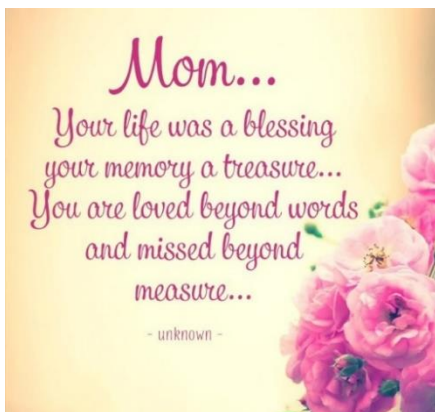


My dear NORWF Sisters,

As we say goodbye to April, May I wish you a happy Spring, a grand Summer (coming soon) and an awesome Mothers' Day.

For those of us that no longer have a mother with us to celebrate, may your day be filled with love and special memories of the wonderful woman you called Mom. I miss my mom everyday and I know that she is with me always.



And my Mother's Day wish to all our members who have the honor of being a mother to someone. Enjoy your day – let your loved ones pamper you and show you what a special person you are.

My heart felt thank you for all the hard work done and the success of another Bingo fundraiser. What a fun day. Prizes were great and food delicious. With a special Thank you to the Risser's and Hebert's for the use of their special home.

May God Bless you and America,

SUSAN

NORTHWEST ORANGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED

Luncheon and Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2021



THE HILTON GARDEN INN-APOPKA CITY CENTER

580 E. Main Street

APOPKA, FL 32703

\$20 (Includes Lunch)

Without Reservation at Door \$25

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, May 16, at 8:00 PM.

Drake Wuertz

Abolitionist and Retired Professional Wrestler

“The Great Awakening, How the GOP Must Fight Back”

Masks required and Social Distancing Will Be Practiced. Hand Sanitizer Stations Available Throughout the Lobby.

Lunch Meeting Starts at 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

11:15 AM Check-in

Reservations: Barbara Zakszewski-407-921-7219 barbzack@mail.com.

and on-line at www.norwf.org



“Women Making a Difference”

Food for thought:

There are 6 foundational values that go hand in hand with transforming the world around you:

- *HOPE
- *LISTENING
- *VALUING EVERY PERSON
- *INTEGRITY
- *FORGIVENESS
- *MULTIPLICATION

Lao Tzu said, "If we don't change the direction we are going, we are likely to end up where we are headed."

BIRTHDAYS



May Birthdays

Bev Blackmon

Joni Keams

Danielle Hillson

May 3rd

May 3rd

May 24th



The NFRW is ready to launch! Make plans to join us for the **41st Biennial Convention** at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida, this September.

NOTICE: ANY CARDS OR REMEMBERANCES PLEASE NOTIFY OUR COORESPONDING SECRETARY SANDY BOVE' AT: mylipstix@aol.com [Attention Members: Newsletter Content](#)

If you have any photos, events or information, article you would like to share for upcoming newsletters, please email them to me charlottewhite@embarqmail.com by the 28th of the month.

Dear FFRW Member, The NFRW Launching Leaders Biennial conference will take place Sept. 23-26, 2021 in Orlando, FL at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes.

The FFRW is committed to providing our members as volunteers on several committees. You have indicated you are interested in being on a committee; from the sign-up at the Spring Conference or from previous requests. There is no limit to how many volunteers we need. Committee descriptions are provided below. Please email me back and let me know what committee(s) you would like to be on; and if you would like to be Chair or Co- Chair of the Committee.

The Host Committee Chair is **Deb Tamargo, FFRW President**. We will need a Chair/Co- Chair of each committee. Once you have signed up for a committee, we will issue the full list to all and go from there.

Please send me your selections by Weds. May 5th to **Diane Van Parys dmvanparys@gmail.com** Please reply to this email so I can collect all the responses. Please contact me with any questions 770-862-3689.

Committees: Pageantry- Decorations for the Opening Reception- In keeping with the Theme of Launching Leaders develop the table center pieces for the opening reception and registration area.

Hospitality- Volunteers- Assist with Registration and Seating at the various sessions throughout the Conference. The Florida Welcome Delegation! We will need many volunteers for this as we don't want to use the same people for each session, we will spread out this responsibility.

Welcome Bags- This committee will be responsible for obtaining items to go in the bags as well as storing the bags and items and filling the bags prior to the Convention- can be done on Weds. 9-22 prior to the convention at the Hote

Media-Podcast; Interviews with Speakers- This committee will be active during the convention in getting the speakers to the Podcast/Media location. Recommend Podcasters to the NFRW- Committee.

