

RWOF President Deb Stone

Where were you?

9/11/2001 September 11 Attacks

9/10/2025 Assassination of Charlie Kirk

As a Nation we mourn each year the senseless loss of lives on 9/11. Now we will add 9/10 and we will mourn the loss of Turning Point USA's Founder and Leader, Charlie Kirk.

Where was I? I know we will all remember where we were during these heinous acts of evil. My husband Scott was born on 9/11 so I was with him on both occasions getting ready to

celebrate his birthday. Needless to say, these devastating events overshadowed what was to be a celebration. I still feel so devastated I can barely write the Trumpet this month. What can I say that has not already been said at the many tributes to Charlie Kirk and the 9/11 victims.

Let America never forget! It is our number one goal to keep the memories of what happened alive forever. Let us keep Charlie Kirk's Turning Point USA strong and growing to influence America's Youth with conservative values.

Charlie Kirk October 14, 1993 September 10, 2025

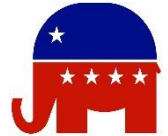
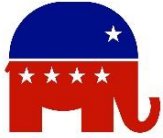
Just shy of his 32nd Birthday this extraordinary young man's life came to an end orchestrated by evil. He put GOD, Family, and Country first. He had inspired millions of young Americans to stand up for conservative values. Before his death Tuning Point had 2500+ chapters. Turning Point now has 35000+ applications for chapters. If the Left thought this would make us afraid and keep us from speaking out the truth, **They Are Wrong!**

Charlie will be remembered as a man of God, Husband, Father, Son and Conservative Leader. As his wife Erica said we will not let his movement or memory die. Our commitment is to keep these memories alive forever.

We thank President Trump for flying flags at half-mast to honor Charlie Kirk. President Trump said "No one understood or had the Heart of the Youth in the United States of America better than Charlie" The Turning Point movement was instrumental in the win for President Trump in 2024.

Keep the conservative movement going.

God Bless America



RWOF October Speaker

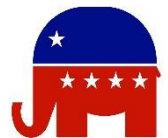
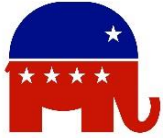
CAROLYN KETCHEL Commissioner District 2

Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel is Commissioner for District Two, which includes Shalimar, Okaloosa Island and parts of unincorporated Fort Walton Beach. She has been a resident of Okaloosa County for over 38 years, and brings a comprehensive background in Federal, State and local experience, with an emphasis on social services

policy and administration which spans decades. She was named the Social Worker of the Year for the State of Florida in 2015 by the National Association of Social Workers. Most recently she was awarded the 2020 Presidential Advocacy Award by the Florida Association of Counties. This award recognized her tireless work advocating for the citizens of Okaloosa County and her work alongside then Rep. Mel Ponder, and in unison with community leaders, to create the Mental Health Diversion Program.

Carolyn was accepted into the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship program after graduate school. While in Washington, she served on the White House Conference on Families under President Carter, and the Commission to Reform Social Security under President Reagan. She was recognized for her work on Social Security by President Reagan. Carolyn worked in the United States Congress as a Subcommittee Director for the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

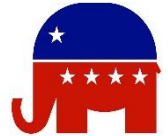
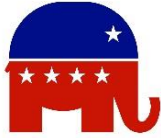
Carolyn holds a Master's Degree in Social Work in Administration, Social Policy and Clinical Counseling, and has a license in Clinical Social Work. During her years as a Social Worker she has worked on the macro-level, assisting to pass legislation on Social Security, child welfare and foster care. Her public service in Florida includes serving on Congressman Jeff Miller's district staff, and serving as Senator Don



Gaetz's legislative director. While working in Tallahassee, she was instrumental in passing legislation to bring a social work program to the University of West Florida.

Carolyn's local service includes directing Catholic Charities throughout Okaloosa and Walton Counties from 2007 to 2012. Carolyn had a private Christian counseling practice for many years. She is also a long-time radio talk show host on WPSM, hosting a show called Christian Perspective with Carolyn Ketchel. Carolyn was the Chairman of the St. Mary's School Board and served on the Diocesan Commission on Catholic Schools. She received the Christus Medicus Award for her work in social programs from Bishop John Ricard. In 2013, she was appointed to the Florida Gubernatorial Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council by Senate President Don Gaetz. She also served as the Vice Regent of the Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2020. In December of 2020, she was awarded The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Founder's Medal. This prestigious award is known as the Ellen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism, honoring those who displayed outstanding patriotism in the promotion of our American ideals of "God, Home, and Country" through faithful and meritorious service to community, state or nation.

