

National Federation of Republican Women

Past, Present and Future

Women's History with Republican Party

The story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote.



1854

- Three women attended the founding meeting of the Republican Party in Ripon, Wisconsin.



1878

- It was a Republican in 1878 who introduced the 19th Amendment – Senator Sargent from California, at the request of Susan B. Anthony.
- Sargent's amendment was defeated four times by a Democrat-controlled Senate. When the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the Equal Suffrage Amendment finally passed the House and Senate.



Women's Suffrage



1892



The first time women were seated at a Republican National Convention in 1892. This convention was also the first to be addressed by a woman, Ellen Foster, chairwoman of the Women's Republican Association of the United States. A strong believer in organization, Foster said her association had prepared work plans for women's involvement in national politics, and announced

“We are here to help you, and we are here to stay”.

1909



Mary Terrell, along with Ida Wells, was one of two African-American Republican women who in 1909 co-founded the NAACP. The daughter of former slaves, Terrell became a prominent writer and civil rights activist. She campaigned tirelessly for women's suffrage.

As president of the Women's Republican League, Terrell campaigned for Republican presidential candidate Warren Harding in 1920. Her husband was an African-American attorney who served in the administration of Republican President Benjamin Harrison and later received judicial appointments from Republican Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

In the words of Mary Terrell: **“Every right that has been bestowed upon blacks was initiated by the Republican Party.”**

Our beginnings.....

- Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: "The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ...," Republican women's clubs were off and running. In fact, the oldest such club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.
- Hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs grew up around the nation in the years to come. For example, there were 140 clubs in Indiana alone by the late 1930s.



Palmer House Chicago

- It was in 1938 that Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago to organize these clubs into a national organization.



Charter States

- Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
- At the time of NFRW's founding, three states – Maryland, Virginia and Alabama had not even ratified the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

Our purpose.....

- The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes:
 - to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands
- - to promote education along political lines
 - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government
 - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another
- - to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party."

Our name

- The organization's original name was National Federation of Women's Republican Clubs of America (NFWRC). That name was changed in January 1953 to National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). The NFRW, although originally under the umbrella of the Republican National Committee, is a completely independent, self supporting organization today.

Our Seal



- The seal of the NFRW features the American Eagle, king of birds, holding a quill pen and standing guard over our most treasured tool of democracy – the ballot box. Adopted at the biennial convention in 1944, it portrays the Federation’s interest in the protection and integrity of our electoral process. The American Eagle is adopted from the great seal of the United States. The quill is symbolic of the power of words, especially as contained in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

Today.....

- Today, the NFRW consists of thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation and in several U.S. territories. The goals of those women who met in Chicago in 1938 continue to be the goals of the NFRW – to encourage women’s participation in the governing of our nation, to elect Republicans to office at all levels, and to promote public awareness of the issues that shape America.
- The NFRW holds a biennial convention (just like NCFRW) to elect National officers. – President, 4 VPs, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Members At Large.

NFRW President Sue Lynch



NFRW Executive Committee



Members of the NFRW Executive Committee for 2010-2011 are pictured above. FRONT ROW: Jane Lane, Martha Jenkins, Rae Lynne Chornenky and Sue Lynch. MIDDLE ROW: Jessie Morton, Patt Parker and Brenda Smith. BACK ROW: Carrie Almond, Kathy Brugger and Jo Mitchell. NOT PICTURED: Shirley Sadler.

NFRW Mission Statement

- The National Federation of Republican Women is America's foremost political organization, bringing together women to positively impact the direction of our nation. We come together as a collective force advancing the power of women through political access and participation.
- Our mission is to see women from all age groups and walks of life as key players at the political table on national, state, and local issues.



North Carolina

- The founder of the North Carolina Federation of RW was Ann Hickman and our state affiliated with the NFRW in 1953. Our “roots” began during the victorious campaigns of President Eisenhower and NC Congressman Jonas in 1952.



North Carolina

- Fourteen unit clubs were represented at the first convention held in Hickory, NC on April 11, 1953. Those clubs were Alexander County, Buncombe County, Burke County, Caldwell County, Catawba County, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Forsyth County, Henderson County, Jackson County, Madison County, Polk County, Sampson County, Transylvania County and Wake County.

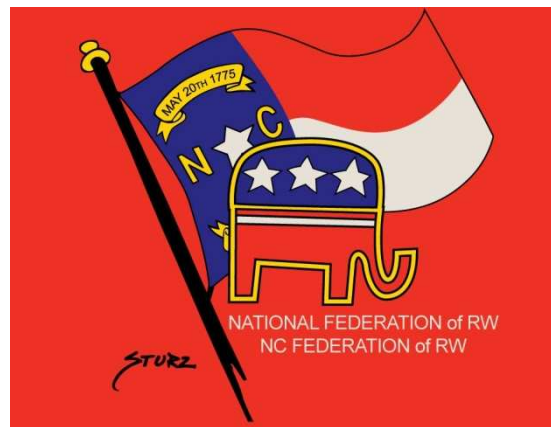
NCFRW Officers

- 31th State President, Dena Barnes
- NCFRW has 5 regions and a Vice President for each region.
 - Coastal – Ceil Wasserman
 - Capital – Zan Bunn
 - Central – Joan Thurman
 - Foothills – Tresa Cummins
 - Mountain – Sandra Jaynes



NCFRW Mission Statement

The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women's (NCFRW) mission is to positively impact our state and nation, while strengthening our Republican Party through recruiting, educating, training, supporting, and electing Republicans.



Recent legislation.....

- North Carolina Federation of Republican Women took the lead on several legislative issues.
 - Jessica Lunsford Act
 - Marriage Amendment
 - NC Driver's License Reform
 - Unborn Victims Legislative

2010 Petition Effort

State required Voter Identification to vote in NC elections

RISE Program

Recruitment

Involvement

Service

Education



Why Join?



The North Carolina Federation of Republican Women provides an avenue of political involvement for women who share the Republican philosophy. NCFRW is committed to providing the education and information to better prepare our members on the issues of the day, and the tools to be more effective in the challenges ahead.

WIN in 2010

