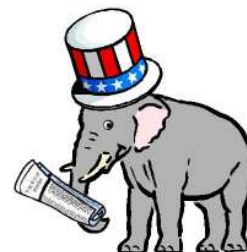




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

April 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has the time gone? April already! Passover has been celebrated and Easter is just around the corner. Our general membership meeting is less than two weeks away and after that, there are only five more meetings this year, plus our Christmas Party and installation of our new officers, who will be nominated in October and elected in November. As I write this, the government shutdown still looms in Washington, D.C., the Republican budget for 2012 has just been unveiled by Rep. Paul Ryan, which will cut \$6 trillion in the coming years and the Florida legislature continues in session until May 6. Where will Florida land in the Primary list; First, Fifth, or some other place? Stay tuned.

Dave Bitner, the chairman of the RPOF, will be our NORWF speaker this month. The chairman is a personal friend of our member, Mac McGuffin, and we are looking forward to his visit to NORWF.

Ron Rushing, a successful business man here in Florida and former Sen. George LeMieux have thrown their hats in the ring to run for the privilege of defeating Sen. Bill Nelson and representing Florida in the US Senate. It is possible that they may also be joined by state Sen. Mike Haridopolous and former state House Majority Leader Adam Hasner. We expect to see these candidates on the trail to the 2012 elections.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do it right now! We are over 90 members and still growing. Danielle will gladly add you to the membership book for this year and we will keep you on the email lists so that you will know all the goings-on. Please remember that we will not meet in June and July this year.

Have you ever thought, "I can do that!"? Well, think about doing something in and for NORWF. Think about running for office here in our club. Our nominating committee will be elected in August and will report in October, so feel free to attend any board meeting to see what we do. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except June and July this year) at Errol Estate Resort and Country Club at 9:30 AM. This is YOUR club and I would hope each and every one of you would want to be a part of the leadership team.

I look forward to seeing you at all our remaining meetings this year and preparing for 2012, a year that we hope will become even more historic than 2010!

Linda

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It's the Bylaw..

A member of NORWF may not contribute to, endorse or otherwise support any candidate who is not a member of the Republican Party regardless of whether it is a partisan race or non-partisan race. Our bylaws, local, state and national, prohibit such activity and is grounds for dismissal from membership.

What you do in the voting booth is your business but you MUST NOT exhibit public support for a non Republican candidate!

Updated Membership Directory is ready

Check your e-mail for the quarterly edition of the Membership Directory, which you can print at home. Contact Danielle Hilson if you need a hard copy.

General Meeting Information

When: Third Thursday of each month
Where: Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway, Apopka
Time: 11 a.m. to ~1 p.m.
Cost: \$17 for lunch & dessert

LUNCHEON POLICY: Reservations are required if you wish to attend our monthly meetings, whether you are eating lunch or not. Please RSVP to Mary Smothers at 407-889-4009. The cost is \$17 per person for lunch. We will have a table set up in the back of the room for those of you who wish to attend the meeting but will not be having lunch. . If you are unable to attend, please cancel (by phone) within 24 hours notice or you will be billed for lunch. Thank you for understanding.

NORWF GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, Mar. 17, 2011

Errol Estate CC, 1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka

RESERVE NOW AT WWW.NORWF.ORG OR
CALL MARY SMOTHERS AT 407.889.4009



RPOF CHAIRMAN DAVE BITNER Guest Speaker

Republican Party of Florida Chairman Dave Bitner, a longtime Floridian, a lifelong Republican and small business owner, will be the keynote speaker at the NORWF general meeting on April 21. He is a former member of the Florida Legislature. Having been elected In 1992, Chairman Bitner was elected by the people of District 71 to serve in the Florida House of Representatives where he served eight years, never asking for one earmark, returning taxpayer dollars to the state from his office every quarter.

While serving in the House he earned a reputation as a hard-working, common sense conservative, having helped the Republican Party gain the majority in the Florida House under Speakers Webster and Thrasher, then under Governor Jeb Bush.

Elected as RPOF Chairman in January 2011, Chairman Bitner started as a precinct committeeman and currently serves as a state committeeman for Jefferson County. He and his wife Wendy have walked door-to-door for hundreds of state and local Republican candidates over the last 18 years, from Pensacola to Key West.

As an owner of the Charlotte Sun-Herald, he built a small business from the ground up and saw firsthand the need to cut government red tape and fight for the lower taxes on small businesses and families

Membership Corner

NORWF DUES ARE DUE

Please remit your renewal or new membership dues as soon as possible and please consider becoming a premium member. Options are:

Platinum Eagle
\$200 plus

Gold Eagle
\$100 - \$199

Silver Eagle
\$51 - 99

Bronze Eagle
\$31 - 50

Active Member
\$30

Associate Member
(Active Member of another Federated club)
\$20

Male Associate Member
\$20

Student Member
\$5

Please mail your check to NORWF, PO Box 56,
Apopka, FL 32704-0056

For those of you who want a hard copy of the news-
letter mailed to you please add \$5.00.