Carolyn Ketchel has distinguished herself as a leader in Northwest Florida with a reputation for integrity and conservative ideals. She has been active in Republican politics for many years, serving as campaign director for two Republican congressional campaigns, and as an Okaloosa County Republican precinct committeewoman. She was elected to the Okaloosa County Commission, taking oath in November 2014; has served as Vice Chairman for 2016, Chairman for 2017, Vice Chairman for 2020, and served as Chairman for 2021 and is the current Vice Chairman for 2025. She was inducted into the Okaloosa County Women's Hall of Fame in 2018 for her Contemporary Service. Carolyn is currently serving as 1st SOW Honorary Commander for 2025-2026. She was recently appointed by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to serve as the National Vice-Chairman for Historic Preservation for 2025-2028.



KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY

Home2Suites, 1930 Lewis Turner Blvd
(across from FWB Golf Course)



It is always beneficial to hear from elected officials... even more so when the presenter is an RWOF member! We are appreciative that Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel has accepted our invitation to speak on October 1st at Home2 Suites at Freedom Tech Center, 1930 Lewis Turner Boulevard, 32547 (across from the FWB Golf Course). Come hear what is going on in your county.

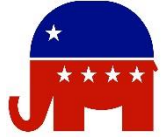
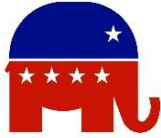
The buffet luncheon is brisket, pulled pork, mashed cheesy potatoes, cornbread, garden salad and Chef's Choice Dessert. The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Reservations are required and due by Wednesday, September 24. Due to the order/delivery schedule at this venue, late reservations cannot be accepted.

Caring for American Chair Sheryl Lauria has arranged for Food for Thought to be spotlighted in October and founder Tiffanie Nelson will join us. There are multiple ways for RWOF to participate with this organization. More info here:

<https://www.facebook.com/FoodForThoughtOutreach/>

For your convenience, membership renewals for 2026 are now being accepted. \$40 active, \$50 patron, \$75 angel, \$100 patron.

We look forward to seeing you at the October 1st meeting. Gathering at 11:30, meeting promptly at 12:00.



KATHY ALEXANDER
2nd Vice President
Membership

Drawings for Aug/Sep:

Twisted Grape – Dale Martinez (Aug)

Oris Lovering (Sep)

Free Lunch – Marya Bard, Elizabeth Kulow

50/50 – Robin Baker

JoJo Table Runners – Elaine Stewart



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER

Sarah Poole – 3
Sharon Trenary – 4
Mitzie Henley – 5
Kathy Alexander – 6
Kathy Foster – 11
Michelle Ferriera – 13
Ann Rumph – 15
Linda Payne – 17
Tracey Jones – 27

Associates:

Emil Pagliari – 2
Richard Hickenbotham – 25
Tom Peele - 27

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

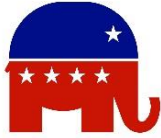


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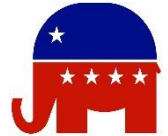


HAPPY BIRTHDAY
NOVEMBER

Linda Flowers – 1
Barbara Morris – 1
Billie Chappell – 13
Lori Burkart – 24
Dolores Noechel - 26



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Membership for 2026!

The 2026 RWOF Membership Renewals begin 1 September and are due by 31 December 2025. It is time for ALL members to renew. Dues are collected on a calendar year basis.

Membership dues remain the same as shown below:

Saint	\$100	(Active member + \$60 donation + 3 chances for "free" RWOF lunch)
Angel	\$75	(Active member + \$35 donation + 2 chances for "free" RWOF lunch)
Patron	\$50	(Active member + \$10 donation + 1 chance for "free" RWOF lunch)
Active	\$40	(Active Membership)
Associate Member	\$15	

If you plan to renew at the 1 October luncheon, please bring a check or cash for your dues and additional cash for your lunch.

