



Okaloosa County Republican Party Newsletter

February 2010
Countdown to Election 2010



Dear Friend,

Remember this? "The Republican Party Is Dead." Apparently not! We are still alive and kicking and have had three major wins: Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts. All three are a rejection of the administration and its agenda. Look for many more victories to come this year.

We are still solidly Republican in Okaloosa County but are determined to do better. Registering voters is still a priority and we plan to work hard during this most important election year. We feel that it's very important that the voters get to know our candidates so they can make an informed decision come election time. Candidates contribute their campaign information to the "On the Campaign Trail" section of this newsletter.

Bill Readdy and his committee are working to have two forums this summer. Dates and times are still to be determined so we will let you know when the plans are finalized.

Another very important candidate information agenda that we are working on is the Whistle-stop Tour to Victory. All six of the counties in District 1 are working on this tour of the panhandle which will take place on June 12th. We're inviting the same candidates that we invited to the November Caucus: US Senate, US House of Representatives (Districts 1 and 2), Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Agriculture. Invitations will be mailed this week and each county is planning a big rally. The day will begin in Chipley, then Bonifay, De Funiak, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and end in Pensacola. We will keep you informed and let you know the time that we expect them here in Okaloosa County. Local candidates will be invited and will have an opportunity

to also meet and greet the public.

Once again we must change the date of our Patriot Dinner. We want to have a few surprise Master of Ceremonies and are working on scheduling dates. This dinner will honor our Elected Officials and star our local candidates. Details will follow soon.

We will start our search for a Republican Headquarters soon and hope to have it opened by late spring. We'll keep you posted.

OCREC needs members. A major goal is to have representation in each precinct in the county. If your precinct isn't represented, you might consider attending one of our meetings. We meet the third Monday of each month at the Niceville City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. There is much to do this year and your are most welcome to become a part of the team.

The next OCREC meeting is Monday, February 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Niceville City Hall on Partin Drive.

Barbara Wall,
OCREC Chairman
www.okaloosagop.com

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Martha Gorecki and Kathy Foster : Senior Expo, January 8, 2010 at Conference Center



Okaloosa County Republican State Committeeman, Steve Czonstka, presents a \$500 donation from the Okaloosa Republican Party to Michelle Severino, Executive Director of the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida for support of the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall Exhibit. The exhibit will be on display at the "Bull" Rigdon Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach 17-20 June 2010. For more information concerning sponsorship call the Museum at 678-2615. Mr Czonstka is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Museum

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19, 20

RPOF Special Meeting, Orlando

Feruary 28 - March 2

**Florida Federation of Republican Women
Tallahassee Days Conference and Annual Meeting**

CLUBS' NEWS

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Mark Franks, President, phone: 240-1279
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Club meets: 6:30 pm on 4th Thursday each month at American Legion, Hollywood Blvd.



New Officers: Ilene Gaines, Recording Secretary; Ward Shute, 2nd Vice President; Jeff Burns, Corresponding Secretary; Brian "Mitch" Mitchell, Treasurer; Mark Franks, President; Larry Hines, 1st Vice President.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope all of you are ready for a very busy year because we are going to have one. The year has started with a bang with Scott Brown winning the Senate race in Massachusetts. Now we must continue to work hard here in Florida to make sure this wave continues as we go through 2010.

As most of you know, we lost an outstanding member of our club recently with the

passing of Jack Dale. The service at Shalimar United Methodist Church was beautiful and I want to thank Brian Mitchell (Mitch) for speaking on behalf of the club. Jack Dale will be missed greatly and will be remembered as a great American who had a constant positive attitude who always made the encouragement of others a top priority in his life.

We have some changes to the board this year. The 2010 Okaloosa County Republican Board will be as follows:

President: Mark Franks
1st Vice President of Programs: Larry Hines
2nd Vice President of Membership: Ward Shute
Recording Secretary: Ilene Gaines
Correspondence Secretary: Jeff Burns
Treasurer: Brian Mitchell
Special Event Planner: Jane Dale
Parliamentarian: Ron Webb

I want to thank the nominating committee for all their hard work and I look forward to working with the board in 2010.