Calendar of Events

Apr 21—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC

Apr 30-31—Apopka Art & Foliage Festival

May 5—NORWF Board, 10 a.m., Errol Estate CC

May 19—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC

**Because this is not an election year there will be no regular meetings during June and July.*

We're up to 91 members—AWSOME!

Please welcome two new members:

Lynn Garrett
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Susan Burrows, Associate
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Apopka Art and Foliage Festival *April 30-May 1 at Kit Land Nelson Park*



2012 STARTS NOW AND NORWF IS LEADING THE WAY!

Thank you to those of you who have offered to support our booth at the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival April 30th and May 1st! But we need additional support. Please check your schedule and volunteer to join us at the booth recruiting new members, showing our support for our community and gearing up for the 2012 election season.

Please contact Michelle Decker, 352-217-5498 or makdecker@yahoo.com, if you can join us. We look forward to seeing at the Festival.

Michelle Decker



BE SURE YOU PAY YOUR INCOME TAX BY APRIL 18!

EDITORIAL

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

Midway through the Florida Legislative session and many bills are being discussed, debated, coming out of committee, going back into committee, passed and eventually going to the governor's desk for signature. Hopefully, you have been utilizing the various sites available to track these bills. Decide what bills matter to you; do your own research. Write letters, ask questions!!! We MUST speak up!!

As for local government "feel good", "it will create jobs" type projects, like the Town Center and the Business Incubator, and even to a certain extent, the highly successful Highland Manor, let's keep a few things in mind. When you have a government entity such as a city, a county or even a University, buying up land for any kind of business enterprise to use, it can erode the property rights of all, especially other businesses. The City as a landlord can charge as much or as little rent as they want to their "tenants", in effect manipulating the marketplace by giving that particular business an unfair advantage, and curtailing competitiveness. This may also create an unfavorable atmosphere for private development, especially if there is a perceived preferred status of the businesses renting land from the City. Since the City does NOT pay property taxes on land it owns, this will give even a tenant business that is struggling mightily an advantage it would not have if leasing space in a private development. Not to mention revenue lost because that much less in property taxes is coming in to the City. Will that also serve to increase OUR property taxes to make up the difference? Once government gets involved, THEY are choosing the winners and losers instead of allowing the free market to.

What can government do to help the economy and the free market? Government can provide the environment for success for small businesses and industry looking to settle in: less regulations, taxes, and fees, and then get out of the way and REALLY watch our economy take off.

Continued next column

NOTE: *This column will be included in the newsletter monthly as long as there are articles submitted for publication. Any of our members are free to submit an opinion piece expressing their views and passion concerning any issue and we encourage them to do so. However, the appearance of an Op Ed piece does not necessarily reflect the views of NORWF or its members. NORWF reserves the right to refuse publication of content deemed offensive.*

Editorial continued

There is talk that Orange County may reduce their impact fees and in fact, Lake County is suspending theirs in an attempt to bring new business to their areas. Apopka can lead the way here by reducing the City's impact fees and show the entire region that Apopka is the place to put down business roots!! The City can also "hold the line" (yuck, I really do hate that phrase, but you get the gist) on property taxes and looks for ways to reduce government spending. Government MUST NOT be in the real estate development game! That is for private investors and private developers to do!

These are some CRAZY times ahead and we must all be prepared, educated and ever vigilant. I know I have also been talking about www.constitutingamerica.org for a while. Check this site out if you get a minute.. You will learn So much about our Wonderful Constitution and the historical context behind it. Stay informed; remember Knowledge is POWER!!!!

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Deadline for turning in applications for the Alice Beth Miner Scholarship is April 15.

The winner of the \$1000 award will be announced at the general meeting on May 19. The application form is on the following page of this newsletter and can be printed for use.

If you need more information you can find it in the March edition of the newsletter or contact Debbie Nelson, Scholarship Chair, 1157 Oakpoint Cir., Apopka, 32712. The completed form must be mailed to her.

Membership Contest Extended

Danielle Hilson, Membership Chair, has announced that the deadline for the Membership Contest has been extended to May 31.

The prize is a \$50 gift certificate so now is the time to get your family and friends to join NORWF.



Alice Beth Miner Memorial Scholarship Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

College accepted to/attending _____

Scholastic/Career ambition _____

Awards you have received _____

Leadership roles _____

Employment _____

Checklist

____ Current transcript

____ Essay

____ Two letters of recommendation

____ Copy of voter registration card or voter registration number

____ List of awards and scholarships you have received

I affirm that everything I have stated is factual.

Signature _____ Date _____

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NORWF Meeting Schedule

Executive Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at *Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway in Apopka..*

General Membership Meetings are at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway in Apopka. There is a business meeting & program each month. Cost for lunch is \$17.

Disclaimer: We apologize for any errors or omissions in this publication. It is not intentional.