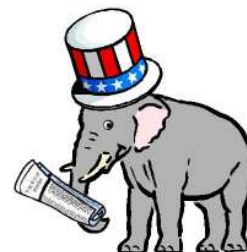




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

January 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to each and every one of you. I hope that you all enjoyed the blessings of the celebrations of Hanukkah and Christmas – all twelve days. We just celebrated Epiphany on January 6, recalling the gifts the Magi brought the child, Christ. The USA received a wonderful gift on January 5 as the new leaders of our government were sworn in. In shocked disbelief we watched Nancy Pelosi be relegated to way down the food chain while still trying to convince everyone what an awesome job she had done, even watched as 19 of her own party defected in a vote of no confidence. It was a beautiful sight. I watched all our "hometown heroes," Marco Rubio, Sandy Adams and Dan Webster, being sworn in, then caught the family pictures for the House of Representatives being taken with our new Speaker, John Boehner. It was all so very moving and then to have the historic reading of our Constitution on the floor of the House the next day.

There was not very much coverage of the ceremonies surrounding our new Governor Rick Scott and our Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll. We are thrilled to have a woman in the number two spot in our state and we look for great things from her. There were plenty of activities and my invitations to many of those will make a great keepsake.

NORWF has just completed five years! We start our 6th year this month. The time has simply flown by since seven of us met and planned and made a dream come true. We have had some lumps and bumps along the way, but have never lost focus on our founding principles of educating the electorate, promoting the active participation of women in government, fostering loyalty to the party and helping elect Republican candidates in all elections. Your board of directors is working to bring interesting and informative speakers to us this year to educate us on the issues as we prepare for 2012. In no time at all some candidates will be declaring their intent to run for various offices and we must be prepared. So, don't put your walking shoes too far back in the closet because they will be needed again soon enough. Before the end of this year we will have candidates declare for two Apopka city council seats, with the election in March.

If you have not already done so, please write your check immediately to renew your membership or become a member if you are not. There is information about the levels of membership elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website.

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

Blessings to all,

Linda

Linda Laurendeau

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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!

New Board Members

Many thanks to Michelle Decker for accepting the position of Secretary Pro-Tem and to Vina Springer for taking the Corresponding Secretary post.

The board positions were left vacant recently after Amy Carpenter and Lee Pinti regrettably resigned for personal reasons. We're grateful for their willingness to serve.

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, Jan. 20, 2011

Errol Estate CC, 1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka

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

This is the Annual Meeting mandated in the NORWF Bylaws. The annual budget will be presented. All members should be present if possible.

Franz Kebreau will speak

**Ladies and gentlemen, you are in for a real treat!!! Our speaker is a dynamic personality and author who will keep us riveted with the concept that, well, we'll let him tell it. His bio is below. Tell all your friends and let's fill the room in January – more details to come. In the mean time, visit his website:
www.stolenhistory.com**

Frantz Kebreau is the grandson of the former President of Haiti who was also the Ambassador to the Vatican. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Maryland, majoring in Government and Politics and is a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. Frantz then entered the US Naval Flight School. He graduated #1 in his class and was named Sea Control Squadron 21 Pilot of the Yr, earned the Armed Forces Achievement Medal, became a member of the Naval Trident Society, earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2x), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Seventh Fleet Pilot of the Yr and was the Seventh Fleet Golden Hook recipient through dedicated effort and commitment.

Today Commander Kebreau is a Commercial Airline Pilot for a major airline and a Political Analyst. He is married with 5 children, who keep him focused on what's truly important - God, Family and Country. Frantz spreads his message of Unity and Americanism throughout the Nation. Identity Politics, race, white guilt, political correctness and racism will bring our Country down. Frantz exposes the hidden history that will change your world forever. ****NOTE: The speaker will try to abbreviate his presentation so that we can end the meeting at 1:00 as usual but please be aware that it may run over a bit.**

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 newsletter mailed to you please add \$5.00.

Membership Contest—Great Prizes!!

Urgent! Please renew dues ASAP. There will be a drawing to win 2 Disney park hopper tickets at February's general meeting. One entry for every Active member who has already renewed or who renews by January 25th! Also, all members are encouraged to invite new members to join this year. There will be a new member contest beginning immediately. (Details in next column). Don't miss your chance to win. You can start earning credit now for each new member you bring in. This is an important year for increasing our membership. Our state federation biennial convention is this year and we get 1 voting delegate for every 10 active members we have in our club. Let's get a lot of votes at state convention this year!

Thanks-

Danielle Hilson-Membership Chair

Calendar of Events

Jan 14-15—RPOF Annual Meeting, Dolphin & Swan Hotels, Orlando

Jan. 20—NORWF —11 a.m., Errol Estate CC

Feb. 3 — Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Errol Estate CC

Mar. 5-8—FFRW Spring Conference, Tallahassee

Mar. 7—Florida Legislative session begins

ANNOUNCING TWO NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTESTS FOR 2011!!

