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CARLOS LOPEZ-CANTERA

Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R), the 19th and current Lieutenant Governor of Florida was first appointed to the office by Gov. Rick Scott (R) effective February 3, 2014. He was elected to a four-year term on November 4, 2014.

Carlos Lopez-Cantera was born in Madrid, Spain on December 29, 1973. He was born two months premature and was returned to his intended birthplace of Miami, Florida once he was healthy enough to travel. Lopez-Cantera graduated from Miami-Dade College and then he continues studies at the University of Miami, where he graduated with a degree in Business Administration.

From 2004 through 2012, Carlos served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives. Over the course of his 8-year term in the Legislature, Carlos served as a member of the Governor's Property Tax Reform Committee,

the My Safe Florida Home Advisory Council and the Miami-Dade County Mayor's Mortgage Fraud Task Force. In the Florida House of Representatives, he chaired the Committee on Business Regulation and the Government Affairs Committee. Carlos served as Majority Whip from 2009 through 2010 and as the Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives during the final two years of his term from 2010 through 2012.

In August 2012, the citizens of Miami-Dade County elected Carlos Lopez-Cantera as the Property Appraiser of Miami-Dade County. Carlos campaigned on a platform to make interaction with the office of the property appraiser easier, increasing community outreach and being more responsive to the needs of the residents of Miami-Dade.

Carlos has been married to his wife Renee since 2005 and they have two young daughters.

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Florida Lt. Governor and
Candidate of the US Senate
Carlos Lopez-Cantera



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes
the propagation of ideas which he disbe-
lieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."*

Thomas Jefferson

LRWF MONTHLY MEETING

Meet with us on Monday, March 14th,
at the beautiful Pincher's Restaurant, The
Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. 1st St.,
Fort Myers.

March's keynote speaker will be Carlos
Lopez-Cantera, Florida Lt. Governor
and Candidate for the US Senate. He
will be speaking to us about his candi-
dacy.

For the meal you will have Grilled
Chicken Greek salad with rolls or
Turkey Club Wrap (turkey, bacon,
avocado, lettuce, tomato and mayo)
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**Everyone MUST check in at the
reservation table!**

*April's speakers will be
Supervisor of Election candidates
and Lizbeth Benaquisto giving
a legislative update.*

NEWSLETTER OF LEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

Associated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

After months of debates, comparing candidates and much discussion between the candidates, presidential primary time is here. It is imperative that we place a Republican in the White House in November. I encourage all of you to work for, and vote for the candidate of your choice on March 15th.

The conservative Republicans must take over and repeal all of the executive orders and bad policies that have been put in place by the current administration. It's our responsibility to help restore a high moral values, common sense government that is safe for our citizens. Each of us must do our share to send a message to Washington...no more compromise! God has placed us in this state, at this time, for just this reason.

VOTE ON MARCH 15TH TO TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY!

Doris Cortese, LRWF President



*Doris Cortese
LRWF President*

MEMBER CANDIDATE OF THE MONTH

Heather Fitzhagen is a second term Florida State Representative for District 78 in Lee County. With deep roots in the Fort Myers community, she has been a District 78 resident for more than two decades and currently resides in Lee County with son, Alexander Deboest and daughter, Olivia Deboest.

Heather is originally from Dallas, Texas, graduated from Hollins University with a BA in political science and remains on the Hollins University Alumnae Board. She earned her J.D. from Nova Southeastern University Law School. She is a member of the Florida State Bar Association and affiliated with the Morgan & Morgan law firm. Representative Fitzhagen's experience in the financial sector as VP for AIG has established her strength as an all-around business leader.

Serves on the following local committees and boards:

- *Chairperson/ Florida Legislature Women's Caucus
- *Southern Representative/ Executive Board of Women's Legislative Network
- *PACE Center for Girls
- *Fort Myers Women's Community Club
- *The Lee County Association of Women Lawyers
- *Golisano Children's Hospital Initiative

Current 2015 Committees and Subcommittees:

- *Economic Affairs Committee
- *Business & Professions Subcommittee
- *Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee
- *Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee.



