

### KFRW NEWS APRIL, 2023

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# NFRW 2025 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ORLANDO

I just returned from the NFRW Board of Directors meeting in Alexandria, Virginia where I was honored to represent Kentucky. I was impressed with all the intelligent, dynamic, and passionate Republican women that I met, including many young women. We heard presentations by a polling expert and by an election integrity expert. We voted on the location for the 2025 NFRW Convention; we will be going to Rosen Shingle Creek, a beautiful Orlando resort.



We elected a nominating committee which was quite a process with 17 great women vying for 7 positions. There was much excitement about the 2023 convention, which will be Sept.28- Oct. 1 in Oklahoma City. Please make plans to attend if at all possible. I will be sending out detailed information to each club president about delegates, scholarship assistance, awards, etc. It will be a wonderful event. In addition to all the business and networking, I did get a peek at the beautiful cherry blossoms!

Discussion about membership included the 2 reasons that people join any organization. One- they are personally fulfilled by the experience of belonging and two- they are proud of what they see the organization accomplishing. As each of our clubs seek to keep current members and gain new members, take a look at what your club is doing to make membership fulfilling and meaningful. I encourage you to continue to use nfrw.org and to take full advantage of the resources you will find there.

As your president, I appreciate all the many important and exciting activities going on in our local clubs. We will feature 2 or 3 clubs in each newsletter so that we can all know each other a little better, share ideas, and be encouraged! This month we feature **Clark County RWC** and **McCracken County RWC**:

Honored to serve as your President,

## McCracken County Republican women's Club

If you have never traveled to West Kentucky, take a trip to Paducah and visit the McCracken County Republican Women. Led by President Yvonne Gray, the club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Olive Garden at 11:00. They had 28 members in 2022. They have very interesting and informative programs. MCRW has a very attractive, eyecatching newsletter that is featured below. Follow them on facebook! (Note- the newsletter below is not an endorsement of any candidate-just information from their recent newsletter as an example of great publicity!)









### CLARK COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Our next featured club is the **Clark County Republican Women's Club**. President Kim Elkins shares the following: The CCRWC is located in Winchester in Central Kentucky. We have 33 primary members and 13 associate members. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Venue is announced on our Facebook page. We enjoy guest speakers each month and are hosting candidates over the next several months.

New officers installed for 2023 are: President- Kim Elkins, Vice President- Jan Iverson, 2nd Vice President- Harriet Thompson, Secretary- Kathey Reed, Treasurer- Jenny Pasley

We hosted a Holiday Tea Fundraiser in December and raised over \$2300 for our campaign fund. This is exciting for our club and just this past November we were able to fund a billboard and mailer for a local candidate race.

Our community is very important to us, we have several organizations we like to volunteer time or donate to. In February a few of our ladies participated in shop and share for our local domestic violence shelter.

Nine of our members attended Legislative Day in Frankfort this year. We enjoyed a great day of fellowship with members from across the state as well as listened to many of our state officials. State Representative Ryan Dotson and his wife Tresa met us for lunch.

With the resignation of Senator Ralph Alvarado, District 28, there will be a Special Election along with the Primary on May 16. Our Republican nominee is Greg Elkins from Clark County. We are working hard to keep that seat.

We invite you to come and see us in Clark County, big things are happening.
Kim Elkins, President Clark County Republican Women's Club

#### **Club News and Announcements**

President Paula Burkot reports **Nelson County** had a very successful Lincoln Day dinner on **March 11.** Congressman Thomas Massie was the keynote speaker. Congressman Brett Guthrie, State Senator Jimmy Higdon and House Rep Candy Massaroni were all in attendance. Gubernatorial Candidate David Cooper attended as well as representatives for candidates Ryan Quarles, Steve Knipper and Andrew Cooperrider.



**Estill County** has 14 Voting members and 5 Associate members. President Lee Darbyshire reports:

We are giving away our first scholarship this year in the amount of \$500.00 to an Estill County High School Senior who will be continuing their education. They will submit an essay on their conservative values and how continuing their education will further benefit our community. We will select the winner on Monday, May 8th. Senator Brandon Smith pledged \$300 to help fund our scholarship program. We will be hosting a booth at the Annual Mountain Mushroom Festival in Irvine KY on Saturday **April 29<sup>th</sup>** and Sunday **April 30th**.

**Jessamine County RWC's** president Dorothy Van Epps reports they are hosting a Gubernatorial Forum on **April 13** at Wilmore City Hall from 6-7:30. Their Lincoln Day Dinner will be at One Oak venue, 1200 Marshall Branch Road, on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:30. Gubernatorial Candidates and constitutional officers are all invited to speak.

What's new in the OC?

The Oldham County Republican Women's Club has implemented some new

ideas with the installation of new officers. President Deborah Graham reports: We started our series "When and Why you became a Republican" at our March meeting inspired by the NFRW newsletter to do so. We have developed a public relations plan for our club and have initiated a few concepts already. We will be implementing more throughout the year. We will again host a primary candidate forum for Oldham and surrounding counties on **March 31, 2023**. It is a free event and is part of our commitment to inform our Republican electorate. Forum Chair Debby Neal Pate invites us all to attend the forum from 6-9 at John Black Community Center 1551 N. Hwy 393 LaGrange, KY 40031 but located in Buckner. We will have a food truck and sweets. Only 4 out of the 22 candidates have not committed as of today. Great opportunity to see the candidates for each office face to face. These are state wide races so PLEASE COME! Joining the OCRWC in sponsoring the event are Metropolitan RWC, Shelby Co. Republican Party, Henry Co. GOP and Oldham Co. GOP.

The GOP Ladies of Madison County President Nancy Binetsch reports that the Madison County Republicans are holdiing the Lincoln Day Dinner on april 21st at Chenaults. We expect many of the candidates running for state offices to attend and special guest Scott Jennings of CNN News to also be there. Many of the GOP Ladies will also be there.

Pam Cradic, President of Liberty Ladies RC, reports: We're very proud of the work Liberty Ladies Republican Club did in collaboration with the Jefferson County GOP and Misty Glin, candidate for KY Senate District 19.

At the outset, Misty was estimated to get just 3% of the vote in a very Democratic district.

Our efforts on the ground, along with Jeff Co GOP members making phone calls, increased Misty's share of the vote by 20%. In the end, she had about 24% of the overall vote. We knocked on approximately 1,000 doors in just a couple of weekends.

Though we didn't prevail with victory (we had a very short runway in a special election and some pretty cold weather), we were able to move the needle significantly.

We look forward to working with the Jefferson County GOP on future endeavors to get out the Republican vote!



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