



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



## U.S. Congressman Ralph Abraham, M.D.

Ralph Abraham, often known as “Doc,” was born and raised in Louisiana. He grew up breaking horses and building fences on a farm in Richland Parish near where he and his wife of 43 years, Dianne, still reside today. Dianne is a member of the Ouachita Parish Republican Women’s Club and Ralph is an associate member! Together, they have three grown children and nine grandchildren. They are members of Alto Baptist Church.

Ralph is currently serving his third term in Congress and represents Louisiana’s 5th Congressional District. He has served on half a dozen committees, including the House Agriculture Committee and the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. He has intimate knowledge and experience on a multitude of issues facing Louisiana.

Ralph is a general family doctor and has practiced his entire career in the rural Louisiana Delta where he has treated folks from all walks of life. He’s also spent 10 years as a veterinarian, served as a First Lieutenant in the Army National Guard, and volunteers as a pilot with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Air Force’s Civil Air Patrol.

Doc has spent his entire life fighting on the right side of the issues that matter to Louisiana. As a veterinarian, a doctor, a farmer, a soldier and as our congressman – he has led from the front and gotten things done for Louisiana.

And that is why he is running for governor. Doc is running for governor because he knows that hardworking Louisianians deserve better. As governor, he’ll unleash Louisiana’s full potential and create a state that thrives for generations to come.



### Join us for Lunch

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**  
**Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM**  
**Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM**

Reeves Uptown Catering  
1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Congressman Ralph Abraham**

RSVP by Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
Sharon Denson-(337) 842-1986  
[sdgop4life@gmail.com](mailto:sdgop4life@gmail.com)

#### **2019 Officers**

**President Sister Fontenot**

**Vice-President Emily Ashworth**

**Treasurer Ruth Giaimis**

**Secretary Debbie Carlin**

# Announcements & Events

**Tuesday, April 16, Noon**  
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, April 18, 11:30**  
Monthly luncheon meeting  
(Meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of April.)

**Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 PM**  
Meet & Greet Social at Bodega  
RSVP to [sisterf1943@yahoo.com](mailto:sisterf1943@yahoo.com)

**Saturday, April 20– April 27**  
Early voting for School Board Dist 23, Fire Protection  
Tax Renewals: Ward 1 and Ward 4  
**Saturday, May 4, 2019** Regular Election  
Check [geauxvote.com](http://geauxvote.com) for ballot.

## April 2019 Member of the Month

### Kathy Trahan!



**It is such an honor to have Kathy as part of our club. She represents everything that it means to be a Republican woman by serving others daily and living out her conservative**

**How did you come to join the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana?** My dear friend, Laura Moody introduced me to the club after I retired from Conoco Refinery. I knew several of the ladies already and I enjoyed visiting with them and meeting new people as well as hearing the speakers and subjects that were of interest.

**Outside of being an amazing Republican woman, what does a normal day hold for you?** My day can start slowly with prayer, chores, running errands for my husband and I, reading, cooking; or if I get a call from my Lake Charles daughter or son-in-law, I may be picking up a grandchild or running an errand for them. If I get a call from my Houston daughter, it may mean an out of town trip to help her there.

**What is something most people might not know about you?** My oldest granddaughter has been living with us for four years attending McNeese and is graduating May 11 in education (grades pre-k thru 3<sup>rd</sup>). It has been a pleasure to really get to know her before she goes off to start her "life". I have seven grandchildren: the college senior, one high school junior, two sophomores, two 7<sup>th</sup> graders and a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.  
I belong to a spiritual study group of 16 ladies that meets once a month. I also organize a Conoco retiree covered dish lunch in October.



**Who has been the most inspiring Republican figure to you and why?** I loved President Reagan for his conservatism and strong policies. He not only inspired the American people but also leaders from other countries. But I also love the way President Trump says he is going to do something and really does it. I am not sure any other president could accomplish as much as he has with all the negativity and bashing he has to endure.

**What do you love the most about our organization?** The PEOPLE!!!! This organization seems to keep us abreast of what is going on in our community, state and nation. I absolutely love the Pillows Project and our Teenage Republicans from Sam Houston. They are our future.

