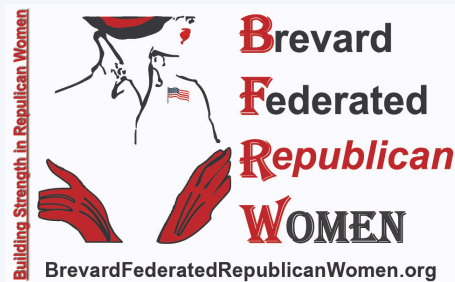


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NEWSLETTER

Building Strength in Republican Women since 1950

A Message from President

The Florida State D19 and House D32 Primary Elections are now over. The enthusiasm shown by the candidates and Republican Clubs was heartening, and we can all feel confident that Republicans in Brevard will be comfortably elected in the general election.

Pursuant the Federation Endorsement Policy I, as the President of BFRW, am prohibited from openly endorsing candidates for public office in any primary, runoff, special election, or non-partisan election where two or more Republicans are competing. That prohibition gave me the opportunity to consider the election from a different angle.

I realized that while no one is perfect, the candidates are all good people who truly want to improve their communities, the state and our nation.

I realized that promoting Republican values is BFRW's purpose - telling Republican's how to vote for is not – and that as leaders of Republican

I also realized that we must assure that our Primary system encourages, and does not discourage, as many Republicans as possible to run for public office. A large candidate pool in the Primaries ensures that all sides are heard and increases voter turnout by encouraging people to voice their opinion through their vote. A large candidate pool in the Primaries also ensures that Republicans are running the best candidate in the general election.

In accordance with Florida Federation of Republican Women's guidance, BFRW reaffirms its dedication to the Florida Legislature, the Executive Branch, and Brevard voters. BFRW stands ready to come together with all Republican women to engage and succeed via political education and initiatives that uphold our common ideals. BFRW urges all Republicans to work together to accomplish the mandate given President Donald J. Trump last November and Make America Great Again!

May God Bless America.

Xiaoqi Wang

President, BFRW

321-989-2529

May Luncheon



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BFRW Invites you to our

May 7 Luncheon

Guest Speaker **Lisa Cullen**
Brevard Tax Collector



The Real ID Act and What It Means to You

Ms. Cullen began her career of public service in 1985 at the Tax Collector's Office. She worked the front counter in a branch office. In the years that followed Lisa worked in numerous areas within the office and worked her way through the ranks. In 2008, she was honored to be elected Tax Collector, a position she assumed in January 2009. Lisa also is a Certified Florida Collector (CFC) and was a Certified Florida Collector Assistant (1994-2008).

Ms. Cullen is a long time BFRW member.



May is BFRW "Back the Blue" Month

The month of May is our "Back the Blue" month. To show our support for our men/women in blue and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, we will honor two Brevard County female Deputies.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Space Coast Convention Center

301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa, Florida

Networking at 11:00 a.m. Program: 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 pm

The meeting fee of \$28 for 2025 members and \$35 for non-renewed members and guests
Advance registration and payment shall be made by noon on Friday, May 2, 2025

The late registration fee is \$35. Call our 24-hour reservation line at **321-727-1212**
or register online at www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org

Lunch Menu includes Key West Chicken with yellow rice and beans Garden salad and rolls and dessert Vegan / Gluten free option Grilled vegetables with rice atop a bed of Romane lettuce.

Click Here: RSVP

Evening with Mayors/Councils

MAY SPECIAL EDITION

* BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN *

EVENING WITH MAYORS/COUNCILS

ANDREW CONNORS*MAYOR OF TITUSVILLE***TIME**

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025
6:00PM

LOCATION

GRILLS RIVERSIDE
6075 N US HWY 1,
MELBOURNE, FL 32940

To make registration: Call 321-727-1212
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local governance.
Let's discover what's happening in
our cities!



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The Florida Legislature Trivia

Brush up on your civics and join the fun—may the
sharpest mind win!

BFRW Legislative Committee is excited to launch a monthly Florida Legislature Trivia Contest to test your knowledge and have some fun! 🏆

Each month, the questions will be posted on the BFRW website and send out in Newsletter, so be sure to check it out. Trivia questions will be handed out during our monthly luncheons. The first person with the most correct answers will win a special prize, which will be announced at each luncheon. So brush up on your civics and join the fun—may the sharpest mind win!

