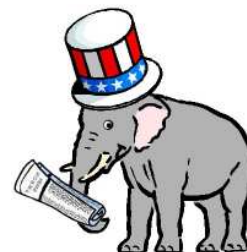




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

August 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be a scant two weeks from primary day when this newsletter hits your mailbox. The campaigns are very negative and the voters are weary. There are many members of our club that have been working for various campaigns by walking, hosting events, telephoning and more. We cannot give up. There is way too much at stake. Sometimes we just have to approach this election as a business decision. We have to decide which candidate is the best person for the job and is the most electable then work really hard toward that goal. On August 25 we will all come back together again for (we hope – remember the 50% rule for some races) one Republican candidate for each office. The RPOF's Apopka campaign office will be opening and there will be something for everyone to do and I expect everyone to do something, no matter how seemingly small a contribution, so that we can prevail in November. We get one shot at this and success is a must!

Our country has been betrayed by a young soldier providing a blogger with over 90,000 pieces of information that may well result in the deaths of some of our brave service members; we have members of congress once again being brought up on ethics charges; we have local campaigns that have turned so ugly and negative even pitting Republican against Republican; we have the federal government tying the hands of Arizona law enforcement and a White House that is still in perpetual campaign mode and still planning to ram through more legislation (Card Check, etc) that the public just flat does not want. We must slow this down before we are not able to do so. We must ACT NOW! Educate yourselves on the candidates and then educate others; family, friends, neighbors and anyone else who will listen. Strike up a conversation anywhere you are able – we cannot fail.

Blessings to all,

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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!

LOGO ITEMS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

At the July meeting, we had a choice of five potential items that could be made available for sale. We looked over insulated mugs and tumblers, garment bags, and insulated and non-insulated grocery bags. The most popular were the insulated mugs and the insulated grocery bags. Stay tuned!

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 have special dietary restrictions, please let us know when you make your reservations. 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, August 19, 2010
Errol Estate CC, 1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka

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

PROGRAM

THE CAMPAIGN

Paul Sego, president of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, who has much campaign experience will be speaking about campaigns; what the process is and how we can help. Come and find out what a difference we can make in getting our favorite candidate/s elected. Better yet, bring your family and friends to the meeting.

RESERVATIONS A MUST!!!

STRAW POLL FOR GOVERNOR

At the NORWF July meeting we held a straw poll for the gubernatorial race. We were not able to secure the candidates for a forum, but wanted to have a straw poll for you. Results:

Bill McCollum	33
Rick Scott	6
Undecided	3

DO YOU WANT TO VERIFY YOUR FLORIDA VOTER REGISTRATION OR HELP A FRIEND CHECK THEIRS?

Go to <http://registration.election.myflorida.com>

Membership Corner

If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to your home address, add \$5 to your dues. 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

Calendar of Events

August 9 —Early Voting begins—Community Center, 519 S Central Ave, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
August 19 — NORWF—11 a.m., Errol Estate CC
August 21—Early Voting ends
August 24 — Primary Election
August 25—MORE HARD WORK BEGINS!
Sep. 2 — NORWF Board, 10 a.m., Errol CC
Sept. 6—Labor Day

November 2 — GENERAL ELECTION

New Members

We now have 111 members! Awsome!

Our Sponsorship Members are:

- ★ Lynn Cline—Platinum
- ★ Patty Redlich—Platinum
- ★ Linda Laurendeau—Gold
- ★ Mary Frances Mancuso—Gold
- ★ Barbara Zakszewski—Silver
- ★ Joyce Hayward—Silver
- ★ Verbelee Nielsen-Swanson—Bronze
- ★ Andrea Samson — Bronze

Thank you for your support!

Sunshine Corner

There have been no illnesses to report this month. That's good news!

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



Early Voting

Early voting will begin Aug 9 and end Aug 21 and will take place in Apopka at the Community Center/VFW, 519 S Central Ave. instead of the Library. Hours will be Monday through Saturday -10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You will need to provide photo and signature ID

The Supervisor of Elections Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22 for absentee balloting only.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A POLL WATCHER?

If you would like to be a poll watcher for the November 2 general election, the form must be received by the Supervisor of Elections' office by the following dates. Postmarks are not honored.

Poll Watchers for Early Voting
Close of business, October 4, 2010

Poll Watchers for Precincts
Noon, October 19, 2010

WISDOM FROM MAXINE

We need to show more sympathy for these people:

- * They travel miles in the heat.
- * They risk their lives crossing a border.
- * They don't get paid enough wages.
- * They do jobs that others won't do or are afraid to do.
- * They live in crowded conditions among a people who speak a different language.
- * They rarely see their families, and they face adversity all day every day.

I'm not talking about illegal Mexicans. I'm talking about our

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

Well, Primary Election season is in full swing..PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY, AUGUST 24, FROM 7AM – 7PM. OR EARLY VOTE, OR RETURN YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT!! Support the candidate of your choice by walking a precinct, making phone calls, writing letters, putting up a yard sign, sending a financial contribution. Get Involved. Study the issues!!! Encourage your family and friends to do the same.

