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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser

Billy Nungesser joins us today as the 54th Lieutenant Governor of the state of Louisiana. He is also the incoming Chairman of the National Lieutenant Governors Association where he continues to keep Louisiana in the spotlight on a national stage.

Since taking office in 2016, tourism numbers have flourished, year after year, despite both budget and staff cuts. Prior to this position as head of the State's Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, he was the President of Plaquemines Parish from 2006 to 2014. Nungesser knows the spotlight well from the role he played in securing hurricane relief funds for Plaquemines Parish and as the voice of frustration after the BP Oil Spill. As a result of his hard work and dedication during those troubling times, he's been coined the "hardest working man in Louisiana" by the national media.

Amongst his personal priorities are seniors, Veterans and special needs persons. He and his wife, Cher, opened a therapeutic riding center in Plaquemines Parish which enabled special needs children to gain mobility and confidence by riding specially-trained horses free of charge to their families.

He truly is a man for all of Louisiana. Ladies and gentlemen, here is your Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser.



Join us for Lunch

Thursday, May 23, 2019
Buffet Lunch 11:30 AM
Meeting 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Reeves Uptown Catering
1639 Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA
Guest Speaker
Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser

RSVP by Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Marsha Spear- (337) 842-4220
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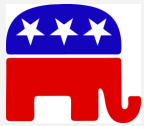
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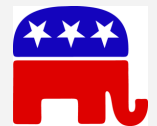
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May 2019 Member of the Month

Brenda DeFelice



It is truly an honor to have Brenda as part of our club. She represents everything that it means to be a Republican woman by serving others and not only living by her conservative values but also instilling them in the many Republican teens she mentors every day! Thank you, Brenda.

How did you come to join the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana? I came to know and love the women who make up the membership of the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana after attending several RWSWLA meetings in my role as the sponsor of the Sam Houston TeenAge Republicans Club. I joined shortly afterwards.

Outside of being an amazing Republican woman, what does a normal day hold for you? My responsibilities as a high school mathematics teacher (Geometry through AP Calculus) of gifted students at Sam Houston High School keep me quite busy. I love what I do, and I know that this role is God's vocational calling in my life. I also privately tutor and teach boot-camp classes to help students prepare for the ACT college-admissions exam. When not at school, I enjoy playing board games with the family, organizing anything and everything, and traveling. My husband and I have three children: two in their twenties with the caboose starting high school this fall.



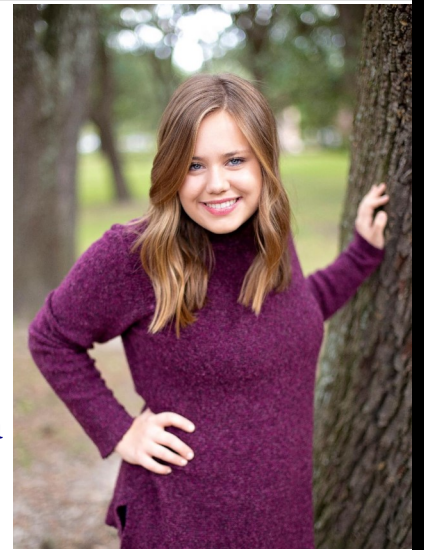
What is something most people might not know about you? This is a fun question. Things Most People Might Not Know About Me: I have a twin sister. I do not like to fly. I once held my high school's track record for the mile for five years in a row. I love dirt-track 410-sprint-car racing and NASCAR. I have a quirky obsession with the Presidency of the United States and have visited all of the presidential libraries (and gotten the gift for doing so from The National Archives). I play a mean game of ping pong. I have traveled to 5 continents, 24 countries, and 49 states (one day, Alaska...one day). In the tradition in which I was raised, I try not to have idle time—I purposefully work and I purposefully rest...perhaps my favorite Biblical and conservative principle of all.

Who has been the most inspiring Republican figure to you and why? I believe in the Constitution of the United States of America, limited government, free enterprise, personal responsibility, a strong unwavering national defense, and individual rights given to us by our Creator. I am pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment, and pro-America. My parents laid the foundation for my beliefs, and it is no surprise that my teenage and college years were in the 1980s....when President Ronald Reagan reminded us all of that “freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction” and that this great nation of ours is truly a “shining city on a hill.” He has been my favorite Republican figure in my lifetime.

What do you love the most about our organization? With every speaker, with every prayer, with every event, with every campaign, with every purpose—this organization stays true to the values that I hold dear. President George H.W. Bush encouraged communities to come together as “a thousand points of light” to make our nation, truly, that shining city on a hill that President Reagan so dearly loved. The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana shines as a beacon of conservative values in our little corner of this country, and I am so proud to be counted among its members. — **Brenda DeFelice**

Hanna Zimmerman 2019 Scholarship Winner

The winner of the 2019 Marie Key Martin scholarship is Hannah Zimmerman. Hannah will graduate from Sam Houston High School and was nominated by member Brenda DeFelice. Hannah has a 4.8 grade point average and is Sam Houston High School's student of the year for 2018-2019. She has numerous awards throughout her high school years. She served as the president of the school's teenage republican club this year and is also involved in her church and community volunteerism. Hannah plans to attend Baylor University pursuing a degree in political science with a prelaw track. We will present the \$500 scholarship to Hannah at our May meeting.



