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NFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY 2024



As you may know, NFRW's Legislative Day and Board of Directors Meeting was held recently. We had beautiful weather for Legislative Day on Capitol Hill. Over 150 NFRW members from across the country attended. We heard from Texas Senator John Cornyn, North Carolina Senator Ted Budd, Wyoming Senator Cynthia Lummis, Mississippi Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, and the Chief of Staff for Senator Tim Scott. We heard a very informative presentation from Leadership Institute and learned how to be effective advocates for legislation. NFRW's Legislative Committee presented NFRW's Legislative Agenda.



One area of focus is on border security. America's immigration policy must serve the national interest of the United States. Secondly, the rebuilding the economy and creating jobs is area of focus. The third area of focus is parental rights. NFRW specifically supports S. 3571- the Families Rights and Responsibilities Act. We also continue to advocate for the Keep Nine Amendment. All of these areas were discussed in detail and plans were made to advocate.

We went to the Russell Senate Office Building for lunch in the beautiful Kennedy Caucus Room. We then heard from Alabama Senator Katie Britt, who was impressive and inspirational. After the presentations, Teresa Spicer (Breathitt County), Mary Pierce (South Central Kentucky), and I visited Leader Mitch McConnell in his office in the capitol. He was very gracious and welcoming to us and provided us with gallery passes. We appreciated the beauty and history of our capitol and felt honored to be there. Mary arrived a day early and had good meetings with Rep. James Comer and Senator Rand Paul. Pam Roberts (Kenton County) visited several Senators to advocate for Keep Nine.

At the Board of Directors meeting, we conducted important business and heard from great speakers. Speakers included Joseph Wood, chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas, Karoline Leavitt, press secretary for the Trump Campaign, and Tonya Shelnett with Alliance Defending Freedom. Important resolutions were approved and can be found on nfrw.org. I was honored to represent Kentucky at this meeting and to meet so many great ladies from states near and far.



Carol Rogers
KFRW President

MEMBERSHIP:

NFRW President Julie Harris' goal is to increase membership to 70,000 members. The more members we have, the more impactful we will be. To reach that goal, each

club across the country is challenged to increase their membership by 25%. It is good to have a measurable goal and I know we will all do our part to grow! Each club president has received their club's goal for 2023. How can you help? If you have not yet paid your dues, do so NOW. Look at your 2023 membership list and personally call members who have not yet renewed. If you know someone in your community who is conservative minded and a Republican woman, invite them to come to your next club meeting. Offer to pick them up or even buy their lunch or dinner. Think of creative ways to reach out! And lastly that you to all the club treasurers who keep track of membership dues and submit them and thank you to KFRW treasurer who processes the dues and submits to NFRW. We appreciate you!

Currently KFRW has 453 members and only 15 of our clubs have sent in dues. We ended 2023 with 910 members and 31 clubs. Dues for 2024 were due Feb. 15th so please get them in asap. You can send additional members as you get them during the year but we need your current members now.

POLITICAL AND CAMPAIGN HOURS:

Thank you to all our clubs who keep track of and submit volunteer hours. This is an important way to showcase what we do and raise our profile. For the period of July 15, 2023 to Jan. 15, 2024, Kentucky reported a total of 4492 calls and 13,515 hours. We only had 7 clubs submit; Clark, Jessamine, Kenton, Madison, Nelson, Oldham, and McCracken. Clubs who did not submit may still do so but it must be in before the next reporting period of July 15, 2024. I KNOW all Kentucky clubs worked hard in the 2023 elections so estimate what you did and get recognized for it! One person from each club is designated to submit the hours. If your club isn't collecting and reporting hours currently, consider volunteering to do this. Our top caller and top hours for Kentucky was Pam Roberts of Kenton County. Congratulations Pam!

CONVENTION: KFRW's convention will be in Lexington August 9th and 10th at the Downtown Hilton. The convention committee is hard at work making plans for a convention that is energizing, fun, and informative! Save the date and watch for future announcements.

