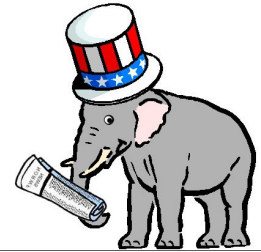




NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated



"Women Making A Difference"

September 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ah, there was just a hint of cool, dry air while hurricane Irene was sucking up the moisture. Soon we will be able to spend time outside without baking. That means we will be able to campaign by waving signs, walking the precincts and educating ourselves to determine which candidates we want to support in the presidential primary election on August 14, now less than one year away.

The first elections we face will be the City of Apopka elections in March. We will know who is standing for election at the end of the year. Neither that election date nor the date of the Florida primary elections has been set, so stay tuned.

The coming presidential election will set the course for our country for decades, maybe even generations, to come. We only thought the last election was important. It was, but this election is winner-take-all. If we do not put a Republican in the White House and get a veto-proof majority in the Congress, nothing, absolutely nothing, will get done.

We are faced with regulations that have ground the production of petroleum to a halt, that have put fishermen and companies out of business, and so much more. We are becoming a nation that simply consumes and does not produce anything. We will be purchasing our oil, our food and our consumer goods from companies that we cannot regulate, who operate offshore. As one small example, we will subsidize and allow Brazil, or whoever, to drill for oil in the Gulf of Mexico, who will then sell it to us for whatever price they choose. All while our natural resources remain under lock and key by a president that has chosen, yes, chosen to cripple us.

It's insidious, though. It's only one arm, one leg, one eye at a time. If that bothers you – then get off the couch and drag your friends with you. Educate yourself on the issues and fight as if your very life depended on it (and with Obamacare, it well may) to defeat every politician, on both sides of the aisle, who stand in the way of our American way of life.

If it bothers you that the USPS has a no-layoff policy and can't downsize, if it bothers you that NOAA can walk into a fishery and tell them they (NOAA) answer to no one and can do as they please, if it bothers you that the EPA even exists, and so much more – the time is now.

Stand up and prepare to fight. Fight with knowledge, play their game and beat them at it. We must!

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 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!

LUNCHEON COST TO GO UP

Beginning in October the cost of the NORWF luncheon at Errol Estate CC will go up to \$20. The September luncheon will be the normal \$17.

As we all know, the cost of food has skyrocketed and Errol can no longer provide lunch at the same cost.

This will be the first price adjustment since we began meeting at Errol almost six years ago.

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 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, Sep 15, 2011

Errol Estate CC, 1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka

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

Robert Walker O'Neal, B.G.S., M.S., Ph.D.

Dr. O'Neal will be the keynote speaker at the September meeting of NORWF. His topic will center on the life of Muhammad and, dependent on time available, Islam's conflicts with other religions.

Dr. O'Neal has attended six institutions of higher learning, studying many different fields. He is a writer and has appeared as a guest speaker and broadcast guest on a wide range of topics, including Islam, Mayan history and Mesoamerican culture, Christian and Judaic religions and economics, among other subjects. He has traveled to many countries and to all but two U.S. states.

Prior to retiring early in 2001, he was president and administrator of his own company for 12 years. But he has also served as an adjunct college instructor in economics, social sciences, business law, and accounting at State and private colleges. He was a corporate investigator, serving defense contractors, insurance companies and major corporations. He served in an administrative capacity for Florida's second largest law firm, as a hospital business manager and as vice-president and general manager for a corporation servicing governmental and medical entities.

For many years, he has studied Islam and the life of Muhammad, the religion's founder. He has read the Bible and the Koran. Although now retired, he is expected to receive his second doctorate by the end of 2011; his dissertation centers on Islamic religious practices and culture and the life of Muhammad.



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
<u>Active Member</u>	\$30
Associate Member	\$20
(Active Member of another Federated club)	
Male Assoc. 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 news-
letter mailed to you please add \$5.00.

Membership Total

We now have 106 members which
includes 76 active members and 30
associates.

Many thanks to our 2nd Vice President
and Membership Chair, Danielle Hilson
who's done an awesome job.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS ARE COMING

January 1, 2012 will see the dawn of a new NORWF administration. At our September 15 meeting, we will be electing a nominating committee of three (3) and one (1) alternate. The job of that committee is to present a slate of potential officers that will stand for election at our November elections meeting. The committee will report their selections, one candidate for each of the seven (7) offices, at the October meeting. Every NORWF active member, except the president, is eligible to serve on the nominating committee if they have not served on that committee within the last four years, and every NORWF member in good standing is eligible to stand for election. At the November elections meeting, additional candidates may be nominated from the floor.

If you wish to be considered for the committee but cannot attend our September 15 meeting, please send President Linda an email at LLaurendea@aol.com and let her know that you wish to serve on the committee and that you will serve if elected.

Calendar of Events

Sep. 15—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC
Sep 22-23 — FFRW Biennial Convention
Sep 22-24—Presidency 5, OC Convention Center
Sep 22—Fox News Debate, 9:00-11:00 p.m.
Sep 23—CPAC, OC Convention Center
Sep 29-Oct 2—NFRW Convention, Kansas City, MO
Oct. 6—NORWF Board, 9:30 a.m., Errol Estate CC
Oct 20—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC
Nov 3—NORWF Board, 9:30 a.m., Errol Estate CC
Nov 17—NORWF, 11 a.m., Errol Estate CC
Dec 1—NORWF Board, 9:30 a.m., Errol Estate CC
Dec 15—NORWF Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers

2012 Election Dates

Presidential Preference Primary – T be determined by the
Presidential Preference Primary Selection Committee no
later than October 1, 2011.