*Heather Fitzhagen
Florida State Representative, Dist. 78*

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*Marilyn Stout
Cape Coral City Council*



*Larry Hart
Lee County Tax Collector*



*Carmen Salomé
Candidate, Supervisor of Elections*

MEMBERSHIP 2016

I was pleased to attend the FFRW Spring Conference in Altamonte Springs in late January. One of the workshops presented was on Membership by the state committee chairman Priscilla W. Grannis who also is president of the Republican Club of Naples Federated. I've highlighted some of the ideas that we may try in our own Lee Republican Women Federated club:

- MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WEAR A RED ROSE SO THAT WE CAN BE EASILY RECOGNIZED BY MEMBERS & GUESTS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE.
- MEMBERS BE REMINDED TO SHARE THEIR CLUB NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL WITH FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, NEIGHBORS, SO THEY CAN SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT.
- HOLD A MIMOSAS IN MAY SOCIAL TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.
- EACH MEMBER PREPARE A BUSINESS CARD SHOWING HER AFFILIATION WITH THEIR LOCAL CLUB, FFRW (state) and NFRW (national) CLUBS.
- START A LRWF BUDDY PROGRAM FOR SIX MONTHS....AN ESTABLISHED MEMBER MENTORS A NEWER MEMBER. SHE WILL REMIND THEM OF MEETINGS, INTRODUCE THEM TO OTHER CLUB MEMBERS, AND BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.
- CONSIDER STARTING OUTREACH COMMITTEES WITHIN OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.....THESE TEAMS WOULD ENGAGE WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO VOTE REPUBLICAN AND JOIN LRWF. EXAMPLES OF TEAMS: Contemporary Outreach dedicated to reaching out to millennials and recruiting young voters; Faith Based Outreach – reaching out to churches and synagogues encouraging voter registration and getting out the vote and joining LRWF; Veterans outreach; Hispanic outreach; Jewish outreach; and African American outreach. If you are interested in being part of this program, please let me know.

SHARON GIBSON
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN 2016

CURRENT TOTALS

Full members	113
Associate members	27
Student members	2
Total	142

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Judy Royal
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Ft. Myers, 33912

THE 2004 ELECTION

By Judy O'Donnell, Historian

Since we are in election mode, let's look back at the Bush-Cheney 2004 election. The Lee County Republican Executive Committee had a permanent headquarters on Route 41 and our member Shirley Gerstenberger was the manager, and I was her humble assistant. Our club was very involved in the phone bank operation. Some days we had 15 to 20 men and women making calls. Now headquarters was old and the Management Company was evicting everyone at the end of the year to totally redo the shopping center, so there was no money to fix things up. One item was especially vulnerable, the toilet. My job was to tell new volunteers that the toilet was for number one only, number two required a trip to the gas station. Sometimes volunteering requires a good sense of humor. The election was so close that the RNC rented space in the same center for a second headquarters, and staffers from around the country came to help. We literally worked twelve hour days. The new space had a fully functioning toilet, and best of all, we won.

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Larry Kiker
Lee County Commissioner District 3



Matt Caldwell
Florida House of Representatives



Linda Doggett
Lee County Clerk of Courts

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Jeanne Dozier, LRWF Legislative Chair

In just four short weeks the 2016 Florida Legislative Session will be history. Here are some of the items that are on the floor and scheduled to move rapidly in the next couple of weeks.

Senator Benacquisto wants to make solutions for Rape Victims a Priority in Florida with Senate Bill 636. This bill calls for rape kits to be processed in a timely manner. Florida, according to the Senator this is at epidemic proportion where sexual assault kits in the state are going untested. In Florida there are thousands of rape kits that are on backlog and untested. This bill will mandate that any DNA evidence collected in a sexual assault investigation must be submitted to a member of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory system for forensic testing within 30 days after the forensic evidence is received by a law enforcement agency, or earlier if the request is made by a victim, a victim's parent or guardian, or the alleged victim's representative if deceased. The kit must then be tested within 120 days from submission.

