



PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

We Walk the Walk!!

Pinellas County's newsletter



**Next meeting will be Thursday, April 3, 2025,
Delukas Bar & Grill, 1343 Cleveland St.,
Clearwater, Florida**
See flyer in this newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President's Message

The American Experiment



It has been stated that if you were born in America, you hit the lottery. We can agree and yet disagree on either one or many issues. Probably what ultimately unites us are differences that can be debated with the ultimate result being a good deal reached through compromise. Our country was founded upon a debate. Having watched our President Trump's address to Congress, I realized that the other side, the Democrats, behaved like children who had zero understanding of the meaning of compromise. They couldn't stand and clap for people who have endured tragedy and yet refused to cower. A young boy who endured brain cancer 8 years ago was also not acknowledged by the

Democrats in the audience. Our country has endured many challenges. We have emerged victorious as a result of "ordered liberty", a balance between personal liberty and authority. I am also reminded of a book I read titled "Democracy in America " authored by Alexis de Toqueville, a French politician in the 1830's who, after having toured parts of America so stated, "**America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great**".

Truer words were never spoken.

Pam McAloon
President Pinellas Federated Republican Women
State Committeewoman, Pinellas

March is Women's History Month



WSPU poster by Hilda Dallas, 1909

Women's History Month was initially signed as a proclamation in 1980 by former President Jimmy Carter for the week of March 8th as an honor to Sonoma County in the state of California that recognized the many achievements that women made but were barely recognized. Former President Ronald Reagan extended this to include the entire month of March.

Beginning with Cleopatra, former Queen of Egypt and last Hellenistic Ruler, she stabilized her country, led an army, and influenced the arts, literature and politics in the western world. Fast forward to 1848 and we see that Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, and roughly 300 people including Fredrick Douglass, met at Seneca Falls, New York to discuss Women's Suffrage which was finally signed into law in 1920 thanks to Congressman Harry Burn who was the deciding vote for women's suffrage. He wore a yellow rose in his lapel the day he voted. In 1917, Jeannette Rankin, first elected woman from Montana to the House of Representatives, was a Republican. Women could vote in this state.

Elizabeth Blackwell, the first American woman physician, was born near Bristol. She graduated from Geneva Medical College with honors in New York in 1849. Golda Meir was the first woman Prime Minister of Israel (1969-1974). Many other women such as Sally Ride, first woman astronaut, were also groundbreakers. Sandra Day O'Connor, 1st Woman Supreme Court Justice, was appointed by Ronald Reagan. Equally important is our own history of the NFRW. In 1938 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. FFRW has seen its membership grow thanks to its leadership. We are mushrooming into a very powerful force. Membership overall has increased to 137% over last year with more clubs being newly chartered. It is important that we educate all women about the Republican Party. We can do this year-round!! Let's do it!!
Pam McAloon,
President PFRW

RIISING STARS

JESSICA CARUSO WRIGHT

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— JESSICA CARUSO WRIGHT

Jessica Caruso Wright grew up knowing she wanted to be around politics. Now at 26, the senior manager of government and community strategy for Charter Communications stays abreast not only of what’s going on in Tallahassee, but also in the state legislatures of Georgia and South Carolina.

The skill sets she has been developing for the last eight years are expanding at an even faster rate; from marketing and me-

dia relations, event planning and campaign strategy to the broadband needs in rural communities and how the parent company of Spectrum can help.

She responds to challenges by going wider and deeper in ways that connect corporate executives with politicians and everyday people, if not always face-to-face, then by representation at her events.

“At the end of the day, I am really focused on leaving a positive impact on cities

and communities,” she said. “I’m fortunate enough to have a public affairs eye, how to make an event look good and how to make the messaging stronger. You make sure to layer in our legislative priorities, layer in what’s important to the community, to elected officials, and tie that back to the company.”

A hunger to work within a hub of connectivity, as Charter is, sprang from small-town origins. Jessica Caruso was born in Joliet, a town just outside of Chicago, but mostly grew up in the Downs, a village a couple hours to the south, where its most recent population sits at just 1,200. She liked its “small world” atmosphere and camaraderie.

“When we would all get together as a community I really enjoyed that,” she said. “And what I love about the public sector working with the private sector in government relations is that sense of community. So I knew pretty early on that this was the path I wanted to be on.”

A significant early step came around her senior year at the University of Central Florida, when she worked in public affairs with then-Attorney General **Ashley Moody** and, she said, became passionate about public safety, particularly when it comes to protecting law enforcement.

She also got to know public affairs co-worker **Brian Wright**, her future and now-husband.

She spent a year as a legislative assistant to Sen. **Keith Perry**, a North Central Florida Republican who chaired the Criminal Justice Committee. She continued to work while starting grad school at the University of Florida, including a stint as the spokeswoman for the Public Defender’s office in the 6th Judicial Circuit. By December 2022, Wright had earned her master’s degree in mass communications, with a specialization in political communication.

Others were helpful along the way, including former state Sen. **Linda Scott** and **Lauren Cassidy**, a former spokeswoman in Moody’s office, and her colleagues at Charter.

These days, Wright’s work includes travels to Georgia and South Carolina as well as Florida, keeping players at all levels in the loop about regional issues. The pace might be fast but there’s a satisfaction that comes from meeting rigid demands.

