

*From Our President, Deb Stone*

### *Holidays*

Holidays in America, whether for observance or celebration, are very important to Americans. That is why when The White House and Joe Biden overshadowed the very reverent importance of Easter with Transgender Visibility Day and the banning of any religious symbols, the declaration naturally created uproar in America. This proclamation was a political stunt to distract from all the problems Biden and his administration has created for not only America but for the world. You know all the problems so I do not have to list them. What will Biden do to take away from our upcoming May Holidays? Let us always remember what they are and why we celebrate.

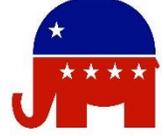
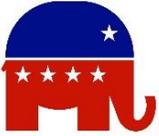
#### **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day**

A woman named Anna Jarvis started a campaign in 1905, after her mother died, to have a day to honor mothers. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May an official holiday for mothers. He chose May to honor Anna's mother since she died in May. This day honors Mothers and Motherhood. Please celebrate mothers on Mother's Day May 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day**

Memorial Day originally was established as Decoration Day to commemorate those who lost their lives in the Civil War. Memorial Day has been expanded to include military that died in all wars, including World Wars I and II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Memorial Day is always observed on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is a federally recognized holiday when Banks, Schools and many offices are closed. Let us all observe Memorial Day and remember it is to honor those military members who lost their lives in service to their country.

Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated let us stand together and help Republicans win in 2024. With you it can be done! **We all need to be active, get involved, campaign and take back America!**



**BETH FIFE, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP/Programs**

**GINGER BOWDEN MADDEN**

**State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit**

Ginger Bowden Madden served as an Assistant State Attorney for over 25 years prosecuting cases in every division of criminal court ranging from misdemeanors to serious felony offenses. In November 2020, she was elected State

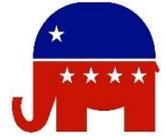
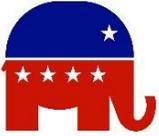
Attorney to lead a team of over 220 prosecuting attorneys, investigators and support staff operating out of five field offices and four children’s advocacy centers across Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton County.

“I will work with law enforcement to forcefully deal with the kind of criminal behavior that threatens the safety and well-being of our communities, especially the safety and well-being of our children and most vulnerable”.

Bowden Madden has served as President of the Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association, as a member of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers and as a member of the prestigious Federalist Society, which fosters a conservative legal philosophy for lawyers and judges. She is especially proud of her time serving as lead prosecutor in several innovative programs to include Florida’s first Veterans Treatment Court in Okaloosa County and Mental Health Diversion Court. She has proudly supported the Air Force Operations School by speaking to foreign and US. Military officers about the state prosecutor’s role in the U.S. justice system. A Cum Laude graduate of Troy State University, Bowden Madden received her B.S. in Business Management, and earned her law degree from Florida State University.



“Our police, sheriffs’ offices, and other first responders do a magnificent job as our first line of defense. It is *my* responsibility to see that work through to its proper conclusion.”



**KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY**

**Our MAY Menu:**

- House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette
- Warm Rolls & Butter
- Honey Sriracha Pork Loin
- Baked Chicken w/Tomato Basil Cream Sauce
- Sauteed Green Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Bundt Cake
- Coffee, Decaf, Unsweetened Iced Tea, Water



The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, April 26th**, as reservations are required. Contact Kathy Foster @ [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

**2nd VP/MEMBERSHIP**

**KATHY ALEXANDER**

**April Drawings**

Free Twisted Grape Certificate: Jackie Pilcher

Free Lunch Drawing: Nancy D'Silva

50/50 Drawing \$100: Maddie McNeal

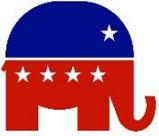
Shoe Pin: Kathy Foster



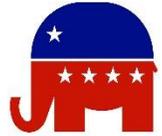
**Welcome: New Member Kim McSparren**

**Returning Member: Cheryl Stubbs**

**Members 126 Associates 23 Total 149**



# RWOF TRUMPET



Marilyn Gentry	May 2	Jane Pritchett	May 22
Irene Fisher	May 9	Joan Ropka	May 23
Gretchen Gilligan	May 11	Leslie Schmidt	May 27
Jeanne Rief	May 14		
Mary Jo Horner	May 20	<b>Associate Member</b>	
June Scroggin	May 22	Patt Maney	May 22

## MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Title. "A Passionate Love"

1. Malachi directed his God-given message to a sinful people.
2. People were complacent.
3. Malachi challenged the people to have a relationship with God, also a prophecy.
4. In May 17, 1775, Harvard College President delivered a message reminiscent of Malachi's prophecy.