Lake Okeechobee Discharges and The Florida Budget

Both the House and the Senate are looking at ways to solve Florida's ongoing water crisis. They are looking for a dedicated funding source that will ensure that the projects most important to water quantity and quality can move forward with funding stability. Both houses realize the importance of water quality in our state and want to be proactive on this issue.

The Finance and Tax Committee rolled out and passed the House's 2016 tax cut package. This year's broad-based tax cut package focuses on returning \$1 billion to Floridians to help grow the economy and make the state an even more affordable place to live and do business. The Appropriations Committee also passed a \$79.98 billion budget proposal. The House believes they have put forward a fiscally responsible, balanced budget. Both the budget and the tax cut package are now ready to be considered by the full House next week.

Last week, the House passed three bills that will protect Floridians' 2nd Amendment rights.

Open Carry: Allows law-abiding citizens with a concealed carry permit to openly carry their firearm in a holster or in a case or bag, Currently, Florida is one of only five states that do not allow open carry of firearms. The general belief of the house is allowing responsible citizens to carry openly will help further deter criminal activity in our state.

Gun's on Campus: Allows those with a valid concealed firearms permit to carry concealed firearms on college and university campuses. Currently, college campuses are vulnerable "gun-free zones." This legislation will improve the safety of our college campuses by empowering law-abiding gun owners with the ability to defend themselves and others on campus if necessary.

Discharge of a Weapon: Prohibits the recreational discharge of firearms in dense residential areas. The belief is gun owners should not participate in reckless target or celebratory shooting in densely populated neighborhoods. This bill provides an important exception to ensure that our right to self-defense is not abridged. The bill passed the House unanimously.

Last week the House also passed Sanctuary City Legislation. The House believes "sanctuary city" policies in our state make communities less safe and run contrary to the rule of law. To address the potential harm these policies cause, the house passed HB675 relating to Federal Immigration Enforcement on the House Floor. The bill prohibits cities and counties from enacting sanctuary policies. If a local government currently has such policy in place, they have 90 days to repeal the local ordinance. The bill creates civil penalties of up to \$5,000.00, per day for any sanctuary policy that a city or county enacts. It also authorizes the Governor to suspend any appointed or elected government official who enacts or does not repeal a sanctuary policy. This bill strengthens Florida's adherence to immigration laws, and does so in a compassionate and common sense manner.

Below are some of the bills that will be taken up in the last few weeks of the session.

The Senate Governmental Oversight & Accountability Committee will meet to consider the following item and others:

SB 686 – Government Accountability by Gaetz

Citing this act as the "Florida Anti-Corruption Act of 2016"; specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the Commissioner of Education may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; specifying the applicability of certain provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees to officers and board members of corporate entities associated with the Department of Economic Opportunity, etc.

724 – Public Records / Custodian by Joyner

Authorizing a court to hold a custodian of a public record personally liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement, including attorney fees, in a civil action to enforce ch, 119, F.S., if certain conditions exist, etc.

The House Local & Federal Affairs Committee will meet to consider the following item and others: HB 791 – Local Tax Referenda by Ingolia

Requires local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on day of general election; requires approval of specified percentage of electors voting in referendum to adopt or amend such surtax; prohibits use of certain funds and materials to advertise proposed surtax referenda for certain discretionary sales surtaxes; provides exception.

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet to consider the following item and others:

SB 1220 – Award of Attorney Fees / Public Records by Garcia

Revising the circumstances under which a court may assess and award the reasonable costs of enforcement against an agency in a civil action to enforce chapter 119, etc.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Continued)

SB 120 – Prohibited Discrimination by Abruzzo

Creating the “Florida Competitive Workforce Act”; revising provisions to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and the perception of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, handicap, or marital status as impermissible grounds for discrimination; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion, etc. [NOTE: The bill failed in Monday’s meeting of the committee, but is pending reconsideration.]

