

FEBRUARY 2026

Join us on Monday, February 23rd, as we hear from Kenton County Clerk, Gabe Summe, and Kenton County Police Chief, Spike Jones, at our luncheon. Gabe will speak on voter integrity & poll workers, and Spike will speak on ICE in NKY. Registration begins at 11:30am with the program beginning at noon at the Oriental Wok, Ft. Mitchell. Cost is \$25.00/pp (\$26/pp if paying by card) and the lunch choices are: Shrimp Lo Mein or General Wong's Chicken



Use the QR code to pay by Square, but please remember to also RSVP by noon on Wednesday, 2.18.26 to Mary at gold1958@gmail.com OR call/text Mary at 859-750-9871.



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We were sorry that the January meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather. Our newly adopted KCRWC mascot, Hope, was looking forward to meeting those who had planned to attend. Hope cannot attend the regular monthly meeting in February and will be away; however, she will attend the March meeting and will be bringing some friends with her. Please be present at the March meeting to meet Hope and her friends. You will not want to miss this "Trunk" show!

It is that time of year~ dues are due for 2026!

The **2026 membership form** is included in this newsletter. Please bring your legibly filled out form with payment to our **Feb. 23, 2026** meeting or mail the completed form with your check to our PO Box listed on the form! Act fast as the regular price increases on Feb. 24, 2026 (we've extended our date because of the storm cancelling our January meeting), the day after our next meeting! We also hope you can bring a friend to our meetings and encourage them to join you as a member!

IT'S TIME!



DON'T DELAY. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 23, 2026—
luncheon meeting at the
Oriental Wok with KC Clerk,
Gabrielle Summe and KC
Police Chief, Spike Jones!**

**March 23, 2026— luncheon
meeting at the Oriental Wok
with Marcus Carey!**

**April 24, 2026—
Mary Middleton Scholarship
Applications are due! Info
can be found on our website,
and more info will be in our
next newsletter!**

**April 27, 2026—
Save the Date for our 2026
Candidate Forum, beginning
with registration at 6:30pm,
location TBD!**

**April 30, 2026—
Save the Date for KCRP
Lincoln Dinner at
WENZEL DISTILLERY**

From the President:

As I sit to write a message for our February newsletter, it seems that Christmas 2025 was long ago, yet it was just over 30 days since we celebrated the holiday with family and friends. And then winter came to visit and decided to stay awhile. I don't know about you, but sunshine is a welcome sight and comfort food is a daily choice. However, it will not be long before the birds return to sing, the flowers bud and bloom for all to see and the outdoors invite us to enjoy what God has given us to appreciate.

Spring also brings us close to the Primary Election on May 19th and the need for volunteers to help with candidates' campaigns. Our KCRWC By-laws, in line with our state and federal federations, asks our members to promote "an informed electorate through political education and activity".

There are many of us in our organization with differing opinions about the same thing or candidate. Human nature and choices that keep us from fostering loyalty to the principles of the Republican Party contribute to voter suppression and lost elections.

We must learn the contrast between identifying as a Republican and participating as a Republican. There are many political organizations vying for our involvement which are not officially recognized as part of the Federation, the Republican Party and the Republican National Committee. The KCRWC by-laws are specific and function as the governing documents for the way our club operates much like the US Constitution and its importance to the "aims and purposes" of our governing body.

Please look for information in our newsletters to help you make educated choices as a voter and member of the KCRWC. Our attitude is everything; it shapes our beliefs and our own desires. Chuck Swindoll said it best, "life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

We hope to see you at our luncheon meeting on February 23rd! Until then, keep warm and stay safe!

For God and Country,
Pam Roberts Albers
KCRWC, President, 2026 & 2027



Longtime KCRWC member, Audrey Wayland, has passed away. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her family.

