Amendment 3.

Our October 26 speaker will be **Bob McClure**, CEO & President of James Madison Institute (JMI). We've heard from several from JMI at our meetings, but now we get to hear directly from Mr. McClure. I will ask him to opine on the amendments as well, and see page 4 for an August JMI poll of Florida voters on the topic of Amendment 3. *I strongly suggest you wait until after our meeting, before voting, so you will be better informed to cast your vote.* Please bring a guest to hear him!

As a club, all of us need to spend October supporting our republican candidates and working hard to remind voters to vote in the General Election. ***If republicans don't vote, the democrats will win!*** This Saturday, **October 3**, at 10 am let's meet up at the REC Campaign Headquarters at the corner of 19 S. and W. Palmer Mill (tiny white building) to get signs and be open to hand out signs. Starting October 9th, and for remaining Fridays in October, we will hold candidate signs around the

courthouse from 4:45 to 5:45. We also need to have members hold up candidate signs, especially our local candidates, during Early Voting across the street from the SOE Office.

See you around the courthouse on Fridays, at other campaign events, and at our October 26th meeting. We got this—VOTE Republican!

Lynn S

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National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

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Membership Committee Update

We welcome a new primary member, **JoAnne Byrd** (invited by **Zoe Lemon**) joining at the September member meeting.

2026 Membership: We currently have 56 paid primary members and 26 associate members.

Join or Renew
your membership

Effective Oct. 1, NFRW is permitting NEW and returning members (those not active this year) to join and their dues are paid through 2027. At our Oct. 26th meeting, 2027 membership dues will begin being collected, which are due by December 15th. *Thank you for taking care of this sooner than later!!!*

2026 General Election Victory Party & Membership Social - Saturday, Nov. 7, 1 pm, potluck, Lynn McGrady's home. If not already, be sure to sign up so we plan accordingly. *Let's celebrate our republican party wins!!*

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

If you need a ride to a meeting, please contact **Judi Cleckner** (850-997-5659).

*"Each One Bring One
and Watch Us Grow in 2026"*

KFRW Merchandise

As you make plans for holiday gift giving and stocking stuffers, consider shop-ping with and supporting our club. Share the link to our website with your friends and family and help our club raise funds for our community efforts!

Pictures of items available (*limited quantities*) on the [KFRW Website](#) by categories:

250th [flags](#) and [shot glasses](#), [cowboy & fedora hats](#), [baseball caps](#), [patriotic signs](#), [serving tray](#), [notepads](#), [card cases & reading glasses](#), [magnets](#), [flags](#), [child's bead kits and dog tags](#), [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 – For July–Dec, track your volunteer hours and record them on a [Volunteer Hour Log form](#) available at meetings, too.

Hours count when you attend a KFRW meeting or event, any **campaign efforts**, 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.

Elections – Besides sign holding (refer to pg. 1) and helping to man the REC headquarters, it's time to sign up to be a **poll watcher** on election day, November 3.



There are precincts where we want eyes on the process. Please reach out to **Janis** and let her know you can help in this way. You can take a slot for two to four hours or more!

GOTV – Get Out The Vote – This is reminder to voters to be sure and vote in the general election on November 3. *We need to tell everyone we know there is an election and they must vote!*

The **KFRW** has designated **Saturday, October 24** as **Super Saturday**, so please set this day aside and be available to make our KFRW presence known around the courthouse and across from the SOE office. ~ **Janis Morrow** Chair

Events & Fundraising – Only two shot glasses to commemorate our nation's 250th year are left, did you get one? If not, see me. ~ **Lynn S.**, Chair

Legislative – Next committee meeting is Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 am, at Judi Cleckner's home (553 Jefferson Heights). ~ **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 September raffle basket **"In Pie We Crust"** (Locally made and/or homegrown), including a freshly made key lime pie and whipped crème (yum!) was provided by **Lynn McGrady** and won by a new member, **JoAnne Byrd**, raising \$142!

2026 Raffle Baskets remaining:

October - "Let Freedom Ring"

Beth Young

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

November - "Tis the Season to be Jolly!" Janis Morrow

Christmas Theme

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November 3, 2026 ~ General Election Update

Local, State & Federal Races (Republicans in Bold)

School Board D2 – Donnie Burdick v. Jamia Bradley
County Comm. D4 – Austin Hosford v. Lois H-Hunter
State Rep. D9 – Tracy Robinson v. Allison Tant
Governor – Byron Donalds & Bryan Avila v. David Jolly & Gwen Graham
Attorney General – James Uthmeier v. Jose Rodriguez
CFO – Blaise Ingoglia v. Annette Taddeo
Agriculture Comm. – Wilton Simpson v. Joey Atkins
U.S. Rep. D2 – Austin Rogers v. Amanda Marie Green
U.S. Senator – Ashley Moody v. Angie Nixon



October Members' Birthdays

Happy Birthday to each of you!

10/4 Keith Cook
 10/7 Charlie Lewis
 10/8 Alice Sander
 10/17 Dusty Boyce
 10/20 Michele Brantley
 10/24 Brenda Kiff
 10/27 Jewel Anderson
 10/29 Stephanie Cook
 Trey Hightower

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Calendar of Events

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Voter Registration Closes

Monday, October 5

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KFRW Courthouse Hold Signs

Fridays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, 4:30 pm

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Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance

Wednesday, October 14, 10 am-12 pm

JC Public Library, Community Room

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KFRW Exec. Comm. Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 5:30 pm

Lynn Stafford's Home, 295 Hickory St

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Early Voting – SOE's Office

Monday, Oct. 19 to Saturday, Oct. 31

8 am – 5 pm, SOE Office

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KFRW GOVT Super Saturday

Saturday, October 24

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KFRW Membership Meeting

4th Monday, October 26

Door open 6:30 pm; Meeting 7 pm

American Legion, 1065 S. Water St

Speaker: **Bob McClure**, James Madison Institute (JMI)

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General Election Voting Day

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7 am – 7 pm

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~ 74% of voters support the proposed homestead property tax amendment ~

*“Cost of living is the issue on every Floridian’s mind right now, and the new JMI Poll shows just how deeply it is shaping their views,” said **Dr. Robert McClure**, President and CEO of The James Madison Institute. “Nearly all voters, regardless of party affiliation, say prices are going up, and they support meaningful relief — from cutting property taxes to demanding price transparency in health care. Policymakers should take note.”*

August 2026

74%

of respondents **support the proposal** to significantly reduce or eliminate property taxes on homesteaded residences.

44%
strongly support it.

SOURCE: THE JAMES MADISON INSTITUTE, AUGUST 2016 FLORIDA POLLING. JMI POLL.COM



IMI POLL

August 2026



NINE in **TEN**

(94%) respondents say costs in Florida are increasing.

62% say costs are increasing **"a lot."**

SOURCE: THE JAMES MADISON INSTITUTE, AUGUST 2026 FLORIDA POLLING. 3MIPOLL.COM

Voters are split on the scope of reform: 46% prefer relief focused on homesteaded residences, while 38% favor a broader approach covering rental, commercial, and second-home properties. Younger voters and Black voters lean toward the broader approach, while voters 65 and older strongly favor homestead-focused relief. Two-thirds (67%) of voters own their home; among renters, 38% hope to purchase a home in the next 24 months.

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