



President's Message

Dear NFRW Members:

We had a great meeting in June with guest speaker Janet Adkins, Florida House of Representatives, District 12. She shared with us statistics for women in Florida politics since the first woman was elected. She also discussed some of the legislation that she worked on during the recent session.

We had several of our members attend the "Drive the Discussion" in Lake City on June 6. It was an outstanding function and we heard several excellent speakers discussing a variety of topics. Our 'after meeting session' that we started at our June meeting has also been named "Drive the Discussion". We discussed updating our voter registration files for the county, how to increase Republican registration, and how to promote an informed electorate through political education. I hope that you can join us in these discussions in the future.

As I write this article, we only have 5 seats left for our luncheon meeting with Marco Rubio on July 17. Marco is running for the Senate seat being vacated by Mel Martinez and his bio is on the next page. I hope that you are on the reservation list for this luncheon.

We will be voting on our delegates to the State Conference at this July meeting. I have only received requests from two members at this time. Are any others interested in attending?

Our August meeting will be on August 14 and the speaker and topic have not been finalized. We should be able to make an announcement at the July meeting.

Warmest regards, *Cherie Billings*



Our newest members to the NFRW are pictured with Club President Cherie Billings,;Tommie Sue Rabby, Susan Stahl, Matie Radney, Susanee Brisach. Please welcome them at the next luncheon!

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LUNCHEON

July 17, 2009

11:30 Social

12:00 Meeting

12:45 Lunch

Guest Speaker:

Marco Rubio

Due to the high demand of luncheon reservations this month, please **DO NOT** attend this luncheon unless you have pre-paid your \$15.00. Please contact Cherie Billings at 904-277-2995 with questions. Thank you for your understanding!

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Get to know the July Guest Speaker :
Marco Rubio Candidate for U.S. Senate



Marco Rubio, was born May 28, 1971, in Miami, and was the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives for the 2007 and 2008 Legislative sessions. He was first elected to the Florida House as a Republican on January 25th, 2000, from the 111th district. He was previously a City Commissioner from West Miami. He received his B.S. from University of Florida in 1993 and his J.D. Cum Laude from the University of Miami in 1996.

He is well known for his book [100 Innovative Ideas for Florida's Future](#). The book was compiled after Rubio traveled around the state to gather ideas from citizens. This was done through what Rubio calls "Idearaisers". Many of the issues that he pushed for as speaker came from ideas in this book.

During his tenure as Speaker, Marco Rubio promoted a conservative, smaller government approach to legislating. From October 2005 until April of 2006 Rubio chaired the House Select Committee on Property Rights. That committee ultimately crafted national model legislation in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's Kelo decision regarding eminent domain. During 2007, Marco Rubio, championed a major overhaul of the Florida tax system. The plan would have eliminated all property taxes on primary residences and replaced the revenue with a flat consumption tax. His tenure was also marked by successful efforts to create a world class public school curriculum, passing legislation designed to address the socio-economic factors that lead to academic underperformance. Rubio is widely credited for blocking the expansion of gambling in Florida. In particular, Rubio successfully petitioned the Florida Supreme Court to invalidate an Indian Gaming Compact entered into by Governor Crist with the Seminole Tribe of Indians. Rubio also led the way in passing historic energy legislation based on market incentives rather than big government mandates.

Rubio is an attorney practicing law as a sole practitioner. He also works as a distinguished visiting professor for the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University. Rubio is on the board of Alafit International, a worldwide nonprofit organization dedicated to global literacy. He also serves on the board of the Latin Builders Association.

Rubio was born in Miami, Florida. In 1979 his family moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. His father was a bartender at the Sams Town Hotel and his mother a maid at the Imperial Palace Hotel. His family returned to Miami in the summer of 1985. His father worked as a bartender at the Mayfair House Hotel until his retirement in 1997. His mother worked at Kmart as a stock clerk until she retired in 1995. Rubio attended South Miami Senior High School and graduated in 1989. He then attended Tarkio College for one year on a football scholarship from 1989 to 1990. Thereafter he enrolled in Santa Fe Community College and the University of Florida.

He is married to Jeanette Dousdebbs, a former Miami Dolphins cheerleader, and they have four children together: Amanda, Daniella, Anthony, and Dominick. Rubio and his family live in West Miami, Florida.

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