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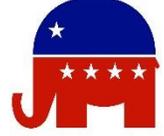
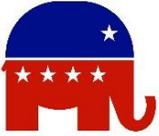
"National Day of Prayer"

1. We need to recognize the National Day of Prayer which is May 2, 2024.
2. A resolution was approved on April 17, 1952 that the National Prayer Day "should be the first Thursday in May in each year".



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Song. "God Bless America"



## JUST FOR FUN

**In honor of the Kentucky Derby weekend, wear your fancy hat/fascinator to our May 1st luncheon!**



## PLANNING AHEAD

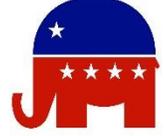
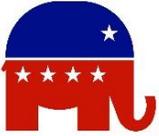
**Our July luncheon will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month, July 10th, to avoid conflict with the July 4th celebrations/trips/visits, etc.**

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From the desk of Immediate Past President *Maddie McNeal*

Each day that passes brings another condemnation of President Trump from the Democrats. The one that gets me is from Hillary Clinton who suggested on a podcast last Friday that her old rival, former President Trump, would be happy to "kill his opposition" if he's reelected president. In the conversation with Marc Elias, host of "Democrat Docket" said that President Trump models himself after Russian President Vladimir Putin and other dictators, calling the prospect of his return to the White House "very scary". That he would kill his opposition, imprison his opposition, drive journalists and others into exile, and rule without any check and balance. Now, we all know that Hillary Clinton is still seething over her loss to President Trump so long ago...yet she just can't seem to relate to reality that she is a LOSER! She is making the TV circuit spewing her vile garbage in hopes that somebody will believe her. What will it take to shut this woman up?

On another note, House Speaker Mike Johnson is a great disappointment to our party. He has sided, once again, with Biden and the Democrats and has set into motion a \$1.2 trillion dollar appropriations package to advance foreign aid bills to Ukraine, Taiwan and Israel.



Oddly, and sadly, the bill has no funding for the U.S. southern border, a promise Johnson had made not to move forward with a Ukraine aid bill without a measure to strengthen security along the U.S. southern border. I don't know about you, but I'm feeling more and more violated and ignored by the Republican party. The words "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION" are floating around in my head a lot lately. We are taxed to the limit to pay for the defense and security of other countries while here at home we have no say as to our own defense and security. What has happened to our great country? What has happened to our elected officials, you know, the ones we trusted with our votes? The ones who made promises to us in their flowery speeches of how they were going to fight and do right by the American citizens. I'm throwing down the BS flag on all of them. Looks like Biden isn't the only LIAR in Washington.

Is there anything the American taxpayer isn't going to have to pay for? Biden promises that the bridge that was run into and collapsed will be paid for...guess where the money will be coming from! Let's talk about the college tuitions that will be forgiven, totaling billions of dollars...guess where the money will be coming from!

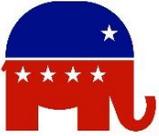
I'm still in wonderment that Biden forgot that Easter Sunday fell on Easter Sunday and that it was more important that we celebrate the transgenders of the world. It was explained that this particular celebration always takes place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March each year (BTW something I had no idea about) and that was that. After all, Easter can be on any Sunday. OMG! I'm going to leave it at that before I print what I really feel about it, and it won't be nice.

If I appear angry, it's because I am. It's for all that I have written about already and in anticipation of what's yet to come. Another day, another insult, from this administration and sadly, from our own Republican party.

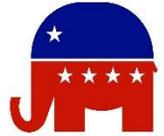
Donald J. Trump must win in November, period, end of sentence. We cannot sit on our laurels and assume that he will...kinda like we did with the Red Wave that never happened. Why didn't it happen, because too many believed it was in the bag and stayed home instead of voting. We know that the Democrats stay up nights thinking of ways to screw over this country, we have to fight back, because if we don't we'll never get out of the mess they've managed to put us in already. Donald J. Trump is our only chance at turning this around and MAGA should be shouted loud and clear across this country of ours and not deemed a dirty word as Biden has tried to make it.

'TIL NEXT TIME...let's

**MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN**



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*Mother's Day*

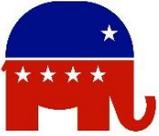
**MEMORIAL DAY**



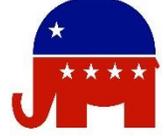
*Save the Date*  
*Women Veterans' Day*  
*June 12, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.*



*1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE*  
*Fort Walton Beach, Florida*  
*Parking available at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center*



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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

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Maddie McNeal

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

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