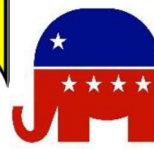


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Message from Your President, Lidia Webb

It's hard to believe we are more than halfway through both the year and the summer. I've barely had time to spend in the pool! I hope you all had a very memorable 250th Independence Day! My husband and I watched the fireworks display over the Washington Mall – all 850,000 of them! What a fantastic show.

We are requested to help in so many areas and are pulled in multiple directions, not always where we should be focusing.

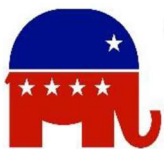
We need to remember our mission. One of the objectives in the RWOF Bylaws is: *Work for Republican candidates in all elections, including non-partisan elections.* In this election year, with so much at stake, we need to put our efforts into the election. Get Out The Vote (GOTV) with a focus on absentee ballots for those who can't get to the polls due to infirmity.



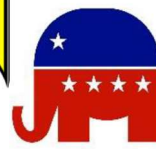
Trump's Republicans hold slim majorities in both the Senate and House, but a few have broken with the president on a handful of issues ahead of the mid-term elections in November, which will determine whether the party will retain control of Congress. We can't lose sight of all the GREAT things the Trump Administration has achieved in National Security, the Economy, Border Security, Law & Order, Make America Healthy Again, and Energy.

FFRW will be providing leadership training for ALL members during the **Virtual** Fall Convention to be held on Saturday, September 26. Please save the date and plan to attend. The focus will be on GOTV and how you can make an impact. Midterm elections are in October, and I will pass along more specific information as soon as I receive it. The vote-by-mail ballot request deadline is October 22 and early voting period for the General Election is October 24–31. Information we receive during the Virtual Fall Conference will be very timely.

Let us all take a moment to remember Senator Lyndsey Graham who unexpectedly died on July 11. A moderate Republican from South Carolina, he was a leading voice on defense and foreign affairs issues. His sister, Darline Graham Nordone, was sworn in to fill his seat in the Senate on July 14. RWOF wishes her success in this new role.



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Greetings from our RWOF executive board: **Lidia Webb, President;**
Deborah Stone, Immediate Past President & FFRW 2nd Vice President;
Jean Wallace, 1st Vice President; **Marcia Burpee, 2nd Vice President;**
Ellen Deckert, Treasurer; **Lori Burkart, Recording Secretary;**
and **Dottie Porter, Corresponding Secretary**



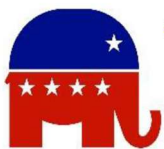
Jean Wallace, 1st VP/Programs

Luncheon Meeting August 5, 2026, Program:

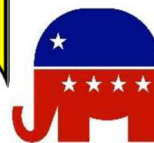
***Patt Maney, Florida State House
of Representatives, District 4***

- **Occupation:** Attorney
- **Spouse:** Caroline Maney (RWOF Club member)
- **Education:** University of Kentucky, BA, Political Science, 1966-1970; University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, JD, 1971-1974; Troy State University, MS, International Relations, 1994-1995; University of Kentucky, Honorary Doctor of Laws, 2016
- **History:** Father, Charles Thomas Maney, Fort Walton Beach City Councilman
- **Military:** University of Kentucky Army ROTC Wall of Honor, 2012; United States Army, active and reserve duty, 1970-2007; Brigadier General, Retired; Overseas service: Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Afghanistan; Afghan Ghazi Mir Batcha Kahn Superior Medal, 2005
- **Moved to Florida:** 1975
- **Religious Affiliation:** Anglican
- **Recreational Interest:** gardening, history, public and international affairs
- **Legislative Service:** Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020, reelected subsequently
- **Other Public Services:** Okaloosa County Judge, 1989-2018





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Home2 Suites, 1930 Lewis Turner Blvd
(across from FWB Golf Course)

KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

Our lunch menu:

The luncheon buffet is Penne Alfredo Pasta, Bowtie Marinara Pasta, grilled chicken, bay shrimp, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert.

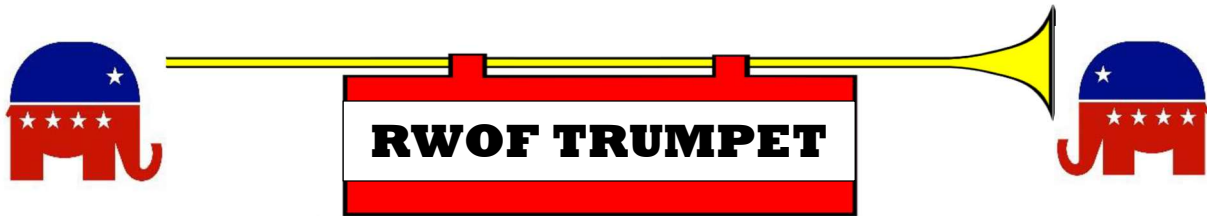
Reservations are due one week prior, on **July 29th**. Requests made after that date will be placed on a waiting list. We strive to accommodate everyone, but last-minute reservations have resulted in food shortages. Thank you for understanding.