Primary Election – August 14, 2012

General Election – November 6, 2012

2012 Qualifying Dates

Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender – noon,
April 20, 2012 – noon, April 20, 2012

**Federal, Statewide, Multi-county, District and Political Party
Executive Committee** – noon, June 4, 2012 – noon, June 8, 2012

Write-in candidates for President and Vice President – 8a.m.,
June 18, 2012 – noon, June 26, 2012

GETTING YOU READY FOR THE 2012 ELECTION

Have you moved?

Change/update your address NOW. There will be no changes of
address allowed on Election Day. Send in a voter registration
form for the purpose of changing your address.

Has your signature changed?

The signature on file at the Supervisor of Elections is the ONLY
signature that will be accepted. Perhaps your signature has
changed due to health issues, etc. Send in a voter registration
form for the purpose of updating your signature.

EDITORIAL

Guest Columnist: : Barbara Zakszewski

WOW, September already!! Summer's almost over (well, at least according to the calendar), kids are back at school. And this September is jam-packed. We just celebrated Labor Day and we will be observing the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. It seems like yesterday, doesn't it? I'm sure everyone remembers where they were or what they were doing on that fateful day. Despite the Obama Administration "guidelines" for observing this occasion, I plan on a day of setting out the Flag, a day of prayer and quiet observance and listening to Bruce Springsteen's CD "The Rising". We will NEVER forget!! And yes Obama, 9/11 IS all about the assault on our Nation, as almost 3000 people died in New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania, due to incomprehensible and heinous acts committed by radical Islamists at behest of Al Qaeda..

After that comes Constitution Day on September 17. Although it has not seemed like it in a very long time, The Constitution is still the Law of the Land and if we want to keep it that way, we must commit to learn what is in that Document, and ready ourselves for the fight of our lives as we battle to gain our Nation back from ALL who would see to Her destruction.

The following week seems to be a vortex of Republican, Conservative activity as Presidency 5, RPOF, CPAC and FFRW all converge at or near the Orange County Convention Center, from September 22-24. This will be one of the most inspiring and educational weekends we could hope for. And if you aren't a delegate to Presidency 5 or FFRW, or attending CPAC, volunteer opportunities abound!! Don't sit this weekend out if you can possibly help it!! Before we know it, 2012 will be here. Quite possibly the most important election season we have EVER faced as a Nation will be upon us and we must make some decisions. Not only, are we better off then we were four years ago (we aren't), but also where do we want to be 4 years from now?? Which candidates running for election BEST represents YOUR vision of where you want YOUR city, County, State and Nation to be? Then do your research, ask questions, WORK for the candidates of your choice.. Sorry, people, but we CANNOT sit this one out!!

Hope to see a lot of all you this month!!!! Get your running shoes on and let's go!!
God Bless!!

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.*

RPOF CHAIRMAN DAVE BITTNER PASSES SEP. 8, 2011

A message from Orange
County Chairman Lew
Oliver:



"It is with profound sadness that I inform you that the Chairman of the RPOF, Dave Bittner, passed away this morning (Thursday, Sep. 8). Dave, a former legislator and very long time Republican volunteer, worked tirelessly for the party right up until his last moments. He attended our Veterans event in Orlando less than 2 weeks ago, despite the fact that he could not walk, move his arms or speak. His courage and determination should be an inspiration to all of us.

Please join me in offering your prayers and kindest thoughts to Dave's wife, Wendy, and the rest of his family.

We have lost a great American."

Lew Oliver
Chairman
Orange County Republican Executive Committee

Chairman Bittner was the keynote speaker at the April meeting of NORWF.

Celebration of Life Services will be held at 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 15 at WC Dover Farms, 534 Dover Rd, Havana
FL 32333.

Congratulations to Presidency 5 Delegates

Those NORWF members who were selected to be delegates at Presidency 5 are:

Rep. Bryan Nelson

Com Fred Brummer

Christine Moore, School Board Member

Debbie Nelson

Carolyn Booth

Ramona Brigmond

Mary Smothers

Barbara Zakszewski

Phil Zakszewski

Sharon Fenwick

Dale Fenwick

Diane Velasquez

Jonathan Till

Linda Laurendeau

Ron Redlich

Patty Redlich

Jeanne Vermette

And, thanks to those who will serve as volunteers.

NORWF Business Exchange

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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FFRW CONVENTION DELEGATES

Election was held in August to select delegates to the Florida Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention to be held Sep. 22-23 in Orlando. It will be a short convention during Presidency 5 days so that those planning to attend both events can combine the travel.

Delegates from NORWF are: Patty Redlich, Mary Smothers, Carolyn Booth, Sharon Fenwick, Michelle Decker, Joyce Hayward, Jeanne Vermette, Sharon Rousey.

OC CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Come and let your voice be heard.


The first meeting of the Orange County Charter Review Commission will be held in Apopka, District 2, Thursday, Sep 15 at Wekiva High School Cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m.

NORWF President Linda Laurendeau has been appointed to this Commission by County Commissioner Fred Brummer. The charter is reviewed every four years to determine if there are recommended changes that can be put on the ballot in the next general election for an up or down vote. There also are other discussions and public input on a variety of subjects at each meeting. Orange County citizens are encouraged to attend and participate.

Other meetings will be:

Dist. 1, Sep 29— Dr Phillips High School, N. Campus Cafeteria
Dist. 3, Oct 26—Blanchard Park YMCA
Dist 4—Northlake Park School Cafeteria
Dist 5 & 6—To be determined

Newsletter Published by Carolyn Booth

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District 5 Representative
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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, 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.