



October NORWF President Letter

I enjoyed participating in the National Federation Republican Women (NFRW) convention in Orlando and appreciated the engaging presentations. The attendees impressed me with their authenticity and enthusiasm, showing a strong commitment to making a difference for our country. Florida Federation Republican Women (FFRW) organized the event well, assisting guests, providing pins for exchange and hospitality.

The Florida Federation Republican Women (FFRW) conference will take place October 24–26 in Daytona Beach, Florida; registration is still open—look for Charlotte White and me there.

<https://www.ffrw.net/events>

**NORWF celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2026**, we need volunteers for officers and committee roles; coaching is available for those interested. Serving offers valuable experience and resume enhancement for entrepreneurs, professionals, nonprofit members, and homeschoolers, any conservative woman registered as a Republican. Contact the Membership or Nominating Committee if interested.

We have another excellent program planned for our monthly luncheon. Please arrive by 11:00 to connect with the Board and other members.

Please follow us and post on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5648811288514380>

Have a great October! Loretta

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Loretta Forlaw  
President, NORWF



NORWF

Northwest Orange Republican Women Federated

**October 16, MEETING**

THURSDAY, October 16th, 2025,

**HILTON GARDEN INN 580 E. MAIN ST APOPKA**

**J. C. Derrick**



The Apopka Chief

**J.C. DERRICK IS THE PUBLISHER OF THE APOPKA CHIEF  
AND MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA PRESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS. Attend fall October program to hear all updates at The  
Apopka Chief!**

**HILTON GARDEN INN APOPKA 580 E. MAIN ST. APOPKA, FL 32703** Reservations:  
MARTY HARRISON: email [MARTYAOII.AOL.COM](mailto:MARTYAOII.AOL.COM), or call at 407-493-0471

**COST: \$25 with reservations by Monday, 10/13 and \$30.00 thereafter**

**Mingle at 11:00 a.m. – Meeting at 11:30 a.m.**

Visit us at <https://WWW.facebook.com/NORWFC>  
[NORWF.ORG](http://NORWF.ORG)

What is new at The Apopka Chief – get your questions answered on happenings with the The Apopka Chief organization itself, website, deadlines, membership, and MEET THE THE NEW PUBLISHER. We thank The Apopka Chief for their support through all the years!!!



Well Ladies:

National Convention was so much FUN... Yes, and for some of us work. It was so much fun collaborating with strong organized ladies such as those who attended our last meeting and are going to be running for FFRW offices for the 2025-26 term. There was team of 5 of us. We filled 1200 bags on Wednesday with 30 local volunteers THANK YOU BRENDA/Bob, Thursday planning meetings, There was a team of 5 of us that organized a time schedule for over 35 volunteers who were at strategic locations to make everyone feel welcome, greeted at the door, of each event, proctors, be helpful and make sure events were maned be proactive... Friday I had 14,000 steps 😊

The learning experience of each program, seeing the awards being handed out and all the new friends I made while volunteering, the dinner guests I ate with from New Your, Minesota, Florida I learned so much by listening. Learning experience is invaluable.

Ladies, each own of the ladies took pride in ownership of their positions in their clubs. One was her first convention ever, her excitement and pride was wonderful, the others goal was a national position in two years, another group was a newly formed group with the help of best friend and they were pumped..... it was wonderful seeing the excitement of each member attending because their conversations were with pride of growing their clubs, getting officials elected to office, projects to enhance elections and legislature being before house/senate in New York particularly.

Yes, being with DeSantis and Casie was a treat and as I had heard Lt. Governor Collins many times I LOVE TO HEAR FROM HIM... and was trying at one time to get as guest speaker (lives in Tampa) when DeSantis nabbed him and he became too busy... lol how dare governor beat me to the punch.

With all this said it is always a great adventure and keeps me excited for future of our country!



**VOTE IN YOUR NEW FFRW BOARD IN DAYTONA IN OCTOBER!!**



**September Meeting**  
**Thank you, Sandy, for taking great pictures.....**



**Did you know you can find maps of the city of Apopka at  
www.Apopka.gov/Maps or hazardous waste information  
www.Apopka.gov/hazardousWaste**

Ladies - it is that time for **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**- If you would like to step up to be  
ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, PLEASE LET CHARLOTTE/OR LORETTA  
KNOW BY SEPTEMBER 15th!!!

WHEN YOU ARE CALLED TO BE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE --- IT IS IMPERATIVE  
SOME OF YOU AS MEMBERSHIP YOU STEP UP!!!!!! ONLY TAKES CALLS TO GET CANDIDATES  
FOR NEXT YEARS BOARD.

**THANK YOU, CURRENT NORWF BOARD MEMBERS!!!**

Please consider GETTING INVOLVED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES.... PICK A PROJECT  
AND FURTHER OUR GROWTH, SUPPORT, AND EXCITEMENT.... WHAT TOUCHES YOUR HEART??

