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NORWF – President’s Newsletter July 2026

We are looking ahead with excitement to the months from July through December. Our Board and member meeting on June 18, 2026, with House Representative Douglas Bankson included essential questions and discussion. We hope to see an even greater attendance at our joint meeting in late August, where we will make additional plans to support the candidates emerging from the Primary for the November elections. This year, we will hold a Patriotic Essay Contest instead of offering an academic or vocational scholarship. Louise Fortunato and Marty Harrison are facilitating this event.

We are still seeking a full-time Membership Chairperson. In the meantime, members are being assigned monthly. Our July luncheon speaker will discuss how to recruit and retain members for your organization. We also have strong new members’ materials that were updated last year by Brenda Soloman and the membership committee.

Rachel Niemic, Chair of Ways and Means, will share details about our August 8, 2026 Bingo fundraiser. Paulette Chessa has taken the lead in securing Sweetwater Country Club for our venue for Bingo. Beverly Blackmon, who has assisted with many past fundraisers, serves on the committee. Charlotte White has tickets ready to distribute to members. Members will be reaching out to you for support in engaging community support and identifying new members. **Please** reach out if you have ideas or would like to contribute your energy as a committee member for this important club-sustaining event on August 8th.

Please read the NORWF, FFRW, NFRW newsletters that you should be receiving in your email. Please share any feedback or questions via email or at our monthly luncheon meeting.

Thanks to Bob White you can register and pay online!

I am looking forward to our July speaker, meeting and talking with YOU at our July luncheon.

Loretta Forlaw
NORWF President

“A friend is a loved one who awakens your life in order to free the wild possibilities within you.”

— John O’Donohue

**NORWF MEETINGS COME EARLY AT 11:00 AND SOCIALIZE ☺
VOTE IN THE PRIMARIES!!!!**



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Trish Murphy
Chief Troublemaker

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FIND LIKE MEMBERS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

As the founder and owner of Marketing Smarty Pants, she's dedicated to leveling the playing field for small businesses, offering top-tier marketing strategies that rival those of the big brands. With 16 years of experience in marketing, Trish has not only established her agency as a beacon for small business success but has also led her enterprise with distinction for 10 years.

Her leadership extends beyond her business, serving as the Past Chair for the Florida Association of Veteran Owned Businesses (FAVOR). Since her initial involvement in 2015, Trish has been instrumental in expanding the organization's reach, swelling its ranks from 65 to over 450 members and establishing 5 thriving chapters throughout Florida.

Reservations: MARTY HARRISON: email martyaoii@aol.com or call 407-493-0471.

COST: \$25 with reservations by Monday 7/13 and \$30.00 thereafter

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

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

REGISTER ONLINE:

Register



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NORWF'S FIRST FUNDRAISER OF 2026!!!



North Orange Republican Women Federated

BINGO

Benefit NORWF's
SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th
2:00 to 5:00

Sweetwater Golf & Country Club
 2600 Bolzano Dr, Apopka, FL 32712

Admission \$30.00

Admission includes:

Each Bingo Player Receives 1 Bingo Pad
 PIZZA, TEA /WATER and CASH BAR

(ADDITIONAL BEVERAGES CAN BE PURCHASED)

Additional Bingo Pads Available for Purchase – \$10.00 Daubers \$2.00



50/50 * RAFFLE BASKETS * PLANTS



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM: NORWF MEMBER, JULY 16th MEETING.
 OR CONTACT: **Rachel Niemiec** at 407-221-9014



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We wish Barb Zakszewski our deepest sympathies!!! Phil will be at peace now as he passed on Thursday, July 16th early in the a.m. No information of services is known at this time. Prayers for Barb and family members.

WHY YOU MUST VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

1. Voting in the August Primary allows **YOU** to choose who your party puts on the ballot in the November General Election against the opposition party.
2. Florida is a closed primary state which only permits those registered voters affiliated with a party to vote in the August primary.
3. School board and judges races are often decided in the Primary.
A candidate must receive 50% of the votes + 1 to win or the top two move on to the General Election in November. These are non-partisan races.
4. *It's an honor and a privilege to vote. It's also your civic duty.*

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation: July 20, 2026
- Deadline to request a vote by mail ballot be mailed to you: August 6, 2026 (earlier is best!)
- Early voting period (mandatory period): August 8 - 15, 2026
- Election Day: August 18, 2026

FLORIDA DIVISION OF ELECTIONS IS A GREAT RESOURCE: [DOS.FL.GOV/ELECTIONS](https://dos.fl.gov/elections)

DON'T GIVE YOUR CHOICE AWAY. VOTE AUGUST 18, 2026 DURING EARLY VOTING OR VBM.

If you want these cards for handouts, please call Charlotte!



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AUGUST 2026 - OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN VOTER GUIDE OFFICIAL ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN VOTER GUIDE

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

U.S. SENATOR

- Ashley Moody (Incumbent)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE — DISTRICT 9

- Ben Butler
- Marcus Carter
- Thomas E. Chalifoux Jr.
- Dan Green
- Jorge Martinez
- Steve Rance
- Justin Story

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE — DISTRICT 11

- Carey Baker
- Ivette Palomo
- Nizam Razack
- Joe Strada
- Tim Wilkins

GOVERNOR

- Jay Collins
- Byron Donalds
- James Fishback
- Jim Holcomb
- Arthur Joseph McCaffrey
- Daniel Nokovich
- Paul Renner
- Rachel Rodriguez
- James W. Shaw
- ~~Caneste Succe~~
- Bobby Williams

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- Blaise Ingoglia (Incumbent)

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

- Wilton Simpson (Incumbent)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE — DISTRICT 39

-  Doug Bankson (Incumbent)
-  Carlos F. Johary Sr.

