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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Have you ever thought about recipes? You know, a mixture of ingredients that blend into some form of edible food that satisfies your taste buds as one of your favorite foods.

Or what about those substances, like oil and vinegar? They still look separate even after minutes of mixing them into a different kind of fixings but, the components still satisfy your taste buds.

I look at politics with having many of those same makings. There are many parts sometimes blending well together while other times the mix just seems to look like divided particles. It does not matter how much you blend the fixings they are still separate but, they continue to work together for the desired end results!

I have spoken to many of you about this time in history and our party. As history tells us, losing helps to keep us in condition to work harder.

We have many personalities in our Federation and the Republican Party. However, in the end, it is our goal to elect those individuals who are more in line with our conservative values. Together, we will win!

The best time to have courage is when others lose theirs. What happens if none of us moves forward as fearless citizens?



I have received many phone

calls, emails and texts from people who are brave and coming forward to be engaged with the Republican Party and our Federation. Most, if not all these warriors have never been active politically except to vote. Now, they want to help get us to Election Day.

More personalities and more opinions are being introduced into the mix every day. Are you willing to blend in for the "right" reasons or do you want to be "left" out? The choice is yours to make.

For God and Country,

Pam

President KFRW – 2021 & 2022





A Voter Integrity Bill, HB 574 was introduced into the Kentucky House of Representatives on February 23, 2021. The sponsors of the bill are Representative Jennifer Decker (House Dist 58), Representative Josh Branscum (House Dist 83) and Representative James Tipton (House Dist 53).

The Senate version of the same legislation, SB 259, was introduced into the Kentucky Senate on February 22, 2021 by Majority Caucus Chair, Senator Julie Raque Adams, (Senate Dist 63),

HB 574 passed the House of Representatives on February 26, 2021. It was received by

Region, follow the link at the right:

the Committee on Committees in the Kentucky Senate on March 1, 2021.

Senate Bill 259 was introduced in the Committee on Committees on February 22, 2021. No further action is listed at the time this is being written.

For further information on these bills or any other legislation introduced into the regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly, follow this link:

21RS Legislative Record (ky.gov)

To contact your legislator to voice your opinion on any bills being considered, please email your representative or senator by following this link:

<u>Contact a Member - Legislative Research</u> Committee (ky.gov)

Or call your legislators at the following telephone number: *502.564.8100*.



Introductions

A new feature of your newsletter will be to introduce members of the KFRW to readers. Each issue will feature different members who contribute to the KFRW by using their time and talents for the mission of our organization.



Pamela S. Roberts
President
2021 & 2022

Pam is the retired Director of Constituent Services

for deceased US Senator Jim Bunning. Pam retired in 2008 with 21 years of Federal service, serving 12 years in the US House of Representatives and 9 years in the US Senate.

After retirement, Pam assisted with the immigration process for interpreters who worked with the US Military while in Iraq and Afghanistan. She has worked on many campaigns spanning 35 years for Republican candidates.

She serves on the Executive Committee of the Kenton County Republican Party and is a current member of the Kenton County Republican Women's Club where she served as President.

Pam lives in Kenton County and is the mother of 2 daughters, Heather and Holly. She is grandmother to 4 grandchildren, Christopher, Hannah, Hailey and Mason.

This month, we will help you get to know more about your President, 1st Vice President and 3rd Vice President.

Also included in this issue you will be introduced to our Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Both offices are important for recording our business and financial history.

Last but, not least, you will meet the new KFRW Mascot, Sage. Her job is to be witty.



Rosemary Hatcher *Ist Vice President* 2019 & 2020 (past)

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Rosemary worked 38 years as an educator in both public and Christian

Schools in the classroom and as an administrator. She received her BS from Purdue University and MEdAd from U of L.

Rosemary's first "job" was as a newspaper delivery girl at age 8 selling copies for 1 cent per paper. Other jobs before teaching included babysitting, cleaning, food service, and the worst job ever was de-tasseling corn.

Rosemary and her first memory of politics was listening to adults discuss Harry Truman's decision to not allow Gen. McArthur to invade China. She said that most were not happy with his decision but, also remembers that her family did not discuss politics if both grandfathers were in their home for dinner. One grandfather was a staunch Republican and the other a staunch Democrat.

Rosemary told us that as soon as she turned

Rosemary continued...

21, she registered to vote as a Republican and has voted in every election since.

During her years as an educator, Rosemary raised a family and became extremely active in church activities which left little time for other activities except for discussing issues with family and friends.

