

OFFICIAL CALL TO CONFERENCE

To All Members of the New York State Federation of Republican Women



Please be advised that pursuant to Article VI, Section 2 of the NYSFRW Bylaws, Kim Bowers, President of the New York State Federation of Republican Women, hereby announces:

The Official Call to the 2021 NYSFRW Conference



Saturday, May 1st 2021

via ZOOM (*Details Below*)

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This notice serves as the official call to the Executive Committee and General Assembly meetings being held in conjunction with the Annual Conference.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

KIM M. BOWERS

Ladies,

As we approach the 2021 Conference of the New York State Federation of Republican Women, this is what a 2-year term has looked like for me.

2019: Beginning one month after our annual conference, I hit the road and visited seven clubs and/or county events throughout New York State. Additionally, I attended my first NFRW convention in Indianapolis, IN with several of our NYSFRW members where we were honored to cheer from the front row as our very own Past President Ann Schockett was elected and installed as President of the National Federation of Republican Women!

Internally, I began a monthly “President’s Roundtable” which allowed all NYSFRW members the opportunity to join in via conference call to catch up on what was happening within our organization.

2020: The year started off strong! We brought on two new clubs: Republicans Women's Club of Columbia / Rensselaer Counties and Yates County Republican Women's Club and welcomed back Kings County Republican Women's Club! And then tragedy struck our country, our world with the COVID-19 pandemic! “Zoom”, “virtual”, facemasks, safe social distance, hand sanitizer and “6 feet apart”, became common, everyday words and phrases. Travel was put on an indefinite hold and life as we knew it was put on pause. Our in-person conference was cancelled and moved to a first-time ever “virtual” conference thanks to the generosity of the NFRW for purchasing a Zoom license for all states and their clubs to use for the remainder of the year. While we maneuvered through the pandemic guidelines imposed by the NYS Governor, we fought hard for the re-election campaign of President Trump and many of our elected officials.

2021: While 2020 didn’t turn out the way we had hoped, we start off on a high note with the escalation of approvals and eligibility for those hoping for the vaccine. Secondly, we hope to have two new clubs join our organization very soon!

So while we once again hold our annual conference in a virtual manner, we look forward to the election of new officers and renewed hope for normalcy!

I thank you all for your support these past two years! And while they were unconventional to say the least, I was honored to have represented you as your President and I look forward to seeing you all very soon in person and at the Conference!

Warmest regards,

Kim M. Bowers

THE FORMATION OF THE NFRW

"The story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote. Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: "The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ..." Republican women's clubs were off and running. In fact, the oldest such club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.

Hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs grew up around the nation in the years to come. For example, there were 140 clubs in Indiana alone by the late 1930s.

It was in 1938 that Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago to organize these clubs into a national organization.

States in which Republican women's clubs were organized on a "statewide" basis sent delegates and alternates to that meeting with a request to affiliate with such an organization. To be considered "statewide" at that time, a state or local club had to have members in 60 percent of the counties of that state. (Later this rule was changed to cover either 50 percent of the counties or 75 percent of the state's congressional districts.)

The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes:

"to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands - to promote education along political lines - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another - and to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party."

Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At the age of 31, Joyce Arneill of Denver, Colo., was elected the first president of the Federation, and the organization began to grow.

At the time of NFRW's founding, three states - Maryland, Virginia, and Alabama - had not even ratified the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting suffrage to women. The campaign of 1936 had reelected Franklin D. Roosevelt over Alf Landon with only two states - Maine and Vermont - going Republican. There were only six Republican governors, 89 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, and 16 in the Senate.

And yet the National Federation of Republican Women - born in a climate of defeat - grew in size and strength, providing a vehicle for women concerned with the direction of our government.

In 1940, the NFRW reported that, "Since the founding of the Federation, there has been a steady and consistent progress." Thirty-four states, as well as the District of Columbia, were represented in the Federation through statewide federations and/or individual clubs.

In its earliest days, the Federation was a lobbying group. In 1940, NFRW enlisted the support of its members to urge their representatives in Washington to hold free and open hearings and a full investigation on the amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act. They wrote their representatives during National Debt Week to impress them with the fact that constituents were concerned about the national debt. And on June 10, 1940, NFRW President Joyce Arneill sent a letter to all club presidents urging their help in keeping Congress in session until the immediate crisis of the "foreign situation" was past.

By September 1, 1943, 23 statewide federations held membership in the national organization, along with 98 individual clubs from 16 states. In January 1953, the organization's name was changed to the National Federation of Republican Women.

Today, the NFRW - once an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee - is financially and organizationally independent. It is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation."

NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TENTATIVE AGENDA – *Subject to Change*
Saturday, May 1st

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (*Closed Session*)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Treasurer's Report
 - Membership Report
- Recording Secretary's Reports
 - 2020 Conference
- Meeting
 - Credentials Report
 - President's Remarks
 - Report of Nominating Committee
 - Candidate Presentations (3-5 minutes each)
 - Election of Officers
 - Installation of Officers

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL GUEST REMARKS

Ann Schockett, NFRW President & NYSFRW Past-President

GUEST SPEAKER

MICHAEL CAPUTO

Former political advisor and assistant secretary of public affairs for the Department of Health and Human Services in the Trump administration.

NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

2021-2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEES



TRISHA TURNER
President



LYDIA BISKUP
1st Vice President



CHRISTINE BENEDICT
2nd Vice President
Membership



HEATHER SCRIBNER
3rd Vice President
Fundraising



SALLY HOGAN
Corresponding Secretary



MARY ALICE PANEK
Recording Secretary



KIM BOWERS
Treasurer





TRISHA TURNER President

Trisha Turner has a long history of community service and community leadership roles. She began her career working in the inner city of New Haven with students with severe behavioral and emotional disabilities. She created and maintained an after-school program to help inner city kids stay off the streets and engage in positive activities. She also worked with students with learning disabilities and taught in an adult literacy program. Trisha

continued working with students in an advocacy role. She provided students educational support and advocated for appropriate special education support services. She participated in the Yale-New Haven Teacher's Institute to create curriculum programs for the teaching community.

As a parent, she served as the Vice President of VOICE, a parent advocacy group for special education students. She was a member of the special education re-evaluation committee at Victor Central Schools. Additionally, she has served as a co-chair of the Victor PTSA Grants Committee, Budget Committee, and Red Ribbon Week, anti-drug/alcohol program. She participated in the VCS building Council and as a PTSA Parent Representative for several programs in the District. She is currently a member of the Victor School Board and has served two prior terms.

Politically, she serves as the Finger Lakes Regional Vice-Chair and the County Chair of the Ontario County Republican Committee. She also serves as the 7th JD Director of the NYSFRW and the President of the Ontario County Women's Republican Club, with a priority to support Veterans and programs such as Honor Flight and local VA Hospital. She works hard to support Republican candidates on the local, state and federal levels. Legislatively, Trisha serves as the Regional Director of the Finger Lakes for the NYS Assembly Conference.

Most importantly, she is a mom of three beautiful girls and will be married thirty years this June to her husband Mark. She values family and freedom and committed to do her part to help turn around our state. Additionally, she is dedicated to help women become involved in politics and make a difference in NYS!



LYDIA BISKUP

1st Vice President

Lydia is currently the 1st Vice President for the Federated Republican Women of Dutchess County, previously having served three consecutive terms as President. She has been a Poughkeepsie resident for many years during which she has been deeply involved in the Republican Party in numerous ways. Lydia has been an active member of the Town of Poughkeepsie Republican Committee and has served in a multitude of roles as mentor, volunteer, and advocate in numerous situations and events. Lydia has spent countless hours walking petitions, working at fundraisers, and doing whatever work was necessary to get local and state Republican officials elected. Lydia's leadership in all of these roles paved the way for other women leaders in Dutchess County to stand forward and have a voice...a voice not only in the Republican party, but in the county, the state, and in their work, communities, and personal lives.

Currently Lydia works for New York State Senator Sue Serino, 41st District, as Director of District Operations for Dutchess County and Putnam County District Senate offices. Lydia develops and implements policy objectives, strategies and operating plans for district offices and directs all activities and staff, as well as represents the Senator and/or assigns staff to do so in the district offices all while maintaining working relationships with the Senator, staff, local officials and constituents.

Prior to her role with the Senator, Lydia's extensive work history in NYC retail and fashion led her through a great career in merchandising, advancing her career all the way to Senior Vice President. She later took her knowledge to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, where she served as Professor for the Fashion Program, providing instruction, lesson planning, on-line course instruction, classroom management, and assessment of her student's achievements. She also served as Director External & Internal Internship Program at Marist in Manhattan, NY.

In 2017, Lydia Biskup won the Henrietta Wells Livermore Woman of the Year Award. Lydia continues to exemplify the tenets of this award in her daily work with Senator Serino, and in all she does for the Republican party.

Her Political activities include: Chair Nominating Committee, (NYSFRW); Chair Way & Means, Chair Special Awards (PWRCDC); Member and Past President, Poughkeepsie Women's Republican Club of Dutchess County; Co- Chair Rules & Regulations Committee, NYS Delegate (Dutchess County GOP); as well as held various positions with the Town of Poughkeepsie Republican Committee.

Additionally, she is a Parishioner & Eucharistic Minister (Saint Martin de Porres); and is serving or has served as Site Base Parent Member, PTA Chair, Community Service Facilitator, Career Facilitator and Self-esteem workshops for middle school girls.

