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NORWF – President’s Newsletter April 2026

Spring is in the Air, and I am looking forward to the upcoming months.

When Spring arrives, we know it is time for new growth and cheerful flowers. Spring is a great time to evaluate what is happening in our communities and organizations. Is our organization meeting our purpose and mission? It is good to achieve objectives and goals now as we must plan for a very busy summer and fall. We need to incorporate school being out and family time being a focus during June -August. This is a generalization but can apply to many groups with which we collaborate and plan events and support for candidates.

This season, our focus is on preparing to support candidates for the midterm elections. We will continue to invite candidates, so you have an opportunity to meet and ask them questions. We will inform you when candidates that will not be at our club will be presenting candidates for the midterm election. Great news is that we are offering the opportunity to become or increase your familiarity with door to Door and phone support for candidates.

We invite you to join us for an interactive luncheon on April 16, 2026, 11:30 AM to 1 PM at the Apopka Hilton Garden Inn. Reservations: MARTY HARRISON: email martyaoii@aol.com or call 407-493-0471. COST: \$25 with reservations by Monday April 13th and \$30.00 thereafter
Mingle at 11:00 a.m. – Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Kevin Kelly, Vice Chair of the Orange County Executive Committee (Orange GOP)

Kevin Says join him and learn approaches that help:

1. Republicans Win When Republicans Vote
2. Practice calling Republicans.
3. Learn to talk to fellow Republicans – get out and vote.

Please join us!

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If you would like to get involved as a member or invite a new member there are several ways to support NORFW work—Supporting Candidates, addressing community needs and Providing Resources for Republican Women

- Attend an upcoming meeting or event – May 16, 2026
- Volunteer with a program or committee: **Marketing, Legislative, Fundraising NORWF and FFRW – great support.**
- Sponsor or donate to support scholarships and services: **Be acknowledged in NORWF Newsletter and Promotions**



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Northwest Orange Republican Women Federated (NORWF)
April 16, 2026, meeting
Hilton Garden Inn: 580 Main St, Apopka

Kevin Kelly
Vice-Chair, Orange GOP
Republicans Win When Republicans Vote.
Call Some Republicans.

Learn to talk to fellow Republicans – get out and vote!!

Activism



Engagement

Elections: Frustration · Expression · Awakening Realization ·

Kevin Kelly and his wife, Gretchen, are transplants from a northern state. Following the 2020 election, Kevin initially expressed his frustration by writing “Stop the Steal” in chalk on sidewalks throughout his neighborhood. He soon realized, however, that watching cable news and engaging online would not create meaningful change.

Kevin shifted his focus toward grassroots involvement. His mission is to encourage Republicans to communicate with one another and to motivate voters to participate in every election. Kevin Kelly currently serves as Vice Chair of the Orange County Republican Executive Committee (Orange GOP)

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Where does this hang????

Get out and VOTE VOTE VOTE!!!!

APRIL 14TH LAST DAY!!!

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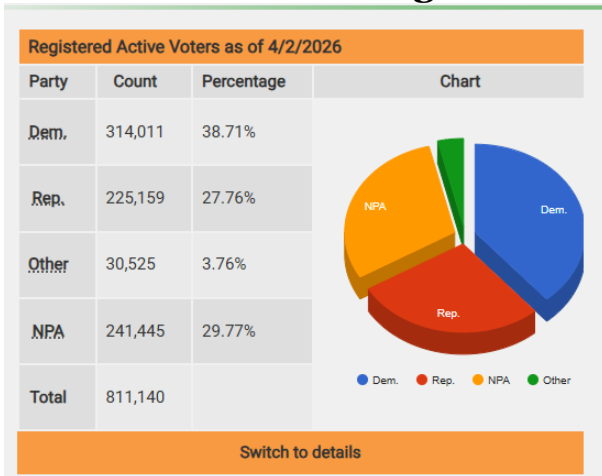




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President Donald Trump on Wednesday said the government shutdown played a “big role” in Democrats’ victories Tuesday night and urged Republicans to **kill the Senate filibuster to quickly restore federal funding.**



**WHAT IS ON PAGE 10?
(DON'T PEEK)**

Thank you Louise for great reporting!!!

The Apopka Chief, March 27, 2026, Page A5

Gubernatorial candidate Renner addresses Apopka group

Former House speaker visited NCRWF crowd on March 19

By Sarah Mery Reporter

Republican gubernatorial candidate Paul Renner addressed about 20 women at the Northwest Orange Republican Women Federated (NCRWF) luncheon on March 19, sharing his political background and campaign platform.

“Growing up as a pastor’s kid, with a mom who was a public school teacher, I had a lot of public service in the DNA. I guess you’d say, in growing up, learning to put service above self,” Renner said. “I’ll tell you and share as I’ve been, stand up for capital ‘T’ truth when it comes to our conservative values, and win.”

Renner’s background includes experience as a Navy veteran, former assistant state attorney, and former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. Initially, though, he was content to refrain from running for governor, saying he was satisfied with his run as speaker from 2022 to 2024.