Questions for this month:

1. Who is the current President of the Florida Senate? 🏆
2. How many days is each regular legislative session in the FLorida Senate and House? 🏆
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Legislative Committee: HB1205 Update

Let's stay informed and engaged. Florida's future is shaped by the laws we help create-together.

Florida House passed the bill HB1205 on Thursday, April 3, 2025

This bill focuses on tightening the rules around citizen-led constitutional amendments to make sure the process is transparent, secure, and truly reflects the will of Florida residents.

What HB1205 Does?

- Requires petition circulators to be FLorida residents
- Requires a \$1 million bond from petition sponsors after 25% of signatures are gathered
- Reduces the time to submit signed petitions from 30 days to 10
- Introduces tougher penalties for violations, including fraud or use of out-of-state circulators.

Supporters of HB 1205 say it's a commonsense measure hat helps prevent outside influence and ensures accountability in the amendment process. Critics say is may create more barriers for citizens. But the goal is clear: to protect the integrity of Floris's Constitution and keep decision making in the hands of Floridians.

[Click Here to learn more about the Bill](#)

[Florida Today Article](#)

Florida Federated Republican Women Passed its Resolution: SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Florida Federation of Republican Women stands firmly in support of Legislation that would raise the threshold from Sixty Percent (60%) to 2/3 majority vote to pass Amendments to the Florida Constitution.

BFRW 2025 Scholarship

Deadline: 5pm - Friday - April 18, 2025

Lillian Banks Memorial \$1000 Scholarship

Established in honor of Lillian Banks, former BFRW Legislative Chair

Barbara Davis Leadership \$1000 Scholarship

Established in honor of Barbara Davis, past BFRW President and Treasurer, former Chairman of the Brevard Republican Party

Bradley Moore Memorial \$1000 Scholarship

Established in honor of Bradley Moore, son of Patricia Moore-Carroll, who suffered from bipolar disorder and died at the young age of twenty-eight.

BFRW Trade School \$1000 Scholarship

[Click Here: Apply for the Scholarship](#)



2025 SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: 5PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

- Female high school, trade School, College student, between ages of 17 and 22 years old
- U.S. Citizen
- Registered/Pre-registered Republican
- Resident of Brevard County

FOR ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS, VISIT

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Please fill the online Application Form and submit required documents to:

Dr. Dixie Riepl, BFRW Scholarship Chair
160 Sagecrest Circle, #103
W. Melbourne, FL 32904

QUESTIONS

Dr. Dixie Riepl
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BFRW is proud to have so many amazing members.
To show our appreciation, our Newsletter will feature several
members each month.



Patricia Febro

“Pastor Pattis”

Pastor Patti is a lifelong Floridian who currently serves as state chaplain for Florida Federation of Republican Women and is past Member at Large. Patti is also chaplain of BFRW.

She has been privileged to deliver the opening prayer before the Florida Senate and has twice had the honor of presenting the invocation before the daily session of the Florida House of Representatives.

She is a recipient of the “FFRW Devine Leadership Award” in 2013, the FFRW Superstar Award 2017, and was presented the “Living Treasure Award” presented by Congressman Bill Posey.

Pastor Patti presented the devotion at the 2013 FFRW Biennial Convention Rise and Shine Breakfast with Governor Rick Scott, entitled “3 Political God’s Girls – A Judge, A Virgin, and a Queen”

She currently serves as Legislative Aide to Brevard County Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Rob Feltner.

Her interests include tablescaping, hosting teas, and writing just for pleasure.

Patti lives in Cocoa Beach with her tuxedo cat Leviathan.



Catriona McDonald

Catriona McDonald is a four-year Cadet at Cocoa High School and is the Tiger Battalion Executive Officer. She is the youngest women to join the BFRW, as of 2 April 2025. She has earned countless awards throughout her high school career such as Superior Cadet, Model Student Senate Clerk, and team captain of our Volleyball team. She will be recognized as a Purple Star Child for her resiliency as a dependent in a Military Family.

