



## From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President



### North Carolina ran into the storm

*Something very powerful occurred in Oklahoma City, and NCFRW played a pivotal role.*

Two years ago at our National Federation of Republican Women's convention in Orlando, a man attended as a delegate – the president of his club in California. We also learned that New Jersey had two such members, men self-identifying as women. Members across the nation urged NCFRW to follow its Bylaws – that men are associate members only. The new NCFRW leaders at that time promised they would resolve the situation before the next convention, but did not.

With the help of VP Michele Nix, Coastal Region, President Stephanie Broughton of Crystal Coast RW and her club passed a "Resolution to Limit Membership in the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women to Biological Women." President Lisa Carpenter of Onslow County RW submitted a similar resolution to NCFRW, aided by then-attorney, now District Court Judge Bob Roupe, who was at that time Vice Chair of the Onslow County GOP.

NCFRW's leadership enthusiastically took up the cause and passed two resolutions at our 2023 state meetings:

1. Protecting girls and women in sports.
2. Saying that only XX chromosome/biological women may be full members.

Those resolutions were sent to the NCFRW Convention Resolutions Committee, chaired by NCFRW member, Dr. Linda Petrou. NCFRW leadership asked an opinion of its corporate, not First Amendment, attorney about the trans question, and the answer he gave was not to make waves or block men from joining the Federation as trans women for fear of legal action. While there is "woke" legislation in some states, we are a private organization.

We learned that, although the Convention Resolutions committee approved both NCFRW resolutions and sent them to the national president to be voted on at the Oklahoma convention, NCFRW refused to allow either resolution to be considered!

NCFRW's Executive Committee voted to spend \$1,600 to have our two resolutions printed as ads in the convention program and to bring the conversation to the convention floor. NCFRW President Kay Wildt submitted the ads to NCFRW – but within one hour, the national president called Kay and refused to allow NC to print the ads.

It was clear that NCFRW leadership planned on controlling the convention, and only

through parliamentary procedure could we hope to be successful. Kay Wildt joined a nationwide team working on parliamentary strategy to publicly challenge leadership and force a confrontation that NFRW did not want. Mary Frances Forrester, NCFRW Parliamentarian, handwrote four pages of last-ditch strategies for Kay to use that proved invaluable.

During the opening convention session with almost 1,000 members present, team members asked the national president about the two missing resolutions, her response differed from Kay Wildt's recollection of their conversation. Kay immediately called for a point of order, and said "Madame President, North Carolina submitted those resolutions, and you refused to print them." The NFRW president admitted, "Yes, I did do that." There was an audible gasp across the convention floor as everyone, even those attending the convention for the first time, understood what had just happened.

Team members asked that the convention consider our two resolutions – and the NFRW president said, "Oh, you can't get those copies to everyone in time." Well, NCFRW VP Erica Vedeikis could and did! Every person at that convention had a copy of the resolutions at the next session. Not only did the resolutions pass unanimously, we overthrew the chosen slate and elected God-fearing conservative women who are courageous and will fight for what is right, like our own Martha Jenkins, the newly elected 1st VP.

If we had failed to protect our most basic rights, many clubs across North Carolina and across the nation would have implemented their plans to leave the Federation. Our prayers were answered; North Carolina had saved the National Federation of Republican Women!

As Governor Stitt of Oklahoma told us in his speech at the NFRW Biennial Convention, there are two animals in Oklahoma that behave very differently when faced with a storm. Cattle run away from the storm, but are soon overtaken by it and perish. While bison run at the storm, and by attacking, they run through it and survive, so his advice was - Be the Bison! **NCFRW women run to the fight!**

*From Mary Frances Forrester, NCFRW Parliamentarian, "I am so proud to be a partner in this weekend's HISTORICAL effort to keep NFRW a beacon of light as an organization of Judeo-Christian, traditional, conservative and active political force of WOMEN! We serve an awesome God and as a Godly team we made American history! To God be the glory! Thank you, Oklahoma!"*

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## **Action alert: Another win for China! Goodbye gas vehicles.**

### **Impossible gas standards proposed**

**Comment by: October 16, 2023**

In April 2023, the Biden's EPA added regulations on gas emissions to cut car sales by 56% over the next nine years.

Now, Biden doubles down with a new regulation to kill gas cars by 2032, raising fuel efficiency standards to impossibly high levels: 66 mpg for cars and 54 mpg for pick-ups.

Talking points:

- Imposes massive costs by requiring electric vehicles.

- Our economy is bad and many cannot afford new cars.
- Consumers prefer gas-powered cars and hybrids.
- Designed to crush the production of gas vehicles.
- Vehicle quality, including safety, will suffer from cost-cutting measures.
- Many cars and trucks will be priced out of the market.
- Fewer options and \$20,000 more expensive for electric vehicles.
- Forces Americans to buy Chinese lithium for electric cars.
- Dept. of Transportation estimates \$5.8 billion "fiscal pain" to consumers.
- Has no improvement to global environmental per the agency.
- Yet Communist China pollutes with 100 new coal power plants yearly.

For the legal language:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/17/2023-16515/corporate-average-fuel-economy-standards-for-passenger-cars-and-light-trucks-for-model-years>

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## October 10 is XX Day - a celebration of real women!

