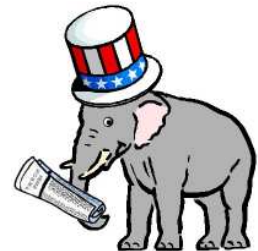




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

May 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are picking up... politics is in the air! The primaries are coming fast, August 24. I hope you are out working for the candidate of your choice and working to educate all your friends, family and associates on the issues and on the candidates; Republican candidates, of course. Your board of directors is hard at work bringing you information on pertinent issues and on who is running for all the races. It is important to know, in a non-partisan race such as Orange County Mayor, who the R's are. Watch your email box.

You loved the March candidate forum so we decided to do another one. This month's luncheon program will feature the five candidates for US House District 24, the seat presently held by Suzanne Kosmas. You can find their names elsewhere in this newsletter and on the email you recently received. Reservations are coming in at a brisk rate so don't be left out. This is a great way to meet the candidates and hear their positions on issues that are important to you, to central Florida and to the USA at large.

Been wanting to bring a friend to a meeting? This meeting promises to be a great one, so showcase our club and bring a friend or two or three! You can reserve a table of 8 or 10 if you make that request with your reservation.

We are hoping to be able to award our \$1000 scholarship at this meeting to an outstanding student. Our students are important to us and we now have three student members! The student membership form is on the website and the annual dues are only \$5. We want to invite students to attend our meetings and hear our speakers, so we have established a fund to underwrite the students' lunches. You can contribute any amount to this fund at any meeting or by mail.

While preparing to come to the meeting, bring some items for our Adopt-A-Soldier program. Small items that can be easily carried in our soldiers' pockets are preferred and a donation to purchase items and/or postage is always appropriate.

Stay tuned for future programs bringing you candidates and issues. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for a program. I love new ideas. See you May 20th!

We can do it! We are "Women Making A Difference" along with a little help from our men and student members.

Blessings to all,

Linda

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**Remember
Memorial Day
May 31**

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General Meeting Information

When: Thursday, April 15
Where: Errol Estate Country Club, 1355 Errol Parkway, Apopka
Time: 11 a.m. to ~1 p.m.
Cost: \$17 for lunch & dessert
Program: Margie Patchett, Exec. Director Volusia Tax Reform

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.

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!

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.

IMPORTANT CANDIDATE DONATION INFORMATION

DONATIONS TO OTHER THAN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES CAN PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN JEOPARDY. THIS INCLUDES REPORTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, ADVERTISEMENTS, SPONSORSHIPS – WRITTEN OR VERBAL, HOSTING AND MORE. DO NOT DO IT!!!! EVEN IN A NON-PARTISAN RACE. WE WILL TRY TO DO BETTER AT LETTING YOU KNOW WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE IN THE NON-PARTISAN RACES ALONG WITH THEIR PARTY AFFILIATION. AS ALWAYS, THE VOTING BOOTH IS UP TO YOU!

A Program You Don't Want to Miss

You do not want to miss our May 20th meeting.

- We MUST take back our Congressional and Senate seats.
 - We MUST stop the shift towards socialism.

We are honored to have our Republican candidates for Congressional District 24 coming together at our May meeting to address our concerns in a forum format.

Candidates expected to attend are Sandy Adams, Karen Diebel, Tom Garcia, Deon Long and Craig Miller.

Invite a friend or two and make your reservation today on our website www.norwf.org or contact Mary Smothers by phone: 407 889-4009 or email: mfsmothers@embarqmail.com.

Membership Corner

Unpaid 2010 membership dues are now delinquent!!

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

We have student annual associate memberships available at an outrageous \$5. High school students and college undergraduates 17 years of age or younger are eligible for membership. They may not serve as a delegate or alternate of NORWF at state or national conventions. They may attend meetings but shall not hold office, make motions, vote, be a committee chairman or a member of a nominating committee. Pick up a membership form at any meeting. This would make a great gift for your favorite student.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome a new member:

Com. Mildred Fernandez
10751 Regent Square Dr
Orlando FL 32825

Home: 407-836-5140

Cell: 407-592-8933

mildredfernandez2004@yahoo.com



Sunshine Corner

Joan Alsop, Sunshine Chair, reports that all of our members and their families appear to be well this month.

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



Calendar of Events

May 6 — 10 a.m., NORWF Board Meeting,
Errol Estate CC

May 20—NORWF general meeting

August 24 — Primary Election

GIVE A NORWF GIFT

Gift certificates are available at any meeting for luncheons or memberships. How about purchasing a gift of a luncheon and inviting that person you were hoping would join? Purchase the gift certificate any time and use it when you make your luncheon reservation. Don't forget that Father's Day is coming up soon.

APOPKA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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.apopkachamber.org and find out.

New Campaign Headquarters

OCREC has opened a new campaign headquarters at 611 N. Wymore Rd. (off Lee Rd. and I-4)...it would be nice for NORWF to cover the office one day a week as other local clubs will be doing the same thing...you can sign up soon to volunteer for a couple of hours each week.

