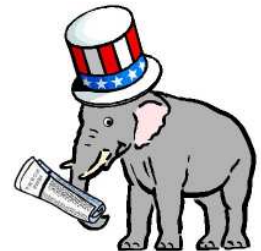




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

February 2010

President's Message

February already! Where does the time fly? It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the arrival of 2010 and were glued to our televisions awaiting the outcome of the Massachusetts special election, which seems to have had a relatively sobering effect on many. We had a wonderful meeting and luncheon in January with Commissioner Fred Brummer as our keynote speaker and we listened to several candidates talk about their issues. We have had some new members join NORWF and many of our existing members renewed for 2010. We hope you have renewed your membership! You don't want to be left on the sidelines for this exciting year of city, county and national elections. Get involved!

February is Black History Month and we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Frances Rice from the National Black Republican Association as our keynote speaker at our February 18 luncheon. Details can be found elsewhere in our newsletter and on our website, www.norwf.org. Did you know that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Republican? Come learn a lot more from Dr. Rice. We hope you will join us and bring a friend or two.

We recently went to Maxey Elementary School in Winter Garden for the second time and presented a program on the Flag of the United States of America to the fifth grade students. We have been invited to Dream Lake Elementary School in Apopka next month. Since this will be our first time there, we will present a flag of the USA that flew over the national capitol that they can proudly fly from their flagpole, along with a certificate of authenticity which can be framed for bragging rights. These flags, which we present to area schools, were donated through the generosity of our members.

Remember that we have three, yes, three, members running for two Apopka commissioner seats right here in Apopka on March 9. We, NORWF, cannot endorse any candidate in this election, but you as an individual can choose your favorite candidate and help them win. Telephone, walk, put up signs and, if you are able, money is always appreciated for any campaign effort.

This is your club. We want to hear from you about ideas for speakers and events. Contact any member of your board of directors.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who called, sent cards, sent notes and flowers as I recover from injuries I sustained in a tumble I took on January 18 while campaigning in Rock Springs Ridge. Most of you didn't even know I was conducting our January meeting with a broken hand and broken teeth, etc. I hope to be out of the cast for our February meeting and regain the use of my right hand. I thank you for your kindnesses from the bottom of my heart.

Blessings to all,

Linda Laurendeau

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NEWSFLASH!
Sarah Palin
Will be the
speaker at
OCREC Lincoln
Day Dinner
March 12!
Details inside.

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General Meeting Information

When: Thursday, February 18
Where: Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway, Apopka
Time: 11 a.m. to ~1 p.m.
Cost: \$17 for lunch & dessert
Program: Dr Frances Rice, Co-founder and Chairman of the National Black Republican Assn.

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.



Frances Rice

Special Guest Speaker at February meeting

The Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated (NORWF) is pleased to announce that Frances Rice, Esq - Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Retired), co-founder and Chairman of the National Black Republican Association will be the keynote speaker for the February 18, 2010 general membership meeting and luncheon at 11:00AM at Errol Estate Country Club. She speaks frequently to groups on the role of African Americans returning to their roots in the Republican Party, the party of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the King family.

Frances Rice's great-great-grandparents were slaves. She spent her formative years in poverty in the segregated South during the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. Over the years Frances pulled herself out of poverty. She joined the Army in 1964 as a Private and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of active service.

NORWF is honored to have such an esteemed guest as the featured speaker. Be sure to make your reservation early and invite your friends. A large attendance is expected.

Sarah Palin to Speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

Sarah Palin, the single most popular Republican in the nation, will be the keynote speaker at the Orange County Republican Executive Committee Lincoln Day Dinner on March 12 at Rosen Shingle Creek.

Tickets can be purchased for this exciting event at the special rate of \$100 for members of any Orange County Republican organization until Friday, Feb. 12 or until 450 tickets are sold, whichever comes first. They may also purchase an additional \$100 ticket for a guest. After that date tickets will be \$250.

VIP tickets for meeting and photo with Sarah Palin are \$1000. However, 5 free VIP tickets will be given away in a drawing at the OCREC meeting on Feb. 25. Current OCREC members and candidates for membership who are present will be eligible.

For more information go to the website, PalinTickets.com.

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.

Membership Dues:

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Ways and Means Committee Volunteers Urgently Needed!

We need talented, thoughtful and creative women for the Ways and Means Committee. And we need someone to act as chairwoman.

This committee raises funds for campaign activities, special projects and general operating expenses. Many of you are well qualified and NORWF needs you. Volunteer today to Linda Laurendeau at 407-889-9792.

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 15 — President's Day
- Feb 18 — NORWF General Meeting
- Feb. 20 — Apopka Art & Jazz Festival.
- Feb. 27—March 2 — FFRW Board of Directors Meeting in Tallahassee.
- March 2 — Florida State 2010 Legislative Session Opening Day.
- March 9 — City of Apopka Elections
- March 12 —OCREC Lincoln Day Dinner
- March 18 — NORWF General Meeting
- March 22—Flag presentation-Dream Lake Elementary
- April 8-11 — Southern Republican Leadership Conference, New Orleans.
www.srlc2010.com.
- April 24-25 — Apopka Art & Foliage Festival

Another Flag Presentation

Dream Lake Elementary School in Apopka will be the location of the next of our ever popular Flag Presentations conducted by NORWF President, Linda Laurendeau. It will begin at 10:30 and will last about 45 minutes. You are all invited to attend.

