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NEWSLETTER

Building Strength in Republican Women since 1950

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BFRW- A Diamond Award Club

Recording Secretary **Dixie Riepl**, 2nd VP **Pat Moore-Carroll**, Legislative Committee Chair **Susan Hodgers**, and I attended the National Federation of Republican Women's 43rd Biennial Convention on **Saturday, September 27, 2025, in Orlando**. With more than 1,000 Republican women from across the country gathered, the energy in the room was incredible and truly inspiring.

Thanks to all of our volunteer work over the past two years, **BFRW proudly earned the Diamond Award — congratulations to all of you!**

That said, there's always room to grow. Many clubs across the nation are accomplishing amazing things. During the last election cycle alone, NFRW

With over 60% of Brevard County's population being veterans or from military families, our next goal should be to aim for the **Armed Services Award**. There are also many other honors we can pursue, including **Caring for America, American Patriot, Public Relations**, and more.

These awards are not just titles to display or words to brag about — they are **symbols of our collective hard work, dedication, and the meaningful impact we make together**. Each recognition tells a story of service, unity, and commitment to conservative values.

Let's continue to raise the bar, building on our Diamond Award success, and show that **BFRW remains a powerful, dynamic force for Republican women and conservative principles in Brevard County**.

Xiaoqi Wang
President, BFRW
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COMMITTEE REPORT

Luncheon Committee

**BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Building Strength in Conservative Women

NOVEMBER 5 LUNCHEON

Panel Discussion Series - **Women in Business**

Our panelists—female business owners from Brevard County—will discuss pressing issues facing their businesses. What are unique characteristics of female-owned businesses? What policies impact them most? How can BFRW help female businesses thrive? and much more.

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Hotline: 321-727-1212

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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, NOVEMBER 3, 2025
- TO AVOID BEING CHARGED, THE CANCELLATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025, AT 9 A.M.
- LUNCH MENU: TURKEY AND THE TRIMMINGS, STUFFING, MASHED POTATOES AND CARROTS, GARDEN SALAD, ROLLS AND DESSERT. VEGAN/GLUTEN FREE OPTION: GRILLED VEGETABLES WITH RICE ATOP BED OF ROMAINE LETTUCE

Event Committee

Evening with the City Council

Advanced reservation is required and, while attendance is free, La Marimba Cocina, Mexicana Rockledge is a great restaurant and food and drink service will be available.

— OCTOBER SPECIAL EDITION —
* BREVARD FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN *

EVENING WITH CITY COUNCIL

DUANE DASKI

ROCKLEDGE CITY COUNCILMAN



TIME

**6:00PM, THURSDAY
OCTOBER 16, 2025**

LOCATION

**LA MARIMBA COCINA,
MEXICANA ROCKLEDGE
411 BARTON BLVD,
ROCKLEDGE, FL32955**

To make registration: Call 623-451-2623
or online www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwoman.org

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



Ornaments Exchange at December Luncheon

At our December Luncheon, we'll celebrate the season with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree — a joyful symbol of friendship and community! All ornaments will be placed on the tree before the luncheon.

✨ **Please bring an ornament** to our **November Luncheon** to be hung on the tree and included in our ornament exchange.

✨ If you're unable to bring one in person, our volunteers will be happy to pick it up from you.

✨ We would also **greatly appreciate** any **Christmas table centerpieces or dishes** you can lend to make our celebration even more festive.

Let's make this year's Christmas Party shine with warmth, community spirit, and holiday cheer!

Campaign Committee

Win In November starts from Today

Committees you can join:

Turn Brevard Cities RED Committee

Phone Banking Committee (trainings provided)

Voter Registration Committee (trainings provided)

There is no time to wait, Win In November starts from today.

Register to join our Victory 2026 Campaigns

BFRW Voter Registration Agent Training Course

Executive Board

BFRW Executive Board meetings are held on the **third Wednesday of each month**.

All members are encouraged to **observe and stay informed** about the discussions and decisions that guide our club's activities.

Your engagement and awareness help strengthen BFRW's teamwork, transparency, and success.

BFRW Delegation to FFRW Convention

Florida Federation of Republican Women will hold its Biennial Convention at The Shores Hotel & Spa, Daytona Beach on October 24th through the 26th.

Along with the President, Eleven BFRW members have been elected to serve as our delegation!

President

🥇 Xiaoqi Wang

Delegates

- 🥇 Connie Cavazos
- 🥇 Peggy Douglas
- 🥇 Marlene Frye
- 🥇 Susan Hodgers
- 🥇 Alicia Larison
- 🥇 Pat Moore-Carroll
- 🥇 Linn Murray
- 🥇 Beverly Petry
- 🥇 Dixie Riepl
- 🥇 Elizabeth Shankles
- 🥇 Lila Sutcliffe

The BFRW delegation will be voting on FFRW's 2026–2027 leadership and on other important matters.

To qualify for NFRW awards, all the Federation Republican Clubs are required to submit VOLUNTEER HOURS. BFRW recording its members Volunteer Hours quarterly, please email your **third quarter** Volunteer Hours to bfrw.usa@gmail.com, attn: Alicia Larison.

