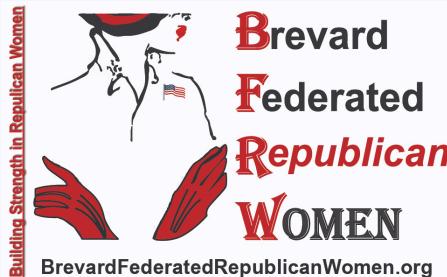


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## NEWSLETTER

Building Strength in Republican Women since 1950

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Proud of Ourselves!

Brevard Federated Republican Women is a nonprofit political organization; we are all volunteers. It takes work to professionally run any organization, especially a volunteer political organization like BFRW. BFRW is more than phone banking, door knocking, event planning, luncheons, and the like; as a member of National Federation of Republican Women and Florida Federation of Republican Women, BFRW needs executive help in complying with NFRW and FFRW organizational rules, as well as federal and state political, finance and tax laws.

Your 2025-2027 Executive Board's greatest executive challenge, and achievement, this year has been compiling and organizing eight years of financial records into a useable form. We are grateful to Terry Boylan, our former treasurer, for her help in bringing us up to date on our

importantly, bringing us into the twenty-first century by inputting BFRW's financial data into a computerized accounting program that tracks and accounts for all our income and expenses. Although it cost several thousand dollars in professional fees; your Board is confident that BFRW is compliant with relevant state and federal rules and regulations. Thanks to Jackie's hard work, we are also confident that going forward, BFRW will be a professionally run, sustainable grassroots political organization.

We are always looking for people to help operate BFRW. If you have management experience or a special skill and want to help, or you have the passion to promote Conservative value, please contact me directly, or speak to any of our Board members. Together we can keep BFRW one of Florida's leading FRW Chapters!

*Xiaoqi Wang*  
**President, BFRW**  
321-989-2529

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Luncheon Committee

***Educate us with the local issues, every aspect of our life involves local governance.***



# REPUBLICAN WOMEN

## SPETEMBER 3 LUNCHEON

### Panel Discussion Series - Women in Local Government

Our panelists, female City Council members in Brevard County, will talk about the pressing issues facing our citizens, including the infrastructure (particularly the roads and water), how to engage with local government, collaboration between the county and cities, and much more.

In addition to being concerned citizens, like ourselves they each have deep love for the city they serve.

Our moderator is Melbourne City Councilman Mark LaRusso.



DR. DIANA ADAMS  
WEST MELBOURNE



KAY JACKSON  
CAPE CANAVERAL



JULIE KENNEDY  
MELBOURNE



DR. SARAH STOECKEL  
TITUSVILLE



MARK LARUSSO  
MELBOURNE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025  
SPACE COAST CONVENTION CENTER  
301 TUCKER LANE, COCOA, FLORIDA  
NETWORKING AT 11:00 A.M. PROGRAM: 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 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, AUGUST 29, 2025
- TO AVOID BEING CHARGED, THE CANCELLATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, AT 9 A.M.
- LUNCH MENU INCLUDES BAKED COD WITH HERB CRUMB TOPPING & SPANISH RICE, CHEF'S CHOICE VEGETABLE, GARDEN SALAD, ROLLS & DESSERT

RESERVATION ONLINE



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



Hotline: 321-727-1212

**September Luncheon RSVP here**

Event Committee

## Evening with the Mayor

Advanced reservation is required and, while attendance is free, The Mansion is a great restaurant and food and drink service will be

— AUGUST SPECIAL EDITION —

\* BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN \*

## EVENING WITH THE MAYOR

**ROB MEDINA**

*MAYOR OF PALM BAY*



TIME

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025  
6:00PM

LOCATION

THE MANSION  
1218 E NEW HAVEN AVE.  
MELBOURNE, FL 32901

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!



**Evening with the Mayor RSVP here**

Membership Committee

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**Pearl Membership:** Debbie Mayfield

**Stilettos Membership:** Mindy Gibson, Linn Murray, Jingling

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## Campaign Committee

**BFRW has launched a Phone Banking Campaign to support Republican candidates during the 2026 mid-term election cycle.**

BFRW's Goal is to make 100,000 plus phone calls. This is not an impossible task, if each member commits just **two hours a month** to making calls, we will easily reach our goal!

