



NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated

First Vice President's Message

Thank you for a great first meeting. The attendance was wonderful..I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

This month we will host our first candidates forum, with questions asked in advance by you. Submit the questions to Charlotte via e-mail and she will determine which questions will be asked. Candidates are Diane Velazquez, incumbent and Alice Nolan, challenger for Seat 2 on the Apopka City Council.

We will be planning and asking for help with the Membership/Fundraiser Bingo and Italian Dinner event on March 10. Please help us with food, elephant auction, set-up, or anywhere you can. It is work, but we always manage to have fun doing it. Please invite family, friends, and the men in your families as well. Maybe your daughter, granddaughter or niece would like to become a member, we would love to have them.

Still working on the calendar of programs for our meetings. Hopefully it will start filling up. Check the calendar on page 5 every month to see new entries.

See you at the next meeting.

Dianne Gieske, 1st Vice President



"Women Making a Difference"

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to ALL!!!

We have a very exciting meeting this month. We will have a forum between Diane Velasquez and Alice Nolan. Reminder, this is not a question answer time, but a forum. We need to be prepared that is the purpose for asking for your questions to be sent to me by February 11th.

The board is working hard to get the:

Membership/Bingo Dinner ready for March.
*The By-laws are being reviewed to meet NFRW standards

* Budget is being finalized
* The calendar we are working on so diligently has its challenges with the "Drive for Five". We want to have the guest speakers that are relative to the "moment" in politics which are constantly changing so please be patient as we work on the calendar. We hope to have all of this finished by the March Membership Dinner.
*The books were audited and each officer is currently reviewing their job description.

We still need a couple of committee members. Mabel and I have visited a couple of restaurants for different luncheon venues.

Joni is working hard updating the directory.

Bev Blackmon is working hard on the March Membership Dinner. I certainly hope ALL of you have your calendar marked for March 10th to come out and have dinner, play Bingo and most of all bring "Prospective NEW MEMBERS". We need to think out of the box and invite people to join us at NORWF. Ladies we need to grow!!! To make this event happen we will have a board meeting in March, but no regular General Meeting so we will see each and every one of you at the Membership Bingo Dinner!!!!

Charlotte, President



NORWF presents Candidates Forum: February 15, 2018 at the General Meeting.

Candidates will answer questions submitted in advance from our members. Submit your questions via e-mail to Charlotte White: charlottewhite@embarqmail.com by February 11.



Alice Nolan is a 6th generation Apopkan, who is married to Joseph Nolan whom she has three beautiful children with. Alice works for Catholic Charities of Central Florida in Advocacy and Justice, she is the secretary of

Apopka Woman's Club, board member of Orange County Parks and Recreation and member of Apopka Task Force Against Violence.

She currently attends Valencia College where she is furthering her education in International and Global Studies.

Alice has been involved in her community since a young age, this involvement has grown into dedication to make her community prosperous and sustainable. Alice is seen working with fellow Apopkans to improve Apopka for future generations. Her actions are a direct reflection of her motto "Let's Work Together Apopka!"

Her focus is sustainability, quality of life, activities for the youth and relationship between citizens and their city government. Alice asks for your vote March 13, 2018.



Commissioner Diane Velazquez was elected to the Apopka City Council in March 2014. In her private life, Commissioner Velazquez is a retired law enforcement officer.

Commissioner Velazquez has been actively involved in the community since moving to Apopka in April 2005. She is married to Ed Velazquez, who is also a retired law enforcement officer and a Vietnam veteran. One of Commissioner Velazquez's two sons, Samuel, is a police officer and also proudly served overseas with the U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a grandmother, Commissioner Velazquez has served as a volunteer in school and sporting events for her two young grandchildren.

As a member of the New York City Police Department, she achieved the rank of Detective 2nd Grade, serving as a medical insurance fraud investigator for the agency. During her career, she attended and successfully completed several investigative courses within the agency. She also attended weekend college courses at Nassau Community College, in Long Island.

Commissioner Velazquez is most proud of her effort to obtain an artifact of one of the original Twin Towers for Christian Lamphere's Eagle Scout project. In the timespan of a few months, she was awarded one of the last remaining artifacts of the Twin Towers. Her husband Ed drove to New York City to bring the artifact home to Apopka, where it was unveiled to the public as part of Christian's 9/11 Memorial at City Hall on September 11, 2016.

