



March NORWF Newsletter *President Letter*

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of March.

We are looking forward to our first evening event. It is an important goal to inform our membership and community of important local and state legislative activities.

Charlotte White has devoted her efforts as our Campaign and Legislative Chairperson for several years. She faithfully attends events and provides updates. Charlotte and I will be attending in Tallahassee, March 20th -22nd. As you see we are focused on current legislation. We invite you to join, learn and provide your input on March 12th Happy Hour 5 PM to 8 PM Hilton Garden Inn, 680 E. Main St, Apopka

We welcome you sharing your concerns at our monthly meetings. We are happy to support you in developing letters to the editor or to members of the legislature.

We are recruiting new members and would be very happy to have past members join us. Just the growth in Apopka and Orange County means we need more help to make a difference.

In April we will have our monthly luncheon meeting on April 17, 2025

Please join us in planning an evening meeting recognizing President Trump's 100 days in office for April 30th.

Thank You for your continuing support.



Warm regards,

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NORWF

Northwest Orange Republican Women Federated



MARCH MEETING EVENT!!!

Please note day/time change

Wednesday, MARCH 12th, 2025, HAPPY HOUR Meeting

**Networking: 4:00 PM to 7:00 LAST CALL 6:00 PM
CASH BAR**

**HILTON GARDEN INN • APOPKA
580 E. MAIN ST
APOPKA, FL 32703**

**Reservations: Barb Zakszewski at barbzack@mail.com Or 407-921-7219
COME LEARN ABOUT LEGISLATIVE DAYS
(TALLY DAYS IN TALLAHASSEE) ASK AND LEARN**

Join us for a delightful Happy Hour with a cash bar where you can unwind and socialize with fellow members.

LEARN MORE ABOUT NORWF

We are excited to announce that NORWF members will be meeting with legislators in Tallahassee on **March 20, 2025**, and attending the **Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW) Conference on March 21-22, 2025**.

What issues matter most to you?

Have not had time to write or call your legislators? Now is your chance to have your voice heard!

- Is there a current bill you would like us to discuss with legislators?**
- Are there any specific questions or concerns you'd like us to bring forward?**
- Do you have issues you'd like us to discuss with other Republican women at the FFRW Conference?**

We can't guarantee we'll get all the answers, but we will make every effort to bring your concerns to the table. Let us know what's important to you!

Visit us at <https://WWW.facebook.com/NORWFC> or <https://norwf.org/>

Thank you, Loretta, and your board, for stepping up for 2025!

Question to Membership how are you stepping up to be collaborator and supporting this year's president and board?????

NORTH ORANGE... REPUBLICAN ...WOMEN, FEDERATED..... OBJECTIVES –

The objectives of this organization shall be:

- To promote and inform the electorate through political education.
- To increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active participation.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and candidates in all elections, including any non-partisan elections.
- To support the objectives and policies of the Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW), the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW), the Republican National Committee (RNC), and the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF).

HOW ARE YOU PROMOTING????

North... we are responsible for north orange county political outlook – ARE YOU PROUD OF THE POLITICAL ARENA AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES???

ORANGE – we are responsible for holding all elections fair and honorable, including board of elections – how are YOU helping in this area???

How did you support political candidates OUTSIDE THE MEETING IN LAST ELECTION—What are your objectives for YOUR support midterm elections.

FFRW/NFRW...DO YOU FOLLOW THE HAPPENINGS OF NFRW??? FFRW???? WHAT COULD YOU DO TO FOSTER THE SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR NORWF?????

Which committee are **YOU SERVING ON???** **BELOW IS THE APPLICATION YOU SIGNED TO SUPPORT AND BELONG TO NORWF..... IT IS WORKING CLUB... AND ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED ON DECK.** WE USE TO HAVE TO SIGN AN OATH OF SUPPORT MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK THE BOARD TO BRING THAT OATH BACK!!

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES (please check all that apply)

STANDING COMMITTEES: Bylaws Campaign Activities Community Relations Finance
 Ways & Means Membership Legislative/CAP/Resolutions Programs

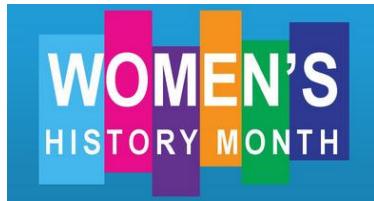
SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Achievement Awards Adopt-A-Soldier Americanism Caring for America
 Armed Services & Veterans Historian/Press Book M.E.L.P. Newsletter Public Relations
 Scholarships Sunshine Telephone Chaplain Newsletter/Website Parliamentarian

AMOUNT PAID:\$ **Check #** **Cash** **CC**

Signature on this application certifies that I am a Registered Republican. By signing this application, I also agree to abide by the By-laws and Standing Rules of NORWF, to include supporting only Republicans in partisan

Americanism
Awards
Caring for America
Federation Fund
Legislation and Advocacy
Regents Program

Armed Services
Campaigns and Elections
Email Network
Leadership Development
Literacy and Education



NORWF WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Loretta Forlaw, Ph.D., RN, FACHE is an early recognizer, an advocate for homeless veterans and veteran-related community projects. An accomplished and engaging educator, leader, coach, and mentor with degrees that include a Ph.D. -The Catholic University of America, an MSN Degree -University of California, San Francisco, and a BSN-Pacific Lutheran University. She is an Assistant Professor at the UCF College of Medicine.