# NCFRW

REAL WOMEN'S  
DAY



OCTOBER 10, 2023



NCFRW honors Riley  
Gaines, courageous  
advocate for women



Read more about Real Women's Day

## Fall Meeting registration and hotel



November 4- 5, 2023, NCFRW Fall Board Meeting, Doubletree by Hilton, Winston-Salem University, 5790 University Pkwy., Winston-Salem.

Program begins with dinner on Saturday evening, breakfast meeting and lunch on Sunday.

Come early on Saturday and visit the historic Old Salem Museum and Gardens, a Moravian village from 1766, and/or Reynolda House and Museum of American Art.

Deadline for room rate is October 15.

[NCFRW Direct Booking Link for Doubletree W-S](#)

Register for the Fall meeting by clicking on the red button below.

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## Elections and awards at national convention

### New leadership at NFRW

As mentioned in the President's message above, a new slate of officers was elected to lead the National Federation of Republican Women into the future:

- **President: Julie Harris, Arkansas**
- **1st Vice President: Martha Jenkins, North Carolina**
- **2nd Vice President: Karen Newton, Texas**
- **Secretary: Heidi Martin, Louisiana**

We are so proud of our own Martha Jenkins, who is a courageous fighter and has been instrumental in the Keep Nine movement. She will do an awesome job in her new leadership role!



### NCFRW wins Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women was honored to receive the **Betty Heitman award for state excellence**. NC won thanks to hard work by all our clubs.

Special thanks to all our vice presidents - Michele Nix, Jackie Weyhenmeyer, Gay Dillard, Erica Vedeikis and Doris Hawkins - for working with your regional clubs. Thank you also to Kathy Allen, treasurer; Ann James, assistant treasurer; Lynette Ramsey, secretary; Sherry Witherspoon, assistant secretary, for your dedication.

### Award-winning clubs

NCFRW clubs earned 31 Diamond awards at the NFRW Convention. That award is given only to clubs that perform at the highest levels across five categories: Club function, Membership development, Programs,



Three clubs earned Gold awards, two earned Silver awards and four earned Bronze awards. Congratulations to all our excellent clubs.



### Gaston RW wins national award

Gaston RW won the national Caring for America Award for its 18-month long, post-Covid project to rebuild and refurbish an outdoor garden and recreational activity center at a school for special needs and wheel-chair bound students ages 5-22. The project enables students to grow crops and to access and engage in painting and art projects. Great job, Gaston RW!

Carol Faraday accepted the award for her club.

### Scenes from the NFRW Convention

NCFRW members who attended the NFRW Convention were: Courtney Barnhill, Mary Boughton, Stephanie Broughton, Pauline Bruno, Gay Dillard, Cara Dohner, Carol Faraday, Mary Frances Forrester, Cornelia Groce, Renee Hill, Margeaux Holland, Linda Howard, Angela Hudak, Mary Anne Huggins, Ann James, Lisa James, Martha Jenkins, Pam Keller, Kathy Lawler, Anita Moody, Misty Nagy, Michele Nix, Sandra Patterson, Linda Petrou, Leisa, Rowe, Pat Smith, Donna Stewart, Charli Thyne, Erica Vedeikis, Ceil Wasserman, Sarah Wetherby, Jackie Weyhenmeyer, Susan Whetstine, Kay Wildt, Sherry Yocum, and Bobbie Youngblood.





## Saluting and supporting our military by Betsy Miller



**October 13th - Navy Birthday**

**October 26th - National Day of the Deployed**

This day is set aside to honor the brave men and woman who have been deployed and are sacrificing, or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our country. It also acknowledges their families who also sacrifice during their deployment.

## Club news

**Fayetteville RWC mourns the loss of two members:**



**JoAnn Smith**

It is with deep sadness that the Fayetteville RWC announces the passing of one its most beloved long-time members, who joined our Heavenly Father on September 23. She will most definitely be missed.

**Joyce Costin**

Joyce Shackelford Costin was a Founding Member of Fayetteville RWC and a Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1988. She was honored by a



## Forsyth County Lincoln Day Dinner welcomes Matt Gaetz as speaker

Congressman Matt Gaetz will be the keynote speaker for the Forsyth County GOP Lincoln Day Event!

**Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 - 5:00 PM**  
**Legacy Stables and Event Center**  
4151 Thomasville Rd. Winston-Salem, NC.

For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).



## Ashe Co Lincoln Reagan Dinner with Mark Robinson as keynote speaker

**Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 6 pm.**  
**Blue Ridge Theater, Glendale Springs**

Keynote speaker is Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, candidate for Governor. Other speakers are Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, and State Representative Tricia Cotham. (To enlarge, click on image.)

Order tickets [HERE](#) or call 336-846-1GOP.



## Moore County Lincoln Reagan Dinner features Steve Bannon

Trump's White House chief advisor, Trump 2016 Campaign Strategist, "War Room" host.

**Friday, October 27**  
General Reception: 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Dinner & Program: 6:15 - 8:30 PM  
The Country Club of North Carolina  
1600 Morganton Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

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## Save these dates

December 2, 2023, NCGOP Hall of Fame Dinner.

January 26 - 28, 2024 NCFRW Winter Board Meeting, Lumina, Wrightsville Beach

## Support the work of NCFRW!



### Support NCFRW with a donation!

Contributions to NCFRW enable us to bring great speakers to our meetings, positively impact our state and nation, recruit and elect conservatives, advocate for good government, and offer training and communications.

We're fighting for you, our families and our nation.

Please support our work with a gift from your heart.

**We are grateful for help at every level. Thank you!**

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