Or

Mail your check to *RWOF, P. O. Box 1202, Shalimar, FL 32579*

Thank you for supporting RWOF!



MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

Message – A Witness for the Lord

Harriett Powers was an African-American who was a quilt maker.

She used traditional appliqué techniques and piecework.

Her quilts reflect African and African-American influences.

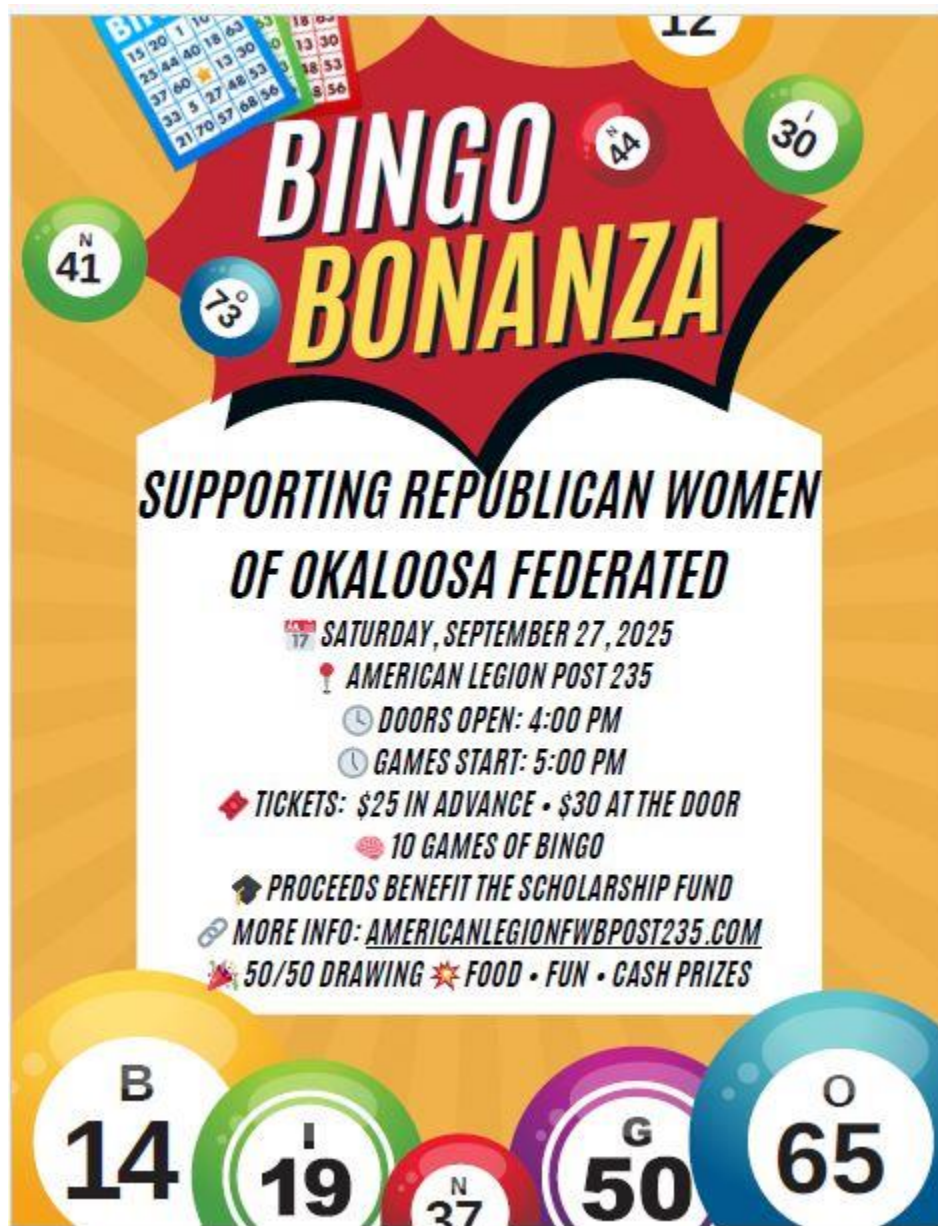
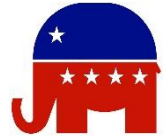
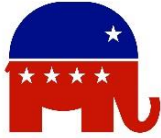
Panels show biblical stories.

