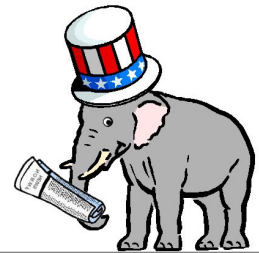




# NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



*"Women Making A Difference"*

October 2011

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear NORWF Members,



Ah! It is finally October and we have that wonderful hint of a cool breeze. We are spending less of our hard-earned money on air conditioning and opening our windows more. Soon we will be complaining, though, that it is too cold. We are never happy, but that is not a bad thing. We are not happy with all the things the current administration (led by "he who must not be named") have done and are planning to do. There is now a move afoot to take over the power companies in our country. Follow the latest on that and let your voice be heard as the takeover of American commerce is well underway.

I just came from the 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial NFRW Convention in Kansas City, MO, where I had the pleasure to represent you. It was so wonderful to meet with energetic and like-minded women from all over the US and Puerto Rico. I will be giving a report at the October meeting, so come hear what happened and who we heard from. I know you already know that, once again, Herman Cain blew the field away and took the top spot in the straw poll. This poll was extensive, including questions aimed at establishing demographics, and so was unique in that it included representation from all over this great land.

Next month, November, FFRW president, Cindy Graves, will be our guest and we are really looking forward to her visit. Cindy was just re-elected to another term, without opposition, at the FFRW convention in September. Let's fill the room as we close out the business meetings for 2011. For in 2012, we will have a new NORWF administration and will have our work cut out to make sure there is a new Republican president to lead our country.

Blessings to all,

*Linda*

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## 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:** \$20 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. 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 are unable to attend, please cancel (by phone) within 24 hours notice or you will be billed for lunch. Thank you for understanding.

## NANCY SCHULZE — GUEST SPEAKER

NANCY SCHULZE, founder of the Republican Congressional Wives Speakers Bureau in Washington, D.C., and wife of 9-term Congressman, Dick Schulze, will be the guest speaker at the October 20 meeting of NORWF.

Nancy has been a speaker for the National Republican Women's Summit in Washington DC, the Global Pastors Wives' Conference in Dallas, Texas, New York Governor George Pataki's inaugural prayer service in Albany, NY, the Florida Republican Women's Network, and the North Carolina Conservative Women's Forum. She speaks and/or sings for National Prayer Breakfast events, Governors', Mayors', and Community Prayer Breakfasts, as well as many other past speaking engagements.

Her political activity has included serving as the Director of Celebrities for Bob Dole's Presidential campaign, and serving on the National Steering Committee for the 2008 Presidential campaign. She serves on the Board of the Republican Women's Federal Forum in Washington, D.C., is a member of the Council for National Policy, Republican Congressional Spouses, and the Congressional Club in Washington, D.C.

Nancy's career path took her from her base in New York City and several years in musical theatre, to the ownership of a real estate company where she became the Salesperson of the Year in her area, and was elected to serve on the National Board of Directors of the National Association of Realtors. In the 1980s her life turned to politics when she was married to the late Jim Waltermire, Montana's Secretary of State.

Singing has taken Nancy to over a dozen countries including appearances at Ambassadors' Residences in Germany, Turkey and Washington, D.C., and U.S.O. Tours, including the role of "Molly" in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." She sang for the Inaugural Prayer Service for the U.S. Congress, and her one-woman show of World War II and Patriotic Music received standing ovations in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol. She has sung for galas honoring First Lady Laura Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush.

Nancy is a recent graduate of Chuck Colson's "Centurions" program, a Masters level one year intensive study of Worldview.

She resides in Washington, D.C. and Windermere, Florida with her husband Dick and their Yorkie named "Gooch."

## 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 its 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!

## Reminder

The cost of lunch will be  
\$20 beginning this  
month.

## FFRW Launches Florida Women's DC Project

The Florida Federation of Republican Women has launched the Florida Women's DC Project. It's all about "anybody but Obama". For more information on this grassroots effort, check out

[www.womensdcproject.com](http://www.womensdcproject.com).

## Membership Corner

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE SOON

Please consider becoming a premium member.

Options are

Platinum Eagle	\$200 plus
Gold Eagle	\$100-\$199
Silver Eagle	\$51-\$99
Bronze Eagle	\$31-\$50

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## EDITORIAL

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

During the Apopka City Council meeting held September 21, the Commission approved the millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. The millage rate remains pretty much the same as last year and the budget was just over \$55,000,000. Once the budget is approved, I plan on obtaining a copy of it and going through it very carefully. At that same meeting, there was an item that did not receive a lot of attention, but should cause MUCH concern among us citizens. That was approval granting our CAO (Mr. Anderson) to sign the FBO lease agreement with Mr. Ron Albright. Why should this cause us such concern? Two words: Highland Manor! The FBO is the Fixed Base of Operations that the City owns at the Orlando Apopka Airport, purchased in July by the City in the belief that we would benefit from the economic development in that area.

