

Allison Ball



Comments by Carol Rogers



KFRW Conventioneers in Philly!

Barb Ellerbrook and I joined 16 other Kentucky women this past weekend at the NFRW Convention in Philadelphia. It was so exciting to be in such a historic city, especially on Constitution Day. We got to do a little sight seeing, including Independence Hall, Betsy Ross' house, Christ Church, and



Reading Terminal Market. Then it was 3 days of meetings, workshops, and fellowship with amazing Republican women from all across our great country.

Convention business included electing a new slate of officers. Jody Rushton from Texas was elected President, along with 6 other officers who take office Jan. 1. Awards were presented; your Fayette County RWC won a Diamond Achievement award and the Kentucky Federation received a Betty Heitman Achievement Award.

The convention attendance was 786. We heard from several great speakers, including Sen. Roy Blount of Missouri, Nick Adams on immigration, American exceptionalism, and the Constitution, Kim Guadagno, Lt. Gov. of New Jersey and Republican nominee for governor in 2017, and Peggy Grande, former Executive Assistant to President Reagan.

Barb Ellerbrook Introduces Allison Ball at NFRW Convention

The highlight of the convention for all Kentuckians was our own Treasurer Allison Ball. She did a fabulous job as she motivated women and challenged us all to assume a greater level of leadership. Women from all around the country were quite impressed with her and were clamoring for her to come to their state and speak!

As we look to leadership within our own club, we are electing the following offices for 2 year terms: President, Membership Vice President, Fundraising Vice President, and Secretary. We also will elect a Programs Vice President to finish out one year of a term. If you have any suggestion for the Nominating Committee, please contact Susan Tucker, Jeanie Dorton, or Bobbie Engle.

Our October 4th meeting will feature Phyllis Abbott of Lady Vets Conect to speak about helping female homeless veterans. Save the date! Be sure to bring your items for Lexington Rescue Mission and also for our club's yard sale.

NFRW Convention Press Coverage in Philly

The youngest woman to hold a state office in America took the stage in a Center City hotel ballroom to rapturous cheers from the crowd who had campaigned to get her there: the National Federation of Republican Women.

Allison Ball, 36, told the assembled delegates — the women's wing of the GOP, bedecked in Trump pins and American-flag scarves — how instrumental the women of the party had been in her successful campaign for Kentucky state treasurer. How important it was to encourage more women to run for office.

Still, Ball said, grinning: The crowd in the ballroom "prove there's no such thing as women's issues. Only people's issues."