—Kathy Trahan



## REPUBLICAN Women

of Southwest Louisiana

The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana was chartered in 1990 as an affiliate club of the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women (LFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Our club centers around Lake Charles, Louisiana and includes cities within the parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron, although members outside this area may join. Our club belongs to Region 3 of the LFRW. Part of our membership dues are sent to the LFRW and, in turn, to the NFRW. Thus each member of our local club automatically becomes a member of the state and national clubs when we annually send in our membership rolls and dues. Our objectives are to:

- Promote an informed electorate through political education and activity.
- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and ideas.
- Support Republican objectives and policies and work for the election of Republican nominees.

## Are You Social? We Are!

Like our Facebook Page

Follow us on Instagram  
@republicanwomenofswla

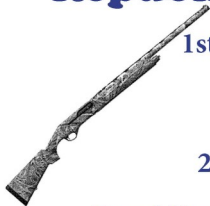
Follow us on Twitter @RWofSWLA



## Check out our Website!

[www.rwswla.com](http://www.rwswla.com)

### DRAWING TICKET Republican Women of SWLA PRIZES



1st Place: Gun of Your Choice  
Glock 19 Gen 4 9mm or  
Stoeger M3500 Shotgun  
12 Gauge 2 3/4", 3", 3 1/2"

2nd Place: Remaining Gun



**DRAWING**  
Republican Women Monthly Lunch Meeting  
Thursday • October 24th

\$5 donation per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

*Must be a Louisiana citizen and be able to pass background check.*

**Support your Republican Women of SWLA and their Pillows for Troops project by purchasing your gun tickets from any RW member.**

**We support hunters and everyone who believes in an individual's right to keep and bear arms!**

**THANK YOU!**

## 2019 Iowa Straw Poll Iowa, Louisiana

**Make your voice heard by purchasing a ticket to the first-ever straw poll in the state of Louisiana! Ticket holders get to cast a vote!**

**Sat, June 15, 2019, 12:00 PM CDT**

**Tickets start at \$25**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
503 US-90, Iowa, LA 70647**

**Visit Calcasieu Republican Parish Executive Committee website for more information**

**<https://www.swlarepublicans.org>**



## 2019 Louisiana Federation of Republican Women Convention



Fantastic Lady Republicans!



**Congressman Ralph Abraham  
with Sister and Roby**



**Speaker Taylor Barras  
with Emily and Sister**





March 28, 2019 Luncheon Meeting





# Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana

## Membership Application / Renewal Form

YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN TO JOIN

### PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (opt): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of another LFRW club? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Renewing Members: if any contact information has recently changed, please mark it with\***

## Committees or Interests – Check all that apply. Thanks!

\_\_\_\_ Membership (recruiting, recording)

### CAMPAIGN WORK:

\_\_\_\_ Fundraising and Event Planning

\_\_\_\_ Clerical or accounting

\_\_\_\_ Legislative Issues

\_\_\_\_ Voter Registration

\_\_\_\_ Information Technology (newsletter, website, social media)

\_\_\_\_ Door-to-door

\_\_\_\_ Community Service

\_\_\_\_ Phone Bank

\_\_\_\_ Public Relations (publicity, liaison w/media)

\_\_\_\_ Yard Signs

\_\_\_\_ Archiving, Photography, Scrapbooking

\_\_\_\_ Volunteer at Campaign HQ

Please write any comments, questions, or other interests on reverse side of this application.

### Membership Dues: (Check one)

**Active Member (\$30/yr.):** Full member of RWSWL (\$30 includes \$18 dues paid to LFRW)

\_\_\_\_ **New** (Joining Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> \$30 covers your membership through following year)

\_\_\_\_ **Renewing** (renewal period is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. After Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, renewal is \$35.)

\_\_\_\_ **Associate (\$15/yr.):** **Only** for an active member of another LFRW club **or** a male Republican

**Paid by:** Check (\$\_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_) **OR** Cash (\$\_\_\_\_\_)

**Make Check Payable To:** RWSWL

**Mail To:** P.O. Box 754 **Mail To** P. O. Box 75 Lake Charles, LA 70602

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_