



IFRW TODAY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Attention all members! We need everyone on board!

Convention is behind us and early voting begins Thursday, September 26. Hopefully we are all working to register Illinois voters and participating in various phone banking efforts to elect Republicans. IFRW is a year-round organization working to accomplish what needs to be done to win elections. The support we give our candidates can make a difference in helping turn Illinois RED and ensuring an Illinois victory for **President Trump** in November.



LANA SOLDAT

As for me, the sweet surprise of the Republican National Convention was the large number of NFRW members who were elected as National Delegates/Alternate Delegates or appointed to serve on committees. It was a delight to see **Julie Harris**, NFRW President along with the entire NFRW Executive Committee and many other State IFRW Presidents that I have met over the last several years. It was an honor for IFRW Vice President **Diane Jordan and me** to serve as Trump Delegates at the convention.

Congratulations goes out to Illinois Republican Chairwoman **Kathy Salvi**. I look forward to working with **Kathy** and expanding IFRW's partnership with the Illinois Republican Party in the years ahead.

There is much to be done in the coming months, so let's get busy electing Republicans and show Illinois what being "united" and working together looks like.

And lastly, see you at **REPUBLICAN DAY at the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR** on Thursday, August 15. IFRW will be there and we hope to see you as well! Go Illinois! Go Republicans!

In God We Trust,

Lana Soldat
IFRW President

IFRW Trump Delegates Lana Soldat & Diane Jordan Attend the Republican National Conference



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Kankakee County RW in Campaign Mode



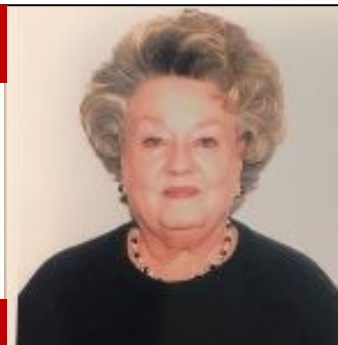
Members of the Kankakee County Republican Central Committee participated in the June 30th Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Parade. The group included IFRW members State Representative **Jackie Haas**, IFRW Secretary **Beth Provost**, Kankakee County Clerk **Sandy Cianci**, and KCRW Treasurer **Trisha Cavender**.



On JULY 20th, friends and members of the Kankakee County Republican Central Committee knocked on doors on behalf of incumbent State Representative (79th District) **Jackie Haas** (first row second from right) Also pictured are IFRW Secretary **Beth Provost** and Kankakee County Clerk **Sandy Cianci**, who is also seeking re-election in the fall.

IFRW CHAPLAIN CORNER

James 5:16 says "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." When the wicked are those in authority and can't be voted out, then we, the children of God, should pray them out. We need to be in constant prayer especially that corruption will be held at bay.



LINDA HERNANDEZ
1ST V. PRESIDENT
[Chaplain]
[Membership Chair]

MEMBERSHIP TIP

August begins the new year and offers opportunities to recruit new members.

The Peoria club encourages members to invite guests and offers a reduced price for guest lunches. This could be done for special occasions throughout the year. It's a good way to bring in new members.

MARY SUNDERMEYER APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT IFRW TREASURER



To lessen the workload of Caritina, **Mary Sundermeyer** (Peoria County RW) has been appointed as "Assistant Treasurer".

Please send renewing or new membership information to:

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cc Caritina Mayer and Linda Hernandez, IFRW Membership Chair
on your membership email correspondence.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Upper Northwest IL RW Celebrates Tutty Baker Days

On July 12-14, Upper Northwest IL RW members set up a booth at Tutty Baker Days in downtown Freeport. The club sold patriotic items, registered voters, and promoted Republican candidates.

The club sets up shop in as many venues as possible. The patriotic items sell well during the 4th of July.

The club is careful not to accumulate a large inventory due to storage limitations in members' homes. Like any store, startup money must be factored into the profit margin.



Candidate Judge Joe McGraw
17th Congressional District



Variety of Patriotic Merchandise



Voter Registration Area



New Voters

IFRW FEATURED ON NFRW SOCIAL MEDIA



National Federation of Republican Women
3 days ago · 🌐

Illinois Federation of Republican Women hosted a successful information booth at the State Convention. Women from across the state stopped by to learn more about membership, and IFRW is now exploring the option of chartering new clubs this year. IFRW members also served as Trump delegates and on state committees at the Republican National Convention.

#NFRW2024 #RepublicanWomenLead



Club News and Photos Are Needed for IFRW Website & Newsletter

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 ideas 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)
Text (815-297-2918)



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



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reminder

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

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 and electing Republican Women to office!

- **Achievement Awards** are available on the NFRW website (<https://www.nfrw.org/drl-awards>)
- **NFRW Faith Coalition Zoom Meeting:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, 8:00 p.m. EST.

<https://nfrw.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvcuitrDsoGtZ57jKbbDd0C7Ez0s99jRt5#/registration>

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Carroll County RW Support President Trump & Tony McCombie



Carroll County RW showed their support for President Trump and club member House Republican Leader Tony McCombie in the annual Mt. Carroll 4th of July Parade.



LEADERSHIP

Illinois Federation of Republican Women

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* Highlighted counties denote active local clubs

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