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LANA SOLDAT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The excitement is building! We are just a few weeks away from Election Day, and we can't afford to be spectators on the sidelines. Everyone….let's mobilize our efforts to support Republican candidates from your local courthouse to the White House!

Two important initiatives to secure a Republican Victory include:
Phone banking, and Door knocking.

I urge everyone, "GET OUT THE VOTE!" Your involvement today can make a difference in the outcome of this election. Thank you for your commitment and hard work in electing Republicans to office.

God Bless America!
Lana Soldat, IFRW President

P.S. Quick reminder—Mark your calendars for the 2024 IFRW Fall Conference on November 15-16. The IFRW Executive Committee is working hard to finalize plans for a great conference! More details are available in this newsletter and on our website: www.ifrw.org

"This is the most important election in the history of our country."

"I AM YOUR VOICE. AMERICA FIRST! "

~ President Donald J. Trump

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE RNC PRAYER CALLS

I continue to be honored as your newly elected RNC National Committeewoman. I consider it a blessing to be involved with voluntary national devotional/prayer calls through the RNC and wanted to share with you a national leaders statewide devotional that takes place the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The devotional begins at 6 p.m. CT and is public for any of our faith believers who may want to join. There is generally a special guest to lead the devotional.

The call-in number and pass code is as follows:
Call-in number: 866-253-8518 Passcode: 90241762#

Please join me as we pray for our families, our state, our nation, its leaders, candidates, President Trump, JD Vance, Israel, and our world.

Rhonda Belford

Rhonda Belford
Hardin County Chairman
President Illinois Republican County Chairmen's Association
12th Congressional District State Central Committeewoman
RNC Committeewoman

THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET OUT THE VOTE!
"MY FAITH VOTES" / www.writenow2024.org

DID YOU KNOW? 1 in 3 Christians don't vote consistently. This year, 25 million Christians won't vote—unless we act. That's why IFRW is partnering with "My Faith Votes 2024 Write Now" campaign. You can be part of a campaign that has proven to get out the Christian vote.

The "Write Now" campaign is in full swing. On the My Faith Votes website, there is a dropdown box on your dashboard to identify you as an IFRW member. Please make sure to select **"Illinois IFRW"** from that list.

Start addressing envelopes and mailing your letters NOW! Deadline mailing date is October 25.
Help "Get Out the Vote" in the key battleground states! To participate, register at www.writenow2024.org.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT
UPPER NORTHWEST RW BUYS BABY ITEMS FOR VAC "FOOT LOCKER"

UNIRW rallied to Veteran Assistance Commission Superintendent **Linda Book's** request, "We need baby items!"

Cindy Witt, Beckey Quiggle, Liz Carter, Linda Johnson, and Linda Dotson rose to the occasion. It didn't take long to purchase a variety of baby clothes, diapers, and supplies. One member commented, "It was nice to buy baby clothes again! "

The Veteran's Assistance Commission is a UNIRW "Caring for America" project.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT
"GETTING OUT THE VOTE" IN CARROLL COUNTY

Joe McGraw, candidate for the 17th US Congressional District, walked in Savanna's July 5th parade with Carroll County Republican Women and Carroll County GOP Central Committee. Joe is working diligently to make the 17th US Congressional seat **RED!**

CLUB SPOTLIGHT
VERMILLIAN COUNTY RW REMEMBERS 9/11/2001

Vermillion County RW hosted a 9/11 event to honor first responders and our military. The event recognized and honored the countless lives affected by the events of that tragic morning twenty-three years ago on September 11, 2001.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT
UPPER NORHWEST ILLINOIS RW AT LENA'S FALL FESTIVAL

17th Congressional District candidate **Joe McGraw** took time from his busy schedule to stop by the UNIRW Patriotic Shoppe. UNIRW also had two entries in the two-hour long parade.

2025 TLS Leadership Program
Fellowship Application Available NOW

APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 28

The Lincoln Series Leadership Program Fellowship provides a unique experience for each participant, helping to inform and educate Fellows at all political levels.

The curriculum begins with the basics of the structure of the Republican Party. Each program, thereafter, expands on some aspect of what is learned in the first program with county government, followed by state and federal government, ethics, as well as campaign training, public speaking and media relations.

Each program is set up not only to educate and inform, but also to network with speakers, state and federal legislators, and government officials among others. These exciting opportunities set the stage to learn more about the nuances of life in the political world, while creating and building lifelong mentoring relationships to help our select Fellows reach their professional goals. The application is found on the organization's website at https://www.lincolnseries.com/

IFRW members have a unique opportunity to earn a scholarship for The Lincoln Series Leadership Program. For more information about the scholarship, please contact IFRW Scholarship Chair **Jo Caulkins** at jccaulkins@aol.com.