NON-PARTISAN RACES

All voters, within their districts, regardless of party, can vote in these races.

CIRCUIT JUDGES — NINTH CIRCUIT

- **Group 1:** Mikaela Nix (Incumbent)
- **Group 31:** Steve Kerestes

COUNTY JUDGES

- **Group 17:** Cherish Adams (Incumbent)
- **Group 21:** Mark Miller (Incumbent)

COUNTY MAYOR

-  Chris Messina

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

-  **District 2:** Mike Crabb
-  **District 8:** Jeannette Quinones Hernandez

SCHOOL BOARD

-  **Chair:** Alicia Farrant
-  **District 1:** David Shepard
-  **District 2:** Marisol Lugo
-  **District 3:** Ilia Adorno

HOW TO VOTE

-  **Vote by Mail** — Request by August 6
voteorangefl.gov/request-a-mail-ballot
-  **Early Voting** — August 3 – 16
voteorangefl.gov/vote-early
-  **Election Day** — August 18
voteorangefl.gov/find-your-polling-place

www.orangefl.gov • (321) 209-3787

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AUGUST MEETING!!!!

On August 8 through 18th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. there will be election programs that we will ALL BE SERVING!!!!!!!!!!

THEREFORE, WE ARE HAVING OUR AUGUST GENERAL MEETING AT THESE TIMES OF SERVICE HOURS! CHOOSE YOUR TIME, BRING A FRIEND, AND ENJOY YOUR AUGUST MEETING & SERVING



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Republican primary election

Republican primary for U.S. House Florida District 11

The following candidates are running in the Republican primary for U.S. House Florida District 11 on August 18, 2026.

Candidate



Carey Baker 



Steve Farley 



Ivette Palomo



Nizam Razack 



Joe Strada



Tim Wilkins 



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Join us on Zoom Saturday, July 25th and help us GET OUT THE VOTE!

This live session will show you how to make calls using webElect on your computer or tablet. You must register ahead of time so we can verify your webElect account. All users must have the ability to view the training and have functioning audio. You only need to attend one session from the available dates.

[webElect Training](#)

Get Involved!

Volunteer & Training Opportunities for the August 18th Election

The August Election will be here before you know it. There are many ways you can help us win. Whether you have a few hours on a Saturday morning or want a role on Election Day, there is a place for you. Review the opportunities below and click the sign-up link in each section to get started.



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We are now offering both In-Person and Zoom Training!

We need volunteers to staff the key Early Voting locations. This training is a great opportunity to learn how you can educate voters. No experience is needed, and volunteer hours and locations are flexible. Please also consider volunteering as a **Poll** Watcher as the two roles go hand-in-hand and help to strengthen our overall efforts.

Our next Zoom training session will be held **Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00PM**. This training covers all topics required to successfully engage voters and hand out materials at the RVIC.

Our next In-Person training session will be held on **Saturday, July 25th at 9:30AM** at the **Libre Initiative Offices, Hazeltine National Drive, Suite 116 Orlando, FL 32822**. In addition to the materials covered in Zoom training, In Person training covers RVIC equipment setup and breakdown, and other duties required to be an RVIC Site Lead.

Signups for RVIC Staffing during Early Voting have begun! If you have not already done so, please contact Robert Marant [\(407\) 585-9201](tel:4075859201) with your preferences for date, time slot, and locations.



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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

Chrissy Gore July 12th
No August Birthdays

Call a friend and wish them Happy Birthday or Invite them to NORWF!

Drive them to vote.....call 3 people to go vote.....shout to the world to VOTE!!!!



We do not remember days, we remember moments. The richness of life lies in memories we have forgotten.
- Cesare Pavese, Italian writer (1908 - 1950)



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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.

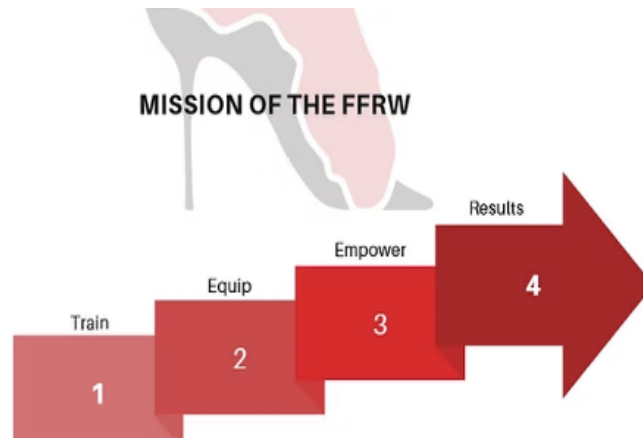
We pledge to **uphold civic responsibility**, modeling respectful discourse in our conversations, our communities, and our public life.

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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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		

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Executive Committee 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

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

NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2026

January 15 th	James Fishback	Candidate for Governor
February 19 th	Jacob W. Scott	Turning Point USA
March 19 th	Paul Renner	Candidate for Governor
April 16 th	Kevin Kelly	Vice Chair – Orange GOP
May 21	Appreciation Social	for the Nelsons
June	Doug Bankson	Florida House of Representative
July 16	Trish Murphy	Marketing Smarty Pants



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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)
- NFRW on Facebook
- Find NFRW on Instagram



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.



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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