

Speaker Bios



Eileen Sobjack was elected president of the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) at the 41st Biennial Convention in Orlando, Fla., and took office in January 2022.

Previously, Eileen served on the NFRW Executive Committee as 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, 3rd vice president, secretary and member-at-large. She is an NFRW Capitol Regent. In 2011, she was one of five state presidents nominated for the NFRW Ronald Reagan Leadership Award.

Instrumental in supporting the reorganized club of Whatcom County RW, she was elected club president in 2000. At the state level, she served in many key and varied roles before being elected to two terms as state president of the Washington Federation of Republican Women (WFRW). During her terms WFRW membership increased.

Her journey into politics started when she was a young mother and a partner in her husband's business. She saw firsthand the burden of excessive government control on families and small business. She became dedicated to assuring the liberty and freedoms we enjoy are available for the next generation. This led to her involvement initially as a volunteer lobbyist and activist for Republican issues.

She has served at many levels of county Republican leadership and as a member of the state party executive board. For her efforts, she was named 2006 Republican of the Year. She has been elected as a precinct committee officer since 1988 and has maintained the strong Republican percentage of votes in her precinct.

Eileen works each election season in local, state, and national campaigns. She has managed many campaigns over the years, but she also dons her tennis shoes to doorbell for candidates, makes phone calls and provides meals to volunteers. She is eager to assist with whatever is needed.

Over the years, Eileen has volunteered her media experience to political and nonprofit groups, giving radio and TV interviews, writing articles and media releases, and organizing press conferences to promote Republican issues.

Eileen was elected as a Whatcom County charter review commissioner in 2015, receiving the most votes in her district. She is a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary, served as a trustee in her church and is a former public-school teacher and private teaching consultant. She and her husband raised three active responsible citizens who, along with their spouses and nine children, are all Republicans.





Dr. Rand Paul is one of the nation's leading advocates for liberty. Elected to the United States Senate in 2010, Dr. Paul has proven to be an outspoken champion for constitutional liberties and fiscal responsibility. As a fierce advocate against government overreach, Dr. Paul has fought tirelessly to return government to its limited, constitutional scope. As a hard-working and dedicated physician - not a career politician - Dr. Paul came to Washington to shake things up and to make a difference.

Dr. Paul is a devoted husband and father of three and has been married for 31 years to Kelley Ashby Paul of Russellville, Ky. Dr. Paul and Kelley are both devout Christians and are active in their

local church. Dr. Paul is the third of five children born to Carol and Ron Paul. He grew up in Lake Jackson, Tex., and attended Baylor University. He graduated from Duke Medical School in 1988. Dr. Paul completed a general surgery internship at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga., and completed his residency in ophthalmology at Duke University Medical Center. Upon completion of his training in 1993, Dr. Paul and Kelley moved to Bowling Green to start their family and begin his ophthalmology practice.

Dr. Paul founded the Southern Kentucky Lions Eye Clinic, an organization that provides eye exams and surgery to needy families and individuals. He is a former president and 17-year member of Lions Clubs International.

During his free time, Dr. Paul currently performs pro-bono eye surgeries for patients across Kentucky. Additionally, he provides free eye surgery to children from around the world. Most recently, he traveled to Guatemala and Haiti on a medical mission trip. During his time in Guatemala and Haiti, over 200 patients, many of them blind with cataracts, had their vision restored.

Marsha Blackburn was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018 and is currently serving her first term representing the state of Tennessee. Before her election to the Senate, Marsha represented Tennessee's 7th Congressional District.

Marsha began her career in public service in 1995 when she was named executive director of the Tennessee Film, Entertainment, and Music Commission. In 1998, she was elected to the Tennessee State Senate. In the state legislature, she earned a reputation for fiscal responsibility and government accountability by identifying waste and offering realistic solutions to Tennessee's budget challenges.

In 2002, Marsha was elected to represent the people of Tennessee's 7th Congressional District. As a Congresswoman, Marsha was often selected by her colleagues to lead the charge for principled conservatism. Her congressional career was also noted for her Chairmanship of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Marsha is an active member of her church, Christ Presbyterian. Marsha and her husband Chuck live in Williamson County, Tennessee. They have two children, Mary Morgan (Paul) Ketchel and Chad (Hillary) Blackburn, two grandsons, and a granddaughter. Originally from Laurel, Mississippi, Marsha is a graduate of Mississippi State University.





Brett Guthrie represents Kentucky's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Second District is the home of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, Mammoth Cave National Park and Fort Knox.