Treasurer's Message

RENEWAL TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP!

January 1, 2018 started our new year. Thus far 30 of our 50 members have renewed and we have 3 new members. If you have not renewed please complete an updated application and send it and your check to me as soon as you can.

Just so you know, our By Laws state "Membership dues become delinquent February 1; and a member shall: (a) Lose standing (no vote) until the dues is paid. (b) Forfeit membership if dues is not paid by March 1."

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE AND RENEW! You may want to consider being an Eagle Sponsor. Information to do so is on the Membership Application found on the www.NORWF.org website under the "Get Involved" tab.

You are a special group of ladies and it is a pleasure working with you! Joyce Brocker

Attention Members:

We now take credit cards. We take MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover. There is small convenience fee for this service.

THANK YOU NORWF MEMBER SPONSORS FOR 2018

PLATINUM EAGLE

JOYCE BROCKER
VERLIE NORRIS

GOLD EAGLE

JOAN ALSUP
PATTY REDLICH

SILVER EAGLE

ANDREA SAMSON
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BRONZE EAGLE

JONI KEAMS
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A SPONSOR PLEASE
CONTACT OUR TREASURER, JOYCE BROCKER AT
JBRO344@GMAIL.COM OR 407-463-0012.

We volunteers!

REMINDER: NFRW/FFRW Achievement Awards - Campaign Volunteer Hours:

Charlotte sent out the volunteer log form as well as the requirements for volunteer hours. The mid term elections offer a great opportunity to acquire a lot of hours.

Volunteer hours may be accumulated for such activities as registering voters, or volunteering for your favorite candidate, the Federation, or the Republican Party.

****Keep a calendar or journal to ensure accuracy.**

****The counting period to qualify for awards is July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.**

****Updated NFRW Campaign Awards forms, and policy for counting hours, are available on the NFRW website.**

February Birthdays

Jeri Bankson	February 03
Dianne Gieske	February 04
Mac McGuffin	February 06
Mabel Brinkle	February 13
Kathryn Townsend	February 15
Doug Bankson	February 18
Jean Starbuck	February 19



Scholarship Information 2018



THE NORTHWEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED (NORWF) is proud to offer The Alice B. Miner Memorial Scholarship in honor of Alice B. Miner. She was a resident of Apopka who was well known for her community involvement and outstanding dedication. She was also a founding, active member of NORWF. The scholarship is awarded every year for an amount of \$1,000.

This scholarship will be awarded to any high school senior, full time college undergraduate or graduate student who is registered in or attending an accredited college and is a registered Republican who lives in Orange county. He or she must have demonstrated leadership on campus, place of worship or in the community. Applicants must have participated in the campaign process, either as a candidate in an organization at school or in the community or by helping with a campaign.

This is not a need-based scholarship. Applications are on the web site at www.norwf.org The deadline for applications is April 15th.

For further information please contact Marty Harrison at martyaoii@aol.com

Basket Drawing

Thank you Mabel Brinkle who is signing up and reminding the Gift Basket donors who provide the beautiful gift baskets for the Drawing at the General Meetings each month. You may contact her by e-mail: mbrinkle11@gmail.com.



2018

January	Charlotte White, Joni Keams
February	Joyce Brocker
March	Lynn Garret, Virginia Mapel
April	Mabel Brinkle
May	Verlie Norris, Mary Smothers
June	Judy Weekly
July	Marlene Ryan
August	Loretta Forlaw
September	Bonita Scase
October	Barb Zakszewski
November	Judi Risser
December	Beverly Blackmon

SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2018

Windy Hill Ranch 4:00PM to 7:00PM

The Membership/Bingo/Elephant Auction Event is coming together. March 10th. Please get your tickets . Invite husbands, friends and neighbors.

Please invite ladies who would like to join our club. I have a gift for any new member who signs up and pays their dues. Also, a gift for the person who brings them in.

We need everyone to help. There will be a sign up sheet at this months luncheon/meeting. Remember, Daylight Savings starts the evening of the event . It should stay daylight until after 7:30 PM that evening.

This is a very important year for elections and we need everyone's support to get Republicans elected.

