



NORWF NEWS

Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated

MY 1ST HOB NOB

BY JONI KEAMS, ASST. TREASURER

If you have not participated in a Hob Nob, I would encourage



you to give it a try. I attended the Apopka Chamber of Commerce Hob Nob & Straw Poll held on Tuesday, July 10. I joined nine (9) other members representing NORWF at this event. Three (3) additional members were working at the stations of several candidates. Being that it was my first time at a Hob Nob, I didn't really know

what to expect. I had a great time and I learned a lot. I enjoyed getting to know many of the candidates in person in a very casual environment. Each candidate or their representative was eager to share both their accomplishments and how they felt they could contribute to make our city, county or state better for all involved. I particularly enjoyed meeting the judges running for office, as there is often very little information available in which to base your vote on. Judicial races are nonpartisan, which prevents the judges from revealing their party affiliation, but they will gladly answer questions regarding what they value and hold dear.

After taking in all that I learned, heard and read, I decided to vote in the straw poll. The voting process is very similar to that used during Orange County Elections. This included individual booths and inserting your completed ballot into an electronic vote counting machine. It was at that point that I learned that as a voter, I really need to be better prepared for this election. The sample ballot was extensive, both for offices and amendments. A similar ballot will be used for the upcoming August 28 Primary and subsequently the November 6 General Election. In addition to the open offices due to term limits, there were several resignations of current officials, enabling them to run for other offices. This has resulted in more candidates and offices on the upcoming ballot. Additionally, there are 13 state constitutional amendments which are likely to make it to the general election. Bottom line, it took some time to complete the ballot. Regarding the amendments, I learned a long time ago the you cannot take a ballot amendment at face value, as often, one key word can totally flip the meaning of the initiative. I plan to really dig deep to ensure I thoroughly understand the amendment and the impact before voting in the upcoming elections.

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President's Message

Hope everyone enjoyed their July. It went by so fast!!!

The Hob Nob was huge success (please read Joni's letter). We had 9 volunteers. It was great fun watching the candidates and their constituents.

We look forward to this month's speaker Colonel McCalister, he is dynamic and Dianne and I love how he can bring patriotism back into the room.

Where your red, white and blue 😊

Talked to several of you and you are making calls, walking so please keep track of those volunteer hours.

I cannot STRESS enough how important it is to VOTE AUGUST 28TH FOR CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE!!! WE HAVE 3 REPUBLICANS RUNNING FOR ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER! WE HAVE TWO REPUBLICANS FOR ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR-----VOTE. Received my absentee ballot yesterday.

They need poll watchers!!!!

MAKE CALLS, WALK, DRIVE, PROVIDE DRINKS. SUPPORT THOSE WHO DO!!!

Have a safe and wonderful month see you soon.

President Charlotte White

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I also learned that Hob Nobs are taking place all over Central Florida, if not the rest of the state and country. I made a point to track the straw poll results from the previous 5 or 6 events prior to Apopka's event. There were some surprising results at the Apopka Hob Nob. Several Democrats or Independents won over Republicans. Living in a conservative leaning town

like Apopka is not enough to ensure conservative candidates will advance. It is important to note that the turn over at both the county commissioner and school board level could result in more new members with less related experience. As a voter, we need to decide if that type of a shift can be positive or negative force in our governmental offices. The one thing I do know, is that as a member of a Republican Club, it is our responsibility to promote Republican leaders at all levels of government and to elect qualified, capable & strong leaders into political office. Two ways to do that is to educate ourselves and others, to ensure our residents know what we are voting on. Secondarily, participate in activities that support Republican candidates, such as door to door interaction, phone calls, sign waving, or supporting the folks involved in these activities.



**NORWF PRESIDENT CHARLOTTE WHITE
PHOTOGRAPHED BETWEEN RON DESANTIS AND
DONALD TRUMP JR.**

"Women Making a Difference"

Please plan on attending this month's meeting on Thursday August 16th at the Tavern at Rock Springs Ridge at 11:30 AM to hear our dynamic speaker COL. Mike McCalister (Ret.) who will rock the room with his patriotic address. If you desire please wear Red, White and Blue.



In the spirit of preserving Christian Values and the Rights of America's churches, as intended by Our Founding Fathers, Colonel Mike McCalister (Ret.) has committed to visit and speak to a limited number of church congregations, Sunday school classes, Bible study meetings, and other select group events.