Each candidate has a website that will outline their stand on the issues, their backgrounds and biographies. Hop on the Internet one evening and check these sites out. We MUST commit to getting and staying involved and remaining vigilant!! Staying complacent or apathetic is not an option!! The Liberal Socialists are counting on our complacency and apathy to push forward their Marxist policies and complete the destruction of the United States as we know it!! Want proof? One Congressman, when questioned by a constituent earlier this week about the Constitutionality of Obamacare, told this guy, “well, the Federal government can pretty much do whatever we want”. REALLY Mr. Congressman? Never heard of that pesky, inconvenient document, The Constitution??? NO, it’s not just a set of antiquated guidelines, it is the LAW OF THE LAND!! We must elect people at all levels that understand this one concept and will work within that framework!! From the County and state levels, all the way up to the Congressional races, The future of our Great Nation depends on us!!! We must heed the call and stand up as one!!! VOTE AUGUST 24!!!!!!!!!!

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.

Adopt-A-Soldier Project

Our soldier, Patrick Durr, is the son of our member Lynn Cline and is stationed in Iraq. Please bring your items to each meeting. We would like to send at least one box every month. Check your closets and toiletries areas in your home, plus your snack areas and see what you can come up with. But just in case you can’t find anything and still want to do something...

Some suggestions, if you wish to purchase items: Summer is here and it’s very hot there!! Any drink mixes are appreciated as they must drink gallons of water to keep hydrated. Also, M&M’s- plain or peanuts, any type snack items that fits into your pocket, breakfast bars, cheese and crackers, nuts, Beef Jerky, sunflower seeds, MENTOS, raisins, Pop Tarts, Instant Drink Mixes, Tea bags, (for sun tea) trail mix, and cookies or candy (anything that fits in the pocket)!! Writing paper, pens and envelopes for writing home, DVD’s, & CD’s, Phone Cards, Carmex or Blistex, Dental Floss, q-tips, Eye drops, (Visine) and baby wipes, (**for wiping sand off their bodies!**), Tinctin foot powder, batteries (AA & AAA), Hygiene items, i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant) and such, Multi-vitamins, **generic label of "Cold Eze" lozenges**, and chewing gum. Also Frisbees and DVD’s are really appreciated. Please no war stories!!!

Want the kids or grandkids involved? How about a new art masterpiece with a cheery drawing and message of thanks for their service? Also, greeting cards of thanks are always appreciated.

NOT-TO-MISS DEBATES FOR THE GUBERNATORIAL RACE BETWEEN McCOLLUM AND SCOTT!

On August 10, the Dems Meek and Greene will debate on the CBS affiliate, WKMG, channel 6 and the Republicans McCollum and Scott will debate on August 11. At this writing, all but Scott have confirmed, so check your listings for actual times. These will be the only televised debates of these candidates.

Food for Thought...

by Esther L Busenlehner

Civilizations fall. That's the clear and unmistakable lesson of history that we overlook at our own peril.

No one living during the centuries-long Roman Empire, or the great Athenian and Persian Empires, ever could have imagined that they'd one day end up relics. They led the world in literature, art, science, wealth. But they each fell.

And what history shows is that each of these civilizations fell because it didn't get a handle on its problems. Their people, despite calls to step up, became weak and lazy.

I believe that we in the United States are nearing a set of conditions which, if not addressed, will send us on a course toward our own demise -- leading to our relinquishing the leadership we enjoy in the world.

What it takes is a return to the values that made this country great. We need to stop being a nation of whiners and finger-pointers. We have to stop blaming everyone but ourselves for not getting what we want. We need to find a sense of purpose, realize and accept the fact that achieving our goals will require sacrifice, and honor the founding principles embodied in the U.S. Constitution.

Let me offer suggestions each of us can do.

First, we have a major election in November that will decide the course of our government for many years to come. Go beyond the slogans and the smears. Understand the issues. Demand the candidates do more than send flyers and activate their phone banks. Understand where they are on the economy, on taxes, on public works, on health care and on the big problems.

Second, reach out to the charities that do so much to help those in need. The number of those lining up at food pantries and soup kitchens has doubled in the past year, yet in many organizations, as many as 90 percent of potential donors do not give.

Third, speak out. Our democratic society demands that voices be heard. Our ideas, opinions and thoughts can shape some of the important issues of the day -- at the local, state and national level.

None of these steps requires a lot of effort, but any one of them could result in a better country and a better society.

We've spent too much time waiting for the other person to do something. We need to do something ourselves -- now. We need to ensure that we don't go the way of the Persians, the Athenians or the Romans.

The great Walt Whitman wrote more than a century ago: **"The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors, or authors or colleges, or churches, or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or investors, but always most in the common people."**

Whitman was talking about you and me

Do you have a business?

We have an exchange you may be interested in!

Please bring your business cards and place them in a window for guests to take.

This is a free service to our members who wish to promote their business.

Newsletter Published by Carolyn Booth

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

**—George Washington,
Farewell Address, 1796**

Always do right; this will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

Mark Twain

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NORWF Meeting Schedule

Executive Committee meets at 10 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.

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