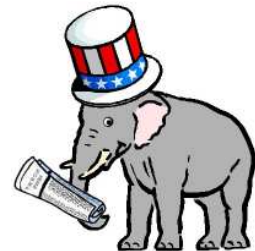




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

March 2010

President's Message

Welcome to March. The Olympics are but a memory and we are so proud of the athletes who represented our great country and their record-breaking achievements. We look forward to March winds, some warmer weather and St. Patrick's Day. But, the highlight of the month will be the program at our March 18 meeting. Be sure to make your reservations early. We will have the three Republican candidates running for Orange County Mayor participating in a candidate forum. This promises to be lively and informative.

We had the pleasure to meet Dr. Frances Rice from the National Black Republican Association at our February luncheon and hear her speak about the black populace and their history with regard to party affiliation as she works to bring them back to the party of Dr. Martin Luther King and Abraham Lincoln, who established the Republican party as the anti-slavery party. We were thrilled to have six Apopka High School AP class seniors as our guests for this remarkable program. Journalist Richard Corbeil of *The Apopka Chief* was moved to dedicate his entire column on February 26 to her presentation.

We participated as a sponsor for the Inaugural Apopka Art & Jazz Festival at the Apopka Amphitheatre on February 20, and got some great, positive response and some potential members. We talked with a lot of people and enjoyed the wonderful talents of our school children. Thanks to the great volunteers who worked the festival and to Danielle Hilson who chaired our booth. We will participate as a sponsor for the 49th Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, presented by the Apopka Woman's Club in April. At these community events we have voter registration forms available as well as information and application forms for NORWF. Volunteering some time for these events is easy and so very enjoyable.

Stay tuned for more exciting programs. We have confirmed our April program, but it will not be announced until the March luncheon. We will also know the results of the Apopka city election, where three members are running for two commissioner seats. Our Alice Beth Miner Memorial Scholarship details are being finalized and we will be offering a \$1000 scholarship this year.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter this month. Check our website, www.norwf.org, and find out how to make a reservation, how to become a member of NORWF, other events going on and how you can get involved. We look forward to seeing you March 18!

Blessings to all,

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General Meeting Information

When: Thursday, March 18
Where: Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway, Apopka
Time: 11 a.m. to ~1 p.m.
Cost: \$17 for lunch & dessert
Program: Orange County Mayoral Candidate Forum

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.

Americanism Committee

Our own Linda Laurendeau will be giving her presentation on the history, etiquette and proper folding of the flag of the United States of America twice in March:

March 11 at the West Orange Republican Women, Federated luncheon and

March 22 at Dream Lake Elementary School.

Since the presentation at Dream Lake will be a first for us, we will also be presenting a flag that flew over our national capitol that they can proudly fly on their flagpole, along with a certificate of authenticity for bragging rights. If you would like your favorite local school to have a presentation, please call Linda. The PowerPoint presentation lasts about 45 minutes and is best suited to the fifth grade, although it is appropriate for any grade. The flags that we donate were purchased through the generosity of our members.

Luncheon/Meeting

Do not delay in getting your RSVP in for this month's meeting. The meeting will be crowded, so make a reservation now. We expect a large attendance to hear the Orange County Mayoral Republican Candidate Forum. Spread the word. Bring a guest or two.

Make a reservation in one of the following easy ways:

- RSVP to Mary Smothers at 407 889-4009
- Email Mary at mfsmothers@embarqmail.com
- Go to www.norwf.org and click on the **Meeting Info, Make a Reservation** link
- Fastest way - click [HERE](#) and fill out the form