The fifth grade students will view a slide show of the history of the flag of the United States of America from its beginning followed by flag folding and etiquette instruction and finally, presentation of a 4'x6' flag that has flown over the capitol in Washington D. C.

Linda has given this presentation numerous times and is getting more frequent requests as word spreads. She developed it almost four years ago when NORWF was a new club.

Individual members donated money for the flags that were partially underwritten by former Rep. Tom Feeny, who procured them for us.

An Invitation to Students

We have extended an invitation to Apopka High School to select a group of students to attend our Feb. 18 program at which Frances Rice will speak. The invitation was issued through the teacher who took a group to Washington D. C. last year, for which NORWF contributed money. The goal is to reach out to students with a conservative message and encourage them to be politically wise and active in the future.

We are seeking donations to pay for the students' lunches. Please consider donating all or part of the \$17 cost of a lunch. Your donations will determine how many students may attend. Please contact Mary Smothers at 407-889-4009, mfsmothers@embarqmail.com, as soon as possible so she can get a count.

You can mail an advance check to NORWF, P O Box 56, Apopka, FL 32704 but please mention that it is a donation toward AHS lunches or you can contribute at the door but please call Mary ahead of time to let her know..

Elizabeth Kortwright Monroe

June 30, 1768 – September 23, 1830

President: James Monroe

Term As First Lady: 1817 – 1825



Elizabeth Monroe had the great misfortune of following Dolley Madison into the White House. A much more private person than her vivacious predecessor Elizabeth was considered somewhat aloof by Washington society.

The daughter of a wealthy merchant, Elizabeth was deemed one of the great beauties of New York society. In what was apparently a love match, she married the up-and-coming young lawyer James Monroe when she was 18. While Monroe served as minister to France and then as Madison's secretary of state, they lived much of the time in Europe, particularly in France, which suited Elizabeth's refined tastes. The French, in turn, hailed her as "la belle americaine."

During Monroe's two terms as president, the capital returned to a more formal and less frequent style of entertaining. Gone were the days of Dolley Madison's merry parties. Reserved by nature and not particularly robust, Elizabeth was not always present at state dinners. At that time, it was not considered proper for ladies to attend a function that did not have a hostess, and Washington wives were dismayed that they had nowhere to show off their clothes.

Elizabeth also aroused criticism for redecorating the president's house with French, rather than American furnishings. (It was at this time, too, that the mansion was painted white, giving it its now familiar name, the White House.)

Elizabeth was not involved in politics, and she played no public role in her husband's important accomplishments. However, in Paris during the French Revolution, she was instrumental in rescuing from the guillotine the wife of the Marquis de Lafayette, the Frenchman who had aided the Americans during their Revolution. After Elizabeth visited the condemned woman in prison, French officials, not willing to risk their good relationship with the new United States, had Madame Lafayette released.

Submitted by Beverly Blackmon

Art & Jazz Festival — Help Needed!

NORWF is pleased to be a sponsor of the Inaugural Apopka Art and Jazz Festival to be held Feb. 20 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the new Apopka Amphitheater, 3710 Jason Dwellley Parkway. The event will showcase the talents of art, drama and music students and raise much needed funds for Apopka-area school fine arts programs. School bands, along with art and drama programs from eighteen north area Learning Community schools will perform jazz and display artwork throughout the day.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for students. Advance tickets are available from art, drama and music departments at area schools. For more information contact Danielle Hilson, 407-814-1405.

NORWF will have a booth set up at the festival to hand out club information and campaign materials.

Volunteers are needed to man the booth. If you can help even for an hour or two please contact Danielle at 407-814-1405.

Women for McCollum

As Statewide Chair of Women for McCollum I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the many women who have joined this worthwhile project, working to ensure that the best candidate will be Florida's next Governor. I am especially grateful to Wendy West, who not only volunteered to be the Orange County leader but also stepped forward to be the Regional Director. If you haven't signed up yet please contact me at carolynbooth@earthlink.net or Wendy, wendywest@cfl.rr.com.

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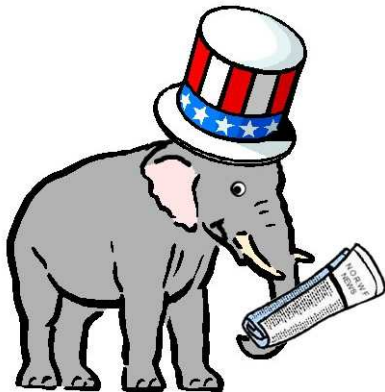
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NORWF Meeting Schedule

Executive Committee meets at 12 noon on the first Monday 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.