IFRW CHAPLAIN CORNER

LINDA HERNANDEZ
1ST V. PRESIDENT
[Chaplain]

"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:11). There have been numerous times that I have found it extremely helpful to be able to call to mind various Scripture verses. It has prevented many mistakes. I highly recommend it!

MEMBERSHIP TIP

This is a really busy time for our local Peoria County GOP office. We see people we would not normally see during a non-election season and are using this opportunity to encourage membership in Peoria County Republican Women.

Be sure to read the newsletters as they contain great information on activities, fundraising and membership ideas. We can be a great resource to each other!

MARY SUNDERMEYER APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT IFRW TREASURER

CARITINA MAYER
IFRW TREASURER
ifrwtreasurercm@gmail.com

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

Please send renewing or new membership information to:

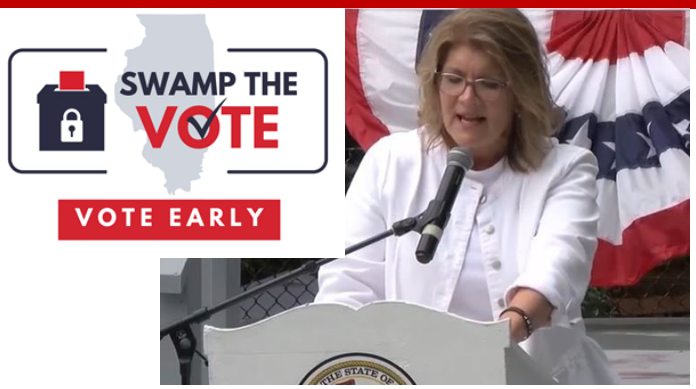
MARY SUNDERMEYER
Assistant IFRW Treasurer
mscunder@aol.com

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

CLUB SPOTLIGHT
Kankakee County RW in Herscher Labor Day Parade

Members of the Kankakee County Republican Central Committee participated in the September 2, 2024 Herscher Labor Day parade. The group also included IFRW members, State Representative Jackie Haas, IFRW Secretary Beth Provost, Kankakee County Clerk Sandy Cianci, KCRW President Carol Webber, and KCRW Treasurer Trisha Cavender.

Illinois Republican Party Chair Kathy Salvi Encourages Republicans to...



EARLY VOTING HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

Let's swamp the vote and vote early! Three reasons why you should vote early:

- **Conserve our Republican candidates' resources:** By voting early, Republicans enable our candidates to focus their time and resources on persuading swing and undecided voters.
- **Reduce campaign outreach:** Once you vote early, you should stop receiving campaign calls, texts, mailers, and visits from candidates or volunteers.
- **Enjoy voting flexibility:** Early voting provides convenience for those with busy schedules, such as business travelers and people with long work hours, allowing you to vote at a time that works best for you. Plus, it helps you avoid unpredictable factors like bad weather, illness, or transportation issues by getting it done ahead of time.

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 your sharing club projects and activities, 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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For more information and to donate... Log on to IFRW.org.

Thank you for your support!

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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

LISA SMITH CAMPAIGN EVENT

L to R: IFRW President Lana Soldat, Lisa Smith - Candidate State Representative Dist. 96 & Jo Caulkins

JOIN US FOR THE ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2024 FALL CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday, November 15-16, 2024

East Peoria Holiday Inn & Suites * 101 Holiday Street * East Peoria, IL 61611

Guest Speakers:

Illinois Republican Chair Kathy Salvi
NFRW Vice President Michelle Buckwalter-Schurman
Gloria Giorno, Author - "Communism vs. Freedom"
Live Podcast with area political pundits … and much more!

Tickets

$50 +online fee

Or - make $50 check payable to IFRW and mail to IFRW Treasurer

- ☆ Meet & Greet IL Republican Chair Kathy Salvi
- ☆ Network with like-minded women across IL
- ☆ Hear from great speakers
- ☆ Participate in the festive Silent Auction

SCHEDULE

Friday - Welcome Reception 6:30 pm -8 pm

Saturday - Breakfast 7:30 am | Board Meeting & Conference 8:30 am

Go to **www.ifrw.org** to register online * Or make your check payable to IFRW and mail to: Caritina Mayer, Treasurer * 699 S. Blackhawk Blvd. * Rockton, IL 61072

For more details check out: www.ifrw.org -or- Call: 815-499-5481

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Illinois Federation of Republican Women

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Achievement Awards: **Karen Funk**
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* Highlighted counties denote active local clubs

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