Colonel McCalister's presentation is titled "America: One Nation Under God." It is a non-political message on the truths bestowed upon us, that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. His message contains rudimentary quotes and passages from the U.S. Constitution including the First Amendment (which guarantees Freedom of Religion and rights of the churches), our Christian Bible, and renowned evangelists such as Charles Finney.

Colonel McCalister is a former candidate for Governor of Florida and the United States Senate. He has spoken to groups and organizations throughout the State of Florida. He served as a Featured speaker on nationally televised major events and leadership conferences, and appeared on influential Evangelical program broadcasts.

Colonel McCalister holds a Ph.D. in Management from the Union Institute and completed the Program on Senior Executive Leadership at the Harvard University JFK School of Government. Additionally, he earned a B.S degree from Southeast Missouri State University with a Major in Agriculture and a Minor in Earth Science. He is a graduate of the Air War College distance learning program with studies in U.S. National Strategy, International Security, and Strategic Leadership.





ADOPT A SOLDIER PROGRAM

NORWF is proud to announce that Apopka native Gunnery Sergeant Nick Capko has been selected to be our sponsored member of the armed forces. Nick is currently on active duty in Bagdad, Iraq. Nick was born at Florida Hospital in Orlando and lived in Apopka his entire life. When Nick was twelve years old his father died. He attended First Baptist Sweetwater starting in the cradle class and ending as an active member of the youth group and orchestra. Upon graduation from high school, Nick enlisted in the US Marine Corps and was placed in the Marine Band where he served for seven years. Subsequently, he has served on the Marine Corps Shooting Team; at the US consulate in Chengdu, China; and at the American Embassy in Paris, France. Nick is married. He and his wife, Heather (an Air Force Veteran) have three children. They have been stationed in: Camp Pendleton, California; Okinawa, Japan; Chengdu, China; Parris Island, South Carolina; Paris, France; and Quantico, Virginia. In 2008 when Nick was deployed to Kuwait, NORWF sponsored him. Nick and Heather are both strong Christians and are raising their children in the faith. While Nick is deployed to Iraq, Heather is living near Camp Pendleton, California with their children: Caleb 11, Gavin 9, and Lillian 7.

By Verlie Norris

Message from 2nd Vice President Beverly Blackmon

What a great turn out for the Hob Nob. We have some new prospects I will be reaching out to for next months meeting.

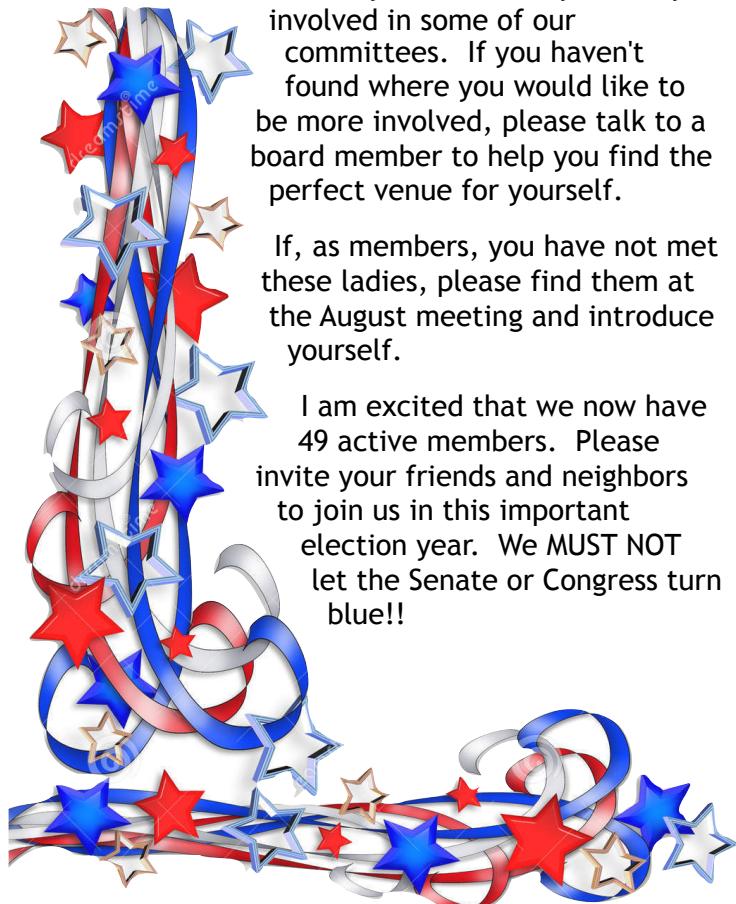
I wanted to once again welcome those members who have joined our club this year. DANIELLE HILSON. JUDY BAKER, JO GRAHAM, KATHY GIBSON, MARY KRUGER LINDA LIBBY, CHRISTINE MOORE, MAGGIE ROGERS, LINDA WIDMER, JUDY ZALESKI. Some of you have just recently renewed and we wanted to mention you also. New Associates: PETE CLARKE, TOM GRAHAM, VIRGINIA HILSON.