One area of focus this year is on membership. This is a very important election year and we will be having several forums which will greatly help us in making educated decisions on our future leadership. This will be a great time to invite our fellow Republicans to come and get involved in the process.

Thanks to everyone and I will see you at our next dinner.

God Bless America,
Mark

EMERALD COAST REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Ilene Gaines, President, phone: 862-9820,

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Club meets: 11:00 am on 2nd Wednesday each month at Two Trees, Lewis Turner Blvd

At our February 10th meeting, we will be installing new officers, and have a special guest speaker. As part of our "outline for 2010" election year, we are specializing in the Candidates for Sheriff. Mr. Thacker will be our guest in February.

This election year is probably one of the most important we will see in a long time. I urge everyone to get to know as much as possible about every candidate for every office, as each elected official has an impact on one part or another of our lives.

Please call or e-mail either me (862-9820) or Loretta Simmons at (651-3172). We

order from the menu, but we need to make the restaurant aware of how many to expect!

SILVER SANDS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Kim Christopher, President, phone: 897-0705, email: kims_redhead@cox.net

Club Meets: 5:30 pm on 1st Monday of each month at Bluewater Bay Club House

SSRW Dinner and Republican Candidate Forum February 1st

Don't miss this Monday, February 1st, 5:30 p.m., at the Golf Clubhouse Restaurant in Bluewater Bay, because SSRW is holding our first Candidate Forum for the upcoming twenty-ten elections. The Republican candidates for the State House District 4 seat currently held by Rep. Ray Sansom, will participate in a public forum right after dinner.

Please come meet and greet (in a-b-c order) Mayor of Destin Craig Barker, Attorney and SSRW Associate Member Matt Gaetz, Fort Walton Beach City Councilman Bill Garvie, former State Representative Jerry Melvin, and Real Estate Broker Kabe Woods. This is an exceptional group of men seeking the Republican nomination in the August 24 Primary Election. So far, no Democrat has pre-filed to be on the ballot. This will be a most interesting and informative program, so invite friends to join us!

Chef Tim is offering his famous Lasagna Dinner (\$15) or Chicken Cobb Salad (\$12) Please e-mail your ye or nay, plus menu selection, or call Libby Hill at 678-2182.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF OKALOOSA FEDERATED

Hulda Mahlum, President, phone: 609-9200, email: hulda@cox.net

www.rwof.org

Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated installed a new board in January and has set sights on electing Republicans in 2010. Please view the www.rwof.org website Events/Programs page for dates of candidate forums, the Legislative page for up-to-the minute information, the Scholarship page for an application, or the Membership page to join the largest Federated club in the state of Florida! For a bit of fun we invite you to participate with us on February 6th to walk in the Mardi Gras on the Island Parade.

February is Women's Health Month and RWOFF is pleased to have Okaloosa County Health Director, Dr. Karen Chapman speak at the February 3rd monthly meeting at Holiday Inn Resort. You can make a reservation by calling Donna

Pattison at 6510in

Kathy Foster, Website/Social Media Chairman
Republican Women of Okaloosa Federated
www.rwof.org

Please mark your calendar for the following 1st Wednesdays of the month forums
March Sheriff's and April Representative candidates.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

State Representative, District 4

CRAIG BARKER FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 4

In my 14 years as a volunteer public servant, I have seen the best and the worst from government at every level. I am frustrated at how quickly integrity has eroded from the political process. I hear it daily as I walk door-to-door listening and learning from voters across northwest Florida - *"with politicians pushing special interest agendas and lobbyists collecting on campaign I.O.U.'s, America is for sale to the highest bidder."*

The Supreme Court's recent decision to allow even more money and influence into the political process has only added insult to injury. That is politics as usual and it is not acceptable to me. I believe any candidate who promises to represent our issues after they are elected must start by making our issues their priority as a candidate! My commitment to integrity was reaffirmed in the January 24th edition of *The Northwest Florida Daily News*. While proving that integrity matters to me, I am also tremendously honored that financial contributions from local residents and property owners who know me and my passion for public service have made me the top locally supported candidate fro State Representative, District 4.

