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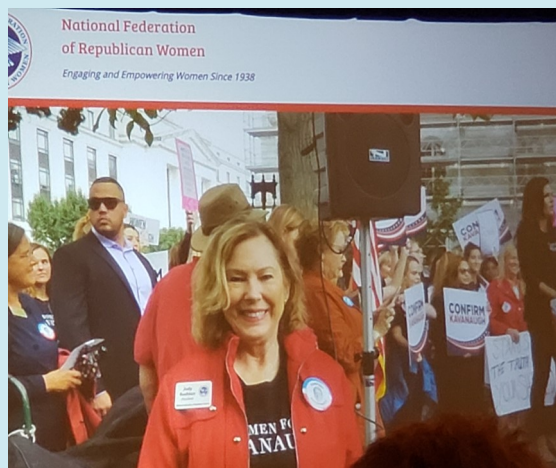
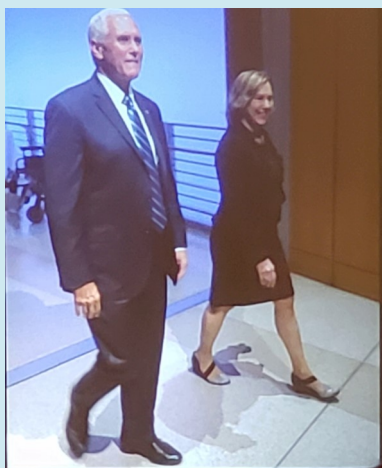
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Welcome To TRWF News...

Welcome to the twelfth edition of the Tampa Republican Women Federated monthly newsletter. Here, you will find information about meetings, opportunities to volunteer, Bay Area Republican activities, TRWF committee reports, meet new members, and much more. Feel free to share this with those who you think might be interested in joining us.

National Federation of Republican Women

The national biennial convention for NFRW was held this past September (26-29) in Indianapolis, IN. Both April (TRWF Pres.) and I attended and it was a great thing that we did. While there, I met Vice President Mike Pence, spent time with the delegations from Alaska (BIG delegation), attended the national business meeting, met many women as dedicated to the cause of freedom as we are and much more. Probably the highlight was our winning our Bronze Award for service. While other clubs may have reported many more hours than us, we only reported for one year of hours. Imagine what we can do in a Presidential election cycle!



During the convention, each state delegation considered and voted on many points of business. The focus was on celebrating women's role in governing, voting, and campaigning. With the 100th Anniversary of Women's Voting Rights on the horizon, there were many speakers who focused on the importance of those rights and responsibilities. I hope that you can join us for the next one— there is nothing more invigorating than spending time with other women (and men) who believe in the sanctity of our freedoms and independence. There are two new videos posted to our YouTube channel of speakers and moments from the convention. To see those, go to:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpTgWWzHVgQ4gpl8WRhEVA>



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Proud Moments for TRWF and FFRW



During the NFRW convention, April Schiff (TRWF Pres.) accepted our Bronze Achievement Award for service. There were many levels of this award: Diamond, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. We can win a better level by reporting our service hours using the sheet that was sent to you earlier this month. If we want to continue to be an excellent club, we need to report those hours on the spreadsheet. We won this award on only one year of service, so imagine what we can do in two years of reporting!

There are other awards for individuals and states. In fact, the Florida Federation Republican Women won the Campaign Volunteer Award (states with clubs 30-49) reporting 345, 526 hours. This is our award too as our campaign volunteer hours count in that large number. Is it any wonder that the state of Florida turned bright red?!

Let's work together to continue this award winning by reporting our hours and looking for more. Remember that you will have many opportunities to volunteer for campaigns, for voter registration and turn-out, and other event related fundraisers. There is a lot of work to be done to help our President, state and local Republican politicians in 2020. CONGRATULATIONS to all of us on our hard work and our award that celebrates it!

Florida Federation of Republican Women

In October (11-13), board members from the TRWF convened in Orlando with other members of Florida Republican Women's clubs. During the state convention, our club had the opportunity to help elect our President April Schiff into one of the "at-large" seats for the state board for FFRW. She will represent members at large during board meetings for the next year. We CONGRATULATE April on her "win" as it is a "win" for all of us.





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January Meeting 1/6/2020



During our January meeting, Tom Mortenson will speak on the Suffragist Movement. You will read much about this throughout the year, but 2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the Women's Right to Vote. I remember hearing my grandmother talk about this when I was a young girl. Her mother was a suffragette and worked tirelessly to ensure that her friends understood the value of fighting for the right. To her, the right to vote signified a much bigger shift in women's rights. It signaled that women were able to voice their opinions publicly when prior, this was not socially acceptable. It provided confidence to women to stand up for issues that affected women and families.

Tom is a Temple Terrace native and expert on the Women's Rights movement. He has published many works on the subject and was invited to attend the dedication of the recently dedicated Turning Point National Suffrage Memorial in August. We look forward to his talk!

To read more about him and his works:

<https://patch.com/florida/templeterrace/national-women-suffrage-memorial-begins>

<https://www.tampabayhistorycenter.org/2018/08/13/florida-conversations-womens-suffrage-dec/>

Committee Corner

In future editions, this space will be used to report on the various committee activities, meetings, and announcements. If you are a committee Chair, please be sure to submit your information for the newsletter by Friday, February 21 2020.

If you have not joined a committee yet, send us an email and we can help you join a committee that matches your interest.





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Legislative Corner

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Senator: Republican Rick Scott (local office)

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US Senate Legislative: https://www.senate.gov/legislative/legislative_home.htm

US House of Representatives: <https://www.house.gov/the-house-explained/the-legislative-process/bills-resolutions>

Individual legislation tracker: https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/subjects/house_of_representatives/5947

Did you know that you can easily track Florida state legislation? Bookmark these websites and check it often. You can track Gov. DeSantis' vetoes/approvals, introduced Bills, and much more. This will give you an opportunity to speak out BEFORE legislation progresses too far. Click on the link to go the page directly.

FL State Senate: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bills/2020>

FL State House: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bills/2020?chamber=house&searchOnlyCurrentVersion=True&isIncludeAmendments=False&isFirstReference=True&citationType=FL%20Statutes&pageNumber=1>



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Social Media/Contact

We have been working to increase presence in the community and on social media. There are ways that you can help with this effort including asking a friend or family member to attend one of our meetings, volunteering to work on campaigns, and participating in our social media discussions.

Many of you have joined and continue to share information on our Facebook page and we encourage you to post/share as often as you can. If you volunteer, take pictures and share them on our page. Suggest that others join our page too!

If you do not have a Twitter account, consider creating one. This is a good place to read the news as it is happening. We have a very active account that only posts tasteful, conservative, and accurate news. You can find educational links (e.g. Constitution), current news (White House, Congress, and local Republican events), and more. It only takes a few moments to join and can provide information in real time, when you need it! Once you create an account, search for @TFederated and “follow” us. We are building an active following and want you to be a part!

Recruiting Tools

We need your help in recruiting new members. Please consider doing one of the following:

1. **Send out a pre-printed postcard.** We have postcards that you can send to your co-workers, neighbor, and friends to invite them to a meeting. Meeting information is on the postcard, so there is not much for you to write besides “Hope that you can join us!”
2. **Hand out palm cards/flyers.** These are great to hand out while networking, chatting with a friend/neighbor, or visiting with family members.
3. **Set a goal.** If we each set a goal of inviting 3 people to each meeting, we will soon increase our membership.

*You can pick up these materials at the sign-in table during general meetings. Let’s get the word out!



Have an announcement, story, or picture to share for the next newsletter? Please send your information to our email address. We are always excited for help!



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TRWF Millennial Scholarship

Did you know that we have a scholarship for young women to age 30? If you have a daughter, grand-daughter, niece, or daughter-in-law who might be interested in joining us for a year (no membership fee), please contact Susie at tamparwf@gmail.com. The club will pay for the one-year annual membership fee. Millennials are important to the continued vibrancy of our party—do your part, recruit a millennial!

TRWF YouTube Channel

Speaking of millennials... did you know that according to Pew (2018) report of millennial news watching habits, nearly 65% report that they get their news from watching YouTube. So, we are now there too! Please be sure to spread the word about our new site. We will be posting recordings from each of our monthly meetings, interviews with local politicians and community leaders, and other fun events. Miss a meeting? Watch the video of it here.

You can share our link with the younger members of your family to encourage them to watch and join us. A part of our mission is to reach out and motivate women to run for local office— a first step is learning about us.

You can find our channel opening YouTube and searching for Tampa RWF (we had to use our email address). Once you find us, follow us. You can do this by clicking the “follow” button at the top. This is only possible if you have your own YouTube account or have a gmail account. You can access it without it though.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzpTgWWzHVgQ4gpl8WRhEVA/featured>



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