Upon retiring from teaching, Rosemary joined the Women's Republican Club of Louisville where she served a term as President. She is currently serving her 2nd term as 1st Vice President of the KFRW.

She frequently has communication with our Congressional leaders expressing her views and yes, sometimes her displeasure.



Sarah Beth Gregory 3rd Vice President 2021 & 2022

Sara Beth Gregory currently serves as the Chief of Staff for Mike Harmon, Kentucky's

Auditor of Public Accounts. In that role, she oversees the operations of the Auditor's office, serves as legislative liaison for the agency, and provides policy advice to the Auditor.

As part of Auditor Harmon's executive team, she works to carry out the agency's mission to "Follow the Data" and increase transparency at both the state and local levels of government. She has worked on successful legislative initiatives to strengthen city audit requirements, improve area development district transparency and

Sara Beth continued...

reduce the cost of audits for county officials.

Sara Beth previously served in public office, having been first elected as State Representative for the 52nd District in 2010 and winning re-election in 2012. She later won a special election to the open 16th District State Senate Seat and served until 2014.

During her time in the legislature, she served as a member of the committees on Appropriations & Revenue, Judiciary, Agriculture, Banking & Insurance, Administrative Regulations and as chair of the Government Contract Review Committee. She is particularly proud of sponsoring the bill that created Kentucky's Adult Caregiver Misconduct Registry (2014 SB 98).

A graduate of the University of Kentucky and the UK College of Law, she joined the Auditor's office as General Counsel in 2016 after working seven years as an attorney with the Carroll & Turner law firm in Monticello. She also serves as a member of the Republican Party of Kentucky's Executive Committee and Wayne Republican Women. She was named to the Kentucky Gazette's list of Notable Women in Politics and Government in 2019.

"Political extremism involves two prime ingredients: an excessively simple diagnosis of the world's ills and a conviction that there are identifiable villains back of it all." John, W. Gardner





Deborah Graham

Recording Secretary 2021 & 2022

Deborah has a BS in Medical Technology where she briefly worked in the field before moving to

Diagnostic Medical Sales.

After a few crazy years of juggling careers, the decision was made for Deborah to become a stay-at-home mom where she became room mom, fundraising mom, team mom, household/farm manager and sole employee! Her favorite job of all times was being a stay-at-home mom for her two daughters yet, it was the most difficult one.

Deborah became involved in politics after her children went to college. During that time, she noticed an increase in racial tensions ironically during Barack Obama's presidency. She also became aware of what is now called cancel culture emerging on college campuses.

Deborah joined the Oldham County Republican Women's Club out of these concerns looking for a way to effect positive change. As an OCRWC member, she has hosted political events at her home and worked on various committees.

Deborah is a precinct officer for the county GOP and served as treasurer for a senate race last year. She has served as treasurer of her county club for 4 years and KFRW secretary for 2 years.

Deborah continued...

Deborah says she is happy to have found my people - strong women of great faith!

Carol Rogers

Treasurer 2021 & 2022

Carol lives in Lexington and is a member of the Fayette



County Republican Women's Club. She was proudly born and raised in Danville, Kentucky.

Carol has been politically involved for many years. She is a former chair of the Republican Party of Fayette County, current 6th District Chair and is a member of Republican State Committee and Executive Committee.

Carol is a former state president of the KFRW, 1st Vice President of the federation and current treasurer. She is a former President of the Fayette County Republican Women's Club and is their current treasurer.

If that were not enough supporting the Federation and Republican Party, Carol has also served the NFRW on the Achievement Awards committee.

Carol is married to Warren, has 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren. She says she is Blessed by all the wonderful women she met through KFRW!



Republican Women celebrate history every month! Celebrate all others in March! #mea





L. Jill Nixon

President

Republican Women's Club
of South Central KY

Jill Nixon is a self-employed CPA. She is a WKU

graduate and has been in public accounting for over 20 years.

Jill is the accountant for her husband's pharmacy business in Monroe County, where they were both born and raised. Jill and JP have one son, Spencer Nixon, age 15 and are members of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, where they reside in Bowling Green, KY.

Jill is President of the Republican Women's Club of South Central Kentucky. Jill, along with some of her close friends, started this club at the end of 2020. They now have approximately 70 members.

Jill became interested in politics at an early age. Her parents were both active in the Monroe County GOP and instilled conservative values that she hopes to teach to the youth in Warren County.

One of the main focuses of the RWC of South Central Kentucky is to help start and grow youth republican clubs at each high school and award one scholarship to a senior of each school. The club's goal is to be a good support system for the youth and teach them to be good leaders and supporters of

Jill Nixon continued....

the Republican Party.