Stay tuned for a session wrap – up. It looks like it is going to be a very busy end of the session and bills will be flying fast and high on both floors which will create an very exciting end to a productive session.

BILL CLINTON’S LOVING WIFE!

By Dick Morris, former political advisor to President Bill Clinton

If you happen to see the Bill Clinton five minute TV ad for Hillary in which he introduces the commercial by saying he wants to share some things we may not know about Hillary’s background, beware as I was there for most of their presidency and know them better than just about anyone. I offer a few corrections:

Bill says : “In law school Hillary worked on legal services for the poor.”

Facts are : Hillary’s main extra-curricular activity in ‘Law School’ was helping the Black Panthers, on trial in Connecticut for torturing and killing a ‘Federal Agent’. She went to Court every day as part of a Law student monitoring committee trying to spot civil rights violations and develop grounds for appeal

Bill says : “Hillary spent a year after graduation working on a Children’s rights project for poor kids.”

Facts are : Hillary interned with Bob Truehaft, the head of the California Communist Party. She met Bob when he represented the Panthers and traveled all the way to San Francisco to take an internship with him.

Bill says : “Hillary could have written her own job ticket, but she turned down all the lucrative job offers.”

Facts are : She flunked the D.C. bar exam, ‘Yes’, flunked it, it is a matter of record, and only passed the Arkansas bar. She had no job offers in Arkansas, ‘None’, and only got hired by the University of Arkansas Law School at Fayetteville because Bill was already teaching there. She did not join the prestigious Rose Law Firm until Bill became Arkansas Attorney General and was made a partner only after he was elected Arkansas Governor.

Bill says : “President Carter appointed Hillary to the Legal Services Board of Directors and she became its Chairman.”

Facts are : The appointment was in exchange for Bill’s support for Carter in his 1980 primary against Ted Kennedy. Hillary then became chairman in a coup in which she won a majority away from Carter’s choice to be chairman.

Bill says: “She served on the board of the Arkansas Children’s Hospital.”

Facts are: Yes she did. But her main board activity, not mentioned by Bill, was to sit on the Wal-Mart Board of Directors, for a substantial fee. She was silent about their labor and health care practices.

Bill says : “Hillary didn’t succeed at getting health care for all Americans in 1994 but she kept working at it and helped to create the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that provides five million children with health insurance.”

Facts are : Hillary had nothing to do with creating CHIP. It was included in the budget deal between Clinton and Republican Majority Leader Senator Trent Lott. I know; I helped to negotiate the deal. The money came half from the budget deal and half from the Attorney Generals’ tobacco settlement. Hillary had nothing to do with either source of funds.

Bill says: “Hillary was the face of America all over the World.” (LOL)

Facts are: Her visits were part of a program to get her out of town so that Bill would not appear weak by feeding stories that Hillary was running the White House. Her visits abroad were entirely touristic and symbolic and there was no substantive diplomacy on any of them.

Bill says : “Hillary was an excellent Senator who kept fighting for Children’s and Women’s issues.”

Facts are : Other than totally meaningless legislation like changing the names on courthouses and post offices, she has passed only four substantive pieces of legislation. One set up a national park in Puerto Rico. A second provided respite care for family members helping their relatives through Alzheimer’s or other conditions. And two were routine bills to aid 911 victims and responders which were sponsored by the entire N.Y. delegation. Presently she is trying to have the US memorialize Woodstock.

Here is what bothers me more than anything else about Hillary Clinton. She has done everything possible to weaken the President and our Country (that’s you and me) when it comes to the ‘War on Terror’.