Our club can only survive with dedicated Republican ladies like you at the grass roots of our party. Thank you for stepping up to help us get Republicans elected.

Some of you are already actively involved in some of our committees. If you haven't found where you would like to be more involved, please talk to a board member to help you find the perfect venue for yourself.

If, as members, you have not met these ladies, please find them at the August meeting and introduce yourself.

I am excited that we now have 49 active members. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us in this important election year. We MUST NOT let the Senate or Congress turn blue!!





NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

NEW MEETING PLACE

The Tavern at Rock Springs Ridge, 625 ROCK RIDGE BLVD, APOPKA, FL 32712

**** 11:30AM-1:30PM **. New time.**

GENERAL MEETINGS

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	Senator Denise Grimsley candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Special meeting time: 12:00 noon-2:00 PM.
MAY17	Peter Clark, Orange County Mayoral Candidate: 2018. Membership Orientation immediately after meeting.
JUNE 21	Candidates forum: Christine Moore, Fred Brummer and Mark Byrd running for Orange County Commissioner.
JULY 19	NO MEETING
AUGUST 16	COL. Mike McCalister (Ret.) candidate for Commission of Agriculture and Consumer Services
SEPTEMBER 20	Charles Hart, Orange County Republican Executive Committee Chairman
OCTOBER 18	Robert J. Garuda, Apopka Area Chamber Of Commerce President. "How Politics Effects Everyone"
NOVEMBER 15	ELECTORAL COLLEGE PRESENTATION
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 6-7-8	FFRW FORT MYERS SPRING BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28 & 29	APOPKA ART & FOLIAGE FESTIVAL-MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
MAY 3	MAYORS PRAYER BREAKFAST, APOPKA COMMUNITY CENTER NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 18	LINCOLN DAY DINNER - HERMAN CAIN - DISNEY'S CONTEMPORARY RESORT
JULY 10	APOPKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE POLITICAL HOB NOB
AUGUST 28	PRIMARY ELECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 21-23	FFRW FALL CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER	BIG RED DAY
NOVEMBER 7-11	VIETNAM MEMORIAL, KIT LAND PARK APOPKA
NOVEMBER 12	VETERANS DAY
MARCH 10-12, 2019	FFRW SPRING CONFERENCE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**** TO BE DETERMINED REVISION 7/10/18**

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FOR 2018**

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JBRO344@GMAIL.COM OR 407-463-0012.

Reminder - The Apopka Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring an Orange County Mayoral Debate at the Orlando Repertory Theater on August 8, 2018, between 6-7 pm. The debate will be televised live on Fox 35.

Vote in primary election on August 28, 2018

Many thanks to everyone who sent me birthday wishes.

I had a great birthday and received many cards in the mail and E-Mail wishes too. To be remembered by your friends is a real blessing.

Thanks with all my heart.

Joyce Hayward



Basket Drawing

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate a Gift Basket for the monthly drawing at our General Meetings. The proceeds go toward our Scholarship Fund

2018

January	Charlotte White, Joni Keams
February	Joyce Brocker
March	Lynn Garret, Virginia Mapel
April	Mabel Brinkle
May	Verlie Norris, Mary Smothers
June	NORWF
July	No Meeting
August	Loretta Forlaw
September	Bonita Scase
October	Barb Zakszewski
November	Judi Risser
December	Beverly Blackmon

July Birthdays

Judith Zaleski	July 08
Joyce Hayward	July 10
Al Blackmon	July 16
Mary Cox	July 24
Diann Haubner	July 26

August Birthdays

Patty Redlich	August 14
Shirley Dickerson	August 29



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

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Platinum \$200.00 +

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**Or deliver to the Treasurer
at the next meeting.**

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General Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Speaker: **Colonel Mike McCalister (Ret.)
Candidate for Commissioner of
Agricultural**

Topic: **Commissioner of Agriculture and
Patriot message**

Where: **The Tavern at Rock Springs Ridge
625 Rock Ridge Blvd.
Apopka, FL. 32712**

Special Time: **11:30AM-1:30 PM**

Cost: **\$20.00 with reservation, \$25.00 at
the door without 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

August 13 at 8:00 PM.

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