As a 14 year unpaid elected official, I will continue to lead by example and pledge to prevent wasteful spending and higher taxes, protect our military bases and beaches, promote incentives for business growth, and prove loyalty for our issues - not their "I.O.U.'s". If you believe as I do, that what happened in Massachusetts was a step forward in defeating corporate candidates and their politics as usual, then I encourage you to join me in this movement at www.ElectCraigBarker.com America deserves better and so do the people of District 4!

My Very Best,
Craig

Sheriff

Rick Hord

What I Teach Rookies.

At this writing, I'm about halfway through teaching a class of Law Enforcement Recruits. It's my 19th class of prospective Enforcers of the

Law and Keepers of the Peace. That's about 400 hopefuls ranging from teens a few weeks out of high school to 50+ retirees embarking on a second (sometimes, third) career.

Not all complete the program. Those who do spend more than 700 hours in the classroom. My portion of that is approximately the first ten percent, during which time students learn about the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 14th Amendments. They'll also also learn the difference between Reasonable Suspicion and Probable Cause, Conspiracy and Solicitation, Statements and Affidavits, Admissions and Confessions, Seizure and Forfeiture, Custody and Arrest. They not only have a lot to learn, but also a lot to un-learn, thanks largely to TV and the movies.

I introduce the most important lesson on Day One, and hammer it home on each subsequent day: more than any other segment of our society, the police must follow the rules. Those of us who know what to do and how to legally and ethically do it will enjoy careers that are lengthy, productive, and honorable.

County Commissioner - District 2

Dave Parisot

Dave Parisot of Shalimar has pre-filed as a Republican candidate to be the Okaloosa County Commissioner in District 2 for the 2010 elections. Dave has stated "I am eager to serve the citizens of Okaloosa County. Over the past 3 ½ years I have actively participated in over 75 meetings and workshops of the Board of County Commissioners, including every budget workshop. It has been a great learning process. I feel I am now qualified to represent the people of Okaloosa County to provide quality services and improve the spending efficiencies of our tax dollars. I will be asking the voters for their inputs on our county government during this campaign." Mr. Parisot has also stated that he will be a full-time commissioner and has no other employment to conflict with the commissioner's job. He intends to qualify for his ballot position by the petitions of county registered voters. If asked to sign a Candidate Petition, please do so. Since commissioners are elected at large by all county voters, any registered voter in Okaloosa County may sign candidate petitions. Dave may be reached at

dparisot@cox.net or by phone at 613-6545.

Century Club



Be an Okaloosa County Republican VIP. Join our Century Club.

Look for special discounts at county Republican events, special seating and special recognition all year.

Your contributions help our grassroots efforts and will help us fund a headquarters in 2010. Our main focus is to help elect Republicans at all levels of government and

prepare for the very important mid-term elections.

We can, and must, regain the majority in the US House of Representative and the Senate. And, of course, it's imperative that we maintain the majority in the Florida legislature.

Donations to the RNC don't "trickle down" so please support your local party. For more information, call Steve Czonstka at 897-4775.

CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS

David Bennett
Bruce Bowman
Marvin Brigman
Steve and Ann Czonstka
Jack and Jane Dale
Bud and Doris Day
Gary and Sally Dryden
Kathy Foster
Gayle Jacobson
John Jannazo
Don and Vicki Kreis
Don Laux
Nathan Lepper
Rod and Sherri Martin
Jerry Melvin
Patrick and Lydia O'Connor
Craig Otto
Amanda Peterson
Richard Solt
Tom and Barbara Wall
Ron and Marge Webb

NORTH OKALOOSA REPUBLICAN CLUB

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Club Meets: 6:30 pm on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Hideaway Pizza, Crestview

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Thank your for subscribing to this newsletter. We encourage any suggestions for improvements.

...The Republican Party of Okaloosa County