

# NASSAU FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN



## President's Message

Dear NFRW Members:

We had a great meeting in May with some substitute speakers. Our scheduled speaker was unavoidably detained and several of our elected officials graciously filled in. We heard from Melvin Usery about the activities of the Port Authority, Danny Leeper about County Commission activities, Donna Martin about School Board activities and Janet Adkins gave us some insight into her new activities. We also welcomed 4 new members: Susanne Brisach, Tommie Sue Rabby, Matie Radney and Susan Stahl.

The fundraiser reception that we had with House Minority Leader John A. Boehner was wonderful. He was very informative and everyone in attendance enjoyed his presentation.

Our next meeting on June 12 will have Janet Adkins giving us an update on what is happening with Florida state politics. I hope to see you all there.

Warmest regards,  
*Cherie Billings*

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# June 2009



### LUNCHEON

**June 12, 2009**

**11:30 Social**

**12:00 Meeting**

**12:45 Lunch**

Guest Speaker:

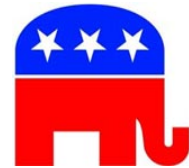
**Representative  
Janet Adkins**

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## Get to know the June Guest Speaker:

**Representative Janet H. Adkins**

**Florida House of Representatives, District 12**



Representative Adkins is a full-time lawmaker who resides in Fernandina Beach. She was elected to the Florida House of Representative in 2008. She is married to Doug Adkins, and together they have two children, Emily (age 10) and Douglas (age 7). She is a member of Blackrock Baptist Church. Her current interests include the arts, beach activities, fishing, piano, Sudoku, symphony concerts and volunteer activities.

Representative Adkins was born in October 1965 in Jacksonville, FL. There she attended Trinity Christian Academy and was Valedictorian of her graduating class in 1983. She went on to receive a 2 + 2 College Scholarship, which she used to achieve High Honors with Florida Community College at Jacksonville. She graduated *magna cum laude* from University of North Florida in 1987, obtaining her degree in Computer Information Science. She went on to further her education and obtained a Master's degree in Business Administration from University of North Florida in 1990. She was a client Partner with Information

Systems of Florida, Inc. from 1987 to 1999. She went on to be elected as a member of the Nassau County School Board, where she served from 1998 to 2008.

Representative Adkins is currently the Republican State Committeewoman for Nassau County. She was elected to this position in 2000 and has served since then. In past years, she has been a Member of the Republican Party of Florida Rules Committee, First Vice President of Nassau Federated Republican Women, Vice Chair and Chair of the Republican 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional Caucus and Co-Chair of the 2004 Bush-Cheney campaign in Nassau County.

Representative Adkins has numerous public and community service affiliations. She has served on Nassau County Community Alliance, Amelia Island Council, Nassau County Drug, Alcohol and Crime Coalition, Fernandina Beach Underground Utility Taskforce, Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board, Citizen's Budget Policy Reform Committee for County and Micah's Place Advisory Board. She has also served on the committee's responsible for drafting County's Interlocal Agreement and Public School Facility Component of Nassau County Comprehensive Plan. She has also worked to introduction legislation to strengthen school advisory councils, which was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush in 2002. She is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution (Amelia Island Chapter), National Rifle Association, Rotary International and Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach. She has also volunteered at Southside Elementary School, Atlantic Elementary School, Girl Scout Gateway Council and Boys and Girls Club Brick Campaign.

### **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!**

Please contact Liz Seagraves by Tuesday, June 9, with a reservation. We must commit to the Golf Club of Amelia Island for food and set-up. Please make your reservation when you receive this newsletter by calling 904-225-2933, or e-mail [lizzymae262@gmail.com](mailto:lizzymae262@gmail.com). Lunch is \$15.00.

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