LITERACY; MY GRANDFATHER'S SON

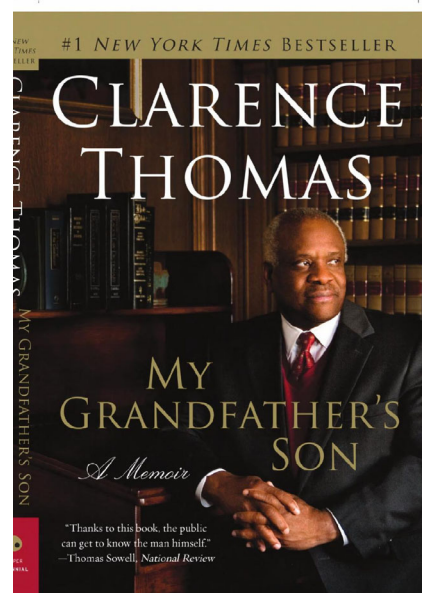
AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN

who as a child lived in a shack with no water or electricity except for one light bulb with his single mother until it burned to the ground when his younger brother played with matches
who then moved to apartments in Savannah where he was chronically hungry, cold and slept in a chair for lack of a bed

whose mother left him at age 8

who met his father twice—for the first time at age 9

who was raised to adulthood by the strictest of grandparents whom he called Antinny and Daddy



who studied in seminary to become a Roman Catholic priest but left when he became disillusioned with the church's lack of direction on civil rights

who was again homeless at age 20 when his grandfather threw him out of the house who identified with the black panthers in college but in later years registered as a conservative Republican

who as a young lawyer with a degree from Yale and employed, still didn't have a quarter in his pocket to buy an apple

whose personal principles triumphed the dollar when selecting a job

who regularly clocked in for work at 4 a.m. because he did his best work in the silence of the early hours

who rose above poverty, prejudice, bullying and racial injustice throughout his life who was subjected to a brutal lengthy Senate confirmation hearing, one Thomas pronounced a "high-tech lynching"

who fought back not because he wanted the job but because he wanted to clear his name of the lies that had been slung at him

who was still paying off student loans when he became a Supreme Court associate justice

This man, whom you now recognize, is Clarence Thomas, currently the longest serving justice on the United States Supreme Court. His success in life thus far he attributes to his "Daddy" (Grandfather) and God.

The title of his memoir is MY GRANDFATHER'S SON. (It is a favorite of our State President Carol Rogers.) I am at a loss of adjectives to adequately describe it. Read it yourself. You will certainly be glad you did.

Literacy Chair
Paula Carver

ARMED SERVICES- Lynette Heppner

Is your club looking for a way to reach out to Veterans this year? Join **Honor Flight Kentucky** in honoring our Veterans through "**Mail Call.**" You can be a part of the upcoming May 18, 2024, flight by submitting mail to the 70 veterans who will be flying to Washington DC. They will go for a one-day, all expenses-paid visit to the National memorials that are dedicated to honoring their service! These Veterans are given cards, letters, and children's drawings sent in from their loved ones, community organizations, individuals and school children thanking them for their service to our nation. Mail must be received by May 10, 2024, to be included on the May 18th flight!

Mail can be sent to:
Honor Flight Kentucky
Attn: Mail Call
PO Box 2025
Lexington, Kentucky 40524

Things to keep in mind for cards & letters:

- Handwritten cards or letters are most appreciated.
- Please do not send other objects or gifts. They cannot be transported.
- Mail should be addressed to “Hero,” “Trailblazer,” “Veteran,” (avoid referring to any specific branch of service).
- Sign **ONLY** your first name, an organization name is also appreciated.
- Do not date letters, cards, drawings, etc.
- Do not seal the envelopes of individual letters/cards if used (all mail is reviewed and screened). Consider using one larger envelope filled with the cards and letters and seal that one only. The larger, sealed envelope should then be mailed to Honor Flight Kentucky.
- Don’t use staples, pins, or anything else that could injure fragile hands.
- Please avoid using glitter in any drawings, etc.
- Drawn/colored pictures are very appreciated from children but avoid using dark colored paper so it can be easily read.

To find out more about Honor Flight Kentucky, check out their website: **Home | Honor Flight Kentucky (honorflightky.org)** and Facebook page: **Honor Flight Kentucky | Lexington KY | Facebook**

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 **pattyanharman@yahoo.com**.

CLUB NEWS

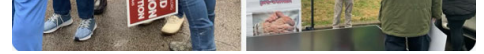
The **Nelson County RWC** will host their annual Lincoln Day Dinner in April with details to come!

The **Franklin County RWC** also hosts a Lincoln Day Dinner. It will be April 19 at 6:30 at the Frankfort Country Club. Their speaker will be RPK Chairman Robert Benvenuti. Tickets are \$60. Contact Maree Barney-Sutley for more information **mareesutley@gmail.com**.

LIBERTY LADIES

Liberty Ladies visit Frankfort for March for Life





MONROE COUNTY

The **Monroe County** Republican Women’s League held a wonderful celebration of their 40th anniversary. Rep. Amy Neighbors presented a Citation of Celebration to Brenda Turner, the club’s first president.



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