1 <u>Americanism</u>	8 <u>Leadership Development</u>
2 <u>Armed Services</u>	9 <u>Legislation and Advocacy</u>
3 <u>Awards</u>	10 <u>Literacy and Education</u>
4 <u>Campaigns and Elections</u>	11 <u>Regents Program</u>
5 <u>Caring for America</u>	
6 <u>Email Network</u>	
7 <u>Federation Fund</u>	

Congratulations to NORWF on our 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Thank you to all the amazing women who had the insight and drive to set our club into motion so many years ago. Thank you to all the women who have kept this club relevant and continuing to make contributions to the Apopka area, Orange County, the state of Florida and our country thru our scholarships, volunteer efforts, and support of conservative candidates. As we look to the future, may we continue the fight for the conservative values and Christian principles that have guided our lives. I thank each one of you for joining our club and being a part of this tradition of strong, productive, and effective women!!

Brenda Solomon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Membership



## WHO ARE WE?

*We are a non-profit, grassroots organization dedicated to promoting political cultural and civic goals in a conservative tradition of individual rights and freedoms.*

## OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ *Elect qualified, capable and strong leaders into political office.*
- ◆ *Educate the public about the Republican party and its leaders.*
- ◆ *Seek qualified candidates and promote for office.*
- ◆ *Increase Republican votes and voter turn-out.*
- ◆ *Promote loyalty and support of the Republican party.*
- ◆ *Uphold the values and traditions of the Republican party.*
- ◆ *Bring issues of importance to the public's attention.*

## NORWF 2025 Volunteers

<u>Month</u>	<u>Raffle Basket</u>		<u>Dessert</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
January	Joni Keams	407-883-1403	Brenda Solomon Sandy Bove	407-463-9437
February	Brenda Solomon Sandy Bove	407-269-2499	Barb Zakszewski	407-921-7219
March	Loretta Forlaw Happy Hour	407-579-5971	Verlie Norris Happy Hour	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	Loretta Forlaw	407-579-5971	Lil Finno	407-703-4743
July		No	Meeting	
August		No	Meeting	
September	Andy Anderson	689-309-3467	Beverly Blackmon	407-361-6751
October	Barb Zakszewski	407-921-7219	Lois Cooper	407-920-2508
November	Judy Risser	407-920-7518	Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888
December	Hillary Courson	407-402-8733	Marty Harrison	407-493-0471



### Find the FFRW on Social Media!

- Join FFRW on our private **Facebook GROUP**
- Like FFRW on our public **Facebook PAGE** (YOU CAN SHARE FROM HERE!)
- Follow FFRW on **X (formerly Twitter)**
- Find FFRW on **Instagram**
- Follow FFRW on **Truth Social**



### Want to learn more about the National Federation of Republican Women?

- NFRW's website ([www.NFRW.org](http://www.NFRW.org))
- Follow formerly Twitter ([@NFRW](https://twitter.com/@NFRW))
- NFRW on Facebook
- Find NFRW on Instagram



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS** September 9<sup>th</sup> Susan Bornmann

October 5<sup>th</sup> Paulette Chessa

October 10<sup>th</sup> Lois Cooper

**MEMBERS---- PLEASE BE PREPARED TO STEP UP AND RUN FOR AN OFFICE OR COMMITTEE NEXT YEAR!!!! SEVERAL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SUSTAINING THE CLUB FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW AND NEED A BREAK!! THEY ARE READY TO SUPPORT ANY NEW OFFICERS ----IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STEPPING UP TO RUN, PLEASE LET CHARLOTTE KNOW BY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>!!**

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

**DATE**

**NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2025**  
**GENERAL MEETINGS**

<b>January 16<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>Inauguration Ceremony</b>
<b>February 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>City Commissioner - Diane Velazquez</b>
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor Pat McGuffin</b>
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Chad Creech</b>
<b>June –</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>July –</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>August 21st</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Florida House of Representative Doug Bankston</b>
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Apopka Chief Editor - J. C. Derrick</b>
<b>November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration is forecasting a range of 13 to 19 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 6-10 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3-5 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has 70% confidence in these ranges.

**STEP UP AND BE ACTIVE NORWF**

**\* MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.... THE BEST FRIENDS I HAVE ARE THOSE WHO I HAVE SERVED WITH SIDE BY SIDE, WORKED WITH ON BOARD, COMMITTEE OR SAT WITH AT A MEETING....**

**\*\* GREATEST MEMORIES IS a SUCCESS STORY OF ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT MADE A SMALL DIFFERENCE  
TAKE A STEP OF ENJOYMENT VOLUNTEER**

**NORTHWEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED, INC**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**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 \$45.00/year      Associate Membership \$30.00 per/year \_\_\_\_\_

Women who are associate members must be an active member in another Federated club. List the FFRW Club of your Active Membership \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Male Associate Membership \$30.00/year

\_\_\_\_\_ Young Republicans/Student Associate Membership \$5.00/year

**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:** Includes one year of active or associate membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Eagle \$251+      \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Eagle \$200 - \$250      \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Eagle \$100 - \$199      \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Eagle \$50 - \$99

Membership includes free monthly newsletters via email. Additional \$10/year for hard copy.

**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 Republicans only 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**