

*From Our President*

**The Paradise Music Festival March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>,  
and 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Destin-FWB Emerald Coast Convention  
Center**

**RWOF Volunteer Group to work the festival**

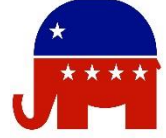
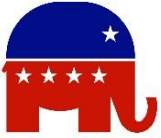
As most of you are aware, we have been given the opportunity to be the volunteer group for the Paradise Music Festival to be held in March at the Convention Center. This event will allow us to make \$2,000 at a minimum for our fundraising. We have guaranteed Mr. Wes Fell, the promoter of this festival, at least 15 volunteers to work at the festival **at all times** in various positions. **Therefore this means that we will need many more than simply 15 volunteers to cover the many shifts within the three 12 hour days.**

Many thanks go out to the members that have committed to volunteer. As of today we still need more volunteers to cover all shifts especially Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. I need more people beginning 3:00 pm on all three days and beginning 12:00 PM on Sunday.

There will be at least one planning meeting (date to be announced in the coming week) that will be beneficial for all volunteers to be present. At this meeting the duties will be explained, like ticket taking process, usher process and much more. Mr. Fell will provide each volunteer with a meal and drink when they work. This will be a lot of work but also a lot of fun. Remember workers representing **RWOF** can also be members of our family or friends willing to work.

At this point, we need to collect names, email addresses, and phone numbers of people willing to assist us in this great endeavor. If you can specify what day or days you want to work and if you have specific hours (**at least 4 hour shifts**) or if you are available where needed. Please email Deborah Stone at [debstone25@bellsouth.net](mailto:debstone25@bellsouth.net) or text me at 205-454-8649. Remember to include Name, Email Address, and Phone Number. Let's make this huge event successful for the Panhandle and also for our club. **I am counting on all of you.**

***Deborah Stone, President***  
**RWOF**



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

**MARCH GUEST SPEAKER**

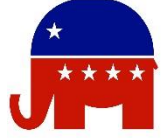
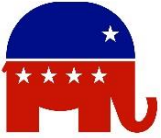
**FWB POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BAGE**

I have worked in the law enforcement profession and municipal governance for over 20 years. Policing must be looked at holistically and only through a commitment to inclusive policing through community engagement can the police build legitimacy.

I have obtained both practical and academic knowledge in the field of Criminal Justice. I have a minor in Criminal Justice with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. I have attended the FBI’s National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management Institute of Policing, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Executive Leadership Seminar. With a strong academic foundation for data driven initiatives, I know that policing can only truly succeed with community engagement and transparency.

- City of Fort Walton Beach · Full-time City of Fort Walton Beach · Full-time Mar 2019 - Present
- Providing leadership to the dedicated personnel that provide public safety to the Fort Walton Beach Community.
- Assistant Chief  
North Miami Police Department North Miami Police Department Feb 1999 - Mar 2019 · 20 yrs 2 mos Assistant Chief of Police





**KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY**

**Our MARCH Menu:**

- House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette
- Warm Rolls & Butter
- Penne Alfredo Pasta
- Bowtie Marinara Pasta
- Petite Bay Shrimp/Grilled Chicken
- Mixed Vegetables
- Cheesecake

Coffee, Decaf, Unsweetened Iced Tea, Water



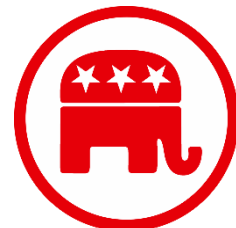
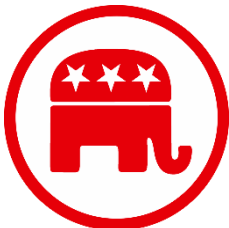
The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests. Please respond with a Yay or Nay by **Friday, March 1st**, as reservations are required. Contact Kathy Foster @ [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