We look forward to greeting you. The cost is \$27 for members and \$29 for guests. Gathering at 11:30, meeting promptly at 12:00 noon.
For reservations: fosterpk@gnt.net

Note: Kathy is also our Webmaster www.rwof.org

Next month September 2nd General Meeting Program:

Melissa Beaudoin, President FFRW, presenting a wonderful program on our U.S. Constitution for America 250!



****** Vote during meeting **** Your presence is needed! ******

Ellen Deckert, Treasurer

In last month's Trumpet I presented the Board's proposal for an increase in our annual dues.



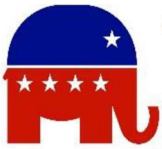
The new membership fee schedule is here:

- \$50 – Primary (previously called Active)
- \$75 – Patron (primary + \$25 donation + one chance for free RWO of lunch)
- \$100 – Angel (primary + \$50 donation + two chances for free RWO of lunch)
- \$125 – Saint (primary + \$75 donation + three chances for free RWO of lunch)
- \$25 – Associates

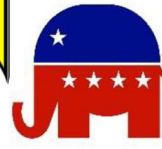
Currently, our fundraisers are not keeping up with expenses. Our two most recent fundraisers brought in a total of just over \$1400. This alone will not maintain our club for very long. We have longstanding community projects such as our scholarships, Veterans' Recognition in November, Flag Presentation for new Habitat for Humanity homeowners, etc. Also, our Community Outreach has new projects for RWO of to support each year. **If you have a fundraising idea, please contact any Board member.**

Another issue is that we do not keep all the money we collect in dues. We pay \$25 per member to the FFRW, our state organization; we only keep \$15 from the lowest membership tier. At this time, I am not sure how many members pay an amount above the minimum. However, if we have 90+ members and they pay \$50 instead of \$40, that will increase our collection by \$900 which is substantial. Add to that the larger amount paid by some members and this could be quite a boost. Please consider these important concerns when thinking about the Board's request and attend the August luncheon to help us make this important decision.

Reports for the past month are to be presented on the big screens during our meeting and luncheon. **Ellen Deckert**



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MARTHA GORECKI – CHAPLAIN

More than leading our prayer before meals, our Chaplain gives us inspiration in a message before the pledge and selects a patriotic song or words for us to share in faithful sisterhood.

Message: Protecting Basic Personal Freedoms

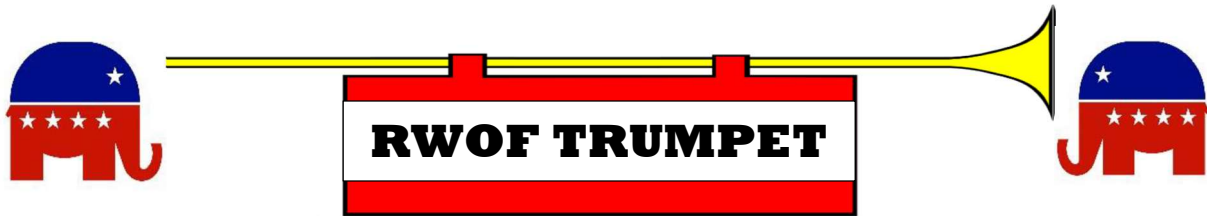
1. During debates on the adoption of the U.S. Constitution opponents argued that it failed to protect basic liberties.
 - a. did not define the citizens' rights
 - b. feared the federal government would infringe on civil rights
2. James Madison introduced the 10 amendments.
 - a. came into effect on December 15, 1791
 - b. ratified by 3/4 of the states
3. Bill of Rights identified certain actions that the federal government would not do.
4. Bill of Rights spelled out the basic human rights.
5. Reserves all powers not granted to the federal government for citizens or states.

For the song selected we will sing "God Bless the USA."

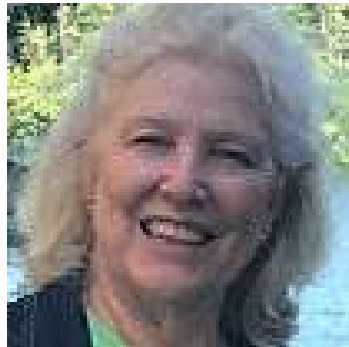


Dottie Porter, Corresponding Secretary

Our Sunshine Lady, Sarah Poole, sends a card to any member who has lost a loved one, has had surgery or is ill, or for any "life happening" out of the ordinary. If you know of any RWOF member who could use a "Thinking of You" or similar card, please let Sarah Poole or one of your officers know so that we can touch base with that member.