1. Any active member who has already renewed their membership or any active member who renews no later than Jan 25th will be eligible to win a random drawing to win a gift of 2 Disney park hopper tickets. So mail in your checks today or plan to renew at the general meeting. Winner will be announced at the February general meeting.

2. New member contest starts immediately and runs through March 31st. Whoever brings in the most new active members, meaning full voting women members, will win a \$50 gift certificate to an area restaurant. Winner to be announced in the April newsletter. Let's get to work!

Our mailing address is:

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Or bring cash or check to the meeting on Jan. 20.

Danielle Hilson

Second Vice Pres. and Membership Chair

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EDITORIAL

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

Well, here we are, 2011... though a non-election year, it will still be jam-packed, with exciting opportunities for all to become involved. AND involved we must stay.. The 112th Congress was sworn in on 1/5/11, we have high hopes that this Congress will take seriously it's Constitutional mandates, by following them. A very good start indeed will be the reading of the Constitution at the start of this Congress, something that should be done at the beginning of each new Congressional session.

And locally we face many issues as well. The Florida State legislature convenes in March, with a host of issues to address: Septic tank/reclaimed water, revenue and expenditure caps (TABOR), education reform, and all that entails, transportation, including various rail proposals, and growth management among the hot topics. Also hot on the discussion of many states is the issue of nullification and the 10th Amendment as it relates to, among other things, ObamaCare. Nullification, in it's simplest terms, is the right of states to uphold the principle that an unconstitutional law is no law at all, a principle that allow states to be the checks against federal tyranny, the way the Founding Fathers intended. The 10th Amendment states simply: "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people". It does seem that at least in Florida, that our Legislature and Attorney General supports this concept of Nullification. These two simple concepts may be the key to our Nation's survival.

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*

Editorial cont.

Locally, as always the continuing issues of property taxes, budget shortfalls, tolls, red light cameras, bringing business into our area, and it looks like for Apopka, the Town Center will roll on, at least of for now.

I will be following many of these issues throughout this year and report on their progress, or lack of progress. However, we must ALL take responsibility for educating ourselves on these important issues. As I always say, Knowledge is power!! And Eternal Vigilance is the KEY to Liberty and Freedom. We cannot be complacent just because this is a non-election year... Look what happened in two short years of the Obama administration.. we are now locked in a battle to get our nation back from Socialists, progressives and others who seek to destroy this Nation as we know it.. We cannot let that happen!!

Stay tuned, stay educated and focused!!
God Bless!!

**NORWF Wins Another
Festival of Trees Award**
**NORWF won First Place Ribbon for
People's Choice in the annual Festival of Trees
sponsored by the Apopka Historical Society.** As a member of the Historical Society, NORWF places an entry in the Festival of Trees each year at Christmastime and has won a ribbon for each of the five years entered. Linda Laurendeau was responsible for the decorations in 2010.

Diane Velasquez has volunteered to decorate the tree in 2011.

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This 'n That

NEW NAME BADGES ARE AVAILABLE

The Membership Committee is taking orders for NORWF name badges. The cost is \$15, prepaid only. We will have a sample at the meeting.

BUSINESS CARDS ARE IN!

NORWF has generic business cards for you to take and use. They have a line for your name, phone number or other message. On the back are the reasons you are a Republican. These cards are now available at any general membership meeting.

TUMBLERS AND INSULATED BAGS

REMINDER: NORWF logo tumblers and insulated grocery bags are now available for sale. The tumblers are perfect for keeping the coffee or tea hot and for keeping other things cold while you travel. Both would make a great hostess gift, birthday gift or a gift just for you!

Roger Williams' Interview with Marco Rubio

Make sure you visit the website, NORWF.org and listen to Roger Williams' interview with Marco Rubio before he was elected to the Senate.

Need Program Suggestions

If you have suggestions for relevant and exciting programs for the monthly meetings Mary Smothers, First VP and Program Chair, would like to hear them. She's looking for an exciting lineup of speakers for this year and would like to have your input.

Needed for Telephone Committee

If you like talking to people and can give about an hour a month to make some reminder phone calls for NORWF, the Telephone Committee is asking you to volunteer to contact about 25 members each month to remind them about our luncheon. The calls are made the weekend prior to our luncheon and this is a great way to get to know some members.

Please contact Jeanne Vermette, chairman of the Telephone Committee, at JeanneVermettel@aol.com or call her at 407.814.9475.

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Patty Redlich and Sharon Rousey At Swearing In Ceremony at Washington D.C.

They worked tirelessly during the campaign and were rewarded with tickets to the festivities in Washington. They presented congratulatory gifts to Sen. Rubio, Con. Adams and Con. Webster on behalf of NORWF. Photos below



Sen. Rubio is sworn in by Vice Pres. Biden



Con. Sandy Adams gets sworn in

Patty and Sharon at the Capitol



Patty with Sen. Marco Rubio



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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.

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