

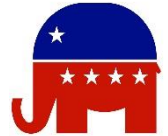
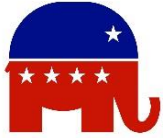
RWOOF President Deb Stone

We held our Inauguration Ball celebrating Donald Trump's presidency on January 20th. Little did we know then how fast and furious the progress would be! In contrast to most prior presidents, President Trump is **keeping his promises**. He has stopped the flow of illegal immigrants and is returning them as fast as possible to their home countries. He is working to put an end to sanctuary states and cities. He is ending wars, both in Ukraine and the Middle East, caused by the weakness of the Biden administration. Many hostages have been freed and others will be. They were held for many months during the Biden administration and they would still have no hope of freedom if Kamala Harris had been elected. Trump

has issued an executive order that will literally save women's sports by excluding biological men (even if they are "transitioning") from unfairly competing against women. The list of his accomplishments goes on and on. He has ended wasteful Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives resulting (even before his inauguration) in a desperately needed increase in military recruitment. He has assembled one of the best cabinets in history and appointed highly talented ambassadors. He is proposing reciprocal tariffs that will bring jobs and industry back to America. Also, he is working hard to pass a bill that will extend the middle class tax cuts that were initiated during his first administration.

But the most exciting and fun thing to watch is the creation of Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). It is driving the "tax and spend" Democrats insane. They are whining and squealing like the PIGS (Phony Ignorant Grouchy Swine) that I have always known them to be. Their power rests entirely upon wasteful government spending that lines their pockets and those of their friends, families and supporters. They could care less that it is driving the U.S. toward bankruptcy and into an overwhelming debt that is undoubtedly the greatest threat to our nation's future! Trump, with help from Elon Musk and his team, is exposing and ending the hidden waste that has been created by our bloated unelected bureaucracy. They will save the nation by applying common sense and sound business practices to our government's finances. The Democrats never complained when Billionaire George Soros spends his fortune to support their ruinous causes. Now we know they were funneling money to George Soros through USAID so he was really spending our money. And they never complained when Joe Biden ignored the Supreme Court and spent billions to forgive student loans. They worship overspending. But let Elon Musk assist Trump in trying to save money and they call him an "evil billionaire" with ulterior motives. They cry that we are in a "constitutional crisis". They accuse Trump of overstepping his authority when he is actually doing nothing but ending absurd waste and corrupt spending. That was the mandate given to him by the American people on November 5, 2024. He is fulfilling that mandate and keeping his promises!

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We have given our time, money and effort to help Republicans get elected ----- most importantly the election of Donald Trump for his second term. The goals we sought to achieve are coming to fruition and we can take great pride that OUR SUCCESS IS PAYING VALUABLE DIVIDENDS. I love music and will close with lyrics from two fantastic songs that still ring true in 2025. During the Great Depression people sought to remain optimistic. They sang: "Happy days are here again! The skies above are clear again." And you will remember in the 1970's: "Morning has broken, like the first morning; Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of a new day!" Let's make these our theme songs as we live joyously every new day of Donald Trump's second term as our president.

Deb Stone, President RWOF

Our March Program

Ft. Walton Beach City Council Candidates

Go to www.fwbchamber.org for responses from all the candidates to an online candidate questionnaire...and we will have a Q&A with the candidates who will be attending our meeting. Be an informed voter for the March 11th election.

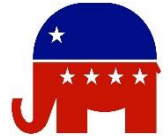
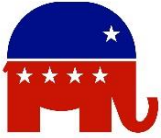


KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

Our MARCH Menu:

- House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette
- Warm Rolls & Butter
- Lightly Blackened Mahi w/Lemon Cream Sauce
- Honey Garlic Baked Chicken Breast
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Steamed Broccoli
- Dessert: Red Velvet Bundt Cake

The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, February 28th**, as reservations are required. Contact Kathy Foster @ fosterpk@gnt.net



**From our Treasurer
JEAN WALLACE**

LUNCHEON PAYMENTS

Speed Up Our Luncheon Check In - help us get everyone checked in before we start our luncheon at Noon by:

- 1. Having checks made out to Beachview Breakfast, LLC before you arrive**
- 2. Have cash, \$25.00 or \$27.00, for guests ready for check in**

3. Come a little early so everyone isn't arriving just before noon and be at your table so we know where empty seats are located.