“The positive relations and community impact are very important to me,” she said, describing her work as part of an ever-expanding wheel of connections she has come to master.

Now, the size of her household will also be growing. Wright and her husband are expecting a daughter, **Isabella**, in May.



Baby Shower

A good time was enjoyed by all at the baby shower for Jessica Caruso Wright. Thank you, Jackie Sanders, who coordinated the details of the shower, to Sandy Bryant who coordinated the decorations, Doris Kasold and to all who brought the food for a delicious lunch. Best wishes go to Jessica and Brian as they embark upon parenthood.



Our Committees

Join One!! Have Fun!!



Committees are the machinery of an organization. We need staff to make it function. Please consider joining any or all of the following:

EVENTS: Chairman Jackie Sanders

If you would like to help plan an event for our club, please join this committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman: Anju Galer

We are looking to grow and expand with like-minded women. Let's grow our membership. Attached to this newsletter is our membership application. Please share with friends and relatives.

PUBLICITY: Chairman Bonnie Steinberg

If you have an article of interest that you would like to submit to the Publicity Committee, please do so no later than the end of the third week of the 3rd month from today. We are now doing a Quarterly Newsletter. Deadline is the last Wednesday of the month.

Legislative/Campaign: Pam McAloon

Voter Registration and following bills up in Tallahassee plus sign waving, door knocking and or phone banking or contacting by texting.

Bylaws: Julie Vayne

If you like to read and interpret our bylaws, suggest amendments or just be knowledgeable about the rules by which we function, please consider this committee,

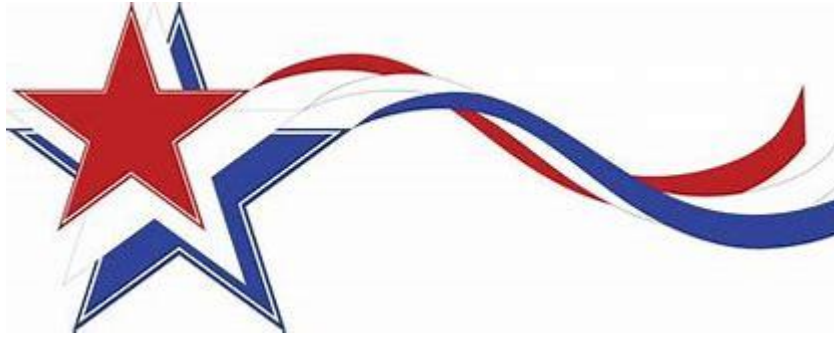
Special Committees:

Caring for America: Doris Sotirellis

Caring for America encompasses the community, our schools, support for young mothers, mentorship, etc.

Armed Services: Stacie Bolin

Supporting our troops, our veterans, is a major focus of this committee. Please consider joining.



Welcome To Our Newest Members

Bailey Taylor
Victoria Motil Duran
Candace Gardner
Debra Wilson

We are very excited to welcome all the new and returning members. Thank you for your membership and your involvement. You make the difference!! If interested, please reach out to Pam McAloon at 727-421-1608 or email pmaloo@aol.com

Our members are greatly appreciated and are the machinery of our organization. Welcome to the Pinellas Federated Republican Women where “Heels Hit The Road”!!





Time to renew your membership!! We have a new mailing address and payment can now be made via Cash app. In the app search for PinellasFRW. The membership renewal fee is still \$30. Thank you for all you do for the club, Florida, and for our country!

If you haven't paid your membership dues, please do so in order to keep your membership active.

If you have renewed, THANK YOU!!

We NEED You!! It Takes Dedicated members to get things done!!

Please reach out to Anju Galer, 2nd VP/Membership, at pfrw2020@gmail.com, 917-805-4742.

Pinellas FRW website: pinellasfrw.com

Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282887896355480/>

Membership Application

Pinellas Federated Republican Women

PO BOX # 254
Clearwater, Florida 33757



NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL

Name: _____

Nickname _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Military service/elected official _____

Areas of interest: (check at least one)

- Membership
- Legislation
- Campaign Activities
- Fundraising
- Voter Registration
- Social Media
- Special Skills _____

Dues are \$30.00 annually with renewal due in January of each year by cash or check payable to Pinellas Federated Republican Women or PFRW. Payment can also be remitted via Cash App, ID \$Pinellas-FRW. Please mail your check to: Pinellas Federated Republican Women P.O.BOX # 254 Clearwater, Florida 33757.

You must be a registered Republican in good standing to be eligible to join. Associate memberships, are available for men.

Any questions contact Anju Galer, 2nd VP/Membership, at pfrw2020@gmail.com, 917-805-4742.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



PFRW Monthly Meeting

PINELLAS FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN
INVITE YOU TO A SPECIAL PROGRAM



SELF DEFENSE LESSON & SAFETY DISCUSSION

*Please join us for this month's special guest
Krav Maga Instructor*

APRIL, 3RD, 2025
THURSDAY, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

DELUKAS RESTAURANT & BAR
1343 CLEVELAND ST.
CLEARWATER, FL 33755

CASH BAR AVAILABLE
MOJITOS
COSMOPOLITANS
OLD FASHIONS
MOSCOW MULES
WINE
CHAMPAGNE
AND MORE



*Men & Women Are Always
Welcome to Join Social Hour for
Networking at 5:30pm*



*Cheers to
GOP
Majority!*

Members Circle