The RWC of South Central Kentucky was chartered by the NFRW on January 28, 2021. A big KFRW Welcome to the women of South Central Kentucky.

MORE <u>NEW CLUBS</u> COMING!

We are happy to announce a new club has submitted their paperwork to the NFRW and are waiting for their charter to be approved. Their members live in Breathitt County and had their first meeting after organizing on February 13, 2021. Welcome GOP Republican Ladies Club of Breathitt County to the KFRW!



Another new club held an organizational meeting on February 27th in Estill County.



These ladies are in the process of writing their bylaws, electing officers and collecting membership dues.

Thank you to the ladies for your interest in the KFRW! More Republican Sisters!

MORE <u>NEW CLUBS</u> FORMING!



This is an exciting time to be a Republican Woman. If you have not noticed, you will be hearing these three words from our President during these next two years. They are, *Motivate*, *Educate* and *Activate*.

The definition of <u>Motivate</u> is to "provide an incentive or a reason for doing something".

<u>Educate</u> as a verb is defined as "the schooling or instruction of providing information to gain support for a position or to influence behavior".

To define <u>Activate</u>, it simply means to "cause to function or act".

Three goals of the KFRW are as follows:

- Promote an informed public through political education and activity
- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government
- Work for the election of the national Republican Party nominee.

There are many of us "Republican Sisters" who continue our efforts on behalf of our Federation and Republican Party. There are many who are joining our work.

Women in Campbell, Casey, Hancock, Lewis, Owsley and Woodford have requested information for forming clubs in their communities. Membership in each existing club is growing every day. New Clubs Forming continued...

Yes, it is an exciting time to be a Republican Woman. If you know of anyone who has questions about becoming a member, have them contact our membership chair, 2nd Vice President, Donna Davidson.

For more information regarding membership or the mission of our organization, please visit our KFRW website at:

Kentucky Federation of Republican Women (KFRW) (kentuckyrepublicanwomen.org)



Sage was born on September 10, 2020. Her name was chosen because she is wise, has good judgement and has experience in her short life. Her name simply means, "Seeking Truth".

One of Sage's most powerful properties is her ability to protect against negativity. She will promote good thoughts, peace, and a relaxed atmosphere.



Sage will be traveling with our President and made her debut visit in Estill County. She looks forward to meeting many of you in these next two years.

If you would like Sage to visit your club, please contact President Pam at:

pam.kfrw2021@gmail.com !!



KFRW Legislative Day was held virtually on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 due to restrictions because of Covid-19. A big thank you goes out to our 3rd Vice President, Sara Beth Gregory and Outreach/IT Chair, Sherry Goodridge for an excellent program. A full report on this wonderful event will be printed in the next issue. Thank you to all those who could attend this first time ever KFRW Legislative Day. We look forward to 2022 in Frankfort. Great job ladies!



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March 17 – NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Easter Sunday

April 21 – NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

April 22 – KFRW President speak at Kenton County Rotary

May 9 – Mother's Day

May 13, 14, 15 – NFRW Spring Meetings

May 19 – NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

May 31 – Memorial Day

June 12 – KFRW Exec Com/Board Meeting Location: Northern Kentucky

June 16 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

July 21 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

August 18 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

Sept. 15 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

Sept. 18 – Executive Com Meeting

Location: Western Kentucky

Sept. 23 to 26 – NFRW Convention Location: Orlando

Oct. 20 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

Nov. 17 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

Dec. 3 – Executive Com Meeting

Central Kentucky

Dec. 4 – Executive Board/Fundraiser

Central Kentucky

Dec. 15 - NFRW Region 5 Zoom Meeting

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

January 1 – Happy 2022!

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Ladies Club (#)

GOP Republican Ladies Club of Breathitt Co.

Legislative Day 2021 Collage of Speakers





Republican Women in Estill County

KFRW President Speaks in Estill County



Around the State continued...



KFRW President, Breathitt Co President, Teresa Spicer and Lisa Scenters, organizing Estill County



Teresa Ann Spicer, President, GOP Ladies Republican Club of Breathitt County

Past KFRW President and NFRW Membership Chair, Barb Ellerbrook and KFRW President.





NFRW President, Ann Schockett joins KFRW Legislative Day via Zoom



Madison Co RWC President, Sheila McBride



KFRW 3rd VP, Sara Beth Gregory testifies in Frankfort before a House Committee with Kentucky Auditor of State, Mike Harmon



KFRW President speaks to the Madison County Republican Party

Please send articles or pictures to the Editor of our newsletter to annesteele@aol.com by the 15th of each month!