



KFRW ELECTIONS

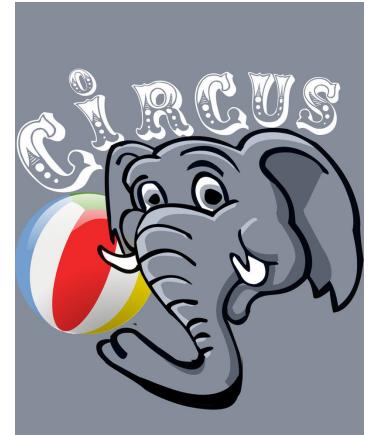
KFRW Political Newsletter

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GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY A CIRCUS

From the Editor: Debra Henley

In 2015 Politico wrote an article titled “Another GOP Circus in 2016”, The San Francisco Chronicle wrote in April 2016 “2016 Presidential Election Circus: Is Social Media the Cause?” and the New York Times recently wrote on Mar 29th, 2016 “The Circus Is Coming



“Circus Is Coming Home”. These articles ranged from talking about bottom tiered candidates that never got their campaigns off the ground to the rise of social media in the campaigns and how information is rampant with all of the tweeting, sharing, likes, etc. Each article had a different twist to the same story line but the one thing they all agreed on is that this year’s election cycle is something most of us haven’t seen in our lifetimes.

One thing I believe we can all agree on is that it has been anything but boring with Donald Trump in the running. Trump was called a clown when he first announced his campaign, but you have to hand it to him, he has ignited this presidential campaign like no other. He has electrified this campaign, has lit up the debates, and has gone after his rivals with a fearless aggression that only he can get away with. Trump is the ring master in the center of the stage captivating voters by the thousands. In a second ring, we have Ted Cruz working the state’s convention rules, trying to garner as many delegate votes as he can to try and keep Trump from getting the nomination. He now has all of Wyoming’s delegates along with Colorado. In a third ring, we have John Kasich doing, well we aren’t sure what he’s doing. Some speculate that even though he won’t have enough delegates to make any difference, and even though he won’t admit it, he’s maneuvering to be vice president.

Say what you will about the election, and regardless of who you are supporting, it has been a very exciting and energized election and I have no doubt the National Convention will be just as stimulating. SO — Ladies and Gentlemen, Children of all ages, Welcome to the Greatest Show on Earth!

Sources: Politico, Feb. 8, 2015 article: Another GOP Circus in 2016; Opednews.com/articles/The 2016 Presidential Election; San Francisco Chronicle—April 5, 2016, 2016 Presidential Election Circus: Is Social Media the Cause?; The New York Times—Mar. 29, 2016 “The Circus is Coming Home”

Campaigns & Elections

Elections are in full swing and Kentucky Republicans are still very much focused on gaining the majority in the House of Representatives. High hopes of gaining the majority in 2014 were dashed when, even with a landslide win with Sen. Mitch McConnell's seat, Republicans were not able to ride the senator's coat tails to a victory. A second opportunity escaped the Republicans this spring, in the March special elections, when they could have tied it up with a 50/50 split. but Democrats won all but one seat. Maybe the old saying "Third time's a charm" will provide fruitful this fall. The excitement, determination and momentum is with the Republicans. There are 133 Republicans registered for House seats compared to only 97 Democrats. Many of these Republican candidates are involved in primaries. Check out your district for your Republican candidates and get behind them to help them win in November.

April 29—May 16, 2016: Voter may make application to vote absentee in County Clerk's office. for Primary Election

May 10, 2016: Last day to apply for paper absentee ballot.

May 17, 2016: PRIMARY ELECTION

Nov. 8, 2016: GENERAL ELECTION

You can find more election information on the Secretary of State's website
sos.ky.gov





REPUBLICAN WOMEN CANDIDATES INCREASING IN NUMBER

The Kentucky Federation of Republican Women are very proud to support female candidates who have decided to take on the tough job of running for an elected office. We have a very large group of women running for office this term. 12 incumbents and 11 new comers have filed to run for state office. Because of the large number of female candidates it will not be possible to spotlight each one individually. Therefore we are going to give you a brief bio of the following ladies who have chosen to take on this challenge. Contact information is provided for each candidate so you can find out more about each one.



PAULA ROBINSON, House Dist. 6— Paula is a veteran school teacher of 23 yrs, married for 18 yrs., and has two children. Her platform focuses on Right to Work, Healthcare, Right to Life, and opposing Expansion of Gambling. You can find out more about Paula on www.paulaforstatehouse.com



AMI BROOKS, House Dist. 16— Brooks is a partner at Brooks and Hendricks law firm with a focus on juvenile and family law. She would like to be part of the solution to help bring more economic growth and jobs to the state. Contact: www.amibrookscom or ami@amibrooks.com



MELINDA HILL, House Dist. 20— Melinda is a native of Warren County and has a masters in Business Administration. She has served as Bowling Green City Commissioner and is currently serving at Maor Pro Tem. Contact information: melindahillbg@gmail.com, facebook.com/electmelindahill.



