



## KFRW NEWS MAY 2023

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It is so exciting to see all the activities that our club members are participating in all across Kentucky. I know each of you are working hard to bring candidates before your club members, sponsor forums to get candidates in front of a wider audience, and host or help organize all those wonderful Lincoln and Reagan Day Dinners. I feel like everyone will be glad when May 16 ends and we know who our Republican nominees are for all these important statewide offices. Then we can all unite and work hard to make sure our nominees get elected in November.



*Honored to serve as your President,*

*Carol Rogers*

**Did you know? Your club can apply for awards given by NFRW every 2 years at the biennial convention. Club presidents have been sent information on these.**

- 1) Achievement Awards- this is an overall recognition of many activities. Check it out and I feel sure most clubs are already doing most of these activities. These awards cover 2022 and 2023; if you have activities planned for the rest of 2023 you can certainly count them. I encourage all clubs to review and apply. These awards are due June 1 to Achievement Awards Chair Debby Neal Pate at [mtpateasst@att.net](mailto:mtpateasst@att.net).
- 2) Armed Services Award- This award recognizes projects that support veterans and/or active duty military. This is also due June 1 to our Armed Service Chair Lynette Heppner [ljheppner@outlook.com](mailto:ljheppner@outlook.com).
- 3) Caring for America- this award recognizes community service projects which most of our clubs do already. One project from Kentucky will be selected to go on to the NFRW level. Due June 1 and send to [carolrogers125@gmail.com](mailto:carolrogers125@gmail.com).

**KFRW Executive Committee luncheon meeting June 10 in Bardstown . 1<sup>st</sup> VP Deborah Graham needs some information to make this a great meeting; Please let her know if you are interested at [dgcgraham@gmail.com](mailto:dgcgraham@gmail.com). The call will go out to all Executive Committee members before May 10.**

- Would you like Deborah to make dinner reservations for Friday night?
- Are you planning to attend the June 10 meeting?

- Do you plan to stay Friday or Saturday night in a hotel?
- Are you planning to have lunch during the meeting \$20?
- FYI There is a Martina McBride concert June 10 at 7:30 at the Log Still Distillery; ticket prices range from \$35-75.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY-** As we all know, May 16 is the Primary Election Day. Excused, in-person absentee voting for eligible voters is May 3,4,5 and 8,9,10 (must have one of the designated reasons). In-person, no excuse absentee voting is May 11,12,13. Mail in absentee ballots for eligible voters must be requested not later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>. And of course the big day is May 16 where all other voters go to their precincts to vote. Let's all use our influence in the next few weeks to raise awareness and increase voter turnout. Be aware of the locations and options in your county and publicize them by whatever means are effective in your area. Here's an idea from Helena Pitcock of Monroe County, KFRW Outreach Chair:

We had 2 electronic signs in Tompkinsville and I have secured two ads for them to start running 2 weeks prior to the election. One is showing graphics simply saying "Remember to Vote on May 16th"! It's red, white and Blue and very eye catching. I'm hoping this will help in getting more out than predicted for this race coming up. The prediction is only 20% of voters will vote, which is ridiculous! The other one will begin early election morning that simply says "VOTE TODAY"! It will of course run only from early morning until the polls close. It's not very costly and it may be something the clubs can do to help with voter turnout!!

### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Oldham County RW held a candidate forum on March 31, along with the Metropolitan Republican Women, the Shelby County GOP, and the , Henry County, & Oldham County GOPs.

Jessamine County RW held a Gubernatorial Forum on April 13.

Liberty Ladies held a forum with 2 Secretary of State candidates on April 20.

Franklin County RW and GOP Ladies of Madison County held Lincoln Dinners on April 21.

Jessamine County RW are joining with their county party for a Lincoln Dinner April 28 at One Oak Venue, 1200 Marshall Branch Rd in Nicholasville- 5:00- 8:30

Fayette County RW are holding an auction at their May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (Lexington Country Club at 11:15)

Many other activities are happening I know but these are what were sent to me. Thank you to all our members who organize wonderful and impactful events such as these.

**NFRW Legislative Priorities:** The NFRW Legislative Committee has selected 5 areas of importance and keeps us informed when federal legislation is upcoming on these issues. They are:

- Supporting Parents Rights
- Safeguarding Elections
- Combatting Human Trafficking
- Curbing the Power of Federal Regulators
- Keep the Supreme Court Independent

Pam Roberts is communicating with the committee regarding the Supreme court issue and shares detailed information below:

Nine justices make up the Supreme Court of the United States(or SCOTUS): one chief justice and eight associate justices. SCOTUS was established in 1789 by Article III of the U.S. Constitution. For the first 80 years of its existence, the Supreme Court fluctuated in size from as few as five to as many as ten before settling on the current number of nine in 1869.

Established by the US Constitution, SCOTUS has the ultimate jurisdiction over all the laws within the United States and is responsible for evaluating the constitutionality of those laws as the judicial branch of government. If necessary, the court has the power to check the actions of the other two branches of government: the executive branch of the presidents and the legislative branch of Congress.

The Supreme Court's justices are nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed (or denied) by the United States Senate. The highest judicial officer in the nation, the chief justice is responsible for presiding over the Supreme Court and setting the agenda for the justices' weekly meetings. The justice would also preside over trials of the impeachment against the President of the United States. In cases where the chief justice is the majority opinion, the justice has the authority to assign who will write the court's opinion.

For more than 150 years, an independent Supreme Court has protected our Constitutional rights. In recent years, there has been much discussion about court packing by increasing the number of justices in SCOTUS with a law passed by the United States Congress. It would weaken checks and balances on the abuse of power by a future President or Congress and would not be in line with the governing documents which establishes three separate powers of a government in order to “form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”.

The bipartisan “Keep Nine” Amendment was first introduced by a Democrat in the U.S. House and a Republican in the U.S. Senate. It would permanently preserve the current number of 9 Supreme Court Justices and protect the independence of the Court from any attempt by Congress to increase or decrease its size. More than 200 Members of Congress and 800 state legislators now support the “Keep Nine” Amendment. 19 State Legislative Chambers have passed Resolutions urging Congress to propose the “Keep Nine” Amendment. As of this writing (4.23.23) neither US Senator in Kentucky are on record as committed to an amendment which would keep the number of Supreme Court Justices to 9.

NFRW President, Eileen Sobjack recently tweeted, “The National Federation of Republican Women, with 65,000 grass-roots members across the country, strongly supports Senator Ted Cruz’s Keep Nine Amendment and urges all Senators to join as co-sponsors of this important Legislation”.

Constitutional amendments gave women the right to vote and limited presidents to two terms in office. Many believe we need a constitutional amendment to preserve the independence of the Supreme Court. Polling shows that votes would favor the “Keep Nine” Amendment by a 3-1 margin and is the most widely supported Supreme Court reform proposal in America. For more information regarding the amendment in Kentucky, contact immediate past president of the KFRW Pam Roberts at [pam.kfrw2021@gmail.com](mailto:pam.kfrw2021@gmail.com).



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