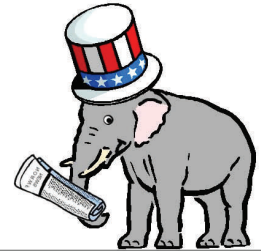




# NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



*"Women Making A Difference"*

January 2010

## *President's Message*

Happy New Year! To each and every one of you I wish the best of everything this year. I first want to thank you all for electing me to serve you for the next two years. I hope that the most noticeable change you see is the face at the podium. I want to thank Patty Redlich and her administration for a most wonderful and productive past two years. There is still work to continue as we move through the 2010 elections cycle. It will be historic. We will begin in March with Apopka elections. We have two members running in that race, thankfully not against each other. I hope you are able to help them in some way. Even a little time to walk or call is a big help. Next, we have primaries in August and elections in November. There is a lot at stake in every one of those races and we want to make sure each seat is filled by a Republican. We want the opportunity to attend a lot of victory parties.

I am in the process of filling committees and other appointed positions. If you have not yet received a personal phone call from me, you will shortly. I have always believed that if each one of us does a little then no one has to do a lot.

I hope you will consider sharing us with some friends. Invite a friend or two to come for a meeting and I believe they will want to join us. We have something for everyone – and don't forget your male relatives and friends!

We will have an FFRW conference in Tallahassee in late February and early March. Details will be forthcoming. I hope you will be able to come to this fun and interesting event. It is a great way to network with other Republican women from all over the state. Watch the calendar on our website for important dates and upcoming events.

We start the year with our board of directors meeting on January 6 at 10AM at the Museum of the Apopkans. Our meetings are open and you are all welcome to attend and observe the "behind the scenes" work of NORWF.

Blessings to all,

*Linda Laurendeau*

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"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have."

— Thomas Jefferson

## *General Meeting Information*



**When:** Thursday, January 21

**Where:** Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway in Apopka

**Time:** 11 a.m. to ~1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$17 for lunch & dessert

**Program:** Fred Brummer, Orange County Commissioner, will be our guest speaker. Visit his website at [www.fredbrummer.com](http://www.fredbrummer.com) to learn more.

**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.



## *Upcoming Event*

The Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated (NORWF) is please to announce Frances Rice, Esquire - Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Retired), co-founder and Chairman of the National Black Republican Association as our program/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 meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:00AM at Errol Estate Country Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$17 and advanced reservations are required. Please call Mary Smothers at 407-889-4009 for more information or mail your check to NORWF, PO Box 56, Apopka, FL 32704-0056 to be received by February 12, 2010.

## Membership Corner

### 2010 membership dues are now being collected!

Please pay at the next meeting, or mail your payment to NORWF, P.O. Box 56, 32704. ALL DUES MUST BE COLLECTED BY JANUARY, 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.

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Sylvia Fuller, Lisa Rosencrans, Sandi Strickland & Carolyn Booth at the NORWF Holiday Party. Sandi was presented the 2009 President's Award.



## Happy Birthday!!

- Karen Almond (1/22)
- Betty Bracey (1/11)
- Stella Eelman (1/25)
- Sharon Fenwick (1/15)
- Andy Gardiner (1/23)
- Peggy Guerrero (1/22)
- Kevin Healy (1/23)
- Cynthia Hernandez (1/28)
- Rosemary Orosch (1/25)
- Sharon Rousey (1/15)
- Mary Smothers (1/24)
- Luz Velazquez (1/19)

## Calendar of Events

- Jan. 21 — NORWF General Meeting
- Feb. 15 — President's Day
- Feb. 18 — NORWF General Meeting
- Feb. 20 — Apopka Jazz & Art 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 18 — NORWF General Meeting
- April 8-11 — Southern Republican Leadership Conference, New Orleans. [www.srlc2010.com](http://www.srlc2010.com).
- April 24&25 — Apopka Foliage Festival

## *The First Ladies Of America...A Look Back*

### Dorothea Payne Todd Madison May 20, 1768 – July 12, 1849

President: James Madison  
Term As First Lady: 1809 – 1817



Dolley Madison brought a lively social scene to the nation's new capital and pizzazz to the role of first Lady. She was brought up in the Quaker traditions of humility and simplicity, but even as a small child she had a fondness for the pretty ornaments that were denied her. In 1793, a yellow fever epidemic claimed her first husband, John, and Todd, one of their two sons, but the young widow soon caught the eye of James Madison, a rising star in American politics. He was not a Quaker, and after they married, Dolley cast off her plain clothes and staid manner to become a fashion trendsetter and a social whirlwind.

The widower president Jefferson enlisted Dolley to serve as his official hostess before Madison's own term began. Washington, DC, was still a backwater, with few decent houses and fewer opportunities for proper socializing. Almost overnight Dolley changed that, with her exuberant personality and flair for entertaining. As First Lady, she convinced Congress to appropriate money to refurbish three grand reception rooms in the White House, where she held lavish dinners with delectable foods, sprightly conversation, and so many guests that they became known as "Mrs. Madison's squeezes." She loved extravagant French clothes and jewelry, but she was also unpretentious and opposed to snobbery of all kinds. Her parties included people from all walks of life, appropriately for the new democracy's dedication to social equality.

When the British Army invaded Washington in 1814, Dolley was exhorted to flee. But first she successfully removed several of the capital's treasures, including the Declaration of Independence, before the British burned the White House to the ground.

Sumbitted by Beverly Blackmon

## *Monthly News, Events & Reminders*

### **Art & Jazz Festival — Help Needed!**

The Apopka Art & Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, February 20th. NORWF will have an information booth set up at the event. More details will be posted in the next newsletter, but if you would like to help out that day, please contact Danielle at 321-439-8083.

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### **NORWF Meeting Schedule**

**Executive Committee** meets at 12 noon on the first Monday of each month at the *Museum of Apopkans*, 122 East 5th St.

**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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