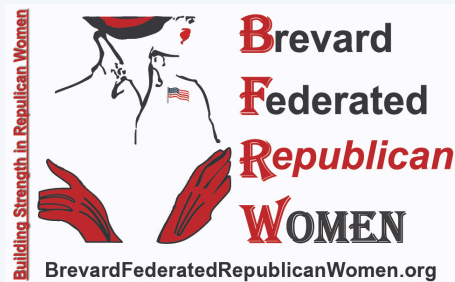


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**NEWSLETTER**

Building Strength in Republican Women since 1950

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

People frequently asked me why I put in so much effort into my volunteer work. Before I list all the reasons, I want to share a passage from Catriona McDonald, a 2025 BFRW Scholarship recipient's application:

In her Scholarship Application, Catriona wrote "..... After Cocoa High's JROTC program was invited to the Brevard Federated Republican Women Military Dinner, I was honestly so inspired by all the women around me. I have always loved being a leader, as I am second in command of our Tiger Battalion, and being in a room full of women who are not only leaders themselves, but empowering others to be leaders and being so supportive of one another was so inspiring. As I am now the youngest member to join, I am so excited for this wonderful opportunity to be a part of something so great.....".

".....This scholarship is important to me, because paying for college is

How could one not be motivated to do more? One of the most significant roles most of us will ever play is empowering and mentoring the leaders of the next generation. And that's what we do!

***Xiaoqi Wang***

**President, BFRW**

321-989-2529

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Luncheon Committee

**Celebrate our nation's 249th birthday  
at our July 2 Luncheon.**



Building Strength in Republican Women since 1950

*BFRW Invites you to our*

## July 2 Luncheon

Guest Speaker **Mike Haridopolos**  
U.S. Congressman

**Congressman Haridopolos will speak about his legislative work and share insights into what is happening in Congress and our Nation's Capital.**



Congressman Haridopolos began his career teaching U.S. History and Political Science at Brevard Community College—now Eastern Florida State College, and taught classes at the University of Florida.

Congressman Haridopolos Represented Brevard County in the Florida House of Representatives and the State Senate from 2000-2012, he championed transparency, reduced taxes, and advanced conservative reforms. When he was serving as President of the Senate from 2010-2012, he made transforming the Florida Senate into a more conservative policy body a key objective of his time in office.

He was elected to represent Florida's 8th Congressional District in 2024. BFRW is honored having Congressman Haridopolos as our MAGA Associate Member.

***Wednesday, July 2, 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, June 27, 2025**

**To avoid being charged, the cancellation must be received by Monday, June 30, 2025, at 9 a.m.**

Call our 24-hour reservation line at 321-727-1212

or register online at [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org)

**Lunch Menu includes** Chicken Caesar Salad, Rolls & Dessert; Vegan/Gluten Free Option: Grilled Vegetables with Rice atop bed of Romaine Lettuce

**July Luncheon RSVP here**

Event Committee

✱ **BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN** ✱

## EVENING WITH MAYORS/COUNCILS

***PAUL ALFREY***

*MAYOR OF MELBOURNE*



### TIME

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025  
6:00PM

### LOCATION

RED GINGER MELBOURNE SQUARE  
1700 W NEW HAVEN AVE. #633  
MELBOURNE, FL 32904

To make registration: Call 321-727-1212  
or online [www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwoman.org](http://www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwoman.org)

Every aspect of our life involves  
local governance. Let's  
discover what's happening in  
our cities!



**Mayor Dinner RSVP here**

## Celebrating Our 75 Year History

*Dress your best, bring your friends, daughters and granddaughters, and be part of something bigger than all of us — a movement created by women, for women, and for America.*

*Let's fill the room with elegance, laughter, purpose and, most importantly - pride.*

[Click Here: Ticket or Be a Table Hostess](#)

**Brevard Federated Republican Women  
Celebrating our 75-Year History**



**TEA PARTY  
& FASHION SHOW**

*Featuring Genesis House Collections*

**Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm, Saturday, July 19, 2025**

**Location: Space Coast Convention Center**

**301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa, FL 32926**

**For more information**

**call: (623)451-2623, or visit**

**[brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org](http://brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org)**



**Brevard Federated Republican Women**  
**Celebrating our 75-Year History**

*Ticket \$45*

*Table Hostess \$360 / 8 people*  
*(Tea Table Design Contest)*

*Sponsorship*

*Diamond Anniversary Sponsor \$750*

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*Speaker Table Sponsor \$360*

*Young Republican Table Sponsor \$360*

*Program Booklet Sponsor \$400*

*\$75 for 75-Year Commitment Sponsor*



Legislative Committee

**The Legislative Trivia - June**

# Overview of the Legislative Process

Congress.gov

## Armed Serves Committee

*Their Voice  
of Hope* 

Brevard Federated Republican Women  
Executive Board approved

**\$100 per month** contribution to

**Their Voice of Hope,**  
the only non-profit organization in  
Brevard County advocates to help  
female veterans.



## HELP PRESERVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND MILITARY HISTORY



Brevard Federated Republican Women Board is calling on all members to volunteer at the Liberty Bell Museum. If you can help on the **last Tuesday of the month from 10am to 2pm**, please sign up with Armed Services Committee Chair **Terri Nieves**.