Marcia Burpee, 2nd VP, Membership



Current membership: 99 plus 17 Associates including 2 new members and 2 new Associates.

July Drawings:

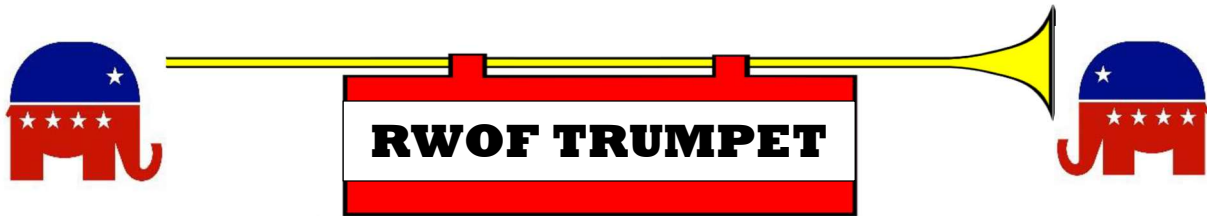
- **Twisted Grape Certificate (attendance required) for birthday: Marya Bard.**
- **Free Lunch (Patron, Angel and Saint) winner: Barbara Morris.**
- **Drawing for 50/50 cash: Winner receives \$95.00, won by: Joanne Wallace**
- **Additional drawing for “America at 250, A Republic if You Can Keep It” book by Dr. Doug Stauffer, won by Dottie Porter.**
- **Additional drawings (2) for 250th Anniversary ballcaps, won by Mary Potthast and Gloria Kane**



Our Guests in July included: Lt Governor Jay Collins (our speaker) accompanied by Political Director Martin Robliss;

Elected Officials: State Representative Patt Maney, Okaloosa School Board District 5 Brett Hinely, FWB Councilwoman Gloria DeBerry, Mary Esther Councilwoman April Sutton, Niceville Councilman Dr. Doug Stauffer

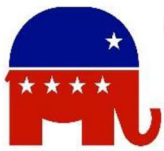
These candidates were present: John Frankman, running for Congress District 1, along with his wife, Laura; Jerry Buckman, running for Okaloosa School Board District 1; Brett Hinely running for Okaloosa School Board District 5; Gloria DeBerry running for FWB Council; Schuyler Black running for FWB City Council.



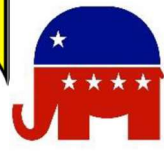
From our Luncheon:



See our Facebook page for more images...



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August Birthdays

Karen Beathan – 1st

Carolyn Ketchel – 1st

Betsey Plantholt – 1st

Dale Martinez – 9th

Linda Gail Martin – 13th

Heather Kapp – 14th

Kim Norman – 17th

Lidia Webb – 23rd



Sheryl Lauria – 23rd

Caroline Maney – 24th

Beth Marler Fife – 27th

Other important messages from membership:



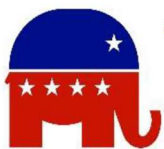
DON'T FORGET!

Let a board member know if you have been volunteering for any upcoming election or spent time working on one of our community volunteer events. The club gets points at the state level for every volunteer hour we participate in locally. We want to keep track and win recognition. Fill out the sheets or contact a board member.

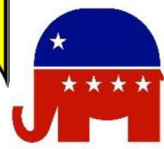


Lori Burkart, Recording Secretary

Lori records the minutes of our board and business meetings and keeps the records. If you missed what happened, you can contact her.



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AUGUST CALENDAR:

2nd – 1776: *Members of the Continental Congress formally signed the parchment copy of the U.S. Declaration of Independence.*

3rd – *Sister FFRW club Niceville Republican Women's Dinner at the Blue Tee, Bluewater Bay Golf Club, now at 5pm social.*

5th – Club Luncheon Meeting, 11:30.

6th – Meet the Candidates at Bob Hope's Village

8th – **Early Voting First Day**

12th - *Sister FFRW club Emerald Coast Republican Women's lunch at the Clubhouse Grill, FWB Golf Club, at 1130*

15th – **Early Voting ends**

18th – **FL Primary Election**

18th – *In 1920, the 19th Amendment took effect, officially guaranteeing American women the constitutional right to vote.)*

26th – Reservation deadline for the Next luncheon on Sept 2nd.

27th – Partial Luna Eclipse & Full Sturgeon Moon, best viewing 11:19 PM.



Looking ahead:

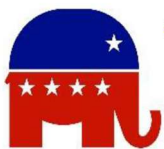
Sept 2nd – the next Club Luncheon Meeting

Melissa Beaudoin, President FFRW

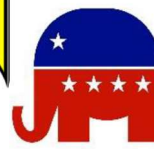
October 3rd – Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Details will be shared later!

November 3rd – General Election!



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**Are you on a committee?
Or do you want to volunteer?**

Contact our president now to get your committee assignment.