“I was very happy not running for office,” Renner said. “But looking at and knowing the candidates who were in or might be in—Frankly, I wasn’t going to sit on the couch and see a slow-motion car crash where you have someone who’s more transactional who’s not, in my opinion, qualified or fit to be governor. So I started paying about it with a bias really against it, like ‘You gotta make this really clear to me.’”

Renner said an encouraging letter with a guest at last year’s Apopka Mayor’s Power Breakfast helped him make his final decision.

“I felt like he was going to speak to me about the governor’s race,” Renner said. “Sure enough, he came to me and said, ‘I was paying Monday and felt I should tell you that



Photo by Sarah Mery

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NCRWF members Charlotte White (left) and Carolyn Booth (right) present Paul Renner with a gift after his speech.

you ought to consider running for governor.”

In his effort to persuade the audience, Renner especially emphasized his fiscal acumen, an speaker of the House, including balancing the budget and paying off debt ahead of time. Renner said decreases in property taxes, utility rates, and healthcare costs would be among his top priorities should he win the election.

“The first order of business has to be, believe, for the next governor, affordability

and bringing down the cost of things as much as we can, and that means going after property taxes and bringing those down,” Renner said. “We have people on a fixed income who can’t leave the state after being here for 30 plus years because they can no longer afford to live here. That will be my day one priority.”

Renner also discussed stricter punishment for sex traffickers and predators in Florida, saying that “200,000 people in Florida are estimated to be trafficked for sex every year, and half of them are women.”

“People will spend, on average, over 30 years on death row,” Renner said. “A person who spent and murdered a 6-year-old girl was on death row for 140 years, and I think that’s a slap in the face of every victim’s family to grow old and die before they ever see justice. We’ll have a three-year appeal process, and that’s it.”

He also praised current Gov. Ron DeSantis for his active approach to the role of governor and his commitment to going beyond the “job description.”

“This governor has done a good job of really listening in and being more aggressive on things that matter than a lot of other Republican governors,” Renner said. “He was really getting other things like amendments three and four, the pet and abortion amendments.”

Ultimately, Renner said he hopes to maintain Florida’s status as a “beacon” for other states.

“We have been the model for so many other states, and so that’s why I say you cannot hand off the state of Florida, the third largest state in America,” Renner said.

The Florida primary election is scheduled for Aug. 18. The general election will take place Nov. 3. Other possible candidates include Orange County mayor Jerry Demings and former Congressman David Jolly on the Democratic side, and Congressman Byron Donalds on the Republican side.

CAN YOU TELL SOMEONE ABOUT THESE WOMEN????





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LUNCHEON REGISTRATION!!!

GENERAL REMINDER THAT REGISTRATION FOR LUNCH IS A NECESSITY OF LIFE!!! We have been experiencing shortages of prepared lunches due to members attending without registering in advance. Our facility requires that we pay for lunches based on the number of attendees present in the room. For this reason, we are unable to accommodate anyone at the luncheon who has not paid, including those who may wish to attend only to listen or participate without dining.

This has always been the policy on our facilities. This message is simply an annual reminder and is not directed at any individual but rather intended to help us stay on track financially.

COME EARLY AT 11:00 AND SOCIALIZE 😊

Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (M.E.L.P.)

books from the NFRW for 2026.

Bring books for any meeting or club event. Not only is this a great cause but we receive NFRW and FFRW award points for this committee.

CBS News Radio is being dissolved after nearly 100 years as part of layoffs announced by Bari Weiss

Tune in to listen to the American Adversaries AM 950 or FM 94.9 Monday-Saturday 5-p.m.

Sundays 5-8pm



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[Hot Topics by Chris Hart](#)

[Eric Swalwell furious after Kash Patel pushes to release files of Chinese spy linked to him](#)

[Palm Beach Elections Volunteer Arrested for Stealing Computer Equipment and Encrypted Access Key Ahead of Special Election Won by Democrat](#)



REGISTER TODAY IT WILL BE A MEETING YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!!! VERY EDUCATIONAL!!! SAY YES WHEN YOUR WONDERFUL NORWF VOLUNTEERS CALL TO ASK YOU TO ATTEND

Legislative Updates and Related News

For those interested in staying informed, the White House website offers a wealth of information, including updates on policies and initiatives: [Visit the White House website](#)

Additionally, you can review all executive orders and other presidential actions here: Presidential.

[D.O.G.E. Tracker](#)

[USDA promotes new 'Product of USA' label requiring full domestic production](#)

As always, thank you for your commitment to staying informed and engaged. Together, we can be effective!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GO ON FFRW AND REGISTER YOUR HOURS!

Volunteer Hours - You Count!

Did you know that your volunteer hours count towards FFRW and NFRW club awards? Please help us recognize all the volunteer work you have done on behalf of the club, candidates, polls, elections, running for an office, etc.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

Christine Moore April 11th
 Bev Winesburgh April 21st
 Carolyn Booth April 29th



Call a friend and wish them Happy Birthday or one of April Holiday and Invite them to NORWF!





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Civility PLEDGE

As members committed to purposeful citizenship, we affirm that **how we engage** is as important as what we believe.

