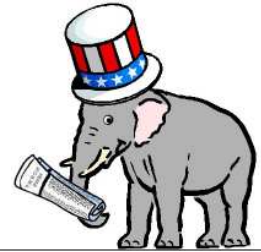




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

July 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sitting pounding the keyboard and thinking about the freedoms we have. I was reflecting on the 4th of July, which will be past when this newsletter reaches you, but I wanted to write a few words on my thoughts. As each person signed the Declaration of Independence he realized in no uncertain terms that he was signing his own death warrant. This was treason! The majority of the colonists were loyalists so the 56 had to work in the utmost secrecy. Could this be done today? Independence to them was freedom from the control of others, in this case freedom from the crown. Standing alone against the world, it also meant they gave up the support of the crown. We each honor their sacrifice by fighting for freedom today, and every day, against all aggressors, foreign and domestic.

Women, in some areas, had the right to vote. New Jersey is one example. They had it until the men decided they did not necessarily like the way we voted, so it was prohibited until the 20th century. Now, in this election cycle, we are running for many seats and it will be very interesting to see, in the final analysis, what we gain this year.

As I think about my own life, I realize that everything I have and everything I have done and everything I will do was, and continues to be, a choice. I chose to do volunteer work with my mother and now choose it myself; I chose my clothes (of course, Mom helped when I was young); I chose what toys and dolls to give away to the less fortunate; I chose where to go to college and what car to buy; I chose where to live and where to work; I chose where to worship; I choose where to go for entertainment; I choose where to shop and what to purchase; I choose my friends; I choose to be vocal and I choose to be a Republican. I willingly paid my earned income taxes, feeling blessed that I was able to earn enough to do so. I will never be "rich" in the view of many, but I am very rich in the eyes of the world. We live in the greatest country in the world. We all know that, but do we really understand that? The next time you choose to do something, no matter how seemingly mundane, think about the way your life would be if you could not; if the government ruled your every action. And then, thank those who made it possible; our founding fathers and mothers who gave us the gift of independence and our soldiers and other military service men and women, past and present, who keep it possible for us and for future generations.

For me, every day is a day to celebrate the 4th of July – Independence Day!

Blessings to all,

Linda

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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 NORWF Secretary

It's official!. Amy Carpenter was confirmed as NORWF Secretary by unanimous vote of the Executive Board. She replaced L A Key who resigned for health reasons.

Congratulations, Amy.

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, July 15, 2010

Errol Estate CC, 1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka

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

PROGRAM

Tea Party vs. TEA Party

Jason Hoyt will speak to us about the important difference as we get closer to November.

Come and learn so you can then educate your family and friends on this important difference.

Better yet, bring your family and friends to the meeting.

RESERVATIONS A MUST!!!

New Florida Voter Tool

Division of Elections has a nice, new voter information access system for looking up voter registration, absentee ballot status and polling place location online. Voters can now check to see if they are registered and make sure that their information is correct. The website is: <http://registration.election.myflorida.com> . It can also be accessed on the main Division of Elections website: Elections.myflorida.com .

Thanks to Linda O'Keefe from WORWF for discovering this site.

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

July 15 — NORWF General Meeting, 11 a.m.,
Errol Estate Country Club
July 28 — Chamber of Commerce Hob Nob
5:30, VFW
July 10 — NORWF Tea, 3 p.m., Museum of the
Apopkans
July 14—OCREC Dist 2 meeting, 6 p.m., Perkins
August 5—NORWF Board, 10 a.m., Errol Estate CC
August 9 —Early Voting begins,
August 21—Early Voting ends
August 24 — Primary Election

New Members

We now have 110 members! Awsome!

Please welcome these new members:

Esther L. Busenlehner
1717 Woodbury Ct S, Apopka 32712
407-884-0933

Moira Larsen
1589 Belfast Ct, Apopka 32712
407-886-7635

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

Sunshine Corner

Get well wishes were sent last month to to Connie Martin, Angela Nichols, June Reynolds, Bob Weekley and Bob Samson. And more recently, keep in your prayers Vina Springer on behalf of her husband, Reinhold and Pat Rader, who was hospitalized again.

**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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Some people have the vocabulary to sum up things in a way you can understand them. This quote was translated into English from an article appearing in the Czech Republic as published in the Prager Zeitung of 28 April 2010:

"The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their President.:

"The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president."