Guthrie serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Energy and Commerce Committee is the oldest standing legislative committee in the House with broad jurisdiction over our nation's energy, health care, telecommunications, and consumer product safety policies.

He is the top Republican on the Energy and Commerce Committee's Health Subcommittee. He also serves on the Communications and Technology Subcommittee and the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee. Last Congress, Guthrie was the top Republican on the Oversight and Investigation's Subcommittee. In this role, Guthrie conducted oversight of COVID-19 response efforts. Guthrie also helped develop recommendations on the health care supply chain, COVID-19 testing, vaccines and more in a series of reports titled the Second Wave Preparedness Project.

Guthrie graduated in 1987 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and went on to serve as a Field Artillery Officer in the 101st Airborne Division – Air Assault at Fort Campbell. Guthrie later earned a master's degree from Yale University in Public and Private Management. Following his military service, he joined Trace Die Cast, the Bowling Green, Ky., based manufacturing business that was started by his father.

First elected to public office in 1998, Guthrie represented the 32nd District in the Kentucky Senate until being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008.

Married to the former Beth Clemmons, they have three children, Caroline, Robby, and Elizabeth.

James Comer was elected to Congress in 2016 to represent the 1st Congressional District, which covers 35 counties from the Mississippi River to Central Kentucky. He currently serves as the Republican Leader of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, where he aggressively advocates for reducing waste, fraud, and abuse in government.

Comer grew up in Monroe County and in 2000, Comer was elected to serve the first of six terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives. He was named National Republican Freshman Legislator of the Year during his first term.

Comer was elected to serve as Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture in 2011. After his election to Congress in 2016, Comer immediately set out to replicate his record of conservative accomplishment in Washington. He served as a member of the 2018 Farm Bill Conference Committee that negotiated an agreement to pass a farm bill making vital improvements to America's agricultural economy.

In addition to serving as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, he is also a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

He is married to TJ Comer, and they have three children - Reagan, Harlan, and Aniston.





Allison Ball is the 38th State Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, currently serving her second term. Prior to her role as State Treasurer, Treasurer Ball practiced bankruptcy law and focused on consumer rights and commercial litigation. As part of her time in public service, Treasurer Ball spent four years as an Assistant Floyd County Attorney, prosecuting child abuse and juvenile delinquency cases.

Treasurer Ball has been a national leader for improved financial literacy. As part of these efforts, she established the Kentucky

Financial Empowerment Database and the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission. She earned the most votes in both the 2015 and 2019 elections. A Floyd County native, Treasurer Ball and her husband, Dr. Asa James Swan, have two children, Levi, and Marigold. In 2018, Treasurer Ball became the first Kentucky constitutional officer to give birth while in office. In 2021, she made history again by giving birth a second time while in office with the birth of her daughter, Marigold. When first elected, she was the youngest female statewide elected official in the U.S. and is a current member of the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women.

Bill Wesley is a Pentecostal Pastor. After high school he attended Bluegrass VO Tech. and served in the US Marine Corp. He currently serves the Irvine Police Department, the Ravenna Police Departments and Estill County Sherriff's Department as Chaplain. His bio lists him as a Kentucky Colonel and he has received a Key to the City of Irvine, Kentucky for his dedicated work in the community. The City of Irvine also recognized his service by giving him the city's "Service Award". This gentleman was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in November 2020 and is currently in his second year of his first term which began in 2021 representing Kentucky House District 91. Because of the work of Representative Wesley, we now have two new clubs in the Kentucky Federation of Republican Women who received their charters in 2021 and 2022.



Teresa Rochetti-Cantrell is retired from city-government, after serving the City of Mayfield, Kentucky for thirty years in the Mayor's Office. The last eight years of her service consisted of two successful terms as the city's first female mayor.

In 2019, she began a second career as the Executive Director of the Annie Gardner Foundation, a privately funded non-profit that serves Mayfield and Graves County residents in need. Since serving in that capacity, she was named Business Woman of the Year by the Mayfield-Graves County Chamber of

Commerce in 2021.

Teresa has been married to her husband, Mike, for 37 years, and they are very proud parents to two grown children, Tyler, and Michelle. Mike and Teresa thoroughly enjoy being GiGi and Moppy to their grandchildren, Bennett, and Emersyn, who are four (4) and one (1), respectively.

