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NORWF – President's Newsletter September 2026

August was a very productive month. We had a very successful and enjoyable fundraising event at Sweetwater County Club.

Working with Orange GOP and sharing voter guides during the Primary was quite an experience. While at the Orange GOP tent, Kayrh Fluker from the *Orlando Sentinel* stopped by and asked us to share that she welcomes conservative letters and content. Letters to the editor may be sent to insight@orlandosentinel.com.

Writing a monthly newsletter president's letter can be challenging; it becomes more so when the readers are silent. No response to questions posed to members and no comments at meetings about items/questions in the newsletters NORWF, FFRW, and NFRW. Persistence is necessary if you aren't receiving any newsletters. Help with receiving any of the newsletters is available at the monthly meeting or via email. We must start supporting candidates now and through November 3rd.

We will be sharing opportunities to participate in our events, candidate events, Orange GOP, and other events. Further training will be scheduled, as well as individual and group WebElect calls, sign-waving, door-knocking, and other activities. Please check emails for times and places.

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating NORWF's 20th anniversary and the Christmas holidays on December 17, 2026. Please help us plan a spectacular event for this milestone

Loretta Forlaw
President, NORWF
Loretta Forlaw

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

— John O'Donohue



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NORWF MEETINGS COME EARLY AT 11:00 AND SOCIALIZE ☺

"Women Making a Difference"

20th Anniversary

Thursday

September

★ **17th** ★

NORWF Will Host
Guest Speaker



Orange County State Committeeman

Nathan Cassidy is a proven leader with deep experience in conservative politics, business, and community engagement. A life long Republican, he serves as the current Orange County State Committeeman for the Party of Florida (RPOF). Additionally, he is currently Vice Chair of the Faith Coalition for RPOF and works with churches to get them involved in local politics. In 2020, Nathan became a founding member of Florida Christian Patriots, an organization dedicated to uniting and educating conservatives through churches and local communities.

Alongside his public service, Nathan operates his own mortgage branch in Winter Garden and is recognized as one of the area's highest-rated lenders. A devoted husband and father, he is committed to serving his family, supporting his community and building a stronger future for Central Florida.

Hilton Garden Inn
580 Main Street, Apopka, FL 32703

Reservations: MARTY HARRISON: email martyaoii@aol.com or call 407-493-0471.
COST: \$25 with reservations by Monday September 14 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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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3 NEW MEMBERS, WHO WERE SUPER STARS

IN THE VERY SUCCESSFUL BINGO FUNDRAISER

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE
EVENT AND SUPPORTED THE SOCIAL
COMMITTEE!!



WE DON'T JUST RESPOND TO WHO GOVERNS FLORIDA.

WE HELP DECIDE IT!!!!



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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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**NORTHWEST ORANGE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN,
FEDERATED**

Orange County, Florida



PATRIOTIC AWARDS CONTEST

Recognizing our future leaders!

We are proud to support and honor the outstanding young people in our community who demonstrate patriotism, leadership and a commitment to America's future.

★ **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION** ★

November 7, 2026

★ **AWARD AMOUNTS:** ★

First Place: \$300 • Second Place: \$200

AWARD PRESENTATION:

★ *November 19, 2026* ★

★ **ELIGIBILITY** ★

- ★ Females ages 13 years old to 15 years old
- ★ Must reside in 32703, 32704, and 32712 area zip code
- ★ Public school, private school, and/or home schooled
- ★ No political affiliation required

★ **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS** ★

- ★ Subject of Essay: What Makes Me Proud to be an American
- ★ Essay Length: 750 words
- ★ Essay must be submitted in written form – typed and/or legibly handwritten
- ★ No AI influence, e.g., Chat GPT

Your voice.
Your ideas.
Our future. ★

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

NORWF c/o Marty Harrison
1231 Lake Piedmont Circle
Apopka, FL 32703
407-493-0471
martyanofr.com

Together, we make
a difference! ★



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HERE ARE YOUR ELECTION DATES

KEY DATES FOR 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

General Election Day	Voter Registration Deadline	Mail Ballot Request Deadline	Mail Ballots Sent	Early Voting
November 3 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	October 5	October 22 by 5:00 PM	UOCAVA: Sept. 17 Domestic: Sept. 25	Mon., Oct. 19 – Sun., Nov. 1 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

September 17 Overseas (UOCAVA) Ballots Are Mailed (General Election)

September 25 Local Ballots Are Mailed (General Election)

October 19 @ 8:00 am - November 1 @ 8:00 pm Early Voting (General Election)

November 3 @ 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Election Day (General Election)

NOVEMBER 3RD
GENERAL ELECTION
Vote By Mail
Request a Ballot By October 22nd
 Ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on November 3rd regardless of postmark.
Early Voting
October 19th - November 1st
From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 27 locations across the County.
General Election Day
November 3rd
From 7:00 am to 7:00 pm



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CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TODAY!