Thank you and if you have additional ideas let us know!

KATHY ALEXANDER 2nd VP/MEMBERSHIP

Drawings for February:

Twisted Grape – Bess Jones

Free Lunch – Shelly Dugger

50/50 - Jackie Pilcher

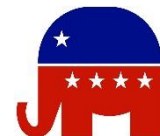
Leppert Book – Gloria Kane

JoJo Handbag – Oris Lovering

New Member for February:

Crystal Watkins





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Darla Harrison	Mar 2	Deb Stone	Mar 25
Athena Marler	Mar 10	Ellen Deckert	Mar 26
Emily Barber	Mar 11	Kay Schmidt	Mar 27
Jan Shaffer	Mar 19		
Joan Marler	Mar 23	<u>Associate:</u>	
Karen Neighbors	Mar 24	Kathleen Baird	Mar 4
Mary Simmons	Mar 25		

Members – 124 Associates – 17 Total – 141 2025 Renewals – 103



MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Message: “Forgetting God”

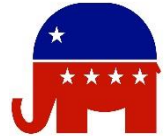
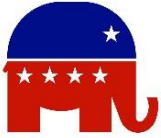
Speech from President Abraham Lincoln when he declared a “National Fast Day” on March 30th, 1863.

He mentioned all our great attributes during our previous peace/prosperity both in the north and in the south.

We believed his greatness was our own doing.

Problem – we forgot God. We need to humble ourselves and ask forgiveness.

Our Song will be “Battle Hymn of the Republic”



SHERYL LAURIA **Community Outreach**

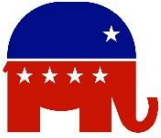
The RWOF completed 240 valentine cards at our February 5th luncheon meeting! Every card was inscribed with a message and sealed with love and appreciation for the service given to our country! Each card was given to a deserving Veteran at the VA Clinic at Eglin Air Force Base on Thursday, February 13, 2025! Thank you to all who took the time and made the effort to brighten the day of a soldier! The VA office was extremely appreciative of our efforts and our heartfelt cards made an everlasting impression on the recipients! What a great way to show our love on Valentine’s Day! The VA clinic would love to make this an annual event!

Following is comments provided by Ed Donaldson, volunteer VA contact who distributed our cards: “Administration Officer, of the Eglin VA clinic, included the event in her weekly report to the Gulf Coast leadership and to the Director of Volunteer services as well. Overall, it was a great success, the cards and the Kisses brought a smile to our Veterans and warmed their hearts. Our thanks to you and the ladies for your kindness supporting our local Veterans.”

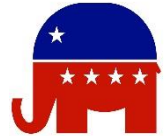


Pictured left is Colette Melanson, one of our local Veterans receiving her Valentine Card. Pictured right, our own Mary Potthast signing one of the cards that would be distributed at the Veteran’s Clinic.





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REPUBLICAN WOMEN
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NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

*for Okaloosa Republican
Women*

DEADLINE: APRIL 9, 2025

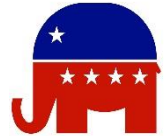
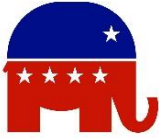


Who can apply?

- A woman of any age who may not have gone directly to college after high school or earning her GED.
- A woman who experienced an interruption in higher education and is now returning to complete her degree.
- A woman of any marital or family status who has a need.

Details:

- Application available at rwof.org.
- Return completed application to elmajade@yahoo.com by deadline.



Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated

PO Box 1202, Shalimar, FL 32579 Attention: Scholarship Committee (850-376-2967)

Non -Traditional Student Scholarship Application for Okaloosa Registered Republican Women

An eligible non-traditional student is classified as:

- A woman of any age who may not have gone directly to college after graduating from high school or having earned a GED.
- A woman who has experienced an interruption in higher education and is now returning to complete a degree.
- A woman of any marital or family status who has a financial need for assistance.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 9, 2025

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Address: _____

Street	City	County	Zip Code
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Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registered Republican Yes No Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

Place of Birth: _____

No of Children: ____ Ages: _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes No Date of Naturalization: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Annual Salary: _____

I will be a: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected Graduation date: _____ Credit Hours completed to date: _____

GPA: _____ Field of Study: _____

College/University where scholarship funds will be used: _____

Previous Education:	School	Location	Years Attended	Graduation Date
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High School _____

Community College/College _____

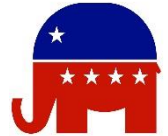
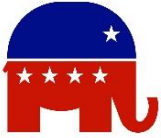
Volunteer Work/Community Service _____

1. In 200 words or less, please attach a statement describing why you deserve or need a scholarship. Include current resources (i.e., means of support, employment status, unusual circumstances, funding sources). 2. In your own words, please describe your career goals, how you plan to achieve these, and how that achievement will enhance you and your family's future.

Include two (2) current letters of reference. _____

(Signature) I am willing to meet with the Scholarship Committee. No Yes

Return this form to the P. O. Box address indicated or email as attachment to elmajade@yahoo.com.



From the Desk of Past President Maddie McNeal:

So, what's been happening lately at the Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated's luncheon. We had a new photo taken for our Facebook Page! Beautiful!

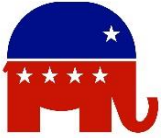


Crystal Watkins joined us in February.



Ashlee Leppert was our Guest Speaker.



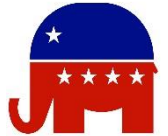
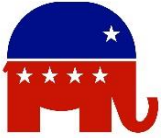


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The whole gang showed up in RED,
well almost everybody!

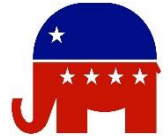
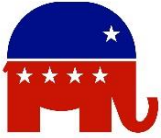