Unlike in the past, modern phone banking automated and easy to do, and most importantly it is at least five times more efficient than using paper lists. You will be amazed at how easy the system is to use. **Many of your fellow members have signed up for Phone Banking training on Tuesday, August 12th, and during the coming weeks we will be conducting weekly trainings.**

**BFRW's Phone Banking Campaign is open to all. Even if you are not a BFRW member, you are invited to participate.**

We are excited about this project, and the chance to support Brevard's great Republican candidates. We hope you are too!

We thank Congressman Haridopolos for sponsoring this effort. We are looking forward to working with all of Brevard's great Republicans.

**You can reach us by email [bfrw.usa@gmail.com](mailto:bfrw.usa@gmail.com) or by phone at (623)451-2623. You may also click the link to register.**

**Register for Phone Banking**

## BFRW 2026 School Supply Donation is to **New Life Mission and Parkhurst Academy**

Thank you for those members who donated to this year's School Supply Drive. Thank you for Terri and Melody Nieves for reconnecting BFRW with New Life Mission.

**Parkhurst Academy** is a non-profit, non-taxable corporation established by parents and professional educators who share a common goal of quality Christian education for children.

Since 2009, **New Life Mission** has equipped homeless mothers with the skills and knowledge to transform their families in a Christ-centered environment. Through education, accountability and goal advancement, the organization empowers families to become self-sufficient.

New Life Village is a gated and secure property that serves as the entry point for all homeless women with children entering its program, it provides a safe haven for children in state custody.



*BFRW members delivered School Supplies to New Life Mission.*

## Armed Serves Committee

### **Veterans Honor Roll**

The Brevard Federated Republican Women Club thanks and honors our families and friends who have and are serving in the United State Military to protect our constitutional freedoms and keep our country free throughout the years.

If you have family members who have or are serving in the US Military, please give their Name, Branch and rank to **BFRW.usa@gmail.com**. We will list them on BFRW Veterans Honor Roll.



## 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 **1st VP Connie Cavazos**.

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!**



## Executive Board

### Congratulations! BFRW

#### NFRW's "70k Club"

National Federation of Republican Women's (NFRW) "2025 70k Club" recognizes clubs that have achieved a 25% increase in membership over 2023 levels.

**BFRW's membership has increased by 29% over 2023 levels** (and compared to December 30, 2024 we have increased our membership about 50%). Good job Ladies!

**Every BFRW member is qualified to purchase 70K Club pin.**



### **BFRW qualifies NFRW 2025 Diamond Award Club**

Excellent on all six aspects:

- Club Function
- Leadership Development
- Membership Development
- Programs
- Campaign Activities
- Community Relations