BRENDA “SUSIE” BOARD, House Dist. 26— Brenda is a graduate of JCC & Bullitt County Tech and resides with her husband Gary in Shepherdsville. She is running for office to give all voters a voice , not just a select few. Contact information: facebook.com/brendasusieboard or bsusieboard@gmail.com



MELANIE ROBERTS, House Dist. 49—Melanie Roberts was the first woman to be elected Judge-Executive in Bulitt County in 2006. Melanie also taught school for 20 years and has a masters in education . Contact Information: Tweet @BCJudgeRoberts

WOMEN CANDIDATES CONT:



KIM MOSER, House Dist. 64— Kim is the director of the Northern Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy. She is an experienced nurse, who has been working with legislators in the fight against heroin. She would like to continue work with the heroin issue as well as tort reform to alleviate frivolous lawsuits against healthcare providers. Contact information: moserforkentucky.com



NORMA KIRK-MCCORMICK, House Dist. 93—Norma is a retired Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. She is a Martin County native and a coal miner's daughter. Norma hopes to use her practice to help positively restructure the political landscape in Frankfort. Contact information: normakirkmc-cormick.com



WYNETTA "WENDY" FLETCHER, House Dist. 99—Wendy has a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree and works as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). Her focus is on protecting personal freedom, recruiting new business, assuring access to affordable healthcare, protecting life and improving education. Contact information: fletcherforkentucky.com

SENATE RACE:



SHENITA RICKMAN, Senate Dist. 33—No bio information available at time of printing. Contact information: sr4statesenatedistrict33.com, sr4statedistrict33@gmail.com, facebook.com/sr4statesenatedistrict33

** Several of these candidates have primaries. Check out their websites for more information.

Sources: Campaign websites; facebook,;rpk.org; sos.ky.gov

SAVE THE DATE!!



CONVENTION August 12 & 13, 2016

Clarion Hotel

150 Newtown Pike • Lexington, KY 40511

\$97/Night + tax (Includes Hot Buffet Breakfast)

Convention Registration: \$125.00

Includes: Friday Dinner, Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast, Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Evening Banquet

NFRW President Carrie Almond

(Confirmed to attend)

Governor Matt Bevin

(Invited Key Note Saturday Banquet)

Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton

(Invited Key Note Saturday Lunch)

Treasurer Allison Ball

(Has confirmed attendance)

A Panel Discussion with Young Republicans from across the state will be one of the workshops.

More information will be coming soon!

OTHER IMPORTANT MEETING DATES:

Saturday, June 4th: KFRW Executive Committee Meeting, My Old KY Home Country Club, Bardstown, Kentucky. 11:00 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 18th—Saturday, Nov. 19th: Final Full KFRW Board Meeting of 2016. Location TBD.



NEWS FOR OUR STATE PRESIDENT

I recently attended the NFRW Spring Board meeting held in Washington, D.C. March 16 – 19. This coincides with the NFRW Legislative Day each spring. This year, a special tour of the Library of Congress was included, which I attended, as well as a “day on the ‘Hill’”. We heard from several Congressmen/women, and Senators. Of special interest was Senator McConnell who spoke to us. It was definitely clear that the Senator commands the room when he enters. It made me especially proud to be from Kentucky and to have Senator McConnell thank me for all of the work you do.

The NFRW typically chooses one or two special interest areas to track legislation and lobby for these. This year they have selected H.R. 2646 – Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act. I am proud to say that Congressmen Andy Barr, Brett Guthrie, and Ed Whitfield all were co-sponsors of this legislation. This bill will also affect services in Kentucky, so we should be watching what happens. Please contact your Congressman and thank him for his support, but also ask how you can help with this legislation.

The second area that the NFRW is celebrating is Senate Bill 178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which was signed into law on May 29, 2015. This, of course, is an area that the KFRW has a great interest, as the NFRW has been promoting this legislation for the last two years. There is a program led by Mr. Ked Frank, the Executive Director of Refuge for Women, that assists women to escape from human trafficking, and the sex trade. The program is headquartered in Lexington, but has homes in surrounding counties as well as Reno, Chicago and Atlanta. For more information on this program, please contact Barb Ellerbrook.

Another good reason to attend these meetings is learning from other clubs what works for them in fundraising, membership, outreach, etc. Each of you, as members of your local club, the KFRW, and the NFRW are eligible to be a member of a working committee at the NFRW level. Standing Committees are: *Membership, Program, Public Relations, Bylaws, Campaign, Fundraising, and Legislative*. Some Special Committees are: *Americanism, Leadership, Caring for America, Literacy & Education, and Support our Troops*. You can join any of these committees by sending a request to President Carrie Almond asking to join a specific one.

The next NFRW Fall Board Meeting will be held in Cleveland, during the July convention. This meeting will serve as the “fall” meeting. Arrangements have not been completely finalized yet, but possibly, we could have a group of us attend. More information will follow.

And, of course, in 2017, the NFRW Convention will be held in Philadelphia, September 13—16, 2017. These meetings are open to any NFRW member, with some voting limitations, but I sincerely hope that some of you will consider attending one of these meetings in the future.

Barb Ellerbrook, President, KFRW