Audrey Kay Wayland, age 89, passed away peacefully on January 29, in her long-time home in Lakeside Park, Kentucky, surrounded by her sisters and loving family who stood faithfully by her side and cared for her in her final days. She was born on July 30, 1936, in Pendleton County, Kentucky, to Edna Harrison Massey and Albert Massey. Audrey was the oldest of eight children, a role she embraced throughout her life as a steady source of guidance, love, and wisdom. The visitation and funeral service was held at Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday, February 7.

The full obituary and tribute to Audrey's life can be found at:

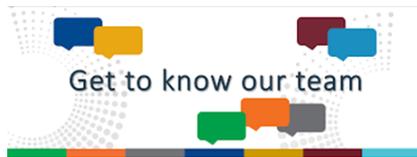
<https://chambersandgrubbs.com/tribute/details/5448/Audrey-Wayland/obituary.html#tribute-start>



News for you to peruse:

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: **President Trump & Vice President Vance** and their team working with them. All of our elected officials & candidates, as well as our first responders and our armed forces.

Please keep the following in your prayers as they navigate/recover from health issues: MaryLou Blount, Connie Coghill, Jon Draud & Jennifer O'Connor and Karen Campbell's husband, Randy. Also, Ashley McNeese & family on the passing of her sister-in-law, KY State Treasurer Mark Metcalf on the loss of his father, and KY Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell on the loss of his father.



Meet Your 1st Vice-President , Jennifer O'Connor:

As a past KCRWC President, I am thrilled to be back on the Board serving as 1st VP. I am especially excited to work alongside the passionately conservative group of Republican women who make Kenton County the greatest Women's Club in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The most important thing to know about me is that I am a Christian, first and foremost. I read my Bible daily and teach a weekly Bible study in my neighborhood. The biblical principles I live by align me with conservatism and the Republican party. In addition to my previous roles as KCRWC President and Treasurer, I have served on the KCRP Executive Committee for the past two decades. I also currently serve as the Deputy Campaign Manager for Ed Gallrein for Congress.

I hold a Bachelors of Science in Pre-Law from Post University, where I graduated valedictorian of my class in 2018. I completed one semester at the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 2021 before taking a medical leave of absence. In 2024, I had open heart surgery and am currently recovering from breast cancer. I have appreciated all of the love, support, and prayers from this amazing club through both of these journeys.

Finally, I wouldn't be me if I didn't mention my amazing family! I have two incredible sons that I could not be more proud of! Daniel, 28, is an attorney for Morgan & Morgan in Orlando. He will be getting married and moving to Jacksonville this fall, where his fiance is a resident at the Mayo Clinic. Joshua, 25, is a first year medical student at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington. May these children collectively bless me with dozens of grandchildren! This year my pilot captain husband Tim and I will be married for 5 years, together for 12. We have a precious 3 year old German Shepherd named Magnus.



Ways to Find Us

KCRWC
PO Box 17071
Lakeside Park, KY 41017
Email: kcrwcinfo@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.kcrwc.org/>

We are also on Facebook!
Search for: **Kenton County Republican Women's Club**, and click "like".

The Kenton County Republican Women's Club (KCRWC) was formed by Mary Middleton in 1960, and strives to be a portal to the world of politics not only in Northern Kentucky, but also in our Commonwealth and our Nation.

We give our members the opportunity, knowledge and the support they need to run for office, manage and work on campaigns, meet personally with their national, state and local legislators and contribute to the education of their community regarding Republican causes.

Membership in KCRWC is open to all registered Republican Women in the Northern Kentucky area of any age or ethnicity, who are interested in promoting the objectives and policies of the Republican Party.

Our membership currently includes men and women from Kenton, Campbell, Boone, Grant & Scott Counties.

Join us, and spread the word!

CHECK THE BOX

POLITICAL PARTY FUND
By checking the box, \$2 is allocated towards Kentucky Republicans. \$1.50 to the RPK and 50c to your county Republican party without affecting your refund or tax due.

	A. Spouse		B. Yourself	
Democratic	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Republican	(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No Designation	(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(6)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Be sure to wear an elephant at our monthly meetings (and fill out a slip) to be entered into a special drawing at our '26 Christmas Party!