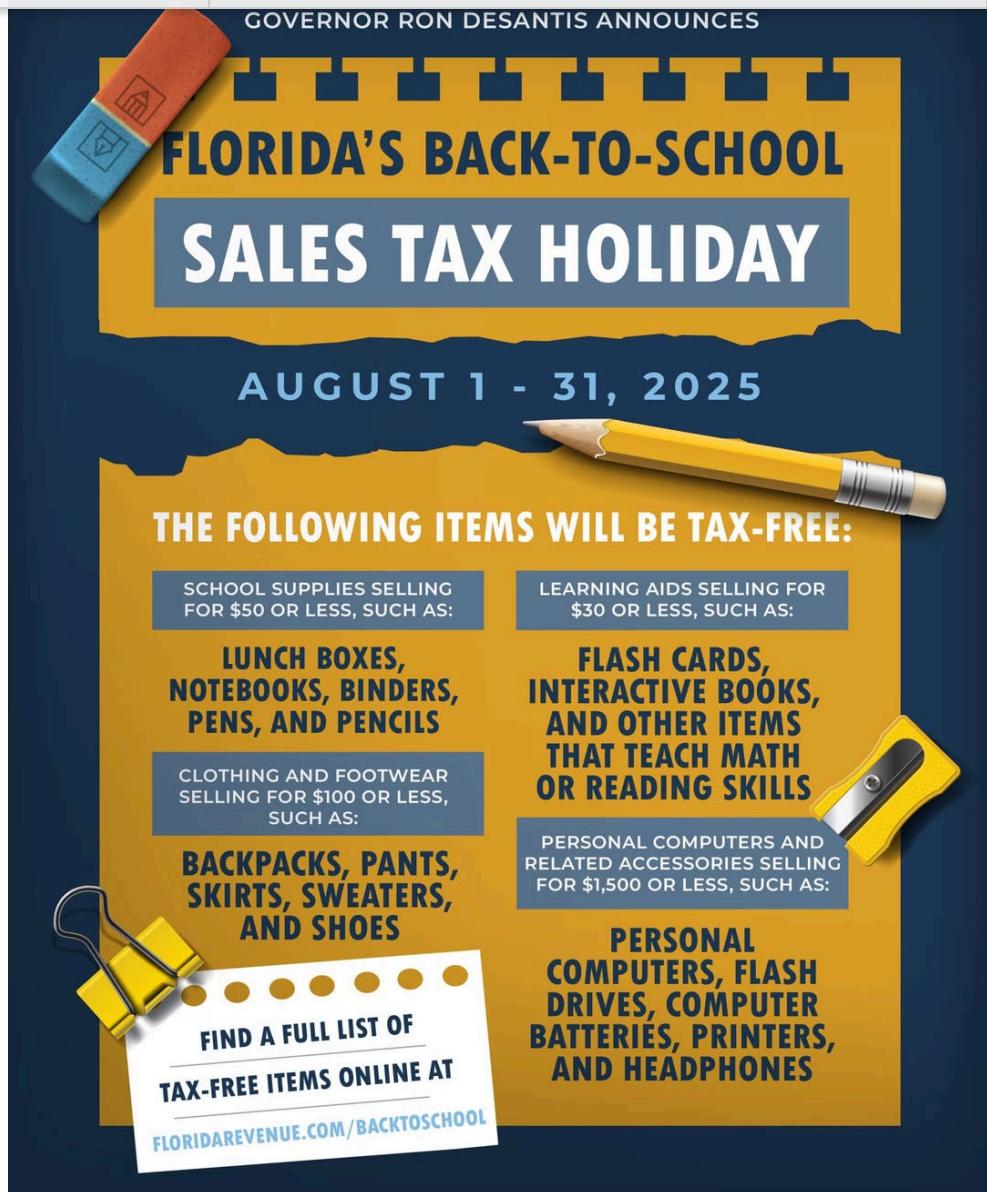
### **Legislative Committee**

## **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX EXEMPTION**

**Select disaster preparedness supplies are permanently tax-free!**

 Batteries (AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, or 9-volt)	 Portable generators
 Fire extinguishers	 Smoke detection devices and carbon monoxide alarms
 Insect repellent	 Waterproof tarps (1,000 sq. ft. or less)
 Life jackets	 Sunscreen
 Portable gas or diesel cans (max 5 gal)	 Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits

 [FloridaDisaster.org/Kit](http://FloridaDisaster.org/Kit)



GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS ANNOUNCES

# FLORIDA'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

AUGUST 1 - 31, 2025

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE TAX-FREE:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SELLING FOR \$50 OR LESS, SUCH AS:

- LUNCH BOXES, NOTEBOOKS, BINDERS, PENS, AND PENCILS
- CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SELLING FOR \$100 OR LESS, SUCH AS:
- BACKPACKS, PANTS, SKIRTS, SWEATERS, AND SHOES

LEARNING AIDS SELLING FOR \$30 OR LESS, SUCH AS:

- FLASH CARDS, INTERACTIVE BOOKS, AND OTHER ITEMS THAT TEACH MATH OR READING SKILLS
- PERSONAL COMPUTERS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES SELLING FOR \$1,500 OR LESS, SUCH AS:
- PERSONAL COMPUTERS, FLASH DRIVES, COMPUTER BATTERIES, PRINTERS, AND HEADPHONES

FIND A FULL LIST OF TAX-FREE ITEMS ONLINE AT [FLORIDAREVENUE.COM/BACKTOSCHOOL](http://FLORIDAREVENUE.COM/BACKTOSCHOOL)

## Celebrating Our 75 Year History

**Space Coast Article: [Click here](#)**

BFRW members and guests purchased over \$900 in merchandise from **Genesis House** during our recent Tea Party. The mission of **Genesis House** is to provide emergency shelter for homeless women and their children, long-term housing for student mothers with children,



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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.



## **Jill Gentis**

### Immediate Past President

I was raised in the small town of Covington, Indiana—a place rooted in tradition and public service. My Aunt Cecil proudly served in Congress representing our hometown, followed by my Uncle John Meyers who took over the seat after her tenure. During his campaign, I had the unique opportunity to travel across Indiana's 7th District with my family, actively supporting his run for office.

