

## *From Our President* **Welcome Back**

RWOF is excited to **Welcome** you back to our upcoming September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. I know we have all enjoyed our summer break but it is time to get back to work. The Florida Federation of Republican Women is the largest Republican women's organization in the state. I am proud to say our RWOF makes up 133 of those members. Our role consists of supporting strong conservative republican values throughout our State and our Country. RWOF looks forward to seeing you all in September and each becoming involved in this exciting opportunity to spread these values.

As we move toward the 2024 Presidential election I have asked myself why the country is so culturally and politically divided. I have concluded that there is one crucial difference between Republicans and Democrats. We, the Republicans, have a **strong moral foundation**. Our ethics and morals define our vision of a strong America. We stand for the sanctity of life, law and order and personal responsibility. The Democrats seem to have **no moral foundation**. Their lack of ethics allows them to promote abortion, turn a blind eye to lawlessness and encourage wide spread dependence on the government. Their vision of America is one of weakness and chaos. We must hit the ground running in September to make sure that a Republican wins the presidency in 2024 and that our nation continues to have the strong moral foundation necessary to maintain its very existence!

I am often asked what our organization stands for and what do we do. I have listed what we believe and are striving to accomplish. We need each of you to accomplish all of these missions.

**OUR MISSION:** Empower women from all backgrounds in the political process and provide a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas.

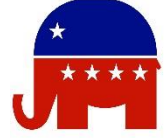
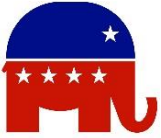
**ENGAGE:** Inform the public of Republican values through political education and activities such as hosting political forums, events, and performing community service.

**UNITE:** Foster collaboration and cooperation between clubs, the National Federation of Republican Women, the Republican Party, like minded organizations and campaigns.

**ACHIEVE:** Become a leader by working on issues and with campaigns to perform the tasks that ultimately are needed to ensure that our values and Constitution are protected.

**We are Florida, and we are here to ensure that our Country survives!**

*Deborah Stone, President, RWOF*



**1<sup>st</sup> V.P. DESLEY PARKER**

**DONNA TASHIK**

**Executive Director at Fresh Start for Children and Families**

Apr 2020 - Present 3 years 2 months  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida, United States

Fresh Start's primary focus

is helping families achieve long-term self-sufficiency through a nine-month residential and educational program.

Our Mission is: To share love and compassion through a comprehensive educational, vocational, and economic housing program to help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency.

Fresh Start operates three major programs: two are housing and education programs for homeless families; the third is open to the public, and is our primary funding source for the housing and education programs. The three Fresh Start programs are: Transitional Housing, Affordable (Step-up) Housing, and Repeat Street Thrift Store.

- Foundation Advisor  
*Horizons of Okaloosa County*  
Feb 2011 - Apr 2020 9 years 3 months  
Fundraising, event planning, public relations.

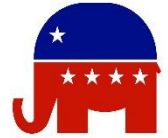
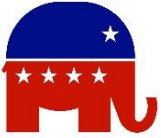
**Education**

[The University of Southern Mississippi](#)  
*Associate of Arts (A.A.) Marketing*  
1979 - 1981

Marketing and Fashion Merchandising

- [The University of Southern Mississippi](#)
- General Sales, Merchandising and Related Marketing Operations





**Organizations**

- Emerald Coast Foundation

*Past President*

Jan 2010 - Present

Supports local children’s charities with their signature fundraising event, the Emerald Coast Poker Run

Jun 2008 – Present

- Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce

*Board member*

Jan 2018 - Dec 2020

- 100 Women Who Care of Emerald Coast
- FPRA
- Fort Walton Beach Rotary #6940



**KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY**

**Our SEPTEMBER Menu:**

**House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette**

**Warm Rolls & Butter**

**Lemon Butter Baked Chicken**

**Maple Mustard Glazed Pork Loin**

**Sauteed Green Beans**

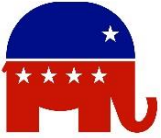
**Roasted Red Potatoes**

**Dessert: Key Lime Pies**

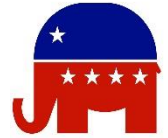


The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, September 1st**, as reservations are required.

