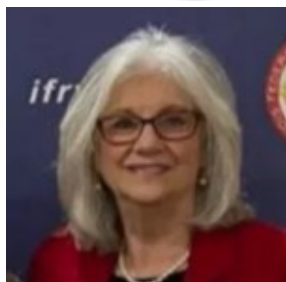




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LANA SOLDAT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is a jam-packed month for IFRW! There are only a few days left before the election, and candidates are making their final campaign stops. As a reminder, if you haven't voted yet - we hope you plan to Early Vote or vote on Tuesday, November 5th!

With the election season coming to a close, it's time to focus on the IFRW Fall Conference. We are honored to have as guest speakers: **Kathy Salvi**, Illinois Republican Party Chair; **Rhonda Belford**, Illinois' RNC Committeewoman; noted author, **Gloria Giorno**; personalities from the popular **Smoke-filled Room** podcast channel that provides insight to what is happening today and what may happen tomorrow in Illinois politics; and back by popular demand, the **"Next Generation"** Republican panel.

Veteran's Day is celebrated this month. As a member of IFRW, everything you do to protect conservative values and our Constitution honors the sacrifice of our Veterans and is an example to others of the importance of being involved. We thank our Veterans for their service to our country!

Thank you for everything you are doing to make IFRW and Illinois stronger and better by remaining positive and focusing on electing Republicans to office. I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Conference in East Peoria on November 15-16. It will be a memorable event—don't miss it!

In God We Trust,
Lana Soldat, President

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE RNC PRAYER CALLS

The anticipation and excitement continues to build as we press toward the mark, Election Day! We continue to implore neighbors, families, friends, colleagues and church members to join us in making our voices heard by **voting early** and on Election Day for President Donald J. Trump/JD VANCE and all our Republican candidates! Let's do what's possible and watch God do what seems impossible

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

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



Rhonda Belford



My Faith Votes State Director **Susan Crane** reported as of October 25th, 1,975 letters were mailed by Republican Women to targeted states! Job well done, IFRW!!!



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

"I AM YOUR VOICE. AMERICA FIRST!"

~ President Donald J. Trump

CLUB SPOTLIGHT Kankakee County RW

EACH ONE REACH ONE

Kankakee County RW campaigned the old-fashioned way - one door at a time!

Lori Owen (Vice President, KFRW) and Beth Provost (Secretary, IFRW) were out on knocking doors in their respective precincts to encourage folks to vote early and share Republican candidate literature.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT UPPER NORTHWEST RW CAMPAIGNS FOR JUDGE JOE MCGRAW!



Congressional candidate Judge Joe McGraw and Sen. Andrew Chesney met with early bird voters in the Freeport Municipal Parking Lot across from the County Clerk office. McGraw and Chesney encouraged everyone to get out the vote! After the rally the crowd crossed the street to cast their vote for Judge Joe McGraw!



Early voters from the Joe McGraw Early Voter Rally.



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO “WE THE PEOPLE”?

‘We the People’, by God’s Providence, formed the Constitution of the United States of America. It was a **‘Model of Liberty’**. Its laws favored no people, insured peace and protection for its citizens, promoted prosperity, and every liberty imaginable to a free nation.

America became the greatest nation on earth. **‘We the People’** were united by freedom’s cause with no bounds of opportunity in a free society. **‘We the People’** dreamed big dreams, and Yankee ingenuity yielded abundant fulfillment. **‘We the People’** spoke freely, worshipped freely, and taught our children the benefits of living in a republic, where all were represented equally. **‘We the People’** could afford to generously help other nations since America enjoyed the **‘Blessings of Liberty’**.

‘We the People’, tired of the responsibilities that came with **‘Liberty’**, allowed **‘We the Government’** to take its place so they did not have to worry about keeping up with **‘Issues and Moral Obligations’**. It was fine until **‘Education’** and **‘Social Services’** wanted **‘We the People’** to conform to misguided philosophies. **‘We the Government’** agreed and gave **‘Education’** and **‘Social Services’** full reign to indoctrinate **‘We the People’**.

Then **‘Lobbyists’** and **‘Business’** began to influence **‘We the People’** by offering perks via **‘We the Government’**. As a result, **‘Lobbyists’** and **‘Business’** grew wealthy. **‘We the People’** thought this was fine because many were recipients of the same perks.

‘Lobbyists’ and **‘Business’** tired of **‘We the People’**. They and **‘We the Government’** thought that **‘We the World’** would be a better partner. After all, **‘We the People’** still stood for the Constitution that **‘We the People’** had formed. Unfortunately for **‘We the People’**, the Constitution no longer resembled the original document. While **‘We the People’** were enjoying **‘Blessings of Liberty’**, **‘We the Government’** and **‘We the World’** had enacted laws to replace the rights and freedoms on which **‘We the People’** stand.

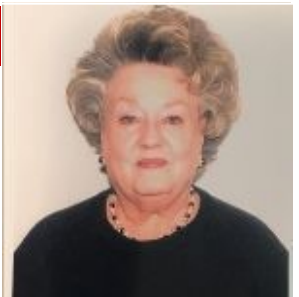
Will the fate of **‘We the People’** ultimately be determined by **‘We the Government’** and/or **‘We the World’**? Ultimately the choice is **‘We the People’s’**. . .

