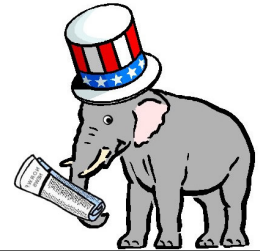




# NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



*"Women Making A Difference"*

May 2011

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are ready to take our summer break after our May 19<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting. It is time to rest up and renew so we can hit the ground running in August. The pace will pick up considerably as candidates declare and conventions and Presidency 5 take place. In addition, we will be choosing a nominating committee in September in preparation for NORWF elections in November. Have you thought about how you would like to serve?

Do you want to take a "ride-along" with the board of directors and see how the meetings are run and how decisions are made? Meetings are the first Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Errol. Our next board meeting will be held on August 4. All are welcome.

Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolous will be our speaker this month. Some of you may have met him in Tallahassee. He championed Smart Cap and the Florida Health Care Freedom Act among the bills in the 2011 session. He represents District 26 in the Florida Senate.

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

Blessings to all,

*Linda*

Linda Laurendeau

President

LLaurendeau@aol.com|407.889.9792

**PS – Please remember that there will be  
NO MEETINGS in June or July.**





## 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.

---

### **NORWF congratulates two members on Orange County appointments:**

**Linda Laurendeau** has been appointed to the Orange County 2012 Charter Review Commission by Commissioner Fred Brummer

**Mary Frances Mancuso** has been appointed to the Orange County Public Schools Redistricting Committee by Representative Christine Moore.

## Calendar of Events

**May 19**—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC

**August 4**—Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Errol Estate

**August 18**—NORWF monthly meetings resume,  
11 a.m., Errol Estate CC.

*\*Because this is not an election year there will be no regular meetings during June and July.*

### **Sarah Musser** **2011 Scholarship Recipient**



**Sarah Musser** has been chosen this year to receive the \$1000 Alice Beth Miner Memorial Scholarship, that is awarded annually by NORWF. She will graduate from Apopka High School in June and will start at Florida State University in the fall.

While at Apopka High she went to the RYLA Convention (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and was on the Apopka Youth Advisory board where she served as treasurer. She has been the captain of the girl's golf team, the National Honor Society Vice President, student Government Senator and she was a page for Rep. Bryan Nelson in Tallahassee when she was 14 years old. She has volunteered at the National Republican Women's Convention in Orlando, has worked on Bryan's campaign, Sen. Marco Rubio's campaign, and Rep. Sandy Adams campaign. Sarah kept campaign signs in the back of her car and was often seen around Apopka waving signs with friends in the last two elections.

She comes by this honestly as she is the granddaughter of Frank Dasse, one of the amazing volunteers at our Republican Women's headquarters in the 2010 elections.

Debbie Nelson, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, says: *"I am so proud of her and am proud of our club that we have the Alice Beth Miner Memorial Scholarship to offer a student of her caliber!!!"*

# EDITORIAL

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

Recently, the City of Apopka announced that it was investing \$400,000 to partner with the UCF Business Incubator program to bring a business incubator to our town. Then it was announced that the amount would not be \$400,000, but \$1,076,000!! WOW! The Incubator will go into the old Barnhill Buffet by the 441-436 triangulation area, after the old restaurant is renovated... What follows is a list of questions I have yet to receive ANY answers on. As citizens, we are entitled to answers to these very important questions!!!

What happened to the \$400,000 figure we were told it would cost?? Why an increase of almost 2-1/2 times what was first stated? Was this the plan all along? Why are we allowing UCF to call all the shots when it is City of Apopka taxpayer money that will be paying for this "feel good" project?

Who is the realtor of record for this sale?

Now that the City is buying this building, will the expected yearly maintenance fee of \$100,000 also go up? And what will be the new expected amount?

How long till the incubator gets its first client? Does the City have ANY say in who is accepted as a client into this program?

Who has the contract for the \$210,000 worth of renovations? How can we be sure that the \$210,000 estimate is valid? Who will be on the hook for the cost overruns that most definitely will occur with this project?

What is the exact timetable for the Community Redevelopment Agency to repay the General Fund for this purchase? "Quickly" is not a good enough timetable...

Will this increase our millage rates??? It better not!!!

Everything is about what UCF wanted...what about the taxpayer, the ones that are footing the bill for this grand idea? What about what we want?? Because the city will now own THIS land too, how will the property taxes that would normally be collected on this property be made up??

Who will be expected to absorb this loss in revenue?

What other properties were considered, and why were they rejected? "UFC didn't want it there" is not a good enough answer..

*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 content deemed offensive.*

*Editorial continued*

And finally, why should we trust ANY-THING we are told by the City regarding this or ANY future project?? Makes a person wonder what we will be told as the costs for the Town Center become a reality..

We are talking about a GREAT deal of money being invested here. As citizens we need and deserve answers.. This is our right and obligation as citizens, to question expenditures and items our government is doing. Now especially, we must NOT be silent. We cannot allow ourselves to be intimidated into inaction or silence by anyone or any organization!!!! Stay active, engaged and focused!!



RPOF Chairman Dave Bitner with NORWF Pres. Linda Laurendeau (left), Con. Sandy Adams (center) and OCREC Chairman Lew Oliver (right). Chairman Bitner was the keynote speaker at the NORWF general meeting in April.

---

***Congratulations  
to Jonathan Till on  
becoming part of  
Rep. Sandy Adams'  
team! He will provide con-  
stituent services from her  
Oviedo office, starting  
May 16.***

## Sign up for Presidency 5

The convention, expected to bring national attention to Orlando and Florida, is anchored by two major events: (1) the nationally televised FOX news debate among the Republican presidential candidates on Thursday night, Sep 22 and (2) the straw poll vote at the convention itself on Saturday September 24. It will be held at the Orange County Convention Center.

**All delegate applicants must go to the RPOF web site, [www.RPOF.org](http://www.RPOF.org) or [www.presidency5.com](http://www.presidency5.com) to register on line between April 10 and June 10, and applicants must be PHYSICALLY PRESENT at the county caucus in the county where they are registered in order to win the lottery. If you are selected as a delegate there will be a registration fee of \$175.**

The Orange County "caucus" will be on Thursday night, June 23. This is the normal meeting night for OCREC. Final details will be announced.

There will also be opportunities to volunteer at the event.

---



Hope to see you in two months.

Mark your calendar for Aug. 18.

Newsletter Published by Carolyn Booth

N.O.R.W.F

P.O. Box 56

Apopka, FL 32704

NORWF is a Member of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) & the Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)

**National Fed. of Republican Women**  
Sue Lynch, President | [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

**Florida Fed. of Republican Women**  
Cindy Graves, FFRW President  
[cindygraves@gmail.com](mailto:cindygraves@gmail.com)

**District 5 Representative**  
Mariann Lansing | [mlans1221@aol.com](mailto:mlans1221@aol.com)

### **NORWF Meeting Schedule**

**Executive Committee** meets at 9:30 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.**