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# From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President



When given a goal, North Carolina Republican women rise to meet the challenge, and they succeed! The outcome of our 2022 mid-term elections proved just that.

Because of your volunteer efforts, working the polls, knocking on doors or donating, we are sending Senator-Elect Ted Budd to represent us in Washington, D.C.

On the judicial front, we are especially thankful that we now have a majority on the NC Supreme Court, and along with the wins in the Court of Appeals, we can be assured that the Constitution will be followed.

Thank you also to more than 166 of our own NCFRW members who stepped out in courage and ran in the primary. It is an honor to work with the talented and wonderful women who are the NCFRW.

As the holy season approaches, may peace and love reign in your hearts and homes, and may you and your loved ones have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah.

## **Reflection** by Margeaux Holland, NCFRW Chaplain

# Merry Christmas!

Two of my most favorite words....

For me, they are filled with the purest intentions of sharing with someone a heartfelt greeting for enjoying the holidays and warm friendly cheer for that moment.

Read Margeaux's entire prayer...

#### **HELP AMERICA - HELP ELECT HERSCHEL WALKER!**



Urgent action alert!
This is it!
The Georgia Senate runoff is in the home stretch.

We are calling on NFRW members to go all-in for Herschel Walker.

Some polling shows the race is tied. Your calls between now and the December 6 runoff can bring home a Republican victory.

# Volunteer to help Herschel win



## Club news



#### **NCFRW's State Scarf**

NCFRW has designed a beautiful 100% silk scarf featuring our seal in the center and edged with a graceful blue scroll interspersed with delicate blossoms of dogwood, our state flower.

Each corner of the scarf has a significant North Carolina symbol: the state of North Carolina flag map; the Longleaf Pine (Pinus Palustris); Kitty Hawk, the Wright Brothers'

Flyer; the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

It makes a great addition to your wardrobe - or a great gift! You can purchase it on the home page of our website: **ncfrw.com**.

# **Upcoming NCFRW events**



### NCFRW Winter Board Meeting February 3-5, 2023

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women will host its Winter Board Meeting in Raleigh.

We have planned an interesting and rewarding program to kick off our 70th Anniversary, beginning on Friday evening with registration and continuing through

Saturday evening's dinner with our exciting keynote speaker, **Mr. Gordon Chang**, noted China expert, columnist, author, lawyer and media contributor.

Looking forward to 2024, our goal is to prepare our members to be even more effective by offering training resources. On Saturday, the **Leadership Institute**, a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization located in Arlington, VA, will provide a workshop tailored to our interests.

The Institute teaches conservatives of all ages how to succeed in politics, government, and the media. Since 1979, **LI** has trained more than 250,000 conservative activists, leaders, and students in campaigns, fundraising, grassroots organizing, youth politics, and communications.

On Friday evening there will be a special event for Regents, so if you've considered becoming a Regent, now is the right time. There is information at the end of the newsletter and a link to sign up to become a Regent.

Location: Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport-Brier Creek, 8021 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh 27617.

**To reserve your hotel room** (which includes a complimentary breakfast buffet):

- Either call the hotel directly at (919) 484-0500 and request a room under the NC
   Fed Republican Women group, or using the code FRW.
- Or book your room directly via the personalized booking link in the button below:



Please reserve your room by January 20, 2023, to secure the discounted rate.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

#### Also save these dates:

May 5-7, 2023 NCFRW Spring Board Meeting and Biennial Convention. Foothills Region.

Spring Legislative Day in Raleigh. TBA

June 1, 2023 - Club Achievement Awards submissions due.

June 1, 2023 - Caring for America submissions due.

June 1, 2023 - Armed Services submissions due.

June 8-11, 2023 NCGOP State Convention Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

**September 28-October 1, 2023 - NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention,** Omni Hotel and Oklahoma City Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK.

## **Traveling Woman - Kay Wildt**



Over the last several months, I've had the pleasure of visiting clubs and county events around the state. Thank you to our gracious and welcoming members - I love what our ladies are doing to spread our Republican values. Places I've been: Ashe County RW, Federated RW of Stokes Co., Charlotte, WR of Cleveland Co., High Country in Waynesville,

Rockingham Co. RW, Rocky Mount, Greater Greensboro RWC, Fayetteville RW, Alexander Co RW, Davidson Co., Alamance Co and NFRW in Alexandria, VA.

## Membership Tip by Maureen Zumwalt (formerly Krueger)



Here's an idea on how to increase your visibility in the community and attract new members:

Use Caring for America projects or Armed Services projects to work with other charitable groups.

This is a great opportunity to show your community the good works your Club does; other women will notice and be interested in learning more about your great organization. In addition, if you have a local newspaper, send a photo and blurb about the completed project and invite the editor to publish it.

## 2022 Tribute to Women!

Republican Women are the heart and soul of the party, and our Tribute to Women gave us the opportunity to honor 23 outstanding women who have made significant contributions to their clubs and communities.

In addition, we presented the Pioneer Award to two exceptional women whose work for NC has had far-reaching effects: retiring legislators, The Honorable Pat Hurley and





The Honorable Pat McElraft. Our own Pat C. Smith received the State Award for outstanding efforts.

Julie Lee Harris, NFRW VP for our region, traveled from Arkansas to be our keynote speaker at the Tribute. We were delighted that Julie spoke about Marion Martin, founder of the NFRW, and a truly extraordinary trailblazer for women in politics.

On Saturday at our Board meeting, State Treasurer Dale Folwell spoke, and NCFRW presented him with a plaque that read, "NCFRW honors NC State Treasurer Dale R. Folwell for his devotion to the people of North Carolina and excellence in service throughout his distinguished career."

Members loved hearing the latest GOP national news from Kyshia Brassington, NCGOP Committeewoman, very involved in Milwaukee convention planning.

During the Board meeting NFRW VP Julie Harris presented Club President Anna Blue and Treasurer Amy Lowery of the Republican Women of the Lumber River with their Charter. Kyshia Brassington, NCGOP Committeewoman and Jackie Weyhenmeyer, VP for Capital Region joined in the presentation. Congratulations!

Dr. Carol Swain spoke at our Leading Ladies Luncheon on Saturday. Her life story is compelling, and her struggle to succeed is inspirational. We were honored to have NCGOP Chairman Michael Whatley update us on the recent elections.

Many thanks to Lisa Carpenter on the successful raffle and to Gay Dillard and Linda Petrou for mega-fundraising for the Tribute.



Twenty-three women Honorees and our two Pioneer and State awardees.











Top photo: RW of the Lumber River receive their NFRW Charter.

Middle photo: NCGOP Chairman Michael Whatley.

Bottom photo: NCFRW members who served on NFRW Committees, NFRW VP Julie Lee Harris and Dr. Carol Swain.

Photos taken at the Richard Childress Racing Event Center.



Lowell (L), Dr. Carol Swain (Center) and Anna Blue (R).

Middle: Dinner

Bottom: Lisa

# Share your club news with us!

We'd like to hear about it and share it in this newsletter! Contact NCFRepublicanWomen@gmail.com and send in your information and photos.

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recruits members, funds special events, trains and recruits candidates and educates voters.

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