Deb Leininger, IFRW 3rd Vice President

IFRW CHAPLAIN CORNER

“ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God “ Philippians 4:6

It is such a relief to know that God wants us to bring all our concerns to Him
and then relax. It’s like He is saying , “Ok, I’ve got this!”



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

MEMBERSHIP TIP

Membership Tip: With the holidays approaching, this could be an ideal time
to invite family or friends to your club’s holiday themed events!



CARITINA MAYER
IFRW TREASURER

DON'T FORGET! PAY YOUR DUES!

To lessen Caritina’s workload, **Mary Sundermeyer** (Peoria County RW) has been
appointed "Assistant Treasurer". Send renewing/new membership information to:

MARY SUNDERMEYER: Email: mscunder@aol.com

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

REMINDER! DEADLINE FOR CLUB DUES IS JANUARY 1ST.

Send your club dues to Caritina Mayer: Email: frwtreasurercm@gmail.com

Just a reminder...

Don't forget to bring
your club's silent
auction donation to the
IFRW Fall Conference
Nov 15th-16th

Woven together like a
basket, we support
each other so no one
carries the load alone.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT Carroll County RW



OFFICER INSTALLATION

L to R: Karen Funk: President

Diane Bradbury: Vice President

Arlene Bickelhaupt conducted a touching interactive remembrance ceremony of departed club members.

Illinois Republican Party Chair Kathy Salvi



KATHY SALVI

OUR WORK ISN'T DONE! GET OUT THE VOTE!

The Illinois Republican Party applauds our candidates, volunteers, precinct committeemen, and Illinois Federation of Republican Women for dedicating their time and treasure to help Illinois families.

We're seeing a high number of Republicans voting early to help our candidates finish strong. Momentum is building but our work isn't done. Each of us can reach out to 10 more family members, friends, and neighbors to make sure they vote early and vote Republican.

Vote for economic growth and job creation. Vote to address the rising cost of living that impacts our everyday lives. Vote for fiscal responsibility and lower taxes, for public safety, to protect our rights, and to stand against leftist socialist policies. Most importantly, vote for the next generation!

Kathy Salvi
Illinois Republican Party Chair

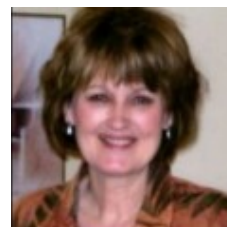
Club News and Photos Are Needed for IFRW Website & Newsletter

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)



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

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

Illinois Republican National Committeewoman Rhonda Belford

Gloria Giorno, Author - author of the book "Outcast"

Live Podcast with Cor Strategies and area political pundits ... and much more!

Tickets

\$50 +online fee

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

- ☆ Meet Illinois Republican Chair Kathy Salvi
- ☆ Hear Illinois Republican Nat'l Committeewoman Rhonda Belford
- ☆ Network with like-minded women across Illinois
- ☆ See a live podcast of the Smoke-filled Room with area pundits
- ☆ Participate in the festive Silent Auction and more!

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
2024 Fall Conference
'Hope for Our Future!'

November 15-16, 2024
Holiday Inn & Suites - East Peoria
101 Holiday St. | East Peoria, Illinois 61611
(309-698-3333)

Sponsorship Form

Illinois Federation of Republican Women holds Spring and Fall conferences annually. The conferences include guest speakers, panel discussions on varied topics to build leaders and promote and stronger membership, silent auctions, training sessions, and networking opportunities

Republican women are the backbone of the GOP. They collect petitions, hold meet and greets, and get out the vote to bring their candidates to victory!

Spring Leadership Conference.

_____ Friday Reception Sponsor	\$
_____ Saturday Breakfast Sponsor	\$
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Sponsors receive recognition at conference.

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Sponsorships Must Be Received by **November 12, 2024**

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Thank you, Sponsors & Patrons

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CHALLENGE TO LOCAL CLUBS!

Become an IFRW Patron with
an annual
contribution of \$100!

Club contributions to the Patron program
enables IFRW to bring great speakers and
training sessions to our bi-annual conferences.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

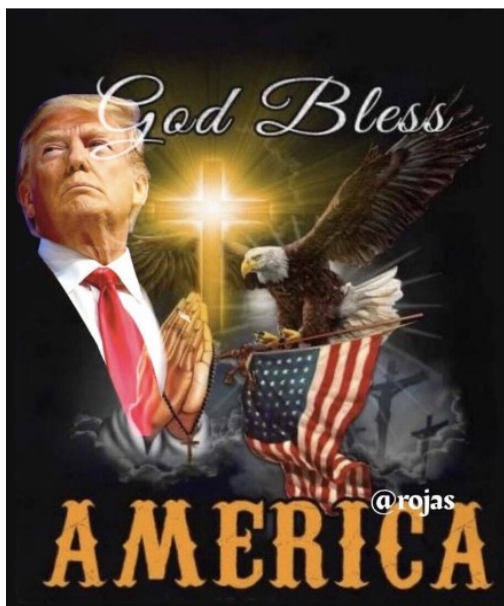
\$100 Individual or Club Donation

We invite you to become an
IFRW Patron Member

IFRW provides an avenue for women
to influence policy, develop candidates,
and elect leaders in Illinois.

For more information and to donate...
Log on to IFRW.org.

Thank you for your support!



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/
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Illinois Federation of Republican Women

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