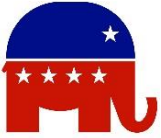


**2nd VP/MEMBERSHIP**

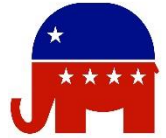
**KATHY ALEXANDER**

- February Free Lunch - Elizabeth Kulow
- Twisted Grape Certificate - Ellen Goodson
- 50/50 Winner – Martha Gorecki
- Paradise Music Festival Ticket - Marcia Burpee
- February New Member: Tina Broyles
- Wes Fell (returning associate)





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**Renewals/New Members to Date -102 - Donations \$1285**

**Members – 88 & Associates – 14**



<b>Kelly Fuller</b>	<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>Mary Simmons</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>
<b>Sonia Weikel</b>	<b>Mar 3</b>	<b>Deborah Stone</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>
<b>Athena Marler</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Ellen Deckert</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>
<b>Emily Barber</b>	<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Cindy Touchstone</b>	<b>Mar 28</b>
<b>Monika McKee</b>	<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Associates</b>	
<b>Kay Schmidt</b>	<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Kathleen Baird</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>
<b>Karen Neighbors</b>	<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>David Burwell</b>	<b>Mar 30</b>

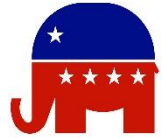
**Membership for 2024!**

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

**If you CANNOT attend the scheduled monthly RWOF Meeting, please mail your check to:  
RWOF, P. O. Box 1202, Shalimar, FL 32579**

**If you are attending the meeting, you can renew when you check in.**





**MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN**

**Our March Message: FORGETTING GOD**

**Speech made by Abraham Lincoln for a National Fast Day on March 30, 1863**

**Mentions:**

**Peace, prosperity, wealth**

**Grown in numbers**

**Have power**

**Stresses Forgotten God**

**Deceitful hearts**

**Think our blessings are man-made**

**Proud**

**Need to humble ourselves - ask for forgiveness**

**Song: America the Beautiful**

**Important Dates in March**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Begins**

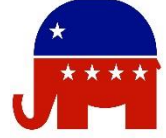
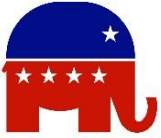
**March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick’s Day**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday**

**He  
Is  
Risen**



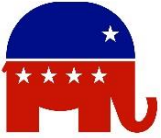


## **DESLEY PARKER**

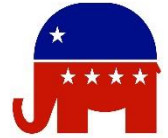
### **Community Outreach**

**Animal Protection League of Okaloosa County**  
**623 Sunset Boulevard West, Fort Walton Beach, FL**

The Animal Protection League of Okaloosa County, Inc. is an all-volunteer 501(c) (3) Florida nonprofit corporation chartered in 1981. Animal Protection League offers an affordable Spay & Neuter Program to reduce the growing number of unwanted pets. The program is available to anyone seeking assistance in our area. Due to financial stressors, sometimes even our low priced spays/neuters are out of reach for some people, so we pick up more of their cost. We believe that spaying and neutering prevents unwanted litters of kittens and puppies, with an end goal of decreasing the numbers of unwanted and euthanized animals. Since 1990, Animal Protection League has sterilized over 26,000 animals. We normally are able to sterilize about 100 animals per month. In 2023, we assisted with 1,802 spay or neuter procedures. Though not our primary mission, we are frequently asked to foster and socialize kittens for adoption. Prior to adoption, kittens receive spay or neuter, vaccinations, flea treatment, blood work/testing, and fecal testing to ensure they are healthy. Adoption fees cover but a fraction of the costs expended to make kittens adoption ready. Animal Protection League is dependent on donations, membership fees, and grants to offset the cost of spay and neuter surgeries. Of every dollar donated to us, 99% goes directly to veterinary care and microchips. The other 1% is used for filing fees with the State of Florida, and minimal administrative supplies/stamps. Donations are vital and are greatly appreciated. Checks may be written to: Animal Protection League, 623 Sunset Boulevard West, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 Any questions, call: 850-863-1598 or 850-830-2909, Almut Flentge-Parker, President, APL 850-376-6190, Susan J. Schuenemann, Vice President, APL APL would benefit from donations of any quantity/amount of the items below: For fostering cats/kittens: Dry kitten food (Purina One, Iams) Canned kitten food (Fancy Feast, Purina One) ...Clumping cat litter For defraying veterinarian expenses: ...Cash to APL, checks to APL, or donations to the APL account at our partner Veterinarians. 1. Emerald Coast Animal Hospital (Dr. Culotta, veterinarian/owner) 2. Crossroads Animal Clinic (Dr. Tovrea, veterinarian/owner).