Did You Know ???

The United States remains dominated by two major, nationally recognized political parties—the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. There are numerous smaller parties that play crucial roles in shaping public policy, local elections, and national debates. Here are some facts for you:



Democratic Party

Overview:

* Founded in 1828, the Democratic Party is one of the oldest political parties in the world.

Key Policies:

- * Expanding access to affordable healthcare (Medicare expansion).
- * Fighting climate change through green energy initiatives and reduction in emissions.
- * Promoting economic equality and raising the minimum wage.
- * Protecting voting rights and increasing voter access.



Republican Party

Overview:

* Established in 1854, the Republican Party is the main opposition to the Democratic Party.

Key Policies:

- * Reducing the size of the federal government and lowering taxes.
- * Advocating deregulation, especially in industries like energy and finance.
- * Supporting a strong national defense and strict immigration controls.
- * Opposing broad federal control over healthcare and other social services.



Libertarian Party

Overview:

* The Libertarian Party advocates minimal government interference in both personal lives and the economy. Founded in 1971, it is the largest third party in the United States.

Key Policies:

- * Strongly supports individual freedom and civil liberties.
- * Advocates for a free-market economy with minimal government regulation.
- * Proposes drastic cuts in federal government spending.
- * Supports non-interventionist foreign policies.

Other political parties in the United States are the Green Party, Constitution Party, Working Families Party, Socialist Party and Reform Party. Look for more information on these political parties in our next newsletter.

Membership news from Mary:

As you know from KFRW newsletters we have an American 250 Membership Challenge for 2026/2027. Attached to the newsletter is a full description of this challenge to refresh your memory. The first phase of this challenge, the Patriot's Keepers Guild, challenges us to meet or exceed 2025 membership totals. To date we have 41 members that have renewed and 6 new members, not counting our Associates. For purposes of this challenge, we won't be including Associates. Your support is still important to us. Our goal by **March 1st, 2026** is 61 members or more. This phase of our challenge is within our grasp! If you have not yet renewed please do so either by mail to the address on the form or by attending our February 23rd meeting. We currently have 22 members who have not renewed. I'm sure many of you planned to renew at our January meeting. Mother Nature didn't cooperate. Through your efforts we can be one step closer to the Founders Honor Medal. We can do this if we all pull together!



Founders Circle

2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Best Contact Information:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____
(required for KREF reporting)

Employer: _____
(required for KREF reporting)

Submit: **\$65.00** (personal checks only - no corporate checks allowed by law)
Make check payable to: KCRWC and note "Founders Circle" in the memo line.

Or you may pay **\$67.00** by credit card at a meeting or via this QR code:



KCRWC use only:	Date paid: _____
Check #: _____	Cash: _____ CC: _____



KCRWC Founders Circle

**Back in 2024, the Executive Board of the
Kenton County Republican Women's Club formed
the "Founders Circle"!**

The KCRWC "Founders Circle" has an annual yearly membership fee of \$65.00 (\$67.00 if paying by card) which entitles the member to attend a planned special event as well as be included in all activities related to the Founders Circle. The annual fee provides additional support to our candidates and to promote the KCRWC. It is also a platform to "honor" the legacy of our founders who knew, 65 years ago in 1960, that a Republican Women's Club was needed in Kenton County! This will also increase member awareness of our overall political efforts in KY. Each year, we give out our \$1,000.00 Mary Middleton Scholarship, and we give a donation to candidates running for office. These endeavors both need to be funded! For candidate donations, we base them on gender and membership in the KCRWC in the following ascending order: Female member, Female non-member, Male associate member, and Male non-member.

Membership does have its privileges!

Please consider joining us as a Founders Circle member! You may join at any time throughout the year but we encourage you to join early so that you may participate in the special event/s planned for 2026.

A membership application is attached. Please submit your application and make the check out to KCRWC with "Founders Circle" in the memo line.