Contact Kathy Foster @ [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)



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## 2nd V.P. KATHY ALEXANDER

**June & July Free Lunch Winners:  
Sarah Poole & Lisa Panos**

**Free Twisted Grape Certificates:  
Marty Houston & Desley Parker**

**50/50: Tess McLaughlin-Bass**

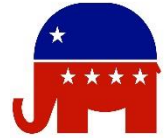
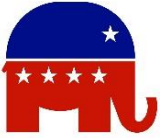
# Happy Birthday

## AUGUST

Karen Beatham	Aug 1	Vicki Baker-Janis	Aug 20
Carolyn Ketchel	Aug 1	Sheryl Laurie	Aug 23
Betsey Plantholt	Aug 1	Lidia Webb	Aug 23
Linda Gail Martin	Aug 13	Caroline Maney	Aug 24
Alexis Monroe	Aug 13	Beth Marler Fife	Aug 27
Gloria Wilson	Aug 17	<b>Associate:</b> Tim Bryant	Aug 18

## SEPTEMBER

Mary Lynn Barnawell	Sep 2	Vickie Morris	Sep 17
Madeline McNeal	Sep 5	Rhonda McKinney	Sep 19
Kay Hébert	Sep 6	Sam Kinkaid	Sep 20
Mary Plummer	Sep 6	Nancy D'Silva	Sep 21
Ginger Bowden Madden	Sep 7	Lois Handzo	Sep 22
Judy Allen	Sep 8	Jenny Berge	Sep 26
Marcia McLean	Sep 10	<b>Associate:</b> Scott Stone	Sep 11
Mira Villanacci	Sep 10		



## MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Our September message:

### “Why a Wall of Separation”

Founding Fathers began the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment – Congress will make no law establishing a national religion.

Will Not prohibit free exercise of religion.

150 years this understanding lasted.

In 1947 *Everton v. Board of Education* changed it all.

Took Statement from a letter written by Thomas Jefferson which changed our life.

It was a metaphor – “wall of church and state”.

Silenced religion.

Need to re-establish the primacy of faith in American life.



## ANNA PEELE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

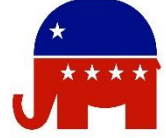
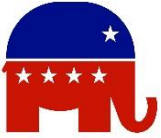
The Community Outreach donation for September, if you wish to participate, will be to support the families and children of **Fresh Start in FWB** with basic school supplies.

Fresh Start’s primary focus is helping families achieve long- term self-sufficiency through a one to three residential and educational program.



Supplies needed: pencils, crayons, markers, glue, paper, rulers, scissors





Thursday, October 12, 2023

5:30 gathering (BYOB)

6:00 pm Dinner - Games

Preservation Hall

17 Industrial Street NW

Food, Fun, Prizes

\$30 per person

sponsored by

Republican Women of Okaloosa

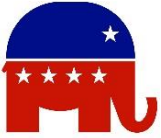
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Questions?

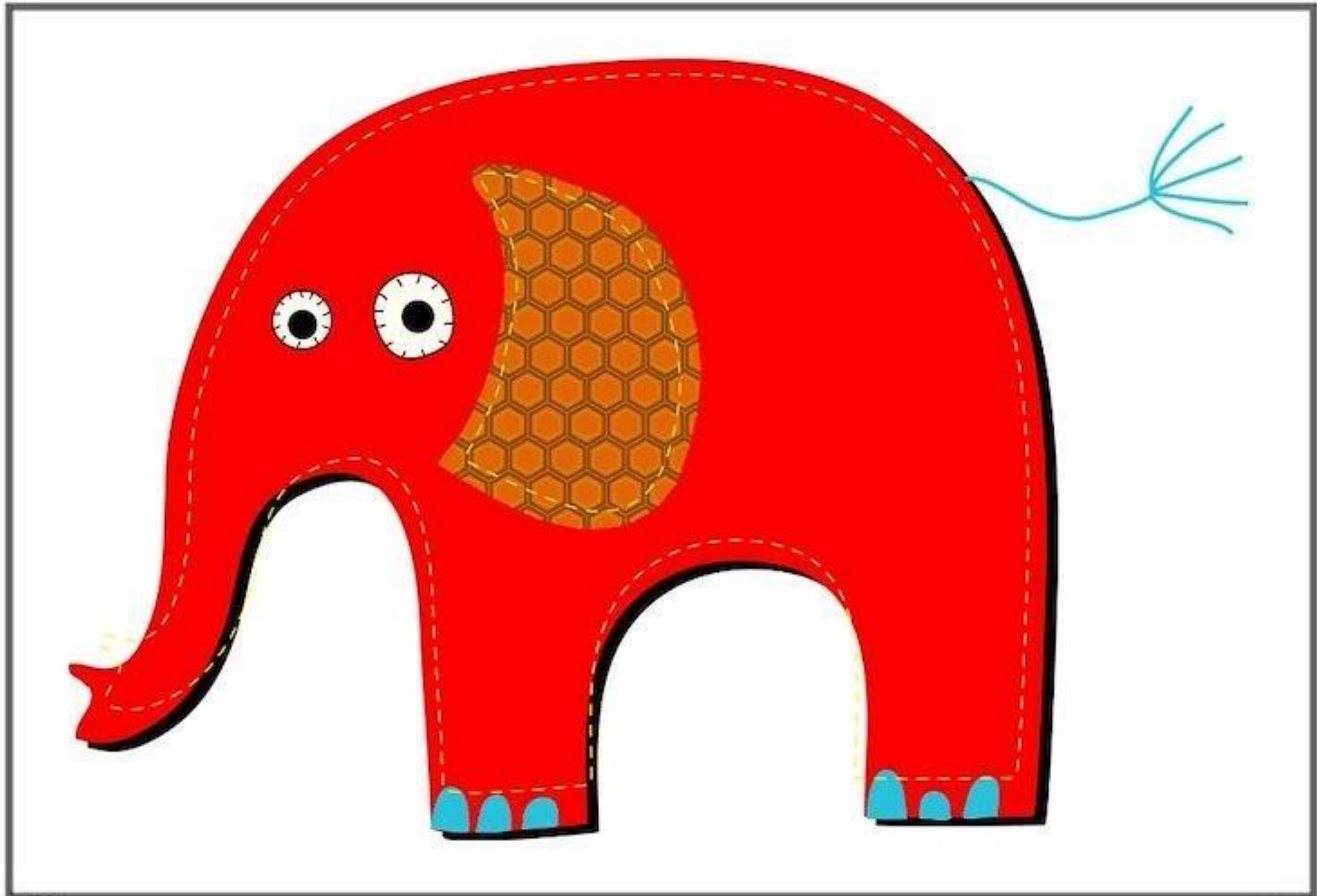
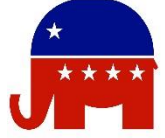
Tammy Magee