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Destin-FWB Convention Center | March 8th, 9th, 10th, 2024**

<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>Jessie Ritter &amp; Jessica Heit</b> (Country Duo)</p> <p><b>Paradise Bayou</b> (Classic Rock, Country, MoTown)</p> <p><b>7 Bridges</b> (The Ultimate Eagles Experience)</p>	<p><b>PARADISE</b> Music Festival</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>Departure</b> (Journey Tribute Band)</p> <p><b>Still Standing</b> (Tribute to Elton John)</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>Shack N Up - Chuck &amp; Cheri</b> (Tribute to Jimmy Buffett)</p> <p><b>Endless Summer</b> (Beach Boys Tribute Band)</p>
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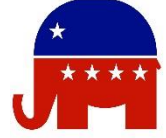
*Save the Date*  
**Women Veterans' Day**  
*June 12, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.*



*1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE*  
*Fort Walton Beach, Florida*

*Parking available at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center*





From the desk of Immediate Past President, *Maddie McNeal* (sent to me from Martha Gorecki – Very Interesting Read – are we paying attention yet?)

What if 20 million Illegal Aliens Vacated America? I, Tina Griego, journalist for the Denver Rocky Mountain News have written a column titled, "Mexican Visitors' Lament." I interviewed Mexican journalist Evangelina Hernandez while visiting Denver last week. Hernandez said, "Illegal aliens pay rent, buy groceries, buy clothes. What happens to your country's economy if 20 million people go away?"

Hmmm, I thought, what would happen? So, I did my due diligence, buried my nose as a reporter into the FACTS I found below. It's a good question...it deserves an honest answer.

Over 80% of Americans demand secured borders. What would happen if all 20 million or more vacated America? This may surprise you!

In California, if 3.5 million illegal aliens moved back to Mexico, it would leave an extra \$10.2 billion to spend on overloaded school systems, bankrupt hospitals and overrun prisons. It would leave highways cleaner, safer and less congested. Everyone could understand one another as English became the dominant language again.

It means 12,000 gang members would vanish out of Denver alone. Colorado would save more than \$20 million in prison costs, and the terror that those 7,300 alien criminals set upon local citizens. Denver Officer Don Young and hundreds of Colorado victims would not have suffered death, accidents, rapes and other crimes by illegals. Denver Public Schools would not suffer a 67% dropout/flunk rate because of thousands of illegal alien students speaking 41 different languages. Denver's 4% unemployment rate would vanish as our working poor would gain jobs at a living wage.

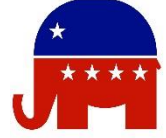
In Chicago, Illinois, 2.1 million illegals would free up hospitals, schools, prisons and highways for a safer, cleaner and more crime-free experience.

If 20 million illegal aliens returned 'home,' the U.S. economy would return to the Rule of Law. Employers would hire legal American citizens at a living wage. Everyone would pay their fair share of taxes because they wouldn't be working off the books. That would result in an additional \$401 billion in IRS income taxes collected annually, and an equal amount for local, state and city coffers.

No more confusion in American schools that now must contend with over 100 languages that degrade the educational system for American kids. Our overcrowded schools would lose more than two million illegal alien kids at a cost of billions in ESL and free breakfasts and lunches.

We would lose 500,000 illegal criminal alien inmates at a cost of more than \$1.6 billion annually. That includes 15,000 MS-13 gang members who distribute \$130 billion in drugs annually and would vacate our country.





In cities like L.A., 20,000 members of the '18th Street Gang' would vanish from our nation. No more Mexican forgery gangs for ID theft from Americans! No more foreign rapists and child molesters!