The mission of The Liberty Bell Museum is to support and educate citizens through its collections, exhibits and programs. The museum is dedicated to promoting knowledge of our American Culture and Military History. **It's a worthy cause, please help if you can!**



## Faith Coalition Committee



## FAITH COALITION ZOOM

*8 PM EST, Second & Fourth Thursday of the Month*

Join Federation of Republican Women from all over the country in NFRW "FAITH COALITION ZOOM" every Second & Thursday of the Month.

Your testimony inspire and strengthen other Federation Sisters in their faith.

Please sign up with BFRW Faith Coalition Committee Chair Mary Benton.

Our scholarship sponsors are **Matt Susin, Brian Hodgers, Patricia Moore-Carroll, The Bish Family, Linda Davis and The Banks Family.**

Thank you to our scholarship sponsors, we could not do this without you!



**The Future Leader Scholarship**

*Sierra Lydic*

**Lillian Banks Memorial Scholarship**

*Catriona McDonald*

**Babara Davis Memorial Scholarship**

*Reese Rosenquist*

**The Bradley Moore Memorial Scholarship**

*Elena Fentress*

*Sydney Stefurak*

**Bish Family Scholarship**

*Lily Schrack*

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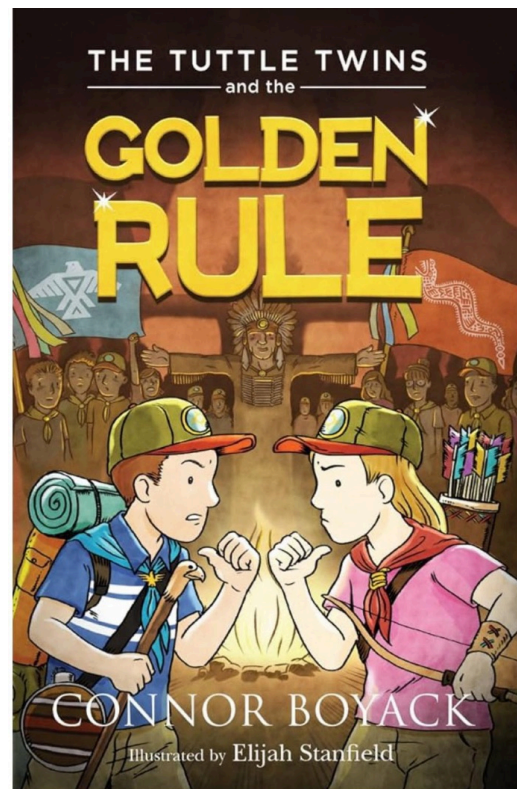
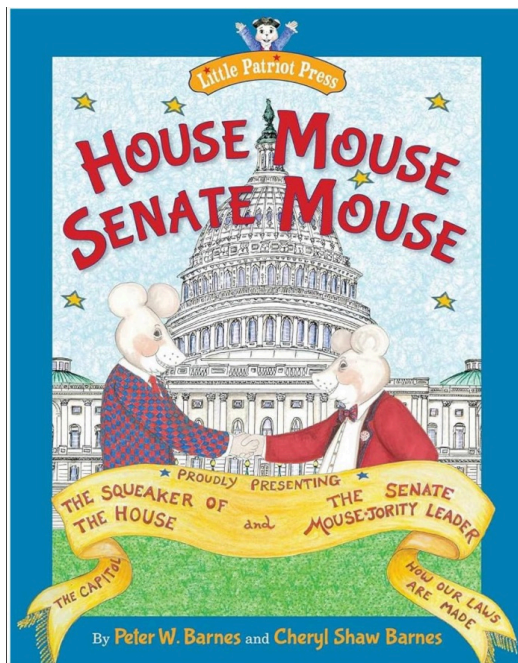
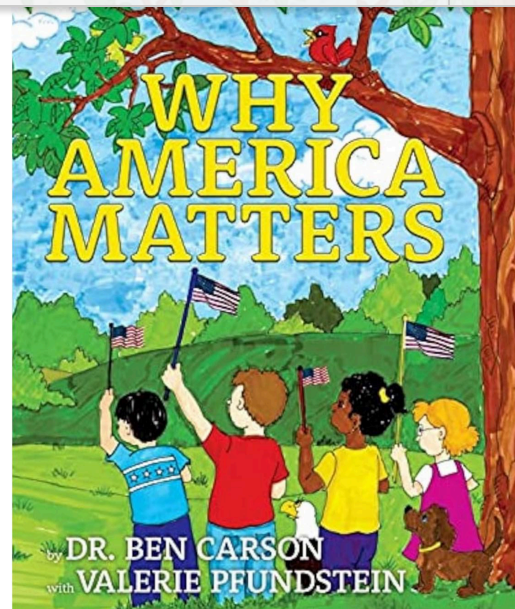
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**The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP)**

Thanks to our Armed Services Committee Chair Terri Nieves and our 1st VP Connie Cavazos for their dedication and hard work in our Caring for America project.