CHRISTIINE M. BENEDICT

2nd Vice President - Membership



Christine was born and raised in Colonie, New York where she continues to live today. She attended Vincentian Institute High School in Albany and earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Political Science at the College of Saint Rose. She also earned her Master's degree in Public Administration from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

In 1985 Christine was elected as a Councilwoman to the Town Board in the Town of Colonie. She served under the leadership of Supervisor Fred Field from 1985 to 1992 when she ran for the Albany County Legislature. She continued to serve in the County Legislature until the end of 2015 when she elected not to run again. She served as the Republican Minority Leader from 2004 until she stepped down in 2013. She also served as Chairwoman of the Albany County Republican Committee from 2014 until 2020.

She is a member of the Albany County Republican Woman's Club, the New York State Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the NFRW Armed Services Committee.

She was a business leader in our community as the owner and operator of Clearly Yours in the Newton Plaza from 1980 to 1991. She has also served as Director of Government Affairs for the New York National Guard from 1993 to 2000 and Director of Government Affairs for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority until she retired in 2006.

Christine has participated in many not-for-profit organizations as a board member, to include the Junior League of Albany, Big Brothers and Sisters of Albany County, Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors and many more, too many to mention. She currently serves as a board member to the "Patriot Hills of New York." Their mission is to take care of our Veterans who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedom and to establish a place for soldiers, with PTSD, and their families to rehabilitate and reintegrate into their communities.

On behalf of the International Republican Institute, Christine has volunteered her time and traveled to Thailand to promote democracy, encourage and provide assistance for women pursuing an elected political office. She has also traveled to Ukraine to promote democracy and share strategies for "GOTV" for Ukrainians with their 2001 election.

Christine is a proven leader in her community.



HEATHER SCRIBNER

3rd Vice President - Fundraising

I'm Heather Scribner and I've been a lifelong republican. I'm currently the 1st Vice President of the Women's Republican Club in Fulton County and a Republican Committeeman for the Town of Mayfield. I've worked in the NYS Senate and at age 25 I was the youngest Town Clerk in the state of NY.

For 13 years I've been an administrator and financial manager for a large nonprofit. I have experience working with multi-million dollar budgets, I am fluent in accounting, risk assessment and financial planning. I've had all types of accounting experience from government accounting, general accounting, and nonprofit accounting. I work on all annual fundraising projects.

I live in the Town of Mayfield in Fulton County. I am a proud mom of three college boys. I have twins, one attending Siena College and the other Clarkson University. My oldest is attending the University at Buffalo. I've always taught them if you work hard enough you can accomplish and do great things. I consider myself to be a hard worker, compassionate and dedicated in my work ethics.

My current endeavors are running as a Republican for Fulton County Treasurer and honored to be joining the team of nominees for the 2021 election of officers to be nominated as 3rd Vice President of NYSFRW.



SALLY HOGAN Corresponding Secretary

I've been involved in politics since 2014 when I moved to Kinderhook, NY. As a new mom I wanted to get involved in my community and thought the best way to do that was to make a difference and meet local moms. I instantly joined in and am still involved with our local library boards, Little League board, Columbia County Youth Advisory Board and volunteer for the Northern Columbia Lions Club.

As a new resident, I volunteered on a Congressional campaign and we won. That gave me initiative to run for and win the seat of Kinderhook Town Councilwoman in 2017, and I'm proud to say I managed my own campaign. I was honored to be awarded a Rising Star Award by Chairman Ed Cox in 2018. I've continued to volunteer for subsequent Congressional and Assembly campaigns while working as Constituent Liaison for Assemblymen in two counties, Columbia & Rensselaer Counties. I've hosted and planned several fundraisers for local, Assembly, Senate and Congressional candidates for people to meet and support their candidates. I am president of the Republican Women's Club of Columbia and Rensselaer Counties in December 2020 and it continues to steadily grow with amazing women and men. I'm working with brave women in nearby counties to assist in the starting of new clubs.

Prior to living in New York, I lived in Maryland and was very involved in community outreach through my jobs and church, from 1989 until I moved to New York in 2005. I worked to improve inner city conditions by reading to kids in schools, spent my spare time with them singing songs and playing sports, was a member of the big sister program, a youth leader in my church and worked with Sportspower International to introduce big name athletes to children in difficult neighborhoods. I believe that a community is only as great as those who take part in and contribute to it. The same goes for politics. I have an IT background that I left behind in 2014 to become a stay-at-home mom and homeschool instructor to Ethan. I am grateful to have a supportive husband who also works at home and is in the IT industry.