REPUBLICAN *Women*
of Southwest Louisiana

**Roby
Dyer**

Newly
Elected
LFRW
Executive
Vice
President



**Emily
Ashworth**

Newly
Elected
LFRW
Region 3
Vice
President



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 Southwest 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**



We are excited to be hosting the first ever straw poll in the state of Louisiana. There's no better place to have it than in Iowa, Louisiana which not only pays homage to the state of Iowa for being first in the nation for presidential primaries, but also the city of Iowa is a good representation of how the rest of the state will vote in the upcoming gubernatorial election.

Our goal is to highlight all of the excellent and well-qualified Republican candidates who will be on the ballot in October. We especially want to highlight two wonderful gubernatorial candidates in Ralph Abraham and Eddie Rispone.

Ticket includes access to the event/speakers, jambalaya lunch plate cooked by local KC's (includes jambalaya, coleslaw, and black-eyed peas, drink, and dessert), and the ability to cast your vote in the first-ever Straw Poll in SW Louisiana. This is a joint effort put on by the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana and the Republican Parish Executive Committee. Tickets may be purchased on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

The Iowa Straw Poll will feature the following candidates at the times listed.

Mark Abraham .	12:30 pm
Kevin Berken ...	12:45 pm
Johnny Guinn ..	1:00 pm
Mike Eason.....	1:15 pm
Phillip Tarver....	1:30 pm
Marion Fox	1:45 pm
Troy Romero ...	2:00 pm
Shalon Latour..	2:15 pm
Ralph Abraham	2:30 pm
Eddie Rispone .	2:45 pm



Voting will begin at 3:00 pm with the results announced at 3:45 pm

Visit Calcasieu Republican Parish Executive Committee website for more information

<https://www.swlarepublicans.org>

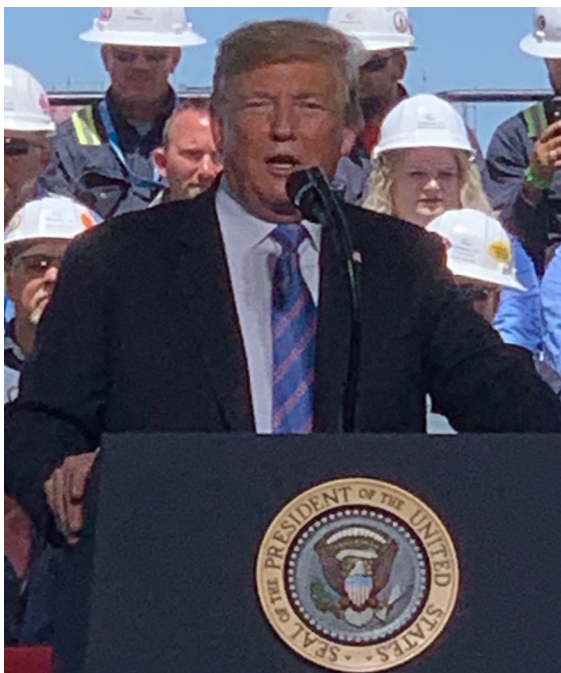
President Trump visits the new LNG facility in Hackberry, LA



L-R: Tina Mosca, Theresa Martin, Jackie Hebert, Sister Fontenot, Roby Dyer



Tina and Theresa w/ MAGA cap.

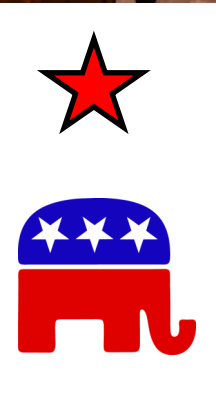


Leah Mills/R

Our own Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser knocks President Trump's socks off!



LUNCH MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019



RW and CRPEC Members Meet and Greet Candidates at the Bodega



Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Call to Order: Sister Fontenot

Opening Prayer: Beth Morris

Pledge of Allegiance: Janice Arenó

Sister welcomed guests: Representative Ralph Abraham, Candidate Mike Eason, and Candidate Marion Fox

Sister welcomed new members.

Sister congratulated Kathy Trahan for member of the month.

Agenda item: The Marie Key Martin scholarship recipient has been decided and will be announced at the May meeting.

Agenda item: The LFRW Biennial Convention, March 29 -31 was a success. Roby Dyer was elected State VP and Emily Ashworth Region 3 VP.

Agenda item: First social for the year. The Republican Women and the Parish Executive Committee (PEC) will host a social at Bodega, Thursday, April 23, 2019. Please check emails for invitation. RSVP to sisterf1943@yahoo.com

Agenda item: Raffle tickets. Please see Jackie Hebert for tickets for gun raffle. It is \$5.00 per ticket. Sister informed members that 10 tickets are stapled together; therefore, if total books are purchased, collect \$40.00.

Agenda item: Straw Poll Event in Iowa, LA on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Sister ask that members save the date.

Agenda item: Sister introduced Marion "Butch" Fox, candidate for State Representative for District 37.

Agenda item: Sister introduced Brandon Perkins, candidate for CPPJ.

Agenda item: Guest speaker for May will be Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser.

Agenda item: Jackie Hebert introduced the special quest speaker, Representative Ralph Abraham, candidate for Governor of Louisiana.

After Representative Abraham's speech, he selected the door prize winners. The prizes were donated by Connie Jackson and Jackie Hebert.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Debbie Carlin, Secretary

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. 1st – Dec. 31st \$30 covers your membership through following year)

____ **Renewing** (renewal period is Oct. 1st – Dec. 31st. After Dec 31st, 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

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