She is attending college as a nursing student with a goal of becoming a nurse locally. She is participating in Model Student Senate, which is a longstanding government study program in BPS, active for over 40 years. It's an incredible opportunity to see our government in action and gain hands-on understanding of how the U.S. Senate operates.

Cadet Gallentine was awarded the Honor Medallion for her commitment and dedication both to Cocoa High School and our Community.



Gina Anderson

Born in Shirley Mass as an Army brat at Fort Devens, Massachusetts however moved 42 times.

Gina has a graduated from Adventist University of Health Science having studied in Occupational Therapy 2014. Also has a degree in Health Services Administration from University of Central Florida in 1999. An Associate Degree in Marketing and Business from Northwestern Connecticut Community Technical College.1990

She has experience in all aspects of Senior Care including Homecare, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Adult Daycare. She has many years of experience with Alzheimer's and related Dementias. Gina has been a member of the Melbourne Seventh Day Adventist Church in Melbourne for 30 yrs. She enjoys seniors and has had a Bible Study at Viera Health and Rehab for past 3 yrs..

Mother of two grown children, stepmom to two grown children, grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of one granddaughter.



Dr. Dixie Riepl

Recording Secretary, BFRW

My husband, Ed, and I spent most of our adult life living in San Diego, CA, for thirty-five years. I joined the San Diego Federated Republican Women in 1993. I have been a member in several places where I have lived through the years. Our time in San Diego, was well before it became the busy tourist spot it is today. Ed taught middle school there and I taught special education. We had a four-year period living on Kauai, HI. Ed was the lead instructor of a cohort of dual credentialed student teachers (Special Ed/General Ed) for University of Hawaii/Kauai Campus. I taught some classes also. We were active in the Republican Party in Hawaii at a time when a Republican was campaigning for Governor. We helped with the campaign and were excited when Linda Lingle, former Mayor of Maui, became governor. We later moved back to California where I retired from teaching too.


We now enjoy life in Brevard County near the beach, which is the perfect place for us. We work with disabled youth and adults to provide services and support their activities. We also enjoy supporting our BFRW activities and Republican Candidates. This is the best place to live!



Patricia Moore-Carroll

Second Vice President, BFRW

I was born in New Bedford MA....moved all over our great country. I was an Art teacher for most of my career. Have taught in 5 states and retired out of NY state in 2008. I was a registered democrat until Trump came down the escalator in 2015. Since then I have been active in Republican grassroots movement.

Bought house in Melbourne in 2003 but moved full time to Florida in 2018. Married to Thomas Carroll who is retired NYPD. Love the free state of Florida! 



Deanna Reiter

Professional

President of Jentande, Inc., a certified women-owned business which specializes in Environmental Supplies.

Civic Boards and Associations

Falcon Realty and Development corporation, office Manager;
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Director;
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Home Builders and Contractors' Association of Brevard,
member;

Former Boards and Associations

Brevard County Charter Review Commission
Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights, President and
State Director;
Corvette Club Member and Officer
Merritt island Public Library Tax District President;



*Joanne
Young*

Joanne Young is the co-founder and Managing Director of Audio-Visual Imagineering (AVI), serving the international planetarium community for the past 48 years. Joanne also served as President of the International Planetarium Society (2015-16). A founding member of the International Laser Display Association, Joanne served as President (1987). In addition to her professional life, Joanne served as a missionary to India and Kenya, serving the poor and orphans for six years. She currently runs Truth Fest, a monthly seminar series for the Citizens of Brevard. Joanne is married and the proud mother of two children and 7 grandchildren.

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Membership and Associate Membership (*Gentleman*) application and payment is available through our website at: www.brevaredfederatedrepublicanwomen.org

Membership is a community, while enjoying the camaraderie of like minded Republican women, our BFRW community is committed to advancing the participation of Republican Women in all areas of the political system. We are dedicated to encouraging and empowering women of all ages and backgrounds, supporting the Republican Party, and working tirelessly to influence the crucial issues that face our communities, state and nation.

Your membership and participation enables us and the Republican Party elect qualified Republicans to office, communicate important news, and share information that will educate the community and promote Republican initiatives.

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Xiaoqi Wang

President

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