



KFRW NEWS JANUARY 2024

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We begin 2024 with much excitement! This year we will elect a new president; no matter who you favor to be the Republican nominee I think Republicans can all agree that we cannot have a second term of Joe Biden!

The Kentucky General Assembly is hard at work in Frankfort. Please keep up with issues important to you and make your voice heard. If you do not already have the Legislative Message Line in your phone contacts, be sure to add 800-372-7181. This is a very easy way to call and ask legislators to vote “yes” or “no” on a particular bill. I encourage you to go to legislature.ky.gov to read the bills and to find helpful information. Stay informed and speak out!



I hope you will make plans to attend the KFRW Legislative Day in Frankfort on Feb. 13. Let’s have a large presence in Frankfort as we hear from our legislators and learn about the legislative agenda.

NFRW will hold their Legislative Day on Capitol Hill in March 14. This event is always held in non-convention years in conjunction with the NFRW Board of Directors meeting. More info will be posted soon on nfrw.org. All members are welcome.

It’s time to get your dues in. Club treasurers, please send the dues to KFRW Treasurer Sherry Goodridge soon. Each club should send their first payment by Feb. 15th. Last year we ended up with 910 members in 32 clubs. Let’s try to top 1,000 this year! (If you need extra motivation, our neighbors in Tennessee report that they have 47 clubs and around 2100 members!)

Carol Rogers
President, KFRW

This year's Legislative Day will be Tuesday, Feb. 13th at our beautiful state Capitol in Frankfort. The day begins at 9 am in the House Chambers. Please make plans to attend and wear RED! Get a group from your club and come to Frankfort together. KFRW VP Kay Hensley has a great day planned!

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Political & Campaign Hours:

Thank you to all the clubs that turned in Political & Campaign hours to NFRW. This keeps a record of how many hours are given by members across the nation in political efforts. Why bother to do this? It makes our clubs more relevant and our voices more powerful if people know how much work we actually do. It also encourages people to join as they want to be a part of a group that is active!

Book recommendation from Literacy Chair Paula Carver:

Abraham Lincoln said “We are not enemies, but friends. “

Do you wish our country could be more united? Are you tired of the divisiveness coming from both sides of the aisle, conservatives vs. liberals? Is it even possible to entirely come together? Statistically one in six persons now has a friend or relative he avoids or no longer speaks to because of his disdain for the other person's stance.

Arthur Brooks states that our country has never been totally together, even in times of war; however, in his book LOVE YOUR ENEMIES** he offers a pathway to overcome (even if partially) the contemptuous culture in which we live. He states that in the U.S., businesses exist that prosper by setting Americans against Americans. (“No kidding!” you might add.)

Brooks' ideas are backed up with behavioral research and his years of experience as head of a policy think tank. The book's purpose is “a roadmap to arrive at the happiness that comes when we choose to love one another, despite our differences” according to the author.

In the initial chapters he presents five rules for the reader:

1-Try to listen empathetically and respectfully to those who disagree with you. Why would you expect them to listen to you if you won't listen to them?

2-Use the 5 to 1 rule — offer five positive things to every one negative statement you may hear or see (particularly on social media)

3-Treat others with kindness and respect, even when it's difficult. Remember that contempt never works to convince someone to change his mind.

4-Go where you're not invited and say things people don't expect. Seek out those who disagree with you and learn from them.

5-Follow the above rules.

The remainder of the book guides the reader through steps to follow these rules. His suggestions are amazing and easy.

And finally SMILE: “The smile is a powerful weapon for leaders who seek to spread positivity and unify others.”

**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES was selected by NFRW for the 2023 booklist

P.S. For those of you who read the first book recommendation *The Puppeteers* by Jason Chaffetz — you have a one-up on those who are just now confronting the news that DEI is failing (witness the companies that are currently laying off employees hired strictly for this DEI strategy). Aren't you glad you understand this failed concept and can explain it to others ?!

Paula Carver

Scholarship:

KFRW offers a \$1500 scholarship to a high school senior girl. Information has been sent to all Kentucky high schools and applications are due April 3rd. If you know someone who needs an application and they cannot get it from their high school, please contact KFRW Scholarship Chair Patty Harman at pattyannharman@yahoo.com.

Leadership:

Welcome to the new club presidents who are beginning their terms: Mary Pierce, Republican Women of South Central Kentucky; Kelli Bailey, Kenton County RWC; Monteia Mundy, Fayette County RWC; Candi Combs, WROCK; and Brooke Burkhart, GOP Ladies of Madison County, Holly Hopkins Scoville of Laurel County.

Best wishes to you all! Thank you also to all our “experienced” club presidents who are continuing. We appreciate all of our leaders! (If any new presidents were not listed please let Carol know)

CLUB NEWS

JESSAMINE COUNTY

The **Jessamine County Republican Women** delivered to the veterans at the Wilmore facility 115 gift bags for Christmas on December 20th. Bags were packed by the membership on December 19th. Each gift bag contained an American flag on a stand, silly Christmas socks, a large tube of lotion and a Christmas card. Connie Witt, Regional Director for Congressman Andy Barr, accompanied Dorothy Van Epps, President and Darlene Adams, Treasurer and her husband Paul to personally deliver to each veteran a gift bag. What a wonderful experience we had to personally thank each veteran for their service!





CLARK COUNTY

The **Clark County Republican Women's Club** ended 2023 with 51 Primary members and 23 Associate members. We are looking forward to 2024.

We hosted our annual Christmas Party on December 14, where we had great food, fellowship and prize drawings.



2024 finds us with our club officers starting their second year of service. I appreciate how hard everyone works to make this club such a success. I attended the swearing in of our state officials and then attended a Senate Legislative session. What a great honor to see our government at work.

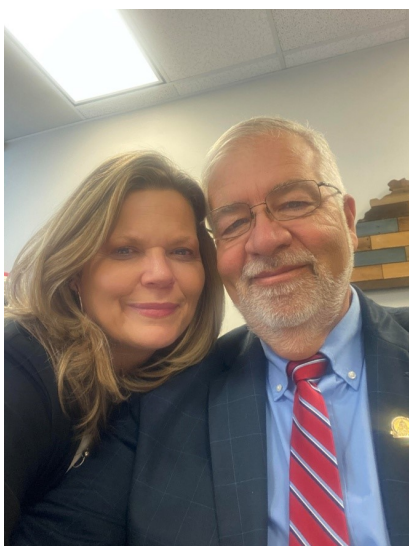
We have a great line up of guest speakers scheduled for 2024, KY Supreme Court candidate, Erin Izzo, State Representative Ryan Dotson and many local officials. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm. Venue is posted on our Facebook page. Join us!

We are working on several projects, fundraising, and much more. Stay tuned! Thank you! Kim Elkins, CCRWC President


McCRACKEN COUNTY

Great idea from McCracken County- They held a "Crossroads Straw Poll" at their last meeting

where members voted on their preference for presidential nominee and for issues that concern them the most. This is a great way to keep people engaged.



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