If you have NOT renewed your membership for this year, be sure to take care of it at this meeting. You don't want to miss out on any speakers or events planned for this year.

Membership Drive and Fundraiser and Bingo. Italian Buffet. \$20.00
Beverly Blackmon, Membership Chair



NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

<u>PLACE</u>	BACK ROOM STEAKHOUSE 1418 ROCK SPRINGS ROAD, APOPKA, 32712 *** 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. "WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR UPDATES"
<u>DATE</u>	<u>GENERAL MEETINGS</u>
JANUARY 18	Bryan Nelson, Orange County Commissioner, Candidate for Mayor of Apopka: Nonpartisan elections and campaigning.
FEBRUARY 15	Diane Velazquez Incumbent City Council Seat 2 and Alice Nolan challenger for City Council Seat 2: Candidates Forum.
MARCH 10	Saturday at Windy Hill Ranch: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM membership/fundraiser Bingo and Italian Buffet \$20.00. Will take the place of the March 15 meeting.
APRIL 19	Lew Oliver, Orange County Republican Chair: 2018-5 Golden Races.
MAY 17	TBD**
JUNE 21	TBD
JULY 19	TBD
AUGUST 16	TBD
SEPTEMBER 20	TBD
OCTOBER 18	TBD
NOVEMBER 15	TBD
DECEMBER 20	CHRISTMAS PARTY

NORWF BOARD MEETINGS: THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30 A.M. APOPKA CHAMBER 180 E.MAIN STREET APOPKA, FL

DATE **SPECIAL EVENTS**

APRIL 20-22	FFRW CORAL GABLES SPRING BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28 & 29	APOPKA ART & FOLIAGE FESTIVAL-MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
MAY 3	MAYORS PRAYER BREAKFAST, APOPKA COMMUNITY CENTER NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

** TO BE DETERMINED

REVISION 1/4/18

THE CALENDAR WILL BE UPDATED AS WE FILL THE SLOTS FOR GUEST SPEAKERS.



Membership Corner

Dues are delinquent as of February 1. Remember that dues are required every year to renew your membership. New Member applications and Loyalty Oaths also required each year. If you have not done so please pay ASAP.

Active: \$30.00 annually

This must be your primary federated club and is for women only.

Associate: \$20.00 annually

You must belong to another federated club and this is your secondary club and is for women only.

Men Associate: \$20.00 annually

This is your club too, but unfortunately you have no voting rights.

Student: \$5.00 annually

This is for any student member attending either high school or college.

Sponsorship Levels:

Bronze Eagle	\$35.00-\$50.00
Silver Eagle	\$51.00-\$100.00
Gold	\$101.00-\$200.00
Platinum	\$200.00 +

Please make check payable to:

NORWF
P.O. Box 56
Apopka, FL. 32704

Or deliver to the Treasurer
at the next meeting.

2017 Officers

President.	Charlotte White
1st Vice President.	Dianne Gieske
2nd Vice President	Beverly Blackmon
Recording Secretary	Virginia Maple
Scribe for Secretary	Verlie Norris
Treasurer.	Joyce Brocker
Asst. Treasurer.	Joni Keams
Corresponding Secretary	Marty Harrison

NORWF Past Presidents

2006-07.	Carolyn Booth
2008-09.	Patty Redlich
2010-11.	Linda Laurendeau
2012-13.	Barbara Zakszewski
2014-15.	Beverly Blackmon
2016-17	Joyce Brocker

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General Meeting

Thursday February 15, 2018

General Meeting.

Candidates Forum: Alice Nolan candidate for City Council Seat 2 and Diane Velazquez incumbent City Council Seat 2

Candidates will answer questions submitted in advance from NORWF members .

NEW MEETING PLACE:

**Back Room Steakhouse
1418 Rock Springs Road
Apopka, FL. 32712**

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

\$20.00 with a reservation

\$25.00 at the door without a reservation.

Advanced reservations required. Please RSVP to Joyce Hayward. Call 904-315-2535 or e-mail joycehywrd@yahoo.com to make a reservation. You may also reserve online at www.norwf.org

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY
February 12 at 8:00 PM.**

NORWF IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (NFRW)

AND THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN (FFRW)

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
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CHARLOTTE WHITE	PRESIDENT