FFRW Members,

This is one of the most important calls to action I could ask of you. The proposed Keep Nine Amendment would preserve the judicial legitimacy and balance of our Republic.

H. J. Resolution (Res) 1, The Keep Nine Constitutional Amendment, has been placed on the U.S. House calendar for possible consideration beginning Tuesday, September 1, and during the balance of the week.

H. J 1 would establish that the US Supreme Court shall be composed of nine justices - one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices. Because it is a proposed constitutional amendment, it must receive a two-thirds vote in the House of Representatives.

1.1.1 Please take action today.

Call your U.S. Congresswoman/man and respectfully encourage them to vote "YES" on H.J.Res. 1, the Keep Nine Amendment

Sincerely,

Kim

Kimberley Black, Chair

FFRW Legislative Committee



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THANK YOU, PRESIDENT LORETTA, FOR ATTENDING THE ASHLEY MOODY EVENT!!

Veteran Outdoor Rehabilitation Act News Conference with Senator Ashley Moody

Date: Tuesday, August 25th

Event 2:00pm; **Check-in Time:** 1:15pm- 1:45pm

Location: Orlando area - 32804 (Location details will be shared with approved RSVPs)

This event is by invitation only and invitation is not transferrable. Please do not share or post details on social media. You may invite trusted family and friends to register. Pre-registration is strictly required and all attendees will be vetted. Until you receive an email accepting your registration, it is not confirmed. We reserve the right to decline any registration.

Direct questions to: events@moody.senate.gov



Fall's fiery colors are one of nature's most stunning shows, but did you know those brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows were hiding all summer long? It's true! The vibrant hues you see when the leaves change aren't just about chilly weather, they're all about sunlight, chemistry, and clever trees getting ready for winter. Let's dive into the fascinating science behind why leaves change color and how weather and tree types create the perfect autumn masterpiece.



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Why Do Trees Change Color?

Nature is so fascinating! The main reason for the eye-popping color change is not autumn's chilly weather but sunlight—or rather, the lack of daylight. Day and night are roughly equal in length on the autumnal equinox in late September, but afterward, nights are growing longer and days shorter. As the autumn days shrink, the reduced daylight tells deciduous plants that it's time to stop gathering energy and get ready for the dormant season—winter.

All leaves contain different types of chemicals; one of these chemicals, chlorophyll, is responsible for absorbing sunlight and giving leaves their green color. As chemical changes begin to take place inside the plant, a corky wall of cells (called the “abscission zone”) forms between the twig and the leaf stalk. This corky wall eventually causes the leaf to drop off in the breeze.

As the corky cells multiply, they begin to seal off the vessels that supply the leaf with nutrients and water and also block the exit vessels to some extent, trapping simple sugars in the leaves. The combination of reduced light, lack of nutrients, and less water trigger the trees to start the process of breaking down the chlorophyll, and the green color fades.

Because the green color was “masking” other color pigments, you start to see leaves change color into yellows and reds!

Of course, not all leaves turn vivid colors in autumn. Only a few of our many species of deciduous trees—notably aspen, birch, gum, maple, and oak—produce truly stellar performances for the annual autumn spectacular in North America.

• What Causes the Bright Yellow and Red Colors of Fall Leaves?

Once the waning hours of daylight trigger these changes and the green chlorophyll is gone, other pigments reveal their bright faces!

- Carotenoids give leaves their brilliant yellow and orange colors.
- Anthocyanins are found deep red and purplish leaves.
- The presence of tannins means leaves will turn brownish or tan.

Yellow carotenoids exist in the leaf all summer but are masked by chlorophyll during the growing season. Red anthocyanins, on the other hand, are freshly produced by plants as fall conditions ramp up. Surprisingly enough, scientists aren't entirely sure why trees bother to produce a new pigment while otherwise trying to save their precious resources for the winter ahead. Some suggest that the bright red color could deter insect pests from feeding on leaves or that red leaves attract birds that feed on (and spread) the trees' fruit.



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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

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

September	14th Bryan Nelson
	27 th Connie Aasis
	28 th Bob White
October	5 th Paulette Shessa
November	19 th Mary Harrison
	25 th Verlie Norris
December	4 th Debbie Nelson
	12 th Sandy Bové
	23 rd Russ Bové

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

**2026 Star Spangled Apopka Christmas Parade--
A 50 year Sertoma Tradition Celebrating America's 250th Birthday!**



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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	Marty Harrison	
September	Verlie Norris	407-221-8011	Louise Fortunato	407-310-8912
October	Pat Blackwell Louise Fortunato		Beverly Blackman	407-361-6715
November	Chrissy	407-533-9788	Carolyn Booth	407-461-0929
December	Bev Blackmon	407-361-6715	Paulette Chessa	321-229-6888

Last Updated: 3-22-26



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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
August 8	Bingo	
August 20	Planning Meeting at Pasitano's	



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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