Republican Federated Women of The Villages

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
**Thursday, March 12, 2026**



## LETTER FROM YOUR RFWTV PRESIDENT

Meg's Message






## Announcing……

Whether you are an experienced Conference/Convention attendee or new to our FFRW State Conferences, this will be a great opportunity for you to see and hear amazing National speakers and some very special guests that you will definitely want to hear and get your photo taken with! Great workshops are planned, Welcome Reception with surprise guests and the opportunity to volunteer to help with the FFRW Silent Auction that is being Chaired by…..ME! It is a chance for you to meet fellow FFRW members, understand how RFWTV fits into the State and National organizations and spend time with and really get to know your RFWTV sisters. You will learn new things that you can share with your RFWTV committee members when you get home. *I strongly encourage you to consider signing up.*

To sweeten the learning experience, there will be a **Dessert and FFRW Conference Gathering on Monday, March 9 from 3-4:30 PM at Evans Prairie Restaurant for those interested in attending the FFRW Conference.** Carol Mangan and I will share our insights and experience from attending past FFRW Conferences and Conventions. We will have the latest and greatest information for you and hopefully be able to answer every question you have. **Please RSVP to email by March 6 if**

**you plan to attend so that the we have enough goodies.** If you order an “adult” beverage, *that’s on you!!!*

RFWTV has traditionally reimbursed the cost of the FFRW Conference Registration for our members (not Associates) at the **Early Bird Rate which is $225** this year. **The deadline for the FFRW Early Bird Rate is March 15.** We do not cover the credit card service fee.

**Now the ground rules for reimbursement:**

1. You must attend from Gavel to Gavel - all workshops and FFRW Business meetings from Saturday morning to final gavel on Sunday. Your Registration fee does cover the opening celebrations on Friday night but your attendance is required beginning Saturday, April 11.
2. You are to be actively enrolled in a Committee. Remember our RFWTV Club 2026 Resolution about joining a Committee? You still have time to get involved!

Mark your calendar for the FFRW Conference and hotel registration deadlines.

**Registration Link**

See you soon,

Meg



FFRW SPRING CONFERENCE
April 10-12, 2026
Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore

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**3-4:30 p.m. | Evans Prairie**

**For those interested in attending the FFRW Conference.**

**Insights & experience from attending past FFRW Conferences shared. Latest and greatest information & question/answer.**

**Please RSVP by March 6th if you plan to attend.**

**RFWTVmeg@gmail.com**

## AGENDA
## General Meeting - March 16, 2026

Location: Rohan Recreation Center | 10-11:50 AM

- **Call to Order**
- **Prayer**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **President's Comments and Announcements**
- **Welcome - Members, Guests and Visitors**
- **Committee Spotlight**
- **Business Reports**
- **Recording Secretary - Eileen Gressock**
- **Treasurer's Report - Carol Mangan**
- **Speaker: Lt. Col. Frances Rice, (Ret.)**
- **Closing**
- **Adjourn**

**General Membership Minutes**

**February 2026**



Great day at FFRW Legislative Day in Tallahassee. Attendees in the picture from RFWTV include Mary Lazich, RFWTV Legislative Affairs Chair, Ann Bourke, RFWTV Corresponding Secretary and Dianne Olsen, RFWTV Campaign Activism Chair.

**Prayer Warriors in Action**

## World Day of Prayer Event

**March 6, 2026**
**10 AM - 12 noon**

**North Lake Presbyterian Church**
**975 Rolling Acres Road**
**Lady Lake, 32159**
**(located behind Home Depot).**

**All Faiths encouraged to**
**join together to pray.**

**Contact Ann Bourke PHONE**

# CALLING ALL

L E F T  O V E R

# LEPRECHAUNS

**Wednesday, March 18th**

**Trillium Rec Center**

## 1–3 PM

We're planning on getting together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day (late), wear green, eat cupcakes and play fun games together.

Bring a favorite game or just jump in and learn something new and fun.

Guests are welcome just remember to bring a Villager ID.

