



IFRW NEWS



Illinois Federation of Republican Women

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GOP LINKS

NFRW - National Federation of Republican Women (nfrw.org)

RCCA - (IL) Republican County Chair Association (rcca.gop)

ILGOP - Republican Party (illinois.gop)

IGA - (IL) General Assembly

ISBE - (IL) State Board of Elections (elections.il.gov)

My Local Elected Public Officials (ilsbe.maps.arcgis.com)



President's Message

Happy New Year! I'm excited for IFRW in the new year. There will be challenges ahead, but we know that together we can make a difference! Our 2024-2025 Executive Committee will meet in early January to plan for 2024. I will be appointing District Directors and other committee chairs with the approval of the Executive Committee and will keep you informed of our efforts.

IFRW News will be a great resource for all IFRW members to learn about upcoming events, discover ways to get involved, as well as find helpful resources for your club.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming **IFRW Spring Leadership Conference on April 5-6, 2024, East Peoria, Illinois**. The IFRW Spring Leadership Conference can help you become a more effective leader. I look forward to seeing you there!

Many of you have already been planning, organizing, and working hard on 2024 candidates' campaigns. NFRW and IFRW have valuable resources on their websites (NFRW.org) (IFRW.org). Please don't hesitate to call, text, or email the IFRW officers listed on this page if you have questions and suggestions.

By empowering women, IFRW is helping lead the charge in defending Illinois from the Democrat's destructive agenda. Together we will make Illinois stronger and keep the conservative voice heard across our great state.

Thank you for the honor of serving you.

In God We Trust,

Lana Soldat



IFRW 2023 Spring Biennial Conference's 2024-2025 IFRW Elected Officer Installation

L to R: Jayne Lehman Raef, Linda Hernandez, Debbie Leininger, Lana Soldat, NFRW President Julie Smith, Diane Jordan, Jennifer Yborra, Caritina Mayer, Beth Provost

IFRW Takes the Lead

The Illinois Federation of Republican Women is the largest Republican Women's organization in the State of Illinois. We are an army of Republican Women who support the Party Platform and work toward advancing new Republican leaders at all levels of government.



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Membership Update

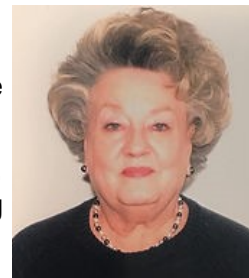
HAPPY NEW YEAR! As Vice President of Membership, I wish you all a joyous and productive year! As you well know, we are facing the most crucial election this country has had in decades.

This will require all clubs to operate at optimum level. I have met and visited with many of you, so I am confident we will be "on our game" as the saying goes. This includes clubs submitting membership dues to IFRW in a timely manner, encouraging Associate memberships, keeping members abreast of legislative issues, and taking appropriate action when necessary.

Help grow IFRW's membership by inviting friends, family, and prospective members to club meetings. You can also help form new clubs in counties where none exist now. All you need to do is send contact information to me, and I will follow through.

Let's make it a goal this year to get 100% participation from club members! Everyone should use their God-given gifts and talents to help save our country. Stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, attending meetings, supporting candidates, registering voters, and getting out the vote are every bit as significant as making a huge donation.

As always, I am here to help your club. I consider it a privilege to be a part of our combined efforts to bring America back to the country it once was.



Linda Hernandez

1st Vice President, Membership

Review Your Club's Bylaws!

Now is the time of the year to review and/or update your club's bylaws.

Newly installed officers and club members may or may not be familiar with the bylaws. IFRW and local club bylaws describe duties and responsibilities of the officers, and the directions for club operations and elections. As you review and/or update your club's bylaws, please contact us with any questions you may have.

Awards

Did you attend the IFRW Biennial Convention and think, "Our club could have qualified for one of the NFRW Club Achievement Awards?"

Award winning clubs start early in the year to qualify.

We will soon announce our IFRW Awards Chair who will be available to answer questions about the NFRW Club Achievement Awards--given out every two years at the Biennial Convention. Stay posted and learn more next month from our new Awards Chair.

Save the Dates!

January 4	IFRW Executive Committee
January 10	Illinois Legislative Session Begins - Springfield, IL
March 14 - 16	NFRW Spring Board Meeting - Alexandria, VA
March 19	Illinois Primary Election
April 5 - 6	IFRW Spring Conference, East Peoria, IL
May 24 - 25	Illinois Republican State Convention - Collinsville, IL
July 15 - 18	Republican National Convention Milwaukee, WI
August 15	Illinois State Fair - Republican Day Springfield, IL
November 5	Election Day

Did You Know?

Republicans, UNITE around the U.S. Constitution and the Party Platform. These documents define who we are as Republicans. Every four years the Illinois GOP adopts the Party Platform at the Illinois Republican State Convention by delegates to the convention.

The next Illinois Republican State Convention is scheduled for May 24-25, 2024 in Collinsville, Illinois. If you are interested in being a delegate to the convention, please contact the Republican Central Committee Chairman in your county for more information.

IFRW will keep you informed as more information becomes available. The current Party Platform can be found at the IL GOP website: (illinois.gop)