850-496-1142 cell

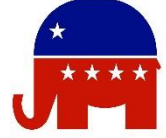
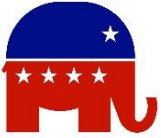




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Red Elephant Table Sale  
September 6, 2023  
Donate or Purchase (preferably both)  
Republican tee shirts, jewelry, collectibles  
Bring your treasures to the September meeting



RWOF Honoring Background Heroes on November 1, 2023

In recognition of the strength, devotion, courage, and hope that military widows and widowers displayed during deployments, and in some cases imprisonment, RWOF will invite these Background Heroes to the November 1 meeting to dine with us as our guests.

Realizing that the Wyndham will only accommodate 160 people, members should make their RSVP's as soon as the luncheon email is received. Perhaps you know of someone who should be honored, please help us extend an invitation. And if you would like to sponsor a guest to help defray the costs of this luncheon, it would be most appreciated.

Attendees will be greeted, thanked, and presented with a corsage. RWOF members who are widows of veterans will also receive a thank you and a corsage.

Once we get closer to the event date, more details will be solidified and shared.

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Tammy Magee – [mageemt@cox.net](mailto:mageemt@cox.net)

Desley Parker - [desley.parker@gmail.com](mailto:desley.parker@gmail.com)

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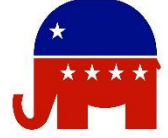
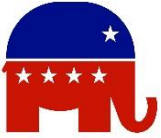
**Not that kind... THIS kind of website....[www.rwof.org](http://www.rwof.org)**

**The organization is returning to our original website address.**

**Please share and send suggestions with pictures/articles.**

**Soon we will add a section for conversations and a blog.**

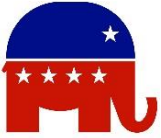




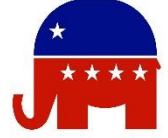
From Past President Maddie McNeal

**IN MY HUMBLE OPINION:** There are too many evil goings on in our country these days. I do not believe enough is being done on behalf of 'WE THE PEOPLE' and definitely not enough on behalf of former President Donald J. Trump. You may or may not agree with me, but I wholeheartedly believe he is the only one, of all the candidates running, that can save our country. The very sick left is doing everything they can, and then some, to try and get him imprisoned ... do you know why? The left believes what I believe, they know it to be true! All these "Hearings" are nothing but a waste of our taxpayer dollars, all theater, no substance. The people called to these hearings absolutely refuse to answer the simplest questions. Shame on our Republican Party for letting this circus continue. Feel free to voice your opinion, we need to have this conversation. Seriously!





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### REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED MISSION STATEMENT

To bring women together to educate about Local, State and National issues; to improve the quality of life in Okaloosa County through political activity and community involvement; to advance the participation of Republican women in all areas of our political system; and to encourage and support qualified Republican women to seek and win public office.

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