## RSVP

**Ruthie by texting (914) 420-5703**



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# Americanism Spotlight

## WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

Whenever the occasion presents itself to introduce myself, I always say, I am a proud Filipino by birth but a grateful American by choice. In my early 20s, I took a leap of faith to pursue the American Dream armed only with one suitcase and a fierce determination to succeed. America indeed was the land of opportunity where I enjoyed very successful careers not only in my profession of Dietetics in Management positions, but also careers in academe at the university level after completing a Master's Degree, short of a thesis; became a successful restaurant entrepreneur and finally as a Human Resources Executive with United Airlines. Life in America is a GIFT and I will always be deeply thankful for all the incredible blessings and so many acts of kindness I have received in my journey. With God's help and with firm resolve, I will always try my best to find ways to give back and make a difference. This is what America means to me and this is why I love America.

*Tita Dumagsa*




The Villages
FLORIDA
February 16, 2026
RFWTV President's Day Flag giveaway




**Kudos to Kathy Nichols for organizing a terrific day at World Equestrian Center - great facility, horses jumping, beautiful flowers, magnificent building interiors, fun dog/animals in clothes(!) paintings, bakery and toy store extraordinaire and best all, time spent with new and golden (not old) friends.**

**Lunch at Polo Pony Restaurant was delicious and our political and women's health discussions were truly memorable.**

**Again, thank you Kathy. Thank you also to our drivers Kathy and Pat**




## TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please see the membership desk in the back at our meeting.

Members Dues $45
Associate Members Dues $25

**FORM**

**SPEAKER**

# Frances Presley Rice

## Topic of Speech

### A Tribute to the African American Women Trailblazers Who Helped Build Our Nation



**FRANCES PRESLEY RICE** is a retired lawyer and Army Lieutenant Colonel with 20 years of active service and several distinguished medals. She holds a Juris Doctorate from the UC College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings College of the Law); a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco; and a Bachelor of Science degree from Drury University in Missouri.

She was admitted to practice law in the states of Minnesota and Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia. She was authorized to practice law before the United States Court of Military Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.
Frances began her military career in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) where she served for ten years, first as an enlisted woman, then as an officer after attending Officer Candidate School (OCS). During those ten years of service, she was honored as the top graduate of her basic training class, her advanced training class and her OCS class. Under an Army program, she was selected to attend law school during the day where she was honored with the top Moot Court award, all while pursuing an MBA degree on her own at night at Golden Gate.

Upon graduation, she transitioned into the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) where she eventually became the Army's JAG highest-ranking woman.

Among her multiple Army assignments were WAC company commander, prosecutor in courts martial, adjutant of a basic combat training brigade where she was the only woman, special assistant to the Army's Judge Advocate General in the Pentagon, and legal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity in the Pentagon.

Upon retirement, she was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service. Her other awards were the Meritorious Service Medal, the Department of Defense Commendation Medal, the US Army Commendation Medal (awarded four times), the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the United States Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

After her military career, she worked for the McDonnell Douglas Corporation as a government contract advisor on the law of space exploration. She taught Business Law for the European Division of the University of Maryland, Belgium.
She is the founder and Chairman of the National Black Republican Association, which was founded in 2005 and is dedicated to recapturing the rich civil rights legacy of the Republican Party.

Driven by a passion for revealing untold narratives about successful African Americans, Frances chronicles the achievements of little-known heroes, shedding light on their remarkable achievements despite facing obstacles.
Frances wrote the book *STEM Pioneers and Visionaries: A Compendium of African American Innovators and Inventors in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics,* which highlights the incredible African Americans who transformed every component of American life with cleverness and resilience.

She wrote, also, the book *Black Trailblazers: Pioneering African Americans Who Shaped the Founding and Development of America,* which helps bring to light the incredible achievements of African Americans and inspires current and future generations to strive for success.

Frances is also a screenwriter and producer of documentaries with renowned Director Bayer Mack.

**Their films include:**
**OSCAR MICHEAUX: THE CZAR OF BLACK HOLLYWOOD,** the critically acclaimed documentary film which was nominated for a Black Reel Award as the “Outstanding Independent Documentary” by the Foundation for the Advancement of African Americans in Film (FAAAF).