LORETTA is retired from the Army Nurse Corps. She is a member of the Army Nurse Corps Association (ANCA), the American Association of Healthcare Executives Fellow (FACHER) and the American Nurses Association, (ANA). Dr. Forlaw's nursing experience includes the public and private healthcare sectors, and across practice and academic settings, from Clinical Nurse to Chief Nurse Clinical Operations (**Colonel, ret.**) and faculty. She is currently the Director for Community Relations (volunteer) for VFW Post 10147 Apopka and Altamonte Springs. She organizes the Monthly Games Night for high school students. She is the Coordinator for Wreaths Across America for the City of Apopka Edgewood/Greenwood cemetery, she is the Chairperson for the Veteran programs for the Northwest Orange Republican Women Federation (NORWF). She is a member of the Elks Lodge 2422, Florida Association of Veteran Owned Businesses (FAVOB) and Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka. She is a member of the Orange County Mayor's Veteran Advisory Council. She is a Certified Business Coach and within her business HealthSpeaks she addresses Leadership and Change, Feng Shui and Bigu Qi Gong, A TCM approach for Weight Maintenance and Loss.



Get Ready for the March Madness Membership Recruitment Contest!

Everyone loves a little competition, and our State Presidents are no exception! Due to the overwhelming success of last year's **March Madness** competition, we're bringing it back this year, bigger and better than ever.

There are two brackets this time—the **Numbers Bracket** and the **Percentage Bracket**—which means each state has **two chances** to win! So, whether you're rallying for the most members or the biggest increase in percentage, there's a place for everyone.

Contest Rules & Prizes: (Yes, we have prizes!) All the details, including contest rules and prize information, can be found [here](#).

The **first-round winners** will be determined on **March 5th**, and the **final round** winners will be announced on **April 9th**. The goal is to encourage members to have their dues paid at NFRW by the end of the contest period.



Don't forget about the NFRW App!

Receive push notifications for up to the minute information, action alerts for crucial legislation, and reminders for Zoom meetings! Go to your Google Play Store or the Apple App store to download!

Be sure to check out the video below for how to navigate the app!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS MARCH

Amelia Harrison March 9th

Judi Risser March 9th

Charlotte White March 18th

Louise Fortunato March 20th

NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2025

GENERAL MEETINGS January 16th

DATE

May 15th

Inauguration Ceremony – Sue Dewbre

February 20th

City Commissioner - Diane Velazquez

March 20th

April 17th

June – no meting

NO MEETING

July – no meeting

NO MEETING

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th

December 18th

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

- WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS
- It is in the middle that human choices are made; the beginning and the end remain with God. The decrees of God are birth and death, and in between those limits man makes his own distress or joy.
 - from *Shade of His Hand*, 1223 L

NORWF 2025 Volunteers

Month	<u>Raffle Basket</u>		<u>Dessert</u>	
	Name	Phone #	Name	Phone #
January	Joni Keams	407-883-1403	Brenda Solomon Sandy Bove	407-463-9437
February	Brenda Solomon Sandy Bove	407-269-2499	Barb Zakrzewski	407-921-7219
March	Loretta Forlaw	407-579-5971	Verlie Norris	407-221-8011
April	Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888	Loretta Forlaw	407-579-5971
May	Verlie Norris	407-221-8011	Louise Fortunato	407-301-8912
June		No	Meeting	
July		No	Meeting	
August			Lil Finno	407-703-4743
September	Andy Anderson	689-309-3467	Beverly Blackmon	407-361-6751
October	Barb Zakrzewski	407-921-7219	Lois Cooper	407-920-2508
November			Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888
December			Marty Harrison	407-493-0471

1-21-25

Please let Membership Brenda Solomon know which month you will be donating desert or basket (can share a basket



NORTHWEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED, INC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Website:WWW.NORWF.ORG

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: New Member Annual Renewal

(Place an "*" next to new/updated information)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street Address _____ Precinct # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Birthday (month + day) _____ How did you hear about our organization? _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS: Active Membership \$55.00/year

Female*/Male Associate Membership \$40.00/year

*Women who are Associate Members must be an active member in another Federated club. List the FFRW Club of your Active Membership _____

Young Republicans/Student Associate Membership—\$10.00/year

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS: Includes one year of active or associate membership

Platinum Eagle \$251+ Gold Eagle \$200 - \$250 Silver Eagle \$100 - \$199 Bronze Eagle \$60 - \$99

Membership includes free monthly newsletters via email.

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 Armed Services & Veterans Historian/Press Book M.E.L.P. Newsletter Public Relations
 Scholarships Sunshine Telephone Chaplain Newsletter/Website Parliamentarian

AMOUNT PAID:\$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ CC _____

Signature on this application certifies that I am a Registered Republican. By signing this application, I also agree to abide by the By-laws and Standing Rules of NORWF, to include supporting only Republicans in partisan and non- partisan races.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION & PAYMENT TO: NORWF, P.O. BOX 56, APOPKA, FL 32704-0056

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORWF