





RWOF Tresident Deb Stone

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With the close of the year 2024 fast approaching I can say **RWOF** has accomplished so much of which to be proud. What an incredible year with candidate forums, wonderful speakers, many community outreach programs and political events. We were so busy and successful in getting great candidates elected. What optimism we all now share for the outlook of 2025 and the next four years under President Trump's leadership.

We will Make America Great Again!

Come celebrate the Victory with us on January 20th at the 2025 Victory Gala. I am attaching the flyer for the event. If you have not ordered your ticket please give me a call at 205-454-8649. This is a historic event and it is not to be missed. Tickets are limited so please let me know as soon as possible if you want tickets.

Remember that we have a special election for the Congress District 1 seat, so we cannot relax. Come meet the candidates at our upcoming January 8th meeting. We must be certain to elect the best possible candidate during the primary in order to make sure that our district always remains a Republican stronghold and ensure that

Democrats **never** have a chance!

Have a Blessed Christmas!









Join us for a memorable evening of festivities as we Celebrate the Inauguration of President Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States.

It will be an evening of great food, drinks, music, dancing and friends. During the night we will be streaming the Inauguration Ball from Washington DC, and offering a toast to President Donald J. Trump. This is your invitation to participate in this historic once in a lifetime event.

January 20th, 2025

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6-10PM Dinner and Dancing! Entertainment provided by the

Muligans

Tickets - \$125.00 pp Includes Dinner, Duncing and Complimentary Drink Limited tickets analable. Prepar have accessary. Open Secting. Call Deb Stone - 205-454.8649 or Cherri Stubbs - 850-797-3605 to purchase tickets. Payment possible by check, cash or Zelle.

Dress - Semi-formal Formal

Proceeds from the evening will to to helping the Republican Party to <u>Win Again</u> in the mid-term elections.

Location: Jake and Henry's Downtown, Pt. Water Dead - 1.35 Photoe Step Prov 35 - 650-362-6005







BETH FIFE, 1ST VP/ PROGRAMS

Our January 8th program is a FORUM for the Ten Republicans who have qualified to be on the ballot for the Special Primary for US House Seat, District 1, vacated by Matt Gaetz. Hopefully all will attend and we can get to know them and their plan for our District!

Joel Rudman

Jimmy Patronis

Michael Dylan Thompson

John Mills

Aaron Dimmock

Kevin J. Gaffey

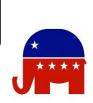
Jeff Macey

Greg Merk

Jeff Peacock

Gene Valentino





KATHY FOSTER, HOSPITALITY



Our <u>JANUARY</u> Menu:

House Salad w/Ranch Vinaigrette Warm Rolls & Butter Baked Tuscan Chicken Breast Lightly Blackened Mahi w/Lemon Cream Sauce Steamed Broccoli Rice Pilaf House Salad, Warm Rolls, and for dessert...Chef's Choice

The cost is \$25 for members and \$27 for guests.

Please respond with a Yay or Nay by Friday, January 3rd, as reservations are required. Contact Kathy Foster @ fosterpk@gnt.net



From our Treasurer JEAN WALLACE

LUNCHEON PAYMENTS

We are paying the Caterer directly now so please if you are paying by check:

- Write your checks for lunches to Beachview Breakfast, LLC
- Checks for 2025 dues should be written to R.W.O.F. as usual

Important Notice: Our January 2025 Membership Meeting will be held on January 8th due to New Years Day falling on the First Wednesday of the month.

Remember to Mark Your Calendar!





2nd VP/MEMBERSHIP

KATHY ALEXANDER

Drawings for December:

Twisted Grape – Melissa Ellenberg Free Lunch – Marcia Burpee & Kay Hébert Facial Gift Cert: Chao Campbell & Sydney Lederman Goody Bags: Ashley Leppert & Keri Pitzer Earrings: Mira Villanacci 50/50: Keri Pitzer (donated back to RWOF)

New Members for December: Darla Harrison & Rena McQuaig



Membership for 2025!

The 2025 RWOF Membership Drive is in progress and renewals are due by 31 December 2024. Membership dues remain the same as shown below:

Saint\$100(Active member + \$60 donation + 3 chances for "free" RWOF lunch)Angel\$75(Active member + \$35 donation + 2 chances for "free" RWOF lunch)Patron\$50(Active member + \$10 donation + 1 chance for "free" RWOF lunch)Active\$40(Active Membership)Associate Member \$15

If you haven't Renewed yet: Make your payment at the January 8th Meeting or

Mail your check to *RWOF, P. O. Box 1202, Shalimar, FL 32579* Thank you for supporting RWOF!







| Gloria Kane | Jan 2 |
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| Stacey Marks | Jan 3 |
| Karen Rose | Jan 5 |
| Judy Bos | Jan 6 |
| Nancy Lehfeldt | Jan 9 |
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| Cynthia West | Jan 11 |
|----------------|--------|
| Carmella Noll | Jan 22 |
| Susan Stephens | Jan 30 |
| Elaine Stewart | Jan 30 |
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Members – 122 Associates – 17

Total - 139 2025 Renewals – 71



MARTHA GORECKI, CHAPLAIN

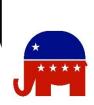
Message: By GOD'S Grace

- Starting a New Year a New Era
- Looking back to see how God blessed our Nation
- Hear some statements by our early leaders

Be encouraged to honor our country as our forefathers.

Our song will be "This Is My Country"





FROM THE DESK OF IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Maddie McNeal

Our December Project was taking part in the Winter Wonderland event sponsored by the Ft. Walton Beach Police Department at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. Each group decorated a pallet house for the event. **Mary Potthast** and **Sheryl Lauria** took charge of this for **RWOF** and decided that our submission would be **THE WHITE HOUSE**. What a spectacular job the entire crew did of making this idea become a relality.



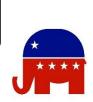
Of course President-elect Donald J. Trump was on hand to take a selfie with. People were having a great time and their comments were all very positive.

(There weren't any prizes given, actually, this is my personal opinion. I thought this was the BEST IN SHOW, hands down!)









Our construction crew:















A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- MARY POTTHAST
- SHERYL LAURIA
- KAY HÉBERT
- ANNA PEELE
- KATHY ALEXANDER
- GEORGE ALEXANDER
- SCOTT STONE
- JEAN WALLACE
- PRESIDENT DEB STONE

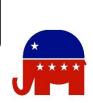
The membership of RWOF appreciates all your hard work on this event. You made us proud!

From Sheryl Lauria:

The 2024 Winter Wonderland event organized by the Ft. Walton Beach Police Department was a huge success! The RWOF elves created a "White House" pallet display which was brought to life through the vision of Mary Potthast! Several of our members worked to make the "White House" a wonderful sight along with an exceptional photo opportunity Christmas Card featuring a life size picture of our newly elected President Donald Trump! Helping to Make Christmas Great Again! Thanks to all of the RWOF helpers and a special thanks to Mary Potthast!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





Moving on to our Christmas Luncheon: (Pres. Deb was presented two awards for RWOF for our Hurricane Relief efforts from the Legislature by Commissioner Carlyn Ketchel)

























INSANITY ABOUNDS AT OUR RWOF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, SO MUCH FUN!







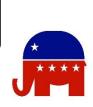
"An outstanding read and a must-have on any shelf." Broderick W. Johnson, USCG (ret.), 12th Enlisted Ancient Albatross





Ashlee Leppert, our very own RWOF member and Author of her life as a member of the United States Coast Guard – "The Hurricane Within". A must read! She's amazing!





REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED MISSION STATEMENT

To bring women together to educate about Local, State and National issues; to improve the quality of life in Okaloosa County through political activity and community involvement; to advance the participation of Republican women in all areas of our political system; and to encourage and support qualified Republican women to seek and win public office.

The "RWOF TRUMPET" is brought to you by

Immediate Past President & FFRW District 1 Representative Maddie McNeal (now Representing Okaloosa, Escambia, Walton, Bay, Washington, Holmes & Santa Rosa Counties)

> Submit articles to: <u>Smile4maddie2@gmail.com</u> Cell: 850-259-0292

Check out our RWOF Website: <u>www.RWOF.ORG</u> Like us on Facebook: Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated Florida Federation of Republican Women – FFRW.net National Federation of Republican Women – NFRW.org

