

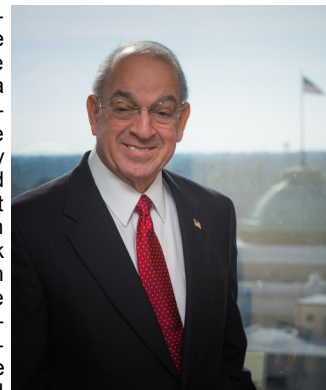


Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

District Attorney John DeRosier

John DeRosier attended undergraduate school at the University of Southwest Louisiana in Lafayette, Louisiana and entered Louisiana State University Law School in 1967. Mr. DeRosier enlisted in the Marine Corp. as a machine gunner during law school, spent 11 months in Vietnam and was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V." He re-entered law school upon his return to the States. As a Lake Charles resident of 40 years, John DeRosier had a law practice that focused on civil litigation, personal injury, and criminal law until his election as District Attorney. He also served as City Attorney for the City of Lake Charles and General Counsel for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. Mr. DeRosier currently serves on the Boy Scouts Board of Directors and on the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. He is also a board member and past president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association. John DeRosier took the oath of office for Calcasieu Parish District Attorney on December 20, 2005 and was re-elected to an additional six-year term in 2008. He founded the 100 Black Men of Lake Charles organization, established the Case Review Team to improve communications with law enforcement, and created the Calcasieu Full Force group to target DWI offenders in response to the excessive number of traffic fatalities and a 60% increase in DWI's. Mr. DeRosier also worked with legislators to pass numerous items of legislation in both the Louisiana and Texas legislatures relative to the regulation of pain management clinics and the legal distribution of controlled dangerous substances in the form of narcotic pain medication and other controlled dangerous substances. Prior to this time, Texas had no statutes to regulate the ownership, management and operation of pain management clinics within its borders. He has been pro-active and implemented an aggressive campaign to capture and prosecute online sexual predators. He re-established the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, assisted in the formation of Adult Drug and DWI Courts, and established the "Fatal Vision" DWI Simulation Program that travels to schools to demonstrate the effects of impaired driving. During the 2006 Louisiana legislative session, Mr. DeRosier initiated "doctor shopping" legislation to decrease the number of deaths from "pain management" prescription drug overdoses in our young adult population. He was instrumental in organizing a Task Force of Louisiana and Texas legislators, law enforcement, and administrative agencies to combat the proliferation of pain management clinics in Southeast Texas and Louisiana. Mr. DeRosier has spoken at numerous conferences, as well as the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, the DEA Pain Clinic Symposium in Nashville, and the Southern Legislative Conference in Memphis, on the subject of abuse of prescription pain medications. He also participated in a national prescription working group in New Mexico which was sponsored by the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws. The purpose of this group is to identify current problems relative to the abuse of pain management medication and different methodologies for controlling the dispensing of these dangerous drugs by medical providers and abuse of these medications by addicted users, as well as those addicted to the monetary profits obtained from illegal sales of prescription medications. In the 2010 Louisiana legislative session, he initiated the toughest felony DWI mandatory minimum sentences in the country. Mr. DeRosier received the Louisiana DWI Law Enforcement Award from the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, the 2012-2013 "Patriot of the Year Award" from the Lake Charles Armed Services Commission, the 2013 Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame Award, and the 2016 "Friend of Pro Bono Award" from the Louisiana State Bar Association.



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Deadline for submissions is
the 1st Thursday of the
month.

Join us for Lunch

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM

General Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM

Reeves Uptown Catering

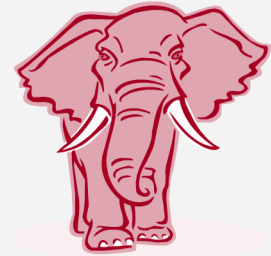
1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA

**Guest Speaker— District Attorney John DeRosier,
Congressman Clay Higgins, & Nic Hunter**

RSVP by Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Sharon Denson-(337) 842-1986

Announcements & Events



Tuesday, April 18, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, April 20, 11:30 am
Monthly luncheon meeting

**Saturday, April 29, 2017,
7:00 am– 8:00 pm**
Spring Municipal Election

**Early Voting, Saturday, April 15, 2017 -
Saturday, April 22, 2017**

RPEC Meetings
Third Thursday of Every Month
5:30 pm Central Library, 2nd Floor

City Council Meetings
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
- 5:30, City Council Chambers, 326 Pujo St.

Police Jury Meetings
1st Thursday of each month, 5:30
1015 Python St.

Member of the Month Lana Hafner



Lana Hafner, Founder and CEO of One Touch Awakening, is our April Member of the Month. Our club partners with her non-profit organization to support Project Pillows. Lana is a humble servant and we are lucky to have her as a part of our club.

Lana joined the Republican Women of SWLA when the organization was interested in partnering with her on the Pillows for Troops Project. The Republican Women of SWLA help pack pillows and donate essential items for Troops and Emergency First Responders.

Daily life for Lana is fairly busy. One Touch serves countries all over the world and works with many different relief organizations to provide comfort and hope to those in need. She said it truly is a team effort with everyone who volunteers their time and energy to do the work that is done. Lana also started working with the National Federation of Republican Women who adopted Pillows for Troops as one

Lake Charles Gun & Knife Show

The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana participated in the Lake Charles Gun and Knife Show at the Lake Charles Civic Center on April 1st and 2nd. Thanks to the help of Rosemary Smith, Freida Koskela, Rosalind Ruckstuhl, John and Tina Coffman, and Kathy and Dennis Trahan we were able to raise over \$900.00. We sold drawing tickets for our two guns, our Adorable Deplorable t-shirts and patriotic jewelry.



of their Caring for America Projects.