1. She wants to close GITMO and move the combatants to the USA where they would have access to our legal system.
2. She wants to eliminate the monitoring of suspected Al Qaeda phone calls to/from the USA.
3. She wants to grant constitutional rights to enemy combatants captured on the battlefield.
4. She wants to eliminate the monitoring of money transfers between suspected Al Qaeda cells and supporters in the USA.
5. She wants to eliminate the type of interrogation tactics used by the Military & CIA where coercion might be used when questioning known terrorists even though such tactics might save American lives.

One cannot think of a single ‘Bill’, Hillary has introduced or a single comment she has made that would tend to strengthen our Country in the ‘War on Terror’. But, one can think of a lot of comments she has made that weaken our Country and makes it a more dangerous situation for all of us.

Bottom line: She goes hand in hand with the ACLU on far too many issues where common sense is abandoned.

Share this with everyone you know, ask them to prove Dick Morris wrong.

Think about it - he’s (Dick Morris) said all of this openly, thus if he were not truthful he’d be liable for ‘Defamation of Character’

And you better believe Hillary would sue him.

Her winning in 2016 means the final death knell for America! Her whole public life has been a LIE.

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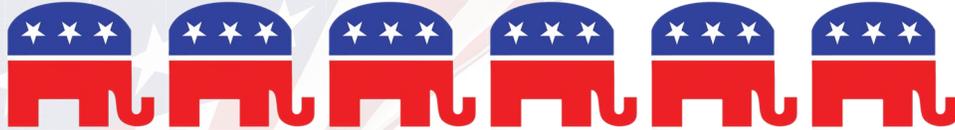
Nature's Sunshine

**FEATURED BUSINESS
OF THE MONTH!!!**

The Classic Face



*Kathryn Belasco
Owner/Operator*



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Candidate Lee Co. School Board, Dist. 3*



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*Tommy Doyle
Candidate, Supervisor of Elections*



*Donna Clarke
Lee Memorial Hospital Board*



*Heather Fitzhagen
Florida House of Representatives*



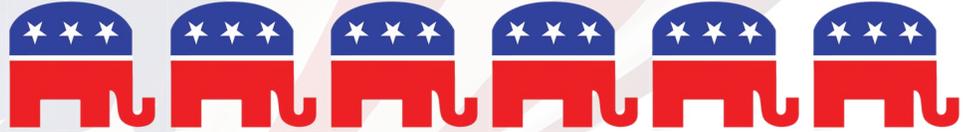
*Mike Scott
Lee County Sheriff*



Ladies, the next Book Chat will be held March 2, from 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM at the home of Mindy Moran. We are reading Ed Klein's book, Unlikable, the Problem With Hillary. Mr. Klein is a highly regarded journalist and political analyst who has documented Hillary Clinton's decades-long trail of deception and untruths. He takes the reader through the scenes and reveals in colorful detail meticulously re-created conversations the plots and secret plans hatched at the Clinton's homes and in the family quarters of the Obama White House. He draws a troubling portrait of a woman more associated with scandal than accomplishments. It raises profound questions about Hillary's fitness for the highest office in the land. This is a very enlightening read. Please call or email Mindy Moran to confirm your attendance at :

Mindy Moran
239-288-7130
mindy7156@yahoo.com

Cheryl Harris, Book Chat Chairperson



EARLY VOTING DATES

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 through SATURDAY, MARCH 12
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Kathleen Passidomo
Candidate for State Senate



Sharon Harrington
Supervisor of Elections

How Do You Paint the State Red?

Read the article on Membership in this newsletter and contact Sharon Gibson about joining one of the Outreach Committees that she talks about. Contact Sharon at GibsonSharon@comcast.net.



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FFRW UPDATE

By Carmen Salomé, FFRW District Representative 7S

The FFRW Spring Conference was held January 23-25 in Altamonte Springs, Florida. This year's conference was educational, motivating and inspiring. Our speakers included RNC Co-Chair Sharon Day, Carrie Almond, NFRW President, Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera, US Rep. Ron DeSantis, Tod Wilcox, US Senate, and breakfast with Adam Putnam, Agriculture Commissioner. This year's conference included break-out sessions on Diversity, Parliamentary Procedures and Growing Membership. Dena DeCamp, FFRW President and board are working hard to make FFRW and Florida relevant to local, state and national politics!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Conference to take place after the November elections.