This item was actually part of the Consent Agenda part of the meeting whereby a number of routine expense items are voted on as a group by the Commission. Commissioner Till wisely asked that this particular item be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately, which it actually was. The reason Commissioner Till asked for this was that she had not actually seen the lease and felt she could not vote on something she had not seen.. Imagine that, an elected official actually wanting to read what she was voting on!! CAO Anderson, Mayor Land and Commissioner Arrowsmith basically scolded her for making such a ridiculous request this: "the lease has been approved by Staff and our attorney, so just go ahead and approve it;

*Continued next column*

## Calendar of Events

**Oct. 20**—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC

**Nov. 3**—Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Errol Estate

**Nov. 17**—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC.

**Dec. 1**—Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Errol Estate CC.

**Dec. 15**—Christmas Party & Installation of Officers, 6:30 p.m., Errol Estate CC.

*Editorial continued*

Don't worry about reading it, they know what's best".. Unbelievable!!! What is this, we have to approve the lease so you can see what's in it? Obamacare, anyone? This is the same attitude that cost the City over \$300,000 in lost rent from the Highland Manor fiasco earlier this year, and another \$300,000 several years ago from the Captain n the Cowboy. The rent is supposed to start at \$4,000/month to give the tenant a chance to build the business and then gradually increase to \$7,000/month as the business hopefully improves. I can't even say if a business plan was submitted by Mr. Albright. Amazingly, the authorization to sign this lease as approved by all except Commissioner Till. Sadly, it was only Commissioner Till who seemed to have learned the lessons of Highland ManorGate.

Unfortunately, I have a feeling that it won't be long before the City of Apopka and its citizens will be holding another giant sized bag. However, as citizens, we must demand accountability in this matter from our CAO and other city officials. We can verify with the City if the rent payments are being made in a timely manner, and other conditions of the lease are being met. As taxpayers, we cannot afford to lose another dime on pie-in-the-sky leases and promises that fail to materialize. Let's hope this latest venture is a success, but we must be vigilant in case it is not.

**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.*

### Nominations to be Announced this Month

The Nominating Committee will announce a proposed slate of officers at the October meeting for the two year term beginning Jan 1, 2012. Every NORWF active member in good standing is eligible to run for office. At the November elections meeting additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

Installation of Officers will be conducted at the Christmas meeting Dec. 15.

# NORWF Business Exchange

## FREE Advertising

In an effort to encourage our group to utilize the services of their fellow members we will continue to publish business card size ads on this page monthly in this newsletter as long as there is a demand for it.

For those of you who have businesses, you can provide your business card or create a separate small advertisement that you would like to appear.

In addition, there's a **Business Exchange Board** that is made available at each monthly meeting whereby you can display your business card for the members to take with them. Thanks to **Sharon Rousey** for implementing the board and maintaining it.



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## A Message from Our Soldier in Afghanistan Patrick Durr

"Just some thoughts on this day...."

11 SEP – Always remember... I hope that all watch in great detail the events of this day, 10 years ago, and reaffirm their commitment in support for our efforts over here. Collectively, American's resolve for continued backing has diminished greatly over the decade that followed that day. Americans forget fast.


For many, our military's efforts are no more than an object being tossed and batted around a room by politicians and vocal minorities who use the brave actions and losses of our National Defenders for self interest. We are unfortunately also a nation of "Band Wagoneers". Because we don't take the time to learn, many bounce from pundit to pundit in ignorant bliss as each professes self enlightenment and expertise for water cooler banter.

This is the world we live in. A sector of this world wishes to do all with western and Christian values the worst of all evils. If support is not garnered by those that benefit from our military's actions most, why continue, except for those that are personally vested in this effort in our quest to safeguard our own. I hear the nay say'ers everyday. Each morning I'm briefed on the world's news media articles that praise and condemn all our actions over here. I shake my head in disgust by a few US publications that print uninformed data, and spin facts into their own agenda. It's disheartening and demoralizing.


Like it or not, we (and those that support us) safeguard the way of life that we've each become accustomed to. Liberty comes with a cost, I know the cost, and I know personally those that paid the price.

Please, let us not be too quick to blame those that have volunteered for military service, many of which did so while our nation is at war; don't blame those that simply follow orders that are morally and legally sound in defense of this nation outside our borders; don't blame service members for the ills of this nation. I assure you, the greatest nation in this worlds', problems are internally generated and I would challenge you to fix it with you vote.


Congress has chosen to gut the military rather than make harder choices that may affect their constituents and consequently their terms.



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We (Military) are a displaced population that votes absentee and only represent less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the Nations voting population. We have no voice and count on citizens who are able to labor, earn, spend, and grow families because of liberty afforded each and every one of them to vote in our common interest. None of us expect privilege, reward, or special accommodation...just mutual respect.

As I travel around the combat area and talk to service members and look into the eyes of those just returned from dangerous situations or staged to enter the same, I don't experience anyone that is doing this for the wrong reason. God, Nation, loved ones, self.

I receive enormous support from my family and friends. All support me, I ask that all support our Armed Forces efforts and know that it is for the right reasons for our nation. It's not political, it's not religious, it's not wrong."

Newsletter Published by Carolyn Booth

**Quote of the day! ....** *"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."*

- Cicero, 55 BC

So, evidently we've learned nothing in the past 2,066 years or so..... And we all know what happened to Rome

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### **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. There is a business meeting and program each month. Cost for lunch is \$20.

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