Volunteer Hours include:

- **Phone Call hours**
- **Campaign Hours:** include door knock, voter registration, petition collection, working at poll (inside or outside), sign wave, participate Candidate events, etc. (anything related campaigning except phone calls)
- **Club businesses Hours:** attend/work on Club events/meetings.
- **Political Activity Hours:** Attend local, State or district GOP/Federation events, conferences, conventions
- **Community services and events (other than politics) Hours**

(Travel Time is included)

We will announce our volunteer hours at our Luncheon Meeting. You will be amazed how much time your fellow members contribute to Conservative causes in our community.

Legislative Committee



Florida House of Representatives that one of our members of the delegation is on and learn about what bills are being considered in the committee.

[Here is a list of the Brevard Delegation](#)

State Senator Tom Wright-District 8

State Senator Debbie Mayfield-District 19

State Representative District 30 Chase Tramont

State Representative District 31 Tyler Sirois-Majority Leader

State Representative District 32 Brian Hodgers

State Representative District 33 Monique Miller

State Representative District 34 Robbie Brackett

[Here is a list of some of the various committees in the House of Representatives:](#)

Budget Committee; Commerce Committee; Education & Employment Committee; Health & Human Services Committee; Judiciary Committee; Rules & Ethics Committee; Security & Threat Assessment Committee; Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee

Susan Hodgers-Viera

Legislative Committee Chair

Membership Committee

Click Here: Member Bulletin

Membership Renewal

Your **2025 membership will expire on December 31, 2025**, and now is the time to renew for **2026**.

Membership in BFRW gives you access to more than you may know! When

- Brevard Federated Republican Women (BFRW)
- Florida Federation of Republican Women (FFRW)
- National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW)

Join today and take advantage of the opportunities of membership in BFRW!

Special Note: Any new members who join during the last three months of the year will receive a full 2026 membership *plus* BFRW membership for the remainder of 2025.

You may renew your membership in any of the following ways:

- Online
- By mailing a check and a signed application form to BFRW
- By bringing your check and signed application form to our next Monthly Luncheon

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we are making a difference!

[Click here to apply your membership](#)

MAGA Membership: Chip George, Mike Haridopolos, Matt Susin

Pearl Membership: Debbie Mayfield

Stilettos Membership: Elizabeth Shankles, Mindy Gibson, Linn Murray, Jingling Zhou

Armed Serves Committee

Volunteer at the liberty Bell Museum



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!**



TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION, OUR NEWSLETTER WILL FEATURE SEVERAL
members each month.



Laura Cunningham

Laura Cunningham comes from a proud legacy of U.S. military service that spans generations, shaping her values of service, integrity, and perseverance. Originally from North Carolina, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Eighteen years ago, she and her family moved to Brevard County when her husband retired from the Marine Corps and began a second career as a Southwest Airlines pilot. Laura devoted herself to raising and homeschooling their three children and now serves her community as a Realtor with Watson Realty Corp.

God is at the center of Laura's life, shaping her priorities of faith, family, and community. She also enjoys the beach, reading, and cooking.

Donna Michaels



Donna A. Michaels is a proud U.S. Navy Veteran, who served in Naval Special Warfare alongside Navy SEALs while providing support for operations in Central and South America during the early 1990s. Following her military service, she continued a life of dedication by serving as a law enforcement officer in Orlando, Florida and retired after 21 years of serving her community.

As a PTSD warrior, Donna has faced, and overcome, the darkest challenges of her life, including the effects of a traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. At her lowest point, she began to develop a plan to commit suicide, but with the encouragement of her SEAL "Brothers," she found the courage to seek help and began journaling through her healing journey. Those writings eventually became her powerful memoir, *Courageously Broken*, which went on to become a Best Seller.

The response to her book was overwhelming. Veterans and first responders from across the country began reaching out to her, sharing their stories and struggles. Realizing the urgent need to erase the stigma of PTSD and combat the epidemic of "hero suicide," Donna launched Heroes United to Heal (HU2H), a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing suicide prevention retreats, education, and camaraderie for veterans and first responders.

As Founder of HU2H, Donna is honored to lead a passionate team of volunteers, all of whom consider this work a true labor of love. Together, they have brought hope and healing to countless heroes nationwide. Donna now sees her life experiences not as burdens, but as the foundation for her purpose: to inspire, to heal, and to ensure that no hero fights alone.



Sandra Cordova

My name is Sandra Cordova. I am new to Florida. My husband and I moved to Melbourne Beach from Houston in June. I grew up in south Texas in a Republican home but became actively involved in politics during the Tea Party movement. I practiced law for several years. Later, I homeschooled our youngest daughter. My husband and I were active with Texas Right to Life. I have also volunteered with Alliance Defending Freedom. We have two grown daughters. One daughter is a missionary in Lithuania. The other daughter just finished medical school in Houston. I love being in Florida and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone in the group!

Apply for or Renew Your Membership / Associate Membership (*Gentlemen*) Today!

It is all about Legacy!

For 75 years, Brevard Federated Republican Women have been a shining example of what it means to lead with strength, grace, and

Granddaughter, we've already 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.

Click Here: Apply For Your Membership

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Brevard Federated Republican Women have been building Strength in Republican women Since 1950.

Xiaoqi Wang
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Florida Federation of Republican Women and
National Federation of Republican Women.**



Florida Federation of Republican Women

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National Federation of Republican Women?

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