We pledge to approach public discussion with patriotism, grounded in **love** of country and **respect** for its founding principles.

We pledge to engage with grace, listening carefully, speaking thoughtfully, and **extending goodwill**—even in disagreement.

We pledge to pursue truth with humility, recognizing that ***the mark of an educated mind is the ability to consider an idea without accepting it.***

We pledge to disagree without being disagreeable, to **challenge ideas rather than question motives**, and to seek understanding before persuasion.

We pledge to **uphold civic responsibility**, modeling respectful discourse in our conversations, our communities, and our public life.

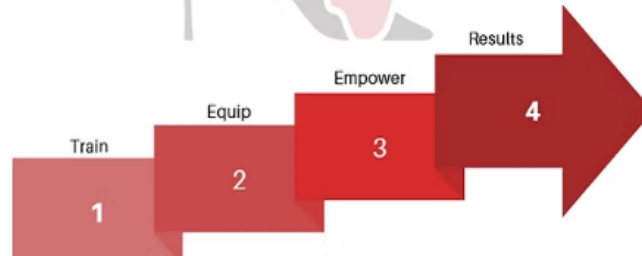
We commit ourselves to **strengthening our republic** through informed, civil, and principled engagement.

**United by Patriotism * Guided by Grace
Driven by Purpose**



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MISSION OF THE FFRW



The Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW) is a statewide organization dedicated to providing structure and support for women who champion conservative values, influence public policy, develop candidates, and help elect Republican leaders across the great, free state of Florida. Our mission is to educate, equip, empower, and expand the impact of women in politics.

FFRW is a member of the largest Republican women's political organizations in the nation - the National Federation of Republican Women. We remain steadfast in the core principles of the Republican Party—government by the people and the belief that engaged citizens are essential to an effective democracy. As a hard-working grassroots organization, the FFRW influences policy at the local, state, and national levels.

The Federation actively supports Republican candidates while fostering strength, unity, and coordinated political action. We encourage Republican women to run for office and provide training to help them become effective leaders at every level of government and within the Republican Party.

With 50 FFRW clubs across the state, there is a place for every Republican woman in the Federation. Members stay informed and engaged through monthly newsletters, timely communications, and local and statewide meetings designed to broaden knowledge, strengthen unity, and increase political impact.

FFRW keeps its members active by offering year-round volunteer opportunities and encouraging participation in special assignments, committee leadership, and campaign projects that advance



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NORWF 2026 Volunteers

Month	<u>Raffle Basket</u>		<u>Dessert</u>	
	Name	Phone #	Name	Phone #
January	Sandy Bove	407-463-9431	Verlie Norris	407-221-8011
February	Carolyn Booth	407-461-0929	Lil Finno	407-703-4743
March	Hillary Courson	407-402-8733	Sandy Bove	407-463-9431
April	Sue Dewbre	805-801-5371	Marty Harrison	407-493-0471
May	Christien Gore	407-533-9788	Carolyn Booth	407-461-0929
June	Loretta Forlaw	407-579-5971	Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888
July	Charlotte White	407-461-2135	Christina Gore	407-533-9788
August	Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888		
September	Verlie Norris	407-221-8011	Louise Fortunato	407-310-8912
October	Pat Blackwell Louise Fortunato		Beverly Blackman	407-361-6715
November				
December	Bev Blackmon	407-361-6715		

Last Updated: 3-22-26



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OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

President	Loretta Forlaw
First Vice President	Carolyn Boothe with support by Charlotte White
Second Vice President	
Treasurer	Sue Dewbre
Recording Secretary	Paulette Chessa
Corresponding Secretary	Sandy Bove



Committees

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Americanism</u> 2. <u>Armed Services</u> 3. <u>Awards</u> 4. <u>Campaigns and Elections</u> 5. <u>Caring for America</u> 6. <u>Email Network</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. <u>Federation Fund</u> 8. <u>Leadership Development</u> 9. <u>Legislation and Advocacy</u> 10. <u>Literacy and Education</u> 11. <u>Regents Program</u>
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NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2026

January 15th	James Fishback	Candidate for Governor
February 19th	Jacob W. Scott	Turning Point USA
March 19th	Paul Renner	Candidate for Governor
April 16th	Kevin Kelly	Vice Chair – Orange GOP



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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.*



MEMBERSHIP: Newsletter: We are going back to following our guidelines for publishing. The 3rd of the month is deadline for submission to the newsletter. PLEASE this is your newsletter. Every officer, every committee member should be submitting updates, requests, and timely information pertaining to that committee. The 20th year should have something submitted every month. This is your newsletter! Every committee above has deadlines and guides the committee can use the newsletter to promote. If individual has something of great interest/heart issue they want submitted please submit! The new deadline date for submission Wednesday, January 8th. The newsletter always was sent before the meeting reason is part of the lateness but also deciding what everyone wants to see and read and more importantly WHAT NORWF needs educated on is totally YOU as membership needs to let me know. Communication is everything. Have idea for committee or speaker please let us know



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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**



I want to learn more about the National Federation of Republican Women?

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



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**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