



## President's Message

Dear NFRW Members:

We had another great meeting in May with Aaron Bean giving us an update and brief summary of the happenings in Tallahassee. Linda Asay then gave an amazing list of highlights that Aaron has accomplished especially benefiting Nassau County. We are indeed fortunate to have such a skilled representative. Our next meeting will include a panel of county commissioner candidates.

We were pleased to introduce two new members, Shirley Lear, and Denice Zitelli. 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](http://nassaugop.org). Our last two newsletters are now included and all of the contact names and emails have been updated.

Please remember to call for reservations and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Warmest regards,

Cherie Billings

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## June 2008



### LUNCHEON

**June 13, 2008**

**11:30 Social**

**12:00 Meeting**

**12:45 Lunch**

Guest Speakers:

Danny Leeper

Jim Higginbotham

Walter Boatright

Marianne Marshall

John Fendig

Stacy Johnson

### LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!

Please call or e-mail Liz Seagraves by Tuesday, June 10, with your reservation at 225-2933 or e-mail [lizzymae262@gmail.com](mailto:lizzymae262@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.

Please mail any correspondence to:

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## Get to know the June Guest Speakers running for office:

*(The following candidates submitted a bio.)*

### **Danny Leeper & Jim Higginbotham County Commissioner, District 1.**

### **Walter Boatright County Commissioner, District 5.**

Danny Leeper is a life-long resident of Nassau County. He is in his 27th year as a public safety professional. He was promoted to fire chief and department director for Fernandina Beach in 1999 and has served as acting city manager on several different occasions. As past chairman for the Port Authority he was elected to the Nassau County Port Authority as District 1 Commissioner in 1996, re-elected in 2000 and again in 2004. Danny is very active in the community having served on various Boards and Committees. He is currently serving on the Nassau County Volunteer Center Board of Directors, Nassau County Community Alliance Board, Nassau County Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force, First Coast MPO Board, Fernandina Maritime Exchange Association, and a member of the Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise.



Danny and his wife Kate, a Registered Nurse for over 30 years, live in Fernandina Beach with their 12 year old daughter Danielle and are members of First Baptist Church in Fernandina.



Jim Higginbotham – Graduate of Hilliard High School, 1963; 1965 - Graduated Lake City Jr. College; 1966-1969- USAF; 1970-78- Houdaille Construction Co. (last project was reconstruction of Centre St in Fernandina Beach); 1978-2003 - Director of Public Works, City of Fernandina Beach; 1981-88 - Amelia Island Mosquito Control; 1988-1996 - Nassau County Commission (did not seek reelection). 2003-2007 - operated Nassau Site Development Co, Inc. Nov 2004 - present - Nassau County Commission. 2005-present - MPO (4-county transportation organization); 2005-present - ex-officio JEA board. Community service - Kiwanis Club, Shrimp Festival Committee, Tourist Development Council, Special Olympics, American Public Works Association, Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs, Habitat for Humanity.

Married to wife, Carol, have five children and five grandchildren.

Walter Boatright – After 31 years with J.E.A, I'm retiring to run for the office of County Commissioner for District 5. I want to be able to use my knowledge of infrastructure to make Nassau County a better place to live and work. The last seven years I have spent working in the engineering and technical support fields with J.E.A. I have observed development implemented the right way and I have also witnessed the consequences of poor developmental planning. I have lived in Nassau County for the past 38 years, from graduating school to marrying and raising a family here. Throughout the years I have observed a lot of changes within Nassau County both positive and negative. I would like to ensure that in the future any changes will be to the benefit of the residents of Nassau County. I have spent 30 years volunteering in all aspects of the community. Through my volunteer efforts I have a vested interest and I now want to focus on providing solid leadership for a better Nassau County. The recent passing of Amendment One will require new and innovative ideas to make sure we get the most value from our tax dollars. I believe by spending more conservatively we can have the funding available to enhance our police and fire protection, while still improving our road infrastructure. If you believe like I do that we can accomplish these goals with a fresh outlook to truly make Nassau County better, feel free to call me at 482-8502 or email me at [voteboat08@yahoo.com](mailto:voteboat08@yahoo.com).