Promotion- Promote the Biennial Conference throughout the State. This team will develop the communications to send out to FFRW Members Inviting them to the Biennial and follow-up with the clubs on an individual basis.

Sponsorships- This team will solicit Clubs; Business and Individuals to be a Sponsor of the NFRW Biennial Convention. The Sponsorship Levels and Processes are coordinated and directed through the NFRW. This is a great opportunity for Clubs to pick a level to Sponsor and appear in the NFRW Biennial Program.

Finance- Develop a Pro-Forma of State expenses; submit for approval to the Executive Committee and track state approved expenses incurred for payment.

Officers:

President: Susan Bornmann;

1ST Vice President: Danielle Hillson; 2nd Vice President: Pat Blackwell;

Recording Secretary: Brenda Solomon; Treasurer: Barb Zakszewski;

Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Bove

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



1 Honoring the Fallen

Memorial Day originally started out as Decoration Day in the 1860s. It was a time to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers with wreaths and flowers to honor the lives of the most deadly conflict in U.S. history. Over time, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and it expanded to include all American soldiers who died in the line of duty.

Because of that, honoring the fallen is the best way to celebrate Memorial Day. Traditionally, that means visiting grave sites and setting aside time to reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers on the battlefield, but there are other ways to do that as well. Parades, ceremonies, charitable work for veterans, learning about American history and more are all in line with the original spirit of the holiday. Military drills and demonstrations are also popular.

2 Wearing Poppy Flowers

If you've ever seen someone wearing a red flower pinned to their clothes on Memorial Day, it's not a coincidence. During World War I, the destruction on the battlefield was so great that in many places, the land turned to mud without any vegetation. Only poppy flowers could grow in the harsh conditions, and they inspired John McCrae, a colonel in the Canadian army, to compose the poem "In Flanders Fields" about fallen soldiers resting in flower-strewn fields across Europe.

The poem inspired two women from France and Georgia to sell artificial poppies to raise money for World War I orphans. Their efforts were so successful that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) adopted the Poppy as their official memorial flower, and the Friday before Memorial Day became Poppy Day.

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In Flanders Fields, one of history's most famous wartime poems, written in 1915 during the [First World War](#) by Canadian officer and surgeon [John McCrae](#). It helped popularize the red [poppy](#) as a symbol of remembrance.



NORWF 2021 Volunteers

Month	Drawing Basket	Dessert
January 2021	Sandy Bove Brenda Soloman	Joan Alsop
February 2021	Pat Blackwell	Joni Keams
March 2021	Loretta Forlaw	Sandy Bove Brenda Soloman
April 2021	Beverly Blackmon	Marty Harrison
May 2021	Verlie Norris Mary Smothers	Susan Bornman
June 2021	(Need Volunteer)	Virginia Mapel Shirley Merrill
July 2021	No Meeting	No Meeting
August 2021	No Meeting	No Meeting
September 2021	Barb Zack	Loretta Forlaw
October 2021	Sharon Gates	Beverly Blackmon
November 2021	Joni Keams Dianne Gieski	Lillian Finno Sharon Gates
December 2021	Charlotte White	Pat Blackwell

NORWF CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021

DATE

GENERAL MEETINGS

JANUARY 15TH

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

FEBRUARY 18TH

ROGER K. GANNAM, ESQ – LEGAL AFFAIRS

MARCH 18TH

NO MEETING – SATURDAY SOCIAL

MARCH 20TH

BINGO MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

APRIL 15TH

MAY 20TH

DAVE WUERTZ -ABOLITIONIST/RETIRED

WRESTLER

JUNE 17TH

TBD

JULY 15TH

NO MEETING

AUGUST 19TH

NO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16TH

OCTOBER 21ST

NOVEMBER 18TH

DECEMBER 16TH

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars... 2021 FFRW / NFRW

March 4, 2021: Legislative Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

March 5-6, 2021: NFRW Board of Directors Meeting– Fall 2021—
The Westin Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria, VA

May 6, 2021: Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Apopka Community Center National Day
of Prayer

September 24-26, 2021: 41st Biennial Convention
JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes

Future board meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month (with the exception of July and August) to begin at 11:00 am. Madame president procured the conference room at the First United Methodist Church (201 S. Park Ave.) for the following dates: March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, No meetings in July and August, September 1, October 6, and November 3, and December 1.