EDITORIAL

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

Well, we are now into July, and cities around Orange County will be revealing their millage rates this month. Will Apopka's stay the same at 3.514%. If it does, and property values continue to decline, how will the City raise additional revenues? Will they increase the millage rate, raise user fees, or utility taxes? One thing can always be counted on, the insatiable appetite of Government, from National right down to the local levels. How can that be addressed, especially in these tough economic times

Bill McCollum, Candidate for Governor, has announced a plan that would freeze property taxes and cap local government spending, called his Property Tax Solution. Mr. McCollum believes "this plan will stabilize Florida's tax burden on residents and create a stable environment where our economy can prosper". How? His plan would freeze millage rates at 2010 levels for 2 years and would prevent local government spending from increasing faster than the wealth of Floridians by tying spending to a measure of the income and/or population growth of communities. This proposal will actually get the various units of government on the same page, working towards the same goals, reducing the size and scope of government. This proposal is even more vital given that the Federal tax cuts from the Bush Administration run out next year; that means more of our money will go towards our federal tax bill. If millage rates are allowed to increase, it will be like a double edged sword of taxes, most of our income will be spent on taxes, our disposal income will shrink and our economy will stagnate even worse than it is now.

Expect some of the following arguments to be made by local municipalities, including ours: that such a formula will constrain or prevent tax reform; local decisions should be flexible and responsive to individual community needs (who defines these needs?); placing artificial caps on revenues could cut into investments in schools and services, and so on. Also, that if the State will be dictating this policy to the cities, why not have this in place for the State too? Actually, that would be a pretty good argument. Fear not, cities, Mr. McCollum's plan will include a process for exceptions during true emergency or voter-approved non-emergency projects. Cities need to understand that if they want business to come to them, keeping a low millage rate, along with low impact fees is the way to do it. Small business grows our economy, not increased government!!

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.

DON'T FORGET!! TODAY!

NORWF Tea

Iced tea and Hot Conversation !

Light Refreshments

3 p.m. July 10, 2010

Museum of the Apopkans, 122 East Fifth St, Apopka

- Meet and mingle with like-minded Republicans
- Learn about grassroots volunteering
- Introduce your friends and neighbors to the most influential and dynamic Republican Federated Club in Central Florida with over 100 women, men and student members

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

George S. Patton

"Frankly, I don't know what it is about California , but we seem to have a strange urge to elect really obnoxious women to high office. I'm not bragging, you understand, but no other state, including Maine , even comes close. When it comes to sending left-wing dingbats to Washington , we're number one. There's no getting around the fact that the last time anyone saw the likes of Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, and Nancy Pelosi, they were stirring a cauldron when the curtain went up on 'Macbeth'. The three of them are like jackasses who happen to possess the gift of blab. You don't know if you should condemn them for their stupidity or simply marvel at their ability to form words."

--Columnist Burt Prelutsky , LA Times
(Taken from the Internet)

ARIZONA BILL 1070
TENNESSEE SUPPORT
JONES ACT SUSPENSION

Your board of directors recommended a resolution to be sent to the governor of Arizona, Jan Brewer, offering support. It was beautifully crafted by Sharon Fenwick and received a standing ovation at our June general membership meeting.

We also sent a letter to the president of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women offering support after the devastating floods after the news coverage took a back seat to other news.

Your president also sent an email letter to Cindy Graves, president of the Florida Federation of Republican Women, soon after the oil spill and urging her to use whatever means she had available to try to encourage the administration to temporarily life the Jones Act. Within hours, this initiative was on YouTube and legislators were urging the administration to do so.

The resolution is printed below.

Whereas, The Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated, affirms the integrity of the international borders of these United States and the Constitutional authority and duty of the federal government to guard and to protect those borders, including the regulation of the numbers and of the qualifications of immigrants into the country; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has wrongfully neglected its role to guard and protect our borders, and thus all Americans, from an unprecedented invasion of illegal aliens;

Whereas, the State of Arizona, has endured the worst of the illegal crossings into our country, and has passed Arizona Senate Bill 1070 which was signed by Governor Jan Brewer on April 23, 2010; and

Whereas, this Arizona law enables its Law Enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration law using federal standards protecting the rights of all citizens, and requires them to do so without violating civil rights and without resorting to racial profiling; and

Whereas, the Arizona law does not require new documentation such as a national ID card, but uses existing identification documentation to establish a presumption of legal status;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated, stands with the people of Arizona and applauds the State of Arizona and its Governor Jan Brewer for its recent action to protect and defend its citizens, our country, and the sovereignty of both the State of Arizona and the United States of America.

