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President's Message

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Dear NFRW Members:

We had another great meeting in June with 6 of our candidates running for County Commissioner. 3 districts have open seats and we had 2 candidates from each. Danny Leeper; Jim Higginbotham; Walter Boatright; Marianne Marshall; John Fendig; and Stacy Johnson. Marlyne did a great job of moderating the panel. Each candidate gave a brief introduction and then Marlyne asked each candidate 2 questions which had been submitted by members at our May meeting.

We were pleased to introduce two new members, Carolyn Wall and Mary Martin. We also talked about the membership drive and I am excited about the possibilities for the chapter. Please call me or Judith Pines if you are interested in getting involved in the membership drive.

I am so excited - please check out our website as part of nassaugop.org. Our last two newsletters are now included and all of the contact names and emails have been updated.

Our speaker in July will be our own associate member, Tommy Seagraves, Nassau County Sheriff. Please remember to call for reservations and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Warmest regards,

Cherie Billings

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July 2008



LUNCHEON

July 11, 2008

11:30 Social

12:00 Meeting

12:45 Lunch

Guest Speaker:

Tommy Seagraves
Nassau County
Sheriff

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!

Please call or e-mail Liz Seagraves by Tuesday, July 8, with your reservation at 225-2933 or e-mail lizzmae262@gmail.com. We must commit to the Golf Club of Amelia Island for food and set-up. Please call in your reservation when you receive this newsletter.

You can park in the Ritz lot during the luncheon. Drive up to the speaker box as you approach the parking deck. Press the security button and say you are there for the Republican Women's Luncheon and they will open the gate for you.

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Get to know the July Guest Speaker running for re-election as Nassau County Sheriff :

Tommy Seagraves



Tommy Seagraves is the Sheriff of Nassau County. Tommy is a life-long resident of Nassau County. He is a graduate of Fernandina Beach High School, Northeast Florida Criminal Justice Academy, and the FBI National Academy, 196th Session. He holds a dual certification in Law Enforcement and Corrections.

Tommy has been a public servant for over 25 years. He has served in the U.S. Air Force. He began his career in law enforcement in 1983 working his way through the ranks to be elected Sheriff in 2004. Prior to that, he served as the Undersheriff, Major of Corrections, Lieutenant and Sergeant of Patrol, Investigations, K-9 Handler, and School Resource Office. As a young officer, he founded the D.A.R.E. program in Nassau County, which seeks to educate children on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Tommy is a Commissioner on the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission. He has served as a member on the Board of Directors for the Community and Schools, Micah's Place, Enterprises and Northeast Florida Fair Association, the Sheriff's Youth Ranches, and the Florida Sheriff's Association. He has served on the Nassau Juvenile Justice Council and is a member of the Fernandina Beach Optimist Club and Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise. In addition, Tommy is a Master Mason with the Masonic Blue Lodge and a member of the Morocco Shrine Club.

Tommy has received much recognition for his community wide involvement. He received an award for Exemplary Leadership from Micah's Place, 2001- 2007 and Outstanding Community Leadership Award from Healing Balm of Northeast Florida in 2007. In addition, he received the Good Citizen of the Year Award from the Nassau Volunteer Center and Volunteer of the Year from the State of Florida Health and Rehabilitation Service. The Fernandina Beach Optimist Club named him Officer of the Year in 1986.

Tommy and his wife Liz spend most of their spare time with his new grandson, Thomas Lyle Nazworth and their three daughters, Heather, Tiffany and Ashlee.

Tommy has dedicated his life to service of this nation and to the citizens of Nassau County. He strives for excellence within the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, in order to bring quality service to the citizens of the county he loves. He asks nothing of his employees that he does not give them in return. He provides his employees the best equipment his budget will allow. He expects to receive the best from his employees. This is done in order to achieve his goal of providing the best law enforcement protection possible to the citizens of Nassau County, those he is sworn to protect. His motto for the Nassau County Sheriff's Office is "*Community First*" and he puts the community first.