**IN THE HOUR OF CHAOS** which tells the story of the Reverend Martin Luther King Sr., father of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and the King family that was runner-up in the documentary category of the San Francisco Black Film Festival.

**NO LYE: AN AMERICAN BEAUTY STORY** which won the “Outstanding Independent Documentary” in the Black Reel Award, as well as “Best Documentary” in the Urban Mediamakers Festival.

**PROFILES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SUCCESS,** which is a series about African American entrepreneurs who overcame incredible obstacles and achieved success against the odds in the late 19th century and early 21st century.

**BLACK SEEDS: THE HISTORY OF AFRICANS IN AMERICA,** the epic three-part documentary that won two awards: "Best Producer" in the Freedom Festival International and “Best Documentary" in the Denton Black Film Festival. The film received an “Honorable Mention” in the Orlando International Film Festival. It was an “Official Selection” of the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival, the African Film Festival, and the Denton Black Film Festival.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our members birthdays.

**March 17, 2026 | Noon**

**Evans Prairie Country Club, 825 Evans Prairie Trail**

## MUST RSVP!

**Ruthie Mazzei by TEXTING:**

**(914) 420-5703**



# MARCH 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4<br>Cards<br>1-3:30PM<br>Trillium RC | 5<br>Board Meeting<br>10AM<br>Pinellas Library | 6<br>World Day of Prayer<br>Matthew 11:28-30 | 7<br>Food/Donation Collections<br>10AM - 3PM<br>Mulberry Publix |
| 8<br>Food/Donation Collections<br>10AM - 3PM<br>Mulberry Publix | 9<br>DESSERT<br>FFRW Conf.<br>Info Gathering<br>3-4:30PM<br>Evans Prairie | 10 | 11<br>Social Engagement<br>NOON<br>Trillium (before cards)<br>Cards<br>1-3:30PM<br>Trillium RC | 12<br>RFWTV Meeting<br>10AM<br>Rohand | 13<br>Literacy/ Education Committee<br>10AM to noon<br>Pinellas Library | 14 |
| 15<br>Deadline<br>FFRW Conf.<br>Early Bird Rate | 16 | 17<br>Campaign Activism<br>9-11AM<br>Pinellas Library (102)<br>Birthday Luncheon<br>Evans Prairie/NOON | 18<br>St. Patrick's Game Day<br>1- 4:30PM<br>Trillium | 19<br>Armed Services<br>2-4PM<br>Standard Coffee (Spanish Plaines)<br>Legislative Affairs<br>1-3PM<br>Belvedere Library Room 117 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24<br>Americanism Meeting<br>10AM \| Room 120<br>Belvedere Library | 25<br>Cards<br>1-3:30PM<br>Trillium RC | 26<br>Prayer Warriors Meeting<br>1PM<br>1686 Dutchess Loop | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

*Please check our FaceBook group for updates:*
**RFWTV- KEEP FLORIDA RED!**

LAST UPDATED: 2/26/26




Caring Hands
FBC

# 2026 Scheduled Donation Publix Tables

## Collecting food/$ donations from the community shoppers!

**Saturday, March 7th**
Mulberry Publix (8780 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, TV) from 10am-3pm

**Sunday, March 8th**
Mulberry Publix (8780 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, TV) from 10am-3pm

**Saturday, July 25th**
Colony Publix (327 Colony Blvd, TV) from 10am-3pm

**Sunday, July 26th**
Colony Publix (327 Colony Blvd, TV) from 10am-3pm

**Interested in helping at a table, contact Maureen at 708-912-6991**




# 1 Minute @ 9 PM

## Pray for Our President & Our Country.

**Please Contact Ann Bourke for**

## Prayer Requests

**EMAIL or CALL**

***We are looking for more***
***PRAYER WARRIORS***

We meet monthly 1 PM | 1686 Dutchess Loop

1 minute at 9 p.m. every night we pray for President Trump and his administration as well as everyone in government to stay close to God and be led by his wisdom and protected by His strength.

## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, March 12, 2026**
**10 AM | Rohan Recreation Center**

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