

NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN – ACTIVISTS SINCE 1774!

May 2023

From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President



You did it!

Three just-released North Carolina Supreme Court rulings were possible because of the work you did to change the balance of the Court to majority Republican. Now the will of the people will prevail.

Photo IDs help prevent ballot fraud. Redistricting follows the Constitution. Felon voting rights clarified.

Reflection by Margeaux Holland, Chaplain



A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit. Proverbs

15:1-4

May 5-6 Board Meeting & Convention

We're counting the minutes to our biennial Convention where we will elect new officers for 2023 - 2025 and select delegates and alternates to attend the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, in September 2023.

Highlights of our meeting include hearing from candidates and exciting speakers.

- Michael Whatley, NCGOP Chair, RNC General Counsel.
- Holly Randall First Liberty won Supreme Court prayer case.
- Andrea Dillon, award-winning reporter with the North State Journal.
- NC State Treasurer Dale Folwell to update us on the state of the State.
- Senator Ted Alexander
- Cat Parks of Texas GOP and Turning Point USA.
- Tana Goertz, motivational speaker.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



A.P. (Andrea) Dillon, North State Journal



Tana Goertz, Campaigns



Holly Randall, First Liberty Institute

Meeting Registration Here

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton South Charlotte Tyvola 5624 Westpark Dr., Charlotte.

DEADLINE TO COMMENT: MAY 15, 2023



The war on women continues.

In another attempt to destroy our culture, the Biden Administration subverts the very reason that Title IX was created. Rather than protect girls and female athletes by providing a safe and fair playing field, subpar male athletes may now bully their way into every aspect of school athletics.

Parents, educators, and lawmakers across the country are rightly concerned about the damage these changes will have on both the mental and physical wellbeing of female student athletes.

Talking points:

- Schools will have to construct new accommodations for transgender students and protect the privacy, safety, and fairness of existing female student athletes.
- Neglects science allowing biological males to participate in female athletics puts biological females at a higher risk for physical injury.
- Limits female's ability to seek awards and scholarships.
- All students deserve privacy and safety in sex-separated spaces (such as locker rooms, restrooms, and athletic-medical rooms).
- Female athletes deserve to compete in fair, honest, and safe athletic competitions free from the threat of major medical injury or unfair competition against biological male athletes.
- Female athletes will no longer have equal rights to female-only sports teams instead of protecting women, the rule requires schools to "minimize harms" to males identifying as women.
- In elementary and middle school, girl's teams are essentially banned.
- In high school and college, female athletes must prove they are harmed before any trans-identifying male is kept out of their sport and locker room.
- For any sport, at every age and level of competition, schools must prove an "important educational objective" before restricting any transidentifying male from a female team.

Biden's proposed rule flips the burden of proof against female athletes. It gives males who declare "womanhood" the upper hand in challenging any policy seeking to keep sports teams based on biology, not identity.

This was NEVER the intent of Congress under Title IX.

Comment on Title IX Changes

Raffle at the Spring Board Meeting! by Lisa Carpenter



At our Spring meeting, we will raffle this beautiful door decor created by **Door Decor by Ashley Nicole Designs,** a female-owned, NC-based company located in Mount Olive. Thank you, Onslow Co. Commissioner **Lisa Carpenter**, for another creative fundraising idea.

Tickets will be priced as follows: 1 ticket for \$5 3 for \$10 10 for \$20

Bring cash or checks and take a chance on winning this lovely door decoration while supporting

NCFRW!

Supporting the military by Betsy Miller



Military Appreciation Month Holidays

Deadline to submit your Armed Services projects is June

- May 8: Victory in Europe Day. World War II ended on May 8th, 1945.
- May 12: Military Spouse Appreciation
 Day <u>http://www.military.com/spouse/military-spouse-appreciation-day</u>
- May 20: Armed Forces Day http://www.military.com/military-appreciation-month/history-of-armed-forces-day.html
- May 26, 2023: National Poppy Day[®] The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor the sacrifices of those who served and died for our country in all wars. Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform.
- May 30: Memorial Day. Held on the final Monday of May, <u>Memorial Day</u> is the most widely recognized May military-themed observance. Begun after the Civil War to remember the soldiers on both sides, it grew to commemorate all Americans who died serving in the military.

The Poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae

Club reminders

June 1 - All NFRW Award submissions due: Club Achievement Awards, Caring for America and Armed Services.

Club meeting tip: Invocation (God) first, then the Pledge of Allegiance (Country).

Legislative Day



More than 70 NCFRW members came to Raleigh to meet with our legislators about issues that are important to NC legislation for the future of Title IX



Following a luncheon meeting with DPI Superintendent Catherine Truitt, we were honored that NC Supreme Court Associate Justices Tamara Barringer and Trey Allen met with us.

Club news



Henderson RW - 70 Years!

(L to R) LaWren Booth, Doris Hawkins, Eve Gregg, Club President Tara Burdette, Melody Heltman and Carolyn Justus.

The Henderson Co. RWC roots began during the victorious campaigns of President Eisenhower and NC Congressman Jonas in 1952. Fourteen unit clubs were represented at the first convention held in Hickory NC on April 11, 1953. Henderson County was one of those clubs. Today we celebrated 70 years by recognizing the current and several past presidents of the HCRWC.



East Carolina RW - 10 Years!

President Ceil Wasserman and the ECRW's charter members and past leaders celebrated their 10th anniversary with NCFRW President Kay Wildt recently in New Bern. Elected officials and members enjoyed a beautiful cake and

sparkling libations. (L to R: Cathy New, Rieko Evans, Kay, Ceil Wasserman and Jena Tyson.)

Moore RW Honors Centenarian

Members of Moore RW gathered with elected officials to celebrate the 100th birthday of an incredible woman, Vivian Cunningham, who served as a WAVE in the Navy during WWII. Since she liked blue better than khaki, Vivian chose the Navy.

In addition to the Centennial birthday party, Moore RW gave her a Quilt of Honor to thank her for her service.







Gaston Co. RW

Gaston Co RW has worked over the last year to bring unique sensory learning to special needs students at a local school. Members have maintained vegetable and flower gardens, built raised garden beds, as well as designed and created outdoor art stations.

At Webb Street School's sensory gardens, students put their hands in the dirt, pick vegetables and flowers from the raised garden beds, walk through a maze of bamboo sticks, pretend to milk a wooden cow, and make colorful masterpieces with chalk or paint. Gaston Co RW has been instrumental in creating and maintaining the gardens over the last year.

NCFRW offers scholarship!

Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship - Deadline June 1

The **Dottie Martin Teachers Scholarship** is for students presently enrolled and studying the field of education. Applicant must be well-advanced in programs of Education with an established career plan for teaching.

The scholarship application form is found at **North Carolina Educational Scholarships** on the "Members Center" page of the NCFRW website, <u>http://www.ncfrw.com/memberscenter.html</u>

Save these dates

May 5-7: NCFRW Spring Board Meeting/Biennial Convention. DoubleTree by Hilton, South Charlotte Tyvola, 5624 Westpark Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217.

June 8-11: NCGOP State Convention, Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

September 28 - October 1, 2023 - NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention, Omni Hotel and Oklahoma City Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK.

November 3 - 4, 2023 NCFRW Fall Board Meeting, TBD

January 26 - 28, 2024 NCFRW Winter Board Meeting, Wrightsville Beach

Share your club news with us!

We'd like to hear about it and share it in this newsletter! Contact <u>NCFRepublicanWomen@gmail.com</u> and send in your information and photos.

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