I went on to attend Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana. In 1969, I married Ken Gentis and we moved to Northern Illinois, eventually settling in St. Charles where we raised our two daughters. During that time, I worked in the legal field for over 30 years.

Around 1998, Ken and I relocated to downtown Chicago, where I became involved in several Democratic campaigns and served as a Precinct Captain for the 1st Ward. Around 2010, I returned to the Republican Party and remained active in Chicago politics.

In 2014, we moved to Indian Harbour Beach, Florida. One of the highlights of that time was attending President Trump's 2016 Inaugural Ball—thanks to an invitation from Louise Patenge (Beth Young's sister). In February 2017, I joined my first Brevard Federated Republican Women (BFRW) meeting at the Duran Golf Club, again with Louise. Soon after, I began assisting Deanna and Debbie with their jewelry sales at events.

By December 2017, Beth invited me to the Executive Committee (EC) Planning Meeting, and in January I officially joined the EC as Corresponding Secretary. I proudly served in that role until 2021, when I became President of BFRW—a position I held through 2024. I am especially grateful to Beth Young for her guidance and mentorship over the years.

Serving as BFRW President for four years was a deeply rewarding chapter of my life. I thoroughly enjoyed attending BFRW, FFRW, and NFRW meetings and events—including

# Margaret Goudelock



Ms. Goudelock was an independent voter in Florida until the 2008 Obama election. After being trained by Karen Fenske, Ms. Goudelock joined the Republican party. In 2010 she started the grassroots movement that changed Brevard County code for Backyard Chickens. In 2011, school closures prompted the founding of Brevard Parents Action Committee with a group of local parents. BPAC encouraged conservative and fiscally responsible individuals to run for school board. (our children are our most precious and important asset in this country) BPAC hosted the "Budget Basics" series that informed candidates and parents about responsible stewardship of funds and resources for schools. This work helped build the foundation for the ICOC – the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee which oversees how the 1/2 cent sales tax monies collected for education are spent. Currently, Ms. Goudelock is the vice chairman of the ICOC. In 2018, Ms. Goudelock worked for the RPOF as the Regional Director for Rick Scott's Senatorial run, defeating long-term incumbent Bill Nelson. Ms. Goudelock remains active in supporting women who run for office particularly with fundraising and organizing or hosting events.

Ms. Goudelock is the proud mother of two girls Lydia and Carys who have constantly been the inspiration and focus of her every endeavor.

Ms. Goudelock has a BFA in art history, is an RPT in pharmacy and has her master's in Logistics and Supply Chain Management (2023). Ms. Goudelock resides in Cocoa



## *Susan Hodgers*

Susan Hodgers moved to Brevard County in 1980 when her family was relocated to Patrick Air Force Base. She grew up in Melbourne and graduated from Satellite High School. She was on the swim team, golf team, and debate team in high school and enjoys playing the piano.

Susan is a lifelong Republican. In high school, she volunteered on the Jeb Bush for Governor campaign in 1992 and then served as an intern for the local Congressman while in high school. Susan was selected by the American Legion to attend Girls State in Tallahassee and in college became Secretary for the College Republicans. In addition, while in college Susan was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and volunteered in college at the Ronald McDonald House. More recently, she was named as the Hometown Hero and flew with the USAF Thunderbirds. Susan has supported several local non-profit organizations over the years and is currently a board member for Aging Matters. She has been a Dermatology Physician Associate for over 24 years treating skin cancers, acne, rashes and hair loss. Susan and her family reside in Viera.



## *Ina Fritsch*

I graduated Boston University, married out of college and raised three daughters in CT. While raising my daughters, I also studied and became a Series 7 NY Stock Exchange representative and a Certified Financial Planner.

I've lived in CT, CO, CA and FL and saw the most beautiful and diverse parts of our country.

Now retired I devote my time to making a positive contribution to my community by becoming a Guardian ad Litem representing the abused, abandoned and neglected children of Brevard.



## *Donna LaRochelle*

Retired Insurance Agency owner. Moved to Melbourne from Fairfax Co, VA. Opened two paint & decorating stores located in Melbourne & Palm Bay. Moved to San Jose, CA in 2000. Retired again in 2009 after returning to the area from San Jose, CA. My heart belonged in Melbourne. Two daughters & four grandchildren lived in Melbourne.

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*President*  
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