



## From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President

### Urgent prayer request

The husband of one of our members is a reservist in the Israeli military and was activated into service. Please keep this young couple in your prayers. And pray for all those affected by war. For security, the names are private.



### Happy Thanksgiving

At our Fall Board meeting in Winston-Salem, **Congressman Dan Bishop** spoke about current events in Congress. **Clare Lopez**, Middle East expert, explained the role that history and religion play in that region and gave insights for its resolution.

**Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson** inspired us at our Prayer Breakfast and recounted the importance of women leaders throughout the ages from ancient Britain to today.

**NC Treasurer Dale Folwell** brought good news about the health of NC's economy and NC's "AAA" credit rating due to reduced state debt and his cost-saving measures. Treasurer Folwell installed our elected officers for their two-year terms.

Congratulations to the new Executive Committee of the NCFRW: President **Kay Wildt**; Mountain Region VP **Toni Wall**; Foothills Region VP **Erica Vedeikis**, Central Region VP **Gay Dillard**, Capital Region VP **Jackie Weyhenmeyer**; Coastal Region **Stephanie Broughton**; Treasurer **Pam Keller**; Assistant Treasurer **Ann James**; Secretary **Sarah Wetherby**; Assistant Secretary **Michele Nix**.

We were honored that **Jo Bishop**, **Yolanda Hill** and **Synthia Folwell** attended with their husbands.

Thank you **A.J. Daoud** for your gift of beautiful pink roses for each of our members, a tradition for more than 15 years to show his appreciation for all that we do.

## Reflection by Margeaux Holland

*"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22: 37-38*

**"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7**

These two verses are the most important for the next two years as we serve our homes, communities, state and nation. Seek Him with all your heart, soul and mind, and He will give you power, love and a sound mind - for your good and for serving so many around you.

His wisdom and love are best, and He wants the best for you...

## Tee-Shirt - "Real Woman It's In My DNA"



**Shop early for Christmas and the holidays!**

Republican women know what defines us, and it's our **XX** chromosomes. Wear our message proudly. Thanks to **Erica Vedeikis**, VP Foothills Region for the concept and the design.

**"Real Woman It's In My DNA"** tee-shirt - order your shirts now! Sizes S-5X only \$25!

Price includes mailing your order to you.

Click on the button below. Once we receive your order, we will send payment information.

[Real Woman Tee Shirt](#)

## Slide show of the NFRW Oklahoma City Convention

**Kathy Lawler** and **Erica Vedeikis** gathered photos from the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City and have created a slide show highlighting the excitement. Enjoy! This "Highlights" slide show is a very large file.

[Highlights from Oklahoma City](#)

**Thank you to the kind woman from New Mexico who sent us a check for \$500 to thank us for our work in Oklahoma City defending the rights of girls and women.**

## 2024 Winter board meeting

**Lumina at Wrightsville Beach**  
A Holiday Inn Resort



January 26 & 27, 2024

Before we know it, the Winter Board meeting will be here, and we'll kick off the 2024 election season with another very exciting meeting with great speakers.

There will be a reception on Friday evening, the annual Dottie Martin Scholarship luncheon on Saturday and a special dinner Saturday evening.

The rates we've negotiated are a great savings. Do not delay booking your room because the regular rates are already more expensive and will continue to climb the closer we are to the actual date.

**Deadline to book at great rates: January 5, 2024.**

Lumina Hotel Website

## Americanism by Penny Jordan

### NC Honor Flight

I had the unique opportunity to attend the Triad Honor Flight Welcome Home Party! There, with two special guests - my husband, Dallas, and Representative Jeff Zenger, my boss - who were Guardians that day to Veterans. Triad Honor Flight is grateful for the sacrifices of our veterans, and they honor veterans by hosting one last mission - a creative and exciting, memorable, and fun-filled day in D.C.

There are two groups in NC that bring Veterans to the National WWII Memorial and to memorials of wars they fought in. Each veteran's day is complete with flight, bus, meals, planning, narrated tours and lots of cheers and well-deserved recognition.

I highly recommend working with one of these organizations to send off a flight, welcome home a flight or choose another way to volunteer. This is rewarding no matter if you volunteer or cheer! Do you know of a veteran who would enjoy this? Would you like to volunteer as a Guardian? Find these groups on Facebook, or go to their websites to determine how your Club can become involved in a flight at: [triadhonorflight.org](http://triadhonorflight.org) or [honorflightcfa.org](http://honorflightcfa.org).



Senator Ted Budd with veterans.



Enthusiastic airport greetings!

# 2024 Presidential Forum



In an historic joint effort, the South Carolina and North Carolina Federations of Republican Women held a "For Women, By Women" Presidential Forum at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, just across the state line from Charlotte, NC. Thank you, Peggy Upchurch, SCFRW President, for the brilliant idea.

(L to R: Kay Wildt, **Gov. Ron DeSantis**, **Peggy Upchurch**, President SCFRW)

Thanks to team members from SCFRW: **LaDonna Riggs, Racine Cooper, Tea Hoffmann, Carol Herring**. NCFRW members: **Pat Smith, Lorena Castillo-Ritz, Erica Vedeikis, Melinda Suddes, Desiree Miller, Elsa Karman**.

Drawing a crowd of 350 and live-streamed, NewsNation's Blake Burman, hosted the event with Governors Ron DeSantis and Asa Hutchinson. Jennifer Stefano, Chief Strategist and VP at Commonwealth Foundation, was Mistress of Ceremonies. Also speaking were Israeli Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern US, Mrs. Anat Sultan-Davon, accompanied by Arlene Samuels, CBN Israeli Journalist, and Robert Cahaly, Trafalgar Group Pollster.