ALL candidates will have access to this office until the primary, Aug. 24 and then after that, RPOF will take over office until November election. Let me know if you can help in what will probably be the most important election of our lifetime!! email: pattysells@aol.com or call me at 407.886.8460.

Thanks,
Patty

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

STANDING COMMITTEES – These are voting Board of Directors appointments

Campaign Activities

This is vital to our club and provides information about Republican candidates at all levels. This includes being the source of information on campaign managers, contact information, upcoming events and printed materials. This committee encourages members to run for office and be a source for candidates to call when they need help.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Achievement Awards

This committee makes sure we qualify for as many FFRW and NFRW awards by performing all the necessary tasks. The guidelines are clearly defined by the Federation and forms are provided .

SPONSOR A STUDENT FOR LUNCH

Please think about sponsoring a student at our luncheons. We have established a fund and contributions are being accepted to help defray the cost of the luncheons for student guests. We recently invited the AP Government students from Apopka High School to hear Dr. Rice speak in February. We would like to invite some of the ROTC students to attend a future meeting. Your contribution of \$17 for a full luncheon sponsorship, or any amount you choose to give, would be gratefully appreciated. Education is one of our missions and what better way to educate our youth than with a visit to the real world of politics.

FOR OUR STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP:

We are pleased to announce that we have scholarship applications available for high school seniors, undergraduates and graduate students. Applications for this \$1000 scholarship are available on our website or through Debbie Nelson. Act quickly; the applications must be submitted by May 14.

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Hard to believe but in a just a few short months, the City of Apopka will once again begin the budget process for fiscal year 2010-2011. Actually, the process is ongoing almost year round; but in July, things heat up, literally. The Budget is presented at the first City Commission meeting of July, (the first Wednesday); no action though is taken at this meeting. At the second meeting in July (the 3rd Wednesday), the Commission will set the proposed millage rate (currently at \$3.5168 per assessed \$1000.000 property value) and state the percentage over the rollback rate.

Some terms you may want to familiarize yourself with now include:

Ad valorem tax: a property tax set according to the value of the property

Revenue – a government’s income. Sources includes property taxes, users fess, fines, etc.

Annexation: extending a city’s boundaries by adding land from adjoining unincorporated territory. There have been a number of annexation requests recently, which can benefit a city by adding to the city’s tax base, thus increasing revenues. Increase revenues can mean increased spending..

The Apopka City Commission meets twice a month, the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm. The agendas for these meetings is available on line. Go to www.apopka.net, access the calendar and click on the links for the agenda and also the minutes of past meetings.

The voter turnout for the City elections in March was appalling and dismal to say the least. We simply have to stay involved in what is going in at all levels of government, especially the local levels, which will have the first impacts on your wallets. Hold these people accountable!! If we don’t, this will seem like we are giving the city carte blanche to do what they want..What does government want more than anything?? To increase its size, scope and influence over our lives...Is that what **YOU** want???

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.

Calling All Republican Candidates

TWO DAYS, TWO AMAZING EVENTS

May 14th & May 15th

ON FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010 AT 5:30PM the Florida Federation of Republican Women will host a reception honoring Congressman Pete Sessions, chairman of the Republican National Congressional Committee, we will also be showcasing our Federated club members and leaders as well as the area's Central Florida's female elected officials and myriad female candidates at every level.

The reception will be held downtown Orlando right after work at the Embassy Suites on Pine Street. Admission is **FREE** which includes a **very important rally the next day, Saturday, May 15th.**

Come out to network, and welcome the Congressman, let's send a message of Republican women's Florida activism back to Washington DC and the Congressional Committee. The message is clear, we are ready to Send The Dems Packing, and we're are starting with Grayson!

To RSVP contact event co-chairs:

CeCe Cole, 407-430-6753

President, Suburban Republican Women's Club

cece@coleassociate.com

or

Wendy West, 321-276-3602

President, West Orange Republican Women's Club

Send the Dems Packing Tour 2010

Next Stop: **Orlando**, May 15 at 2 p.m.

We are calling on all Republican Women, their neighbors and friends in the Orlando area to rally on Saturday, May 15 for an afternoon of non-stop political empowerment for women.

Saturday, May 15 on the steps of CITY HALL

400 S Orange Ave., Orlando
(across from Grand Boheim Hotel)

Join other like minded men and women who are committed to **RETIRE Alan Grayson from the United States Congress!**

Let's send Grayson a strong message and send him packing!

Women for McCollum

If you haven't signed up to be a McCollum Volunteer please contact Wendy West, Regional and Orange County Chair, wendywest@cfl.rr.com or phone 321-276-3602. Or you can contact Carolyn Booth, Statewide Chair, carolynbooth@earthlink.net, 407-884-4334.

Marco Rubio Volunteers Needed

Marco Rubio Campaign is going into high gear next month and I am compiling a list of all volunteers for Orange County. If you want to help please be sure that your name is on this list!!!

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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.