Only two remain and have been placed in two museums.

She could not read or write but learned Bible stories through spirituals and listening to sermons.

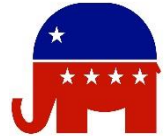
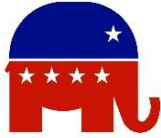
We recently had a "Witness for the Lord" in Charlie Kirk. He lived his faith. He was very bright, but not a college graduate – self-taught. He developed a movement to encourage the youth and young generation to be faithful to God and family. It seems that his wife Erika will continue his work in TPUSA. We need to pray for the family of Charlie Kirk, the modern day "Witness for the Lord" and his movement.

No Song – We will recite the "Preamble to the Constitution"



Note: \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Extra sheets of playing bingo will be on sale at the door for \$1 a game. Those that arrive early may order dinner from Julie's Southern Joy and eat in the Bingo Hall. The menu includes fried chicken, pizza, sandwiches, and desserts. Ice Water will be free, but the Legion will have a bartender ready for the crowd.

Mary Potthast will be available to answer any questions, and tickets are currently on sale!



Destin-Ft Walton Beach Convention Center

*Fundraiser for the Okaloosa, Walton,
Santa Rosa, & Escambia Republican Party*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S *** DINNER ***



Jay Collins,
Florida Lt. Governor



Ron DeSantis,
Florida Governor



Blaise Ingoglia,
Florida CFO

Early Bird Price thru Sept 21st
Dinner \$150 VIP \$300
Tickets at OkaloosaGOP.com

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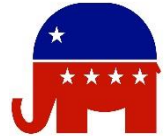
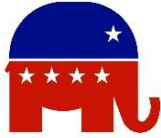
Presidential: \$10,000
Gold: \$7,500
Silver: \$5,000
Bronze: \$3,000
Includes a VIP Table for 10

VIP Reception, Social Hour and
Silent Auction start at 5:30 pm
Event starts at 6:45 pm



For Further Details:
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Chairman Doug Stauffer
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CALLING ALL VETERANS!

As we have done in previous years, RWOF will be honoring women veterans with a special celebration at our General Membership Meeting on November 5. To help make this event successful we are asking for your help.

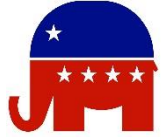
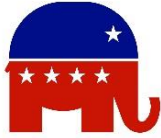


1. First and most importantly all RWOF members who have served will be our guests. Please be sure to let Kathy Foster know you are a veteran and your rank and service branch when you make your reservations.
2. RWOF is seeking sponsorship for each veteran in attendance. Members may pledge sponsorship for one or more veterans to be paid the day of the luncheon. The cost will be \$25 for each veteran.
3. Members may invite women veterans they know to attend as guests and pay for their lunch. For this event only, the fee for veteran guests will be \$25. Please let Kathy know your veteran's rank and service branch.
4. All veterans are invited to bring a memento of their service to display during the meeting. Examples are gifts, trophies, or photos. Please let Kathy know if you are bringing a memento so we can be sure to have enough table space to display all of these special items.

Our guest speaker for this event will be Col (USAF/Ret) Allison Black. The Choctawhatchee High School ROTC Honor Guard will be posting the colors.

Please RSVP to Kathy Foster at fosterk@gnt.net not later than October 29.





From the desk of Immediate Past President Maddie McNeal:

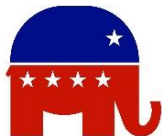
REST IN PEACE CHARLIE KIRK

YOUR MESSAGE OF FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM HAS RESONATED NOT ONLY IN THE UNITED STATES BUT IN ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD.

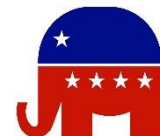
TODAY'S YOUTH, ACROSS COLLEGE CAMPUSES EVERY WHERE, HAVE HEARD YOUR MESSAGE. YOU GAVE THEM SOMETHING THEY WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH – YOU GAVE THEM HOPE! MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU GAVE THEM TRUTH, STRAIGHT UP. THEY ARE NOW YOUR ARMY AND YOUR MESSAGE IS THEIR MARCHING ORDER. THOUSANDS, UPON THOUSANDS, OF NEW CHAPTERS OF TPUSA ARE BEING FORMED.

YOUR LEGACY LIVES ON. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!





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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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