



# IFRW TODAY

**Illinois Federation of Republican Women**  
**July 2024 Newsletter**  
**[www.ifrw.org](http://www.ifrw.org)**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**LANA SOLDAT**

July has arrived with all the patriotic activities abounding in communities and counties across Illinois. This week in Northwest Illinois there are numerous parades, fairs, festivals, July 4th events, and the opportunity to have Republican Women serve the community via participating in a parade or hosting a booth. Please share a picture of your Republican Women Club's involvement with us for next month's IFRW Newsletter.

The IFRW along with NFRW is pleased to announce that as of June 6, the following Illinois Federated Republican women's clubs have achieved 25% or more growth in membership.

### **ILLINOIS, Region 8**

Carroll Co. RW

Chicago RW's Network

Upper Northwest IL RW (Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties)

Congratulations ladies! We encourage all Illinois Republican Women's clubs to continue to increase membership. Linda Hernandez, IFRW 1st VP Membership, would be happy to work with local Membership Chairmen for ideas. So, get ready, set, *GROW* your local clubs this summer!

July is also the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. RNC Chairman Michael Whatley and Co-Chair Lara Trump reminded delegates that "the purpose of the National Convention is to showcase the nominee, President Donald J. Trump, as well as to highlight the best the Republican Party has to offer the American electorate. The choice between Joe Biden and President Donald Trump could NOT be clearer and stakes could NOT be higher! Joe Biden has destroyed the economy and opened borders, bringing our nation to the brink of ruin. Our country, your freedom, and our children's future is on the line. Simply put, we must WIN!

The National Convention will play a large part in our victory by serving as a week-long, professionally run, television advertisement for President Trump. It is critical for President Trump's re-election that the GOP is united and showcase the best of our Party to America.

...Make no mistake, President Trump is the GOP presidential nominee and the party will have a platform that promotes his conservative America First agenda. May the Republican Party come together in fellowship over shared conservative principles, love for President Trump, and a collective desire to put this nation back on the path to greatness."

Now is the time, ladies. As we all work hard in our communities and counties to elect Republicans across Illinois and our country, please pray for President Trump and for our nation.

It is an honor to serve you and the Illinois Federation of Republican Women. Thank you.

God bless you!  
In God We Trust,

Lana Soldat

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

### Upper Northwest Illinois RW Movie Night



UNIRW members and guests viewed the acclaimed film adaptation of, “**Letter to the American Church**” by **Eric Metaxas**, which laid out the parallels between early 1930’s Nazi Germany and other totalitarian regimes with what is happening in America today and how the Church has been mostly silent facing this evil.

The film is a ‘wake up call’ that should be seen by churches, especially young people who are the targets of false ideology.

## CLUB NEWS AND PHOTOS ARE NEEDED FOR IFRW NEWSLETTER



**DEBBIE LEININGER**  
**3RD VICE PRESIDENT**  
[Bylaws Chair,  
Communications Chair]

Monthly photo submissions are needed for the IFRW Spotlight webpage and the monthly IFRW Today newsletter (NOTE: Club news can be submitted to NFRW Club Spotlight as well.) By sharing club projects, other clubs can incorporate your club’s project in their own communities!

Be sure to include the CLUB NAME and a short description with the photo. Submit your articles and photos via Email (rdlein@aol.com) or Text (815-297-2918.)



**CARITINA MAYER**  
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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

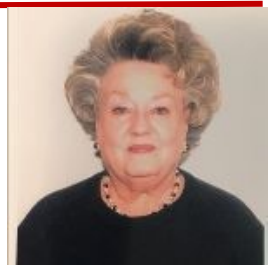
Please keep your membership current by paying your dues to your local club.

Membership Chairmen and Treasurers, don’t forget to send new membership dues and updated information to me throughout the year.

## IFRW CHAPLAIN CORNER

We pray, “Give us this day our daily bread,”

We are asking God to sustain us each day, and He does with His many blessings, His grace and His love and so much more.



**LINDA HERNANDEZ**  
**1ST V. PRESIDENT**  
[Chaplain]

## MEMBERSHIP TIP

I wish you all a wonderful summer. With the upcoming election, this time can be used to assist candidates and to firm up events prior to the election.

## SUPPORT THE WORK OF IFRW!

The **red donation button** has been activated on our website.

Please go to <https://ifrw.org/donate/> to check it out! Encourage club members, associate members, elected officials, County GOP Central Committees, community businesses, and fellow Republicans to consider donating to IFRW’s cause—educating Republican women and electing Republicans to office!



## 2024 IFRW LEADERSHIP

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: **Lana Soldat**  
1st Vice President: **Linda Hernandez**  
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3rd Vice President: **Debbie Leininger**  
4th Vice President: **Jennifer Yborra**  
Secretary: **Beth Provost**  
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Fundraising: **Jennifer Yborra**  
Legislation: **Linda Johnson**  
Membership: **Linda Hernandez**  
Public Relations: **Debbie Leininger**

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Chaplain: **Linda Hernandez**  
Proxy Chair: **Diane Bradbury**  
Parliamentarian: **Susan Wynn Bence**

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Achievement Awards: **Karen Funk**  
Americanism: **Rachael Crandall**  
Armed Services: **Amy Buss**  
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Caring for America: **Lori Owen**  
Hospitality: **Diane Bradbury**  
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\* Highlighted counties denote active local clubs

### LOCAL CLUBS & PRESIDENTS

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(Logan County)

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(Champaign County)

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(Marion County)

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(Rock Island County)

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(St. Clair County)

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#### Upper Northwest Illinois Republican Women

(Stephenson, Jo Daviess Counties)

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#### Vermilion County Republican Women

(Vermilion County)

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#### Williamson County Republican Women

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#### York Township Republican Women Org.

(DuPage County)

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and elect leaders in Illinois.

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# The Trump Test

Are you better off today than you were 4 years ago?



Source: Team Trump & Today Is America