The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) is the NFRW's oldest program, celebrating 60 years of book donations from an approved list to schools, libraries, hospitals and other public institutions.







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



## Dorothy Walsh

The recipient of the President's Points of  
Light Gold Volunteer Service award

Chair, BFRW Bylaw Committee

Dorothy Walsh is a Certified Life Coach with a master's degree in psychology and bachelor's degree in human services. Dorothy is a veteran advocate and started her non-profit Their Voice of Hope. Through Their Voice of Hope Dorothy created several programs that assist female veterans who are dealing with PTSD. Programs including Healing Through Art Expression, fishing, day trips, and luncheons that promote socialization and give women a "safe space". She is the only civilian veteran mentor with Brevard Veterans Treatment Court helping female veterans work through their issues, many of which stem from sexual assault or domestic violence. Dorothy is a 45-year member of the American Legion Auxiliary, member of the VFW Auxiliary, and the BFRW.

In 2018 Dorothy started Brevard County Honors Veterans, Wreaths Across America program to work towards honoring all veterans buried in cemeteries throughout Brevard County. She has enrolled more than 30 cemeteries.

Dorothy has received numerous awards and recognition for her service but her most distinguished award was in 2020 when she received the President's Points of Light Gold Volunteer Service award from then-President Donald J. Trump.



## *Terri Nieves*

I am a mom of three and grandmother to three. I have been married to the same man for 45 years.

It's all about God and Country when it comes to the Nieves family. We are all Christians and Republicans. We love church and love serving in church. My husband and I teach couples classes at church, something we've done for about 15 years.

My husband Thom is a veteran. He served 10 years in the Marine Corp, where I met him. and He also served 18 years in the Army National Guard, went to Afghanistan in 2004. My dad served in the Air Force, served in WW2 and the Korean War. My brother in law, a Marine, served three tours in Vietnam, and retired with 32 years under his belt. My brother joined the Army as a medic. He was sent to Vietnam right out of bootcamp.

When the club asked me, two months into joining, would I be the Armed Forces Chairwoman, it was an easy yes for me. I have a heart for the Veterans that's so big, it hurts sometimes. I understand their sacrifice.

God has been very good to this family, even through all the hard times, he is faithful. We wouldn't be here without him, I need him everyday, and cannot live without him.



## Linda Stockton

Linda Stockton grew up in Kentucky on a tobacco farm, most of her life was spent in Bloomington, IL, where she worked for 34 years at State Farm Insurance. Her roles included auto claims, human resources, and data processing, culminating in her position as manager of insurance and professional education. Linda and her husband Steve, an executive at State Farm and later Mayor of Bloomington, have three children, seven grandchildren, and a new great-granddaughter born in December. Linda became residents of Florida in 2014.

Linda joined BRFW in 2015. While in Illinois, she was active on many civic boards and served as an officer on both her county's Republican executive committee and the Republican Women's organization. She co-chaired President Bush's first campaign for her county and achieved the highest turnout for his campaign train ride at any of his stops.

Linda is proud to be a part of the Republican Party in the great state of Florida.



## *Alicia Larison*

I was born in Thomaston Connecticut. After school I moved to New York City where I started my airline career with TWA, followed by National Airlines in Miami, Pan American and then Eastern Airlines. With Eastern I had the opportunity to move over to the systems area. This led me to work for different computer system companies that provided network applications and products to the airline and travel agency industry.

I moved to Melbourne from South Florida in 1998 and retired in January 2021. I am married to Jim Larison, who is retired from the United States Customs Service.



## Robyn Hattaway

Business Attorney Robyn Hattaway is a partner at the law firm of Lacey Lyons Rezanka in Brevard County. She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, and Emory University School of law. Robyn is a member of both the Florida Bar and the Georgia Bar. She is also a member of the Florida Bar Health law, Business law and City County and local Government Sections. Robyn has been representing small businesses, physicians, property owners and nonprofits in Brevard for the last several years, while also cherishing her time as a wife, mom and community leader.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for LEAD Brevard and Family Promise of Brevard. Robyn is also a Trustee for the Health First Foundation. Robyn is a member of the Brevard County Civilian Military Council, Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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*conviction. Through generations — mothers, daughters, granddaughters — we've proudly passed the conservative torch, preserving values rooted in faith, family, and freedom.*

***We do not rest on our legacy. We carry it. We build on it. We pass it on.***

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**Pearl Membership:** Debbie Mayfield

**Stilettos Membership:** Mindy Gibson, Jingling Zhou

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Strength in Republican women Since 1950.***

**Xiaoqi Wang**

*President*

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National Federation of Republican Women.**



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