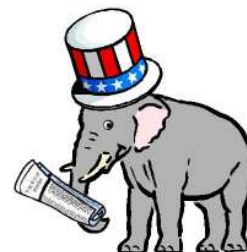




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

March 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! We are past the Apopka city elections of March 9 and congratulate all three of our members for running campaigns the way they should be run. Commissioner Marilyn Ustler McQueen was re-elected. Although Sammy Ruth and Barb Zakszewski were not elected, they each garnered just under 40% of the vote. The voter turnout was abysmal. These candidates spent hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars for less than 10% of the 22,000 voters in Apopka. They deserved better. In addition, very few members turned out to help these candidates in their respective runs. When polled at the meeting, Sammy had no one working for him, Marilyn had two people working for her and Barb had 7 or 8 people working for her. We should have done better. We can do better! This is what we are about.

If you missed the March meeting, you missed a most wonderfully informative forum between former Commissioner Teresa Jacobs and developer Matt Falconer, two of the three Republican candidates for Orange County Mayor. Commissioner Mildred Fernandez did not attend. The questions asked of these candidates were from you, our members, about consolidating services, special needs programs, Wekiva Study Area and Department of Health rules, commuter rail, Amendment 4 and more. After the forum, there was a straw poll and Jacobs won by 7 votes. The election is August 24.

Our April 15 program will feature Margie Patchett, a paralegal and licensed title insurance agent. She is the Executive Director of Volusia Tax Reform and will, appropriately, talk to us about taxes; how taxing entities can provide services for less and lower taxes. This is an area we can all learn more about and take ideas and action to our local municipalities, counties and beyond.

Now it's time to get busy and start working on the upcoming elections. Brush up on your telephone etiquette, make sure your walking shoes are ready, check your closet for comfortable clothes and dig out your visors, pepper spray and water bottles. When you have done that, check the candidates that are running in August, learn what they stand for and pick one or more to work for. We will NOT prevail in November if we do not do the important groundwork now. We have many "D"s to change to "R"s. Choosing the right person in the primaries is just as important as choosing the right person in the general election. In the coming months we will also be bringing you information on the amendments that will be on the ballot, so be sure to read the newsletter and watch your email inbox for important information.

We can do it! We are "Women Making A Difference" along with a little help from our men.

Blessings to all,

Linda

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Membership Corner

Unpaid 2010 membership dues are now delinquent!! Please pay at the next meeting, or mail your payment to NORWF, P.O. Box 56, 32704. ALL DUES MUST BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY, AS THE TREASURER NEEDS TO TURN IN ALL COUNTS TO STATE. If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to your home address, add \$5 to your payment.. Otherwise the newsletter will be sent electronically.

Membership Dues:

Active — \$30
Associates — \$20
Men — \$20
Students — \$5

Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum Eagle — \$200+
Gold Eagle — \$100-\$199
Silver Eagle — \$51-\$99
Bronze Eagle — \$31-\$50

We have student annual associate memberships available at an outrageous \$5. High school students and college undergraduates 17 years of age or younger are eligible for membership. They may not serve as a delegate or alternate of NORWF at state or national conventions. They may attend meetings but shall not hold office, make motions, vote, be a committee chairman or a member of a nominating committee. Pick up a membership form at any meeting. This would make a great gift for your favorite student.

NAME BADGES

You have been asking for name badges and they are now available. These attractive badges with a magnetic fastener can be ordered at any meeting for \$15, pre-paid only, and delivered at the next meeting. These are great to wear to meetings of the Federation, other Republican clubs and committees.



Sunshine Corner

Please pray that Jean Starbuck has a speedy recovery after knee replacement.

**Please let us know the news of our members—the sad and the happy so we can acknowledge them.



Calendar of Events

April 15--NORWF general meeting
April 24-25 — Apopka Art & Foliage Festival, Kit Land Park
May 6 — 10 a.m., NORWF Board Meeting, Errol Estate CC
May 20—NORWF general meeting

NORWF COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

STANDING COMMITTEES – These are voting Board of Directors appointments

Campaign Activities

This is vital to our club and provides information about Republican candidates at all levels. This includes being the source of information on campaign managers, contact information, upcoming events and printed materials. This committee encourages members to run for office and be a source for candidates to call when they need help.

Finance (Ways & Means)

This committee raises funds for campaign activities, special projects and general operating expenses.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Achievement Awards

This committee makes sure we qualify for as many FFRW and NFRW awards by performing all the necessary tasks. This includes collecting and tracking volunteer hours.

Telephone

This committee is responsible for phoning the members to remind them of meetings and to get an accurate count. They will also phone members to confirm reservations for any special event to encourage participation. NOTE: This committee has one opening

Sharon Fenwick, New Legislative Chair

We are pleased to announce that Sharon Fenwick has accepted the Legislative/CAP/Resolutions Committee position for local issues. Many thanks to Sharon for her service.

FOR OUR STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that we have scholarship applications available for high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students. Applications for this \$1000 scholarship are available through Debbie Nelson or online at www.norwf.org.