America's economy is drained. Taxpayers are harmed. Employers get rich. Over \$80 billion annually wouldn't return to the aliens' home countries by cash transfers. Illegal migrants earned half that money untaxed, which further drains America's economy which currently suffers a \$30 trillion debt. More than \$30 TRILLION !!

At least 400,000 anchor babies would not be born in our country, costing us \$109 billion per year per cycle. At least 86 hospitals in California, Georgia and Florida would still be operating instead of being bankrupt out of existence because illegals pay nothing via the EMTOLA Act. Americans wouldn't suffer thousands of TB and hepatitis cases rampant in our country - brought in by illegals unscreened at our borders.

Our cities would see 20 million less people driving, polluting and grid locking our cities' greenhouse gasses

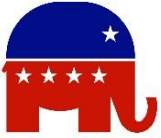
Over one million of Mexico's poorest citizens now live inside and along our border from Brownsville, Texas, to San Diego, California, in what the New York Times called, 'colonias' or new neighborhoods. Trouble is, those living areas resemble Bombay and Calcutta where grinding poverty, filth, diseases, drugs, crimes, no sanitation and worse. They live without sewage, clean water, streets, roads, electricity, or any kind of sanitation. The New York Times reported them to be America's new "Third World" inside our own country. Within 20 years, at their current growth rate, they expect 20 million residents of those colonias. (I've seen them personally in Texas and Arizona; it's sickening beyond anything you can imagine.)

We already invite a million people into our country legally/annually, more than all other countries combined- with growing anarchy at our borders. It's time to stand up for our country, our culture, our civilization and our way of life.

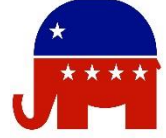
Interesting statistics below!

Here are 12 reasons illegal aliens should vacate America, and I hope they are forwarded over and over again until they are read so many times that the reader gets sick of reading them:

1. \$14 billion to \$22 billion dollars are spent each year on welfare to illegal aliens (that's Billion with a 'B')
2. \$7.5 billion dollars are spent each year on Medicaid for illegal aliens.
3. \$12 billion dollars are spent each year on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally and they still cannot speak a word of English \$27 billion dollars are spent each year for education for the American-born children of illegal aliens, known as anchor babies.
4. \$3 Million Dollars 'PER DAY' is spent to incarcerate illegal aliens. That's \$1.2 Billion a year.
5. 28% percent of all federal prison inmates are illegal aliens.



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6. \$190 billion dollars are spent each year on illegal aliens for welfare & social services by the American taxpayers.
7. \$200 billion dollars per year in suppressed American wages are caused by the illegal aliens.
8. The illegal aliens in the United States have a crime rate that's two and a half times that of white non-illegal aliens. In particular, their children are going to make a huge additional crime problem in the US.
9. During the year 2005, there were 8 to 10 MILLION illegal aliens that crossed our southern border with as many as 19,500 illegal aliens from other terrorist countries. Over 10,000 of those were middle-eastern terrorists. Millions of pounds of drugs, cocaine, meth, heroin, crack, guns, and marijuana crossed into the US. from the southern border.
10. The National Policy Institute, estimates that the total cost of mass deportation would be between \$206 and \$230 billion, or an average cost of between \$41 and \$46 billion annually over a five year period.
11. In 2006, illegal aliens sent home \$65 BILLION in remittances back to their countries of origin, to their families and friends.
12. The dark side of illegal immigration: Nearly one million sex crimes are committed by illegal immigrants in the United States! Total cost - a whopping \$538.3 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR !

THOSE WHO WOULD DISRESPECT OUR FLAG, HAVE NEVER BEEN HANDED A FOLDED ONE!

'til next month...Maddie

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### **RWOF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**President: Deb Stone**

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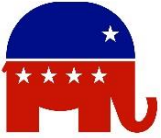
**Corresponding Secretary: Dottie Porter**

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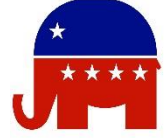
**Scholarship Lead: Ellen Deckert**

**Community Outreach: Desley Parker**

**Legislative: Maddie McNeal**



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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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