The link below is to the two-hour Forum recording on Facebook. Israeli Consul General Sultan-Davon requested us to show a two-minute video filmed by Hamas as they attacked Israeli citizens. It is very disturbing footage of savage atrocities. The two-minute Hamas film is at the very end of the event from 1:53 to 1:55.

[Forum Video on Facebook](#)

## Community Board for senior citizens needs volunteers



In every state, county and community, local volunteer boards and commissions made up of citizens like you and me make decisions that affect priorities in spending and in legislation. Research what boards and commissions are in your community and recruit club members for positions that affect the quality of life in your community.

One such nonpartisan board with openings is the **North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature**, created by the NC General Assembly to listen to community concerns and give a "voice" to senior citizens. Each of NC's 100 counties has a Delegate and Alternate who must be over 60 years of age.

Delegates and Alternates meet three times a year to determine local and regional needs and priorities for statewide meetings. Members work to create a state where Seniors can age with dignity and respect, and each of us can play a role.

There are many openings for alternates across the state, but these counties have NO representation at all: Anson, Beaufort, Clay, Columbus, Craven, Franklin, Gates, Graham, Henderson, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Martin, McDowell, Moore, Polk, Richmond, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell.

## Club news



### RW of Chapel Hill Chatham

Representing Club President **Bonnie O'Neill**, who was away, **VP Terri Tyson** accepted the club's NFRW Diamond Award on her behalf from **Kay Wildt**.

The Diamond Award is difficult to achieve and requires many hours of effort. RWCHC is one of 31 clubs in NC that received this award signifying their club is performing at the highest level.

**Donna Stewart** represented her club at the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City. Donna gave a recounting of the moment Kay called for the Point of Order that stunned the convention.

Members joined in celebrating the election of their club member, **Martha Jenkins**, the incoming 1st Vice President of the National Federation of Republican Women.

(L to R: Donna Stewart, Terri Tyson, Kay Wildt, Martha Jenkins)



### Catawba County League of RW

**Club President Brenda Rembert** welcomed Kay Wildt to her club to celebrate NCFRW's 70th birthday and NFRW's 85th! Club members were delighted to hear all the latest NCFRW information and to learn about the exciting times at the NFRW Oklahoma City Convention.

CCLRW earned a Silver Achievement Award for its hard work over the last two years, like this month's Fish Fry. (L to R: Kay Wildt and Brenda Rembert)



### Brunswick RWC

BRWC members gathered at its GOP headquarters in Bolivia to celebrate their new fundraising initiative called the GEM program, "Growing Every Member." It is modeled after the Regents program, and it's a huge success with 29 Founding Members. Members support at four giving levels, each named for a gem.

Kay Wildt was invited to a reception with the GEM members prior to the regular meeting, followed by a presentation to the entire club. Brunswick earned a Diamond Award at the NFRW Oklahoma City Convention.

(L to R: **Kay Wildt**, **Debbie Dennis** and **Kathy Lawler**)



## Alamance RW

Officers for 2024 were installed by Kay Wildt at Alamance RW's November meeting - **President Tina Hinshaw, VP Paula Rivers, Secretary Susan Bertucceli, Treasurer Carrie Stolle and Assistant Treasurer Zoe Higgins**. Under **Past President Polly Riddell**, the club earned NFRW's Silver Award.

The meeting focused on encouraging voter turnout with those who think their votes don't matter. Alamance RW is a tremendous resource to the county where the club's meetings include many men Associates.

(L to R: Kay Wildt, Tina Hinshaw, Paula Rivers, Susan Bertuccelli, Carrie Stolle and Zoe Higgins)

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## Davidson County RW

### DCRW Present Mistletoe Night with The LeBeaus

Saturday, December 9th, 2023 at 6PM.  
Childress Event Center, 425 Industrial Dr., Lexington (in Welcome).

A night filled with holiday cheer, fun hors d'oeuvres, and The LeBeaus. At-the-door tickets will be \$15.00. A portion of our profits will be donated to Pastor's Pantry.

[Mistletoe Night Tickets](#)

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## Condolences

### Judith Steele of Caldwell County RW



NCFRW offers deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Judith Steele**, a patriot who loved her country and wanted to share that love with everyone.

Judy was the kind of person who could light up the room with her friendly upbeat demeanor. She treated everyone she met as a lifelong friend. She will be forever loved and missed by those who knew her.

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### Ann Sullivan of Wayne County RW

NCFRW sends deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Ann Sullivan**, a founding member of the Wayne County RW club and a stalwart in the Wayne County Republican Party.

Ann's memory is cherished, and she is remembered for her kindness and her generosity, as well as for her enthusiasm for all things political.

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**Save these dates**



NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY

# HALL of FAME

## Awards Banquet

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

*Vip Reception:* 5:30 p.m. | *Dinner:* 6:30 p.m.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [HALLOFFAME.NC.GOP](http://HALLOFFAME.NC.GOP)

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December 2, 2023, NCGOP Hall of Fame Dinner.

January 26 - 27, 2024 NCFRW Winter Board Meeting, Lumina, Wrightsville Beach

March 5, 2024 Primary Election

May 23 - 26, 2024 NCGOP Convention, Koury Convention Center, Greensboro

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#### Support NCFRW with a donation!

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