Lana and One Touch Awakening are passionate about providing a personal meeting place for every individual to meet and connect with their Creator. Lana says her favorite thing about the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana is its passion and commitment to conservative values. She loves being connected with a group of women that share the same conservative values and ideals as she does.

If you would like to learn more about One Touch Awakening check out their website at OneTouchAwakening.org



Spring 2017 Municipal Election

General Election Date-Saturday, April 29, 2017

Lake Charles Mayor

Wilford Carter, Sr.
Nicholas "Nic" Hunter

Lake Charles City Council District B

Luvertha August
Nicole J. Moncrief

Lake Charles City Council District C

Eric Doshier
Rodney Geyen

Lake Charles City Council District F

"Rick" McClain
Johnnie Thibodeaux

Polls Open at 7:00 am

Polls Close at 8:00 pm

Registrar of Voter Information

Deadline to Register to Vote in person: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Deadline to Register to Vote online/geauxvote.com: Saturday, April 8, 2017
Voter Information may be found at geauxvote.com or by calling
Registrar of Voter Office at (337) 721-4000

Early Voting Dates

Saturday, April 15, 2017 - Saturday, April 22, 2017
(Closed Sunday)
8:30 am - 6:00 pm daily
Lake Charles - Calcasieu Parish Courthouse 2nd Floor
Sulphur - Sulphur City Annex
Moss Bluff - Calcasieu Parish Library

Visit geauxvote.com to view/print your ballot



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.

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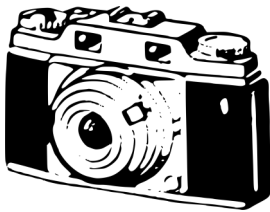
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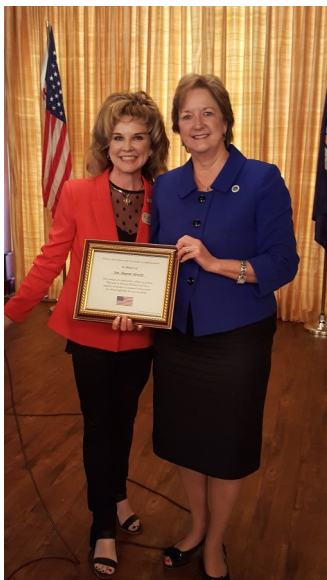
Check out our Website!

www.rwswla.com



March's Luncheon







Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana Monthly Meeting March 23, 2017 Reeves Uptown Catering

Call to Order- Jackie Hebert

Invocation- Beth Morris

Pledge of Allegiance- Kathy Trahan

All first-time guests and new members were recognized.

Sam Houston High School Teenage Republicans Presentation- Several members from their club were present along with their sponsor Brenda DeFelice. They presented a slide show of several school and community events in which they participated. They presented a check for \$2,800.00 to the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana for the Pillows for Troops Project. Troops are deployed without a pillow; through Pillows for Troops we can provide them with one. Susan Hafner presented a pillow to Hannah, incoming officer of SHHS Teenage Rep. Susan also presented dog tags to all the SHHS Teenage Rep. that were present.

Guest Speaker Senator Sharon Hewitt:

Vice President, Sister Fontenot, introduced Senator Sharon Hewitt. Senator Hewitt spoke briefly about several topics and issues including, the state budget, her involvement in several different state committees and equal pay. She is a native of Lake Charles and attended Barbe High School and now lives in the Slidell area with her husband and two sons. She worked in the oil & gas industry at Shell where she began as an engineer. Through hard work she became part of the leadership team at Shell, managing a multi-million dollar budget and hundreds of employees. As a State Senator, she serves on the Environmental Quality Committee, Finance Committee, Coastal Restoration Committee, Flood Control Committee, Women and Children's Committee and she is Vice-Chairman for Transportation, Highways, & Public Works Committee.

Announcements:

We have tickets to sell for the LFRW fundraiser. It will be an alligator hunt weekend with LA Attorney General Jeff Landry. Drawing will be held March 11.

Our RWSWLA club is selling tickets for our 2017 fundraiser/drawing. The first winner will be able to choose either a Glock 43 pistol or a Smith & Wesson M&P Sport II rifle. The second-place winner will receive the remaining gun. The drawing will be held at our August meeting. Get your tickets and more detail from any of our members.

Door Prize Drawing

Our donors for this month were Rosemary Smith and Diane Gaines

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Mandy Thomas

Be Passionate * Be Committed

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): _____

E-mail address: _____ Birthday (month/day): _____

*Renewing Members: if any contact information above has changed, please mark it with *.

Committees or Interests – Check all that apply.

() Membership (recruiting, recording)

CAMPAIGN WORK:

() Fundraising and Event Planning

() Clerical

() Legislative Issues

() Voter Registration

() Information Technology (newsletter, website, Facebook)

() Door-to-door

() Community Service

() Phone Bank

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

() Yard Signs

Please list other clubs, other interests, or comments/questions.

Membership Dues: (Check one)

() **RENEWAL – \$30/yr.** (Renewal period: Oct. 1st – Dec. 31st. Renewal dues after Dec 31st - \$35)

() **NEW – \$30/yr.** (Joining Oct 1st – Dec 31st covers your membership dues for the following year)

() **ASSOCIATE – \$15/yr.** (For a male Republican **or** an active member of another LFRW club)

Make Check Payable To: RWSWLA Mail To: PO BOX 754 Lake Charles, LA 70602

Paid by: cash (\$_____) **OR** check (\$_____ check # _____)