Adopted 17 June 2010.

Linda Laurendeau

You Cut

Ever feel like nobody in Washington is listening to you? Well, you now have an outlet to tell "them" how you feel. An innovative program from House Republicans is now available at <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut/>. At this website you may vote on one of five potential spending cuts. The choices change weekly. It is simple to do, too. Just go to the website and see the five choices with information on each program and the potential savings, then click, or text if you prefer, on one to vote according to your personal priorities. Want to cut them all? Well, you may choose only one, so it may not be as easy to choose as you think.

Chamber of Commerce Hob Nob

The Chamber is having a political Hob Nob, presented by Orlando Health on June 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Apopka Community Center/VFW. NORWF will have a table at this event, so join in the fun.

You will be able to meet candidates and vote in a straw poll for offices of U. S. Senate, U. S. House of Representatives, Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Representative, Orange County Mayor, Orange County Commission, Orange County School Board Chairman and Circuit Court Judge. Tickets are \$20.

Tickets include ability to vote in straw poll as well full dinner at the event. The presenting sponsor of the 2010 Political Hob Nob is Orlando Health. Supporting sponsors are Gray Robinson Attorneys at Law, Sam's Club, M&I Bank and The Apopka Chief & The Planter.

You are a member! Did you know that, because NORWF is a Chamber member, every NORWF member is a chamber member and entitled to attend functions at the member price? This is a great way to be involved in a local dynamic group of business men and women and a great way to network. Wear your name badge and carry calling cards at the many events that are available each month. Not sure what's going on? Go to www.apokkachamber.org and find out or call 407.886.1441.

Soldier Project

We have a new soldier, Patrick Durr, who is the son of our member Lynn Kline. Patrick is stationed in Iraq. Please bring your items to each meeting. We sent a box last month and would like to send one 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!**), Tinactin 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!!!



Linda Laurendeau (L) and Lynn Kline (R) with packages mailed last month to NORWF's adopted soldier.

Abigail Adams wrote her husband, John, a member of the Continental Congress, and asked him to, "Remember the ladies in the code of laws. I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

Apopka Women for McCollum

**To Staff Campaign Office
on Wednesdays**

The Apopka Women for McCollum will help to staff the McCollum for Governor Campaign Office each Wednesday beginning July 14 from noon to 5 p.m. The office, located at 611 N. Wymore Rd, Winter Park, Suite 222, opens at 10 a.m. daily.

If you can devote even an hour or two periodically it will be a tremendous help. Please contact Carolyn Booth, Statewide Chair, to sign up to help. We need two people there at all times.

Your duties would be to answer the phone and be available when the public comes in to get materials etc.

*****Many thanks to those who participated in a telephone call night Wednesday at the Headquarters. Those accompanying Carolyn were Linda Laurendeau, Sharon Fenwick and Jeanne Vermette. Barb Zakszewski made calls from home.***

(This is not a NORWF project. We do not endorse any candidate before the Primary Election where there is more than one Republican in the race.)

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.

1000th Death in Afghanistan on Friday, May 28, 2010

According to an article in the Washington Post; "In the last 10 months, at least 313 U.S. service members have been killed in the war - more than the 295 who died in the first five years of the conflict. More than 430 of the U.S. dead were killed since Obama took office in January 2009.

The number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan has now surpassed the total in Iraq - roughly 94,000 in Afghanistan compared with 92,000 in Iraq. In 2008, the U.S. force in Afghanistan numbered about 30,000."

There was virtually no news coverage of this milestone and the New York Times buried the story on page 11A. The announced push in Kandahar is coming soon and the numbers may zoom. Many Afghan locals prefer the Taliban to the corrupt rule of the Pashtuns who are now in power.

Please keep our service men and women around the world in your thoughts and prayers; that they will stay safe and return soon to the loving families and friends who wait and pray.

Linda Laurendeau

"The farms and small towns and city streets of this land have always produced free citizens who assume the discipline and duty of military life. And time after time, they have proven that the moral force of democracy is mightier than the will and cunning of any tyrant."

President George W. Bush

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"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.

You cannot help people permanently, by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

Abraham Lincoln

Newsletter Published by Carolyn Booth

During the American Revolution 70% of the citizens were loyal to the King or apathetic. The other 30% founded a Nation.

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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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