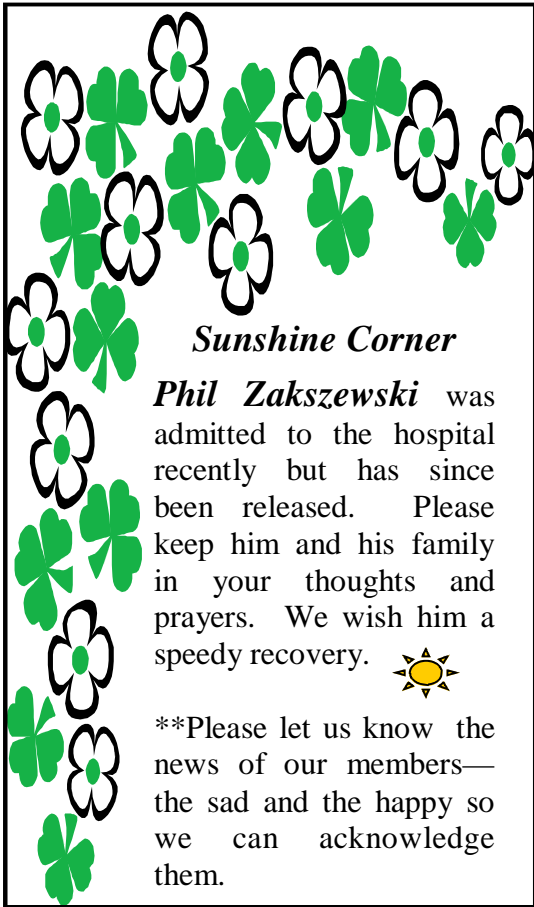
Apopka Art and Foliage Festival

We are sponsoring a booth at the festival that will run on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25 from 9 – 5 at Kit Land Nelson Park in Apopka. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for volunteers to man the booth. Come spend an hour or more in this fun environment. We will have voter registration cards available and will also be giving information on our club. If you have any questions, please contact Linda.

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Name Tags

We have received many requests from members for permanent name tags. There will be a sign-up at the membership table at the luncheon next week. The cost of \$15 per name tag must be prepaid.



Sunshine Corner

Phil Zakszewski was admitted to the hospital recently but has since been released. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. We wish him a speedy recovery. ☀

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

Ways and Means (Finance)

You will have an opportunity to take home a basket at our March luncheon and meeting. We hear it is to be all about beer, perhaps in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Secure your opportunity at our Ways and Means table when you come to the luncheon.

Dictionary Project and M.E.L.P.

The board of directors has authorized the purchase of three boxes of dictionaries from *The Dictionary Project*. You have an opportunity to sponsor one or more additional boxes of 24 dictionaries for only \$30 each. We previously made donations to Wekiva High School and Rock Springs Elementary School and look forward to presenting more in the 2010-2011 school year. These books are compact and just the right size and weight to easily fit into a child's backpack. Each book in each box will have a bookplate with the NORWF logo and date of donation and will include the name of the person sponsoring the box, if requested. This is a great way to give a practical, useful gift to our children. Please contact Linda for more information or bring your check with "Dictionary Project" on the memo line to any meeting.

We are waiting for NFRW to come out with the list of books for M.E.L.P., the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project, NFRW's longest-running program. We will purchase a book or two from the list and donate them to a local school.

If you are interested in being involved with these two projects that do not require a lot of hours, please contact Linda.

Volunteers for Marco Rubio

If you are interested in helping with the Marco Rubio campaign, we are looking for neighborhood precinct captains to help organize precinct walks and phone banking. Please get in touch with me for more information. (pattysells@aol.com)

Patty Redlich,
Orange County Team Leader for Rubio

Patty

Alice Beth Miner Memorial Scholarship

Named for our dear Alice Beth, a revered local educator and founding member, the \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior, full time undergraduate or graduate student. For details contact a local high school guidance counselor or Debbie Nelson. Deadline for application submittal is April 30.

Women for McCollum

If you haven't done so already, you can sign up for the Women for McCollum team by contacting Carolyn Booth at 407-884-4334, carolyn-booth@earthlink.net or Wendy West, 407-880-4604, wendywest@cfl.rr.com.

Carolyn is the Statewide Chair and Wendy is the Regional and Orange County Chair.

As you know, the club does not endorse any candidate in a Republican primary but you are free to support any candidate of your choosing.

Adopt-A-Soldier Project

We will be selecting a new soldier or soldiers to sponsor and we need donated items to send and/or money to buy needed goods and cover the cost of mailing. A box to collect items should be at all luncheon meetings and monetary donations will also be accepted at the meetings. If you know someone serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, please submit their name and contact info.

Constance Martin is also collecting "no longer used" cell phones to recycle for soldiers. A box will be provided. Donation receipts will be available. Please remember to restore the phone to factory settings and wipe out all your person information before donating the phone.

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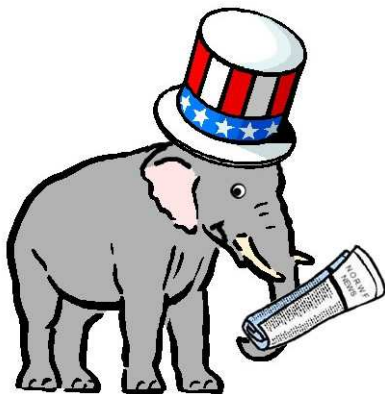
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NORWF Meeting Schedule

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.

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