We will see you there!

Carmen



Carmen Salomé
FFRW District Representative 7S

FAREWELL TO MARY ANN INNIS

It has just recently been learned that a long time friend and former club member, Mary Ann Innis passed away a couple of years ago. We wish to honor her here. Mary Ann was a hard working member of our club. She organized a candidate forum, open to the public, that was very well attended. When she moved to California she donated her very large elephant collection to the club. We made a bundle auctioning them off. Mary Ann came back to Florida to be with us five years ago as we celebrated our 25th anniversary. Her obituary is below.

Mary Ann Innis, 83, of Alexandria, Virginia, formerly of Santa Barbara California and Cape Coral, Florida, passed away in her sleep on August 23, 2014. Born in Mishawaka, Indiana on August 2, 1931, Mary Ann was the daughter of the late Joseph and Sophia (Przygocki) Szachna. She attended St. Mary's of Notre Dame and graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1952. She and Francis "Frank" Bedford Innis, Jr. were married on February 7, 1953 at St. Monica's church in Mishawaka, and she and Frank were happily married for 57 years before he preceded her in death on June 10, 2010.

In addition to her nursing career, Mary Ann was a familial orchestrator, domestic engineer, voter registrar and an avid partisan volunteer. She served on the Fairfax County Republican Committee and was a founder and three-term president of the Mt. Vernon Republican Women's Club, and was also a member of the Republican Women's Clubs in Cape Coral, FL and Santa Barbara, CA.

She loved classical music and opera, and served as Membership Chair for the Symphony in Lee County, FL and volunteered with the local symphony in Santa Barbara, CA. Mary Ann also served as president of the Cape Coral Newcomers Club in 1994. She was an active volunteer in the Catholic Church and for numerous charities throughout her life. Despite her denial of participation in domestic pursuits, Mary Ann was an excellent mother, cook, seamstress, crafter, scout leader, shopper and decorator.

She is survived by her three children: Beth Innis Landin (Mark), Jeanne Innis-Olson (Tony Cherot) and Francis "Scott" Bedford Innis, III (Kathy Gibbons) and seven grandchildren.

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THE PAST MONTH IN PICTURES
FEBRUARY 2015

LRWF THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY



Carol Beaumont...sitting pretty!



*Michele Doherty and Carmen Salomé...
two very special ladies!
They have gone above and beyond
for our party and are friends to all!*



Ladies...I have arrived!



Left to right are Gail Langner, Barb Koeplinger and Marj Tyrer...looks like they are up to something... or having way too much fun!



Kerri Tonkin and Germaine Hyatt selling our LRWF fundraising items! Note the great T-shirts!!!



Sharon Gibson, Barb Koeplinger and Mary Jo Hoyman! Looks like Barb is the ring leader! ...just kidding Barb!



Missi Lastra with Eli Mansour our RPOF Regional Coordinator.



Katharine Stoll ...such a pretty, talented and SMART girl! Our student member! An example for ALL young people!



Mindy Moran laughing at Pat Randolph...Pat thinks she's hiding from the camera!



*"I can see you Pat!"... says Donna Clarke!
"You're not hiding from me!"*



*Our President, Doris Cortese, with Past President Judy O'Donnell!
Judy was awarded the LRWF Lifetime Membership Award!
Congratulations Judy!!! Thanks for your years of service!
We couldn't have made it this far without you!*



Our board and FFRW President! Left to right are Mindy Moran, Pat Randolph, Dena DeCamp, Marj Tyrer, Clara Calahan, Missy Lastra and Doris Cortese! Happy 30th LRWF!



Dena DeCamp, FFRW President, left, celebrates with Doris Cortese as Doris shows us how windy she is on the right! Blow Doris...BLOW! You can do it!!! (It was only two candles...)