**Please reach out to Lynn Berk @ lynn@berkdigitalprinting.com
if you have any questions.**



2026 Kenton County Republican Women's Club (KCRWC) Membership Dues Form

Check one: **2026 Renewal** **New Member – have never been a KCRWC member before!**

Check one:

\$50.00 Member Dues (will increase to \$55 after 2/23/26) **OR**

\$45.00 Senior Member (**age 65+**) Dues (will increase to \$50 after 2/23/26) **OR**

\$30.00 Associate Member Dues*

*Associate means: a regular member of another club, or a registered Republican male member.

IN ADDITION to my membership dues, I am enclosing **\$25.00** **\$50.00** **\$75.00** **Other \$ _____**
to help the Kenton County Republican Women's Club continue to spread the conservative message.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION AND ENCLOSE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH DUES PAYING MEMBER!

Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Preferred E-mail: _____

Registered Republican Precinct Chair Elected Official Office held: _____

Check here if you **DO NOT** wish to be included in the KCRWC Membership Directory.
Note: Membership Directory will include Name, Address, Phone number and E-mail.

Volunteer Opportunities—minimal time required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Recruitment | <input type="checkbox"/> Raising Funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Americanism/Scholarship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for America |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation/Campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Executive Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on a Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other skills or interests that may support the KCRWC _____ | |

REMEMBER ... your KCRWC dues automatically make you a member of the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women (\$10 to KFRW) and also the National Federation of Republican Women (\$20 to NFRW), giving you access to all resources at each level!

KCRWC use only:	
Date paid: _____	Amt. paid: _____
Check #: _____	Cash: _____
New member packet given: _____	

If you cannot attend a meeting and would like to mail your dues check, please send check **made out to KCRWC** to:

KCRWC - Membership
PO BOX 17071
LAKESIDE PARK, KY 41017

Announcing the America 250 Membership Challenge

As our great nation approaches the momentous 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the NFRW is proud to launch an inspiring new initiative under President Martha Jenkins' leadership: the **America 250 Membership Challenge**

Membership Challenge:

This campaign honors the enduring legacy of 1776 while empowering our clubs to grow stronger, engage more deeply, and prepare the next generation of conservative women leaders. Just as our Founding Fathers united with courage and vision to build a free America, we are called to rekindle that patriotic spirit within NFRW—ensuring our Federation thrives for centuries to come.

A Challenge for Every Club

The America 250 Membership Challenge spans both years of President Jenkins' term, with three progressive achievement levels that clubs can pursue annually. Earn one, two, or all three each year to celebrate your dedication and progress!

- **Patriot Keepers Guild** – Honoring clubs that maintain membership strength, keeping the flame of commitment alive. *To achieve this level in 2026, clubs must meet or exceed their 2025 membership count by **March 1, 2026**. Focus on renewing all of your 2025 members!*
- **Liberty Builders Brigade** – Recognizing clubs that actively recruit new members, bringing fresh voices and energy to our cause. *To achieve this level in 2026, clubs must increase their 2025 membership count by **10%** by **July 4, 2026**. New clubs chartered in 2026 need 25 members by December 31, 2026.*
- **Signers Circle** – Celebrating clubs with exceptional growth, echoing the bold courage of the original signers of the Declaration. *To achieve this level in 2026, clubs must increase their 2025 membership count by **25%** by **July 4, 2026**. New clubs chartered in 2026 need 50 members by December 31, 2026.*

At the pinnacle awaits the prestigious **Founders Honor Medal**, awarded to clubs that achieve Signers Circle status for two consecutive years. These exemplary clubs embody the consistency, leadership, and unity that have defined both our nation and NFRW since our founding in 1938.

Let's Start Strong in 2026!

More details on the challenge can be found [HERE](#). More resources to help your club succeed are coming soon. In the meantime, focus on the essential first step: **Renew all of last year's members by the end of February** to qualify for the Patriot Keepers Guild level.