Addia Wuchner, a Louisville native, served in the House of Representatives, District 66, for Boone County and Kentucky citizens from 2005 until 2019. She was the first woman in Kentucky to be appointed Chair of the House Standing Committee on Health and Family Services.

She is an unwavering pro-life, pro-family and pro-woman advocate who has championed the human rights of the unborn child and women's *right to know*, the healthcare right to make a completely informed decision before giving consent to abortion.

From the inception, drafting and presentation of the Ultrasound Bill (2017 KY House Bill 2) to its final vindication by the U.S. Supreme Court, Addia promoted this critical piece of pro-life legislation across the finish line. For the first time in history, women who seek an abortion in Kentucky now must be given the opportunity to see who will be aborted and to hear the fetal heartbeat before a final decision is made.

In 2018 she penned The Human Rights of the Child Act - 'Dismemberment Abortion' bill, banning live dismemberment abortions in the Commonwealth. The 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower Court injunction, but Attorney General Cameron is committed to pursuing a challenge to the ruling.

Addia is a Registered Nurse and has been a dedicated healthcare professional for over 36 years, recognized for her contributions in advancing the role of bioethics in healthcare and public policy. She began her career as a nurse at St. Anthony Hospital in Louisville.

Addia and her husband Jan have three children, 12 grandchildren and a lovable Wheaten Terrier named Buddy. Addia officially joined Kentucky Right to Life as Executive Director on January 22, 2021, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and is a current member of the KFRW.



Gabrielle Summe is a lifelong Kenton County resident who made history in 2010 when she was elected as the first female Kenton County Clerk. Since becoming Clerk, she has made it her priority to preserve the county's history by digitizing its records. She was President of the Kentucky County Clerk's Association in 2019 and served on the association's legislation committee for four years. Gabrielle attended NKU's Chase College of Law while working for the Kenton County Child Support office and upon graduation in 2000 became an assistant Kenton County Attorney.

She is involved with Kids Voting and often speaks at area schools and community groups about elections. She is a proud graduate of Leadership Northern Kentucky in 2005. Gabrielle was honored in 2017 as an Outstanding Woman of Northern Kentucky and with the Legend Award by Legacy's Young Professionals.

In 2013, Gabrielle received the Chase College of Law Exceptional Service Award and in 2014 was honored as a Woman Making a Difference by Notre Dame Academy.

Gabrielle believes the County Clerk's office is the business office of the citizens and her work ethic means your tax dollars will be used wisely and efficiently in the administration of the office. She is committed to utilizing technology to save time and money.

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Kaylee Price serves as Senior Vice President of RunSwitch, offering clients expertise in strategic communications, crisis communications, and issue advocacy. Her brass-tacks approach to successfully tell stories on the national, state, and local levels means that clients in many industries now trust Kaylee to help them influence outcomes. She serves as campaign manager for Cong. Brett Guthrie and was named one of Kentucky Gazette's Notable Women in Kentucky Politics and

Government. In addition, Kaylee's work on public relations campaigns for clients like Amazon and Kentucky Farm Bureau have been recognized with top industry awards.

After working for Congressman Brett Guthrie, Kaylee worked on several campaigns full time in battleground states including Texas, Ohio, and Iowa. Kaylee first worked on a statewide campaign in Texas – Roland Sledge for Railroad Commissioner where she was in charge of running a grassroots program in a region which included Houston. In 2012, Kaylee joined the Romney for President Campaign in Ohio as Special Assistant to the State Director. In the most targeted state in America, Kaylee helped manage more than 150 staffers statewide. She assisted with coalition building, media relations, event planning, and carrying out the most robust grassroots program ever seen in a Republican campaign to date.

In 2014, Kaylee spent eight months on Governor Terry Branstad's campaign in Iowa. The campaign team was in charge of building the largest and most innovative grassroots team ever seen in Iowa, finding supporters at the precinct level across the state. Kaylee's region included Des Moines and Polk County, the capitol and largest county in Iowa respectively. The Governor's field team was an integral part of turning out Republicans to the off-year caucuses in January 2014 and building a grassroots team to support the entire 2014 Republican ticket in Iowa.

Originally from Illinois, Kaylee moved to Kentucky in 2005 to attend Western Kentucky University. Kaylee and her dog Governor have traveled the country, but now call Kentucky home with her husband Adam.



Other Speakers in



Workshop and Breakout Sessions are:

Linda J. Brown

KFRW 3rd Vice President
(Wayne Republican Women)

Karie Lester

Chairwoman – KFRW Legislative Committee
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