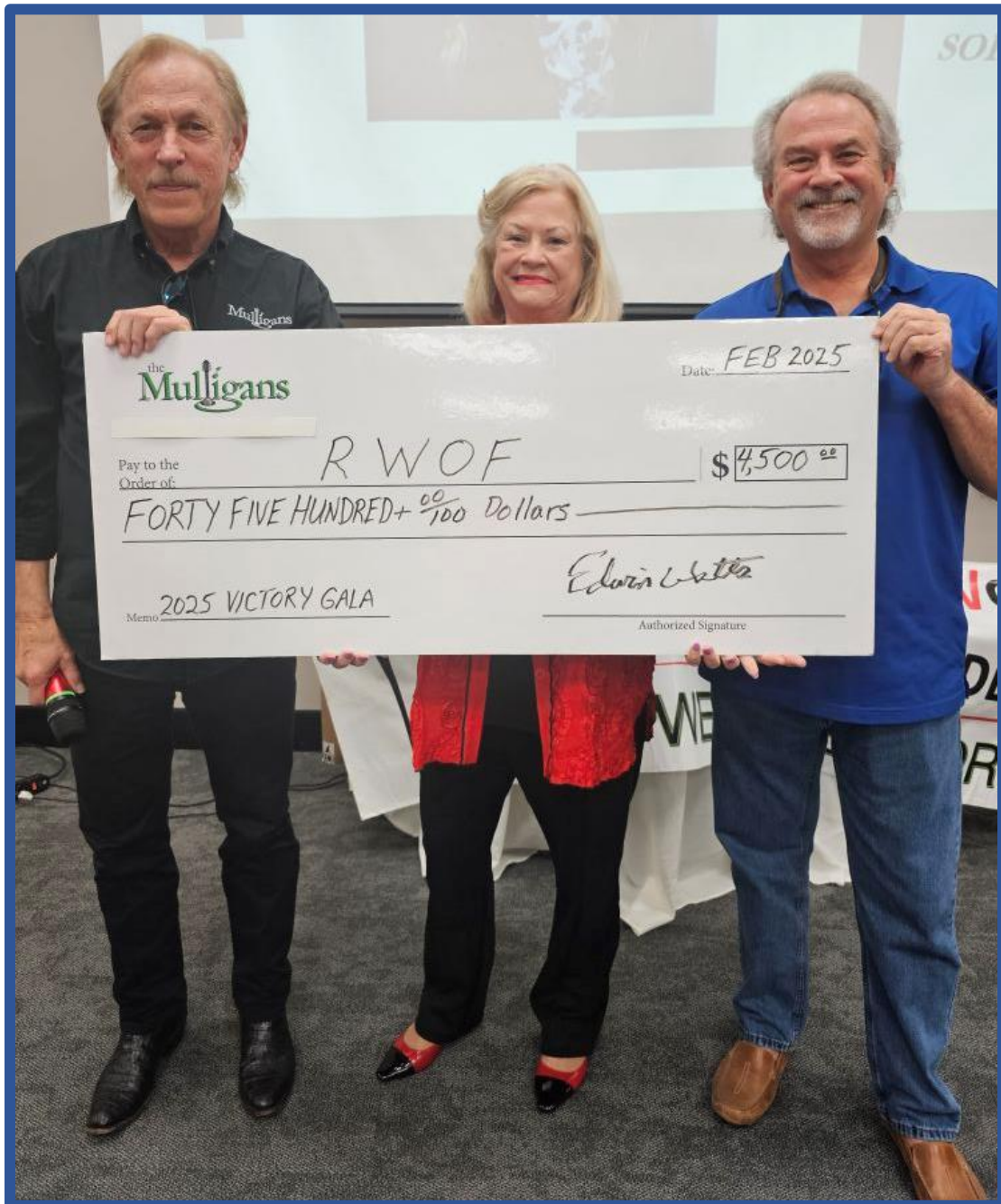
Bess Jones won the Twisted Grape Certificate

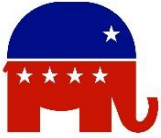


Sheryl Lauria was our top recruiter for 2024. Her 2025 dues are paid - a gift from RWOF for her outstanding hard work.

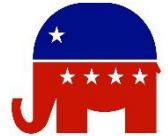


The highlight of our meeting was a visit from two members of the Mulligans, Ray Angerman and Lincoln Cox. They presented President Deb Stone with a check for \$4,500 for the great job agreeing to and organizing our Inaugural Victory Gala on February 20th at Jake and Henrys. **She's a ROCK STAR!**





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J.D. Vance
Vice President



Marco Rubio
Secretary of State



Scott Bessent
Secretary of the
Treasury



Pete Hegseth
Secretary of
Defense



Pam Bondi
Attorney General



Doug Burgum
Secretary of the
Interior



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Commerce



Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Secretary of
Health and
Human Services



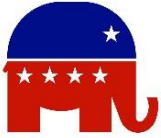
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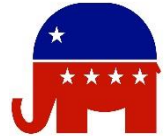
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Intelligence



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the Small Business
Administration



Lee Zeldin
Administrator of
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Environmental
Protection
Agency



Russell Vought
Director of the
Office of
Management and
Budget



John Ratcliffe
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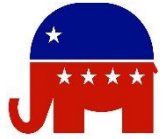
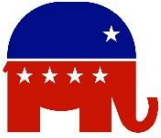


Elon Musk
DOGE

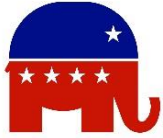


Kash Patel
Director of FBI

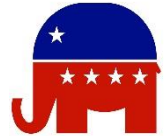
"THE DREAM TEAM"



PRESIDENT DONALD JOHN TRUMP



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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.

The “**RWOF TRUMPET**” is brought to you by

Immediate Past President & FFRW District 1 Representative
Maddie McNeal

(now Representing Okaloosa, Escambia, Walton, Bay, Washington, Holmes & Santa Rosa Counties)

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