I was honored to be selected as Corresponding Secretary for the New York State Federation of Republican Women. My experience in social media is somewhat new. I've been using social media since I ran for public office in 2016. I use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, MeWe, CloutHub, Gab, Telegram and Parler personally and for our women's club. I also use social media as Town Councilwoman to keep my community abreast of what is happening. I manage our club website and continue to learn more about website management. Prior to being club president, I wrote for a local printed magazine with a circulation of 20,000 with an online presence. I've continued that newsletter to people in my town in digital format to approximately 1,000 members on a monthly basis. I also send out a RWCCRCNY club newsletter quarterly and create & update our free website regularly.

Being part of this great group of women is what makes a difference in our communities, New York and America. I'm not going to sit on the sidelines. I choose to make New York greater and empower strong women to do the same thing.



MARY ALICE PANEK

Recording Secretary

Mary Alice Panek has been a registered Republican since her 18th birthday. She strongly believes in Republican values. Mary Alice is the President of the Genesee County Women's Republican Club. She is also Region 6 Caring for America's leader. Caring for America is

very important. The Genesee County Club has built a portable library for children to have books to read, they have made hygiene bags for area school districts, and have adopted a family for Christmas. The GCWRC was responsible for staffing Genesee County's election headquarters. In addition, Mary Alice is the Chairwoman for the Town of Stafford Republican Committee and serves on the Genesee County Committee. Mary Alice was part of Ann Schochet's election team and has attended several national conventions. Education is also important; Mary Alice is a retired teacher with kindergarten to high school experience.

In addition, she is a Trustee for Genesee Community College. This is an appointment by the Genesee County Legislature. She and her husband Ron own a small tree farm. They are the grandparents to a delightful five-year-old granddaughter. Mary Alice looks forward to another successful year with the NYSFRW.



KIM M. BOWERS

Treasurer

Elected as President in 2019 for the New York State Federation of Republican Women as well as once holding the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Judicial District Director of the 8th JD representing Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans & Wyoming Counties, Kim has been serving as President of the Erie Co. FRW upon its inception in July 2012.

In addition to her previous appointment as Assistant Treasurer and now Secretary of the Erie County Republican Committee, Kim has been on the forefront of various campaign committees including, but not exclusive of, Campaign Manager for Councilman, Supervisor and Judge candidates of the Town of Orchard Park, Treasurer & Political Analyst for NYS Supreme Court Justice Deborah Chimes & Co- Campaign Manager for Erie County Family Court Judge Deanne Tripi. Kim has served the community in many capacities: Secretary and Board Member of the Erie County Board of Ethics, Board Member of the Orchard Park Planning Board and currently serves as Secretary, Treasurer & Board of Directors member for the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway as well as Board member of the of the Orchard Park Zoning Board of Appeals, of which she once held the position of Chairwoman.

Residing in Orchard Park, New York, Kim Bowers currently works in the Erie County Clerk's Office as Deputy County Clerk - Auto Bureau Division. She is also in charge of Reporting & Data Analytics for several departments. Prior to her joining the Clerk's office, she held the position of Senior Business Analyst - Forecasting, Planning & Analytics, for SYKES Enterprises, headquartered in Tampa, Florida. Having been with SYKES, and its partnering companies, for 31 years, she was responsible for developing and maintaining business financial models to determine profitability and evaluate business opportunities, prepared and collaborated with site personnel, financial client and site forecasting and budgeting including the preparation of financial analyses.

Kim holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from Canisius College, Buffalo, NY.



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PAST PRESIDENTS

*IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT
2019 - 2021 Kim Bowers*

2017-2019	Karen Smith	1989-1991	Joan Hudson
2016-2017	Jo-Ann Clear	1987-1989	Diane Haslett Rudiano
2015-2016	Ann Salpeter Schockett	1985-1987	Shirley Connors**
2013-2015	Linda Montero Wagner	1983-1985	Esther Everett**
2011-2013	Mary Therese Reilly	1981-1983	Grace Clench**
2009-2011	Annette Collins-Ferrara	1979-1981	Constance McGregor**
2007-2009	Freida von Schiller	1977-1979	Eleanor Watrus**
2005-2007	Marjorie M. Bridson	1975-1977	Phyllis Kelly**
2003-2005	Jill Jackson	1973-1975	Sally Boland**
2001-2003	Lorraine Delaney**	1970-1973	Joan Schmutz**
1999-2001	Geraldine E. DeAngelo	1959-1970	Wilma Rogalin**
1997-1999	Inez M. Palladino	1937-1959	Jane Todd**
1995-1997	Corinne Routly**	1936-1937	Virginia Bacon**
1993-1995	Joan F. Staats	1929-1936	Mrs. T. Channing Moore**
1991-1993	Annette Marchitello	1920-1929	Rosalie Loew Whitney**

** Deceased

