



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

## Tom Green, Veteran Affairs Commissioner

Tom served in the United States Marine Corps from 1970 thru 1976. As a veteran of the Viet Nam Era, Tom graduated with honors as a subject matter expert in Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, and Radiological studies from Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. While attending the Staff Command Academy for the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., Tom trained officers in the various skills required for deployment/dispersal of defoliants and decontamination protocol. While a member of the elite Marine Corps Rifle Team, Tom won a gold medal as a distinguished expert shooter.

Tom has served as a Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for Louisiana and Chairman of the Veterans Coalition of Southwest Louisiana, Lake Charles.

Tom's has also served as the following:

Past Commandant, Acadiana Marine Corps League Detachment#488  
Division 3 Department of Louisiana Vice-Commandant Marine Corps League

Louisiana Pack Commander Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Past Commander, Founding Member of Acadiana Veterans Honor Guard

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Governors Councilman



### 2018 Officers

#### **President**

Sister Fontenot

#### **Vice- President**

Sarah Lavergne

#### **Treasurer**

Ruth Giamis

#### **Secretary**

Martha Polk

## Join us for Lunch

Thursday, April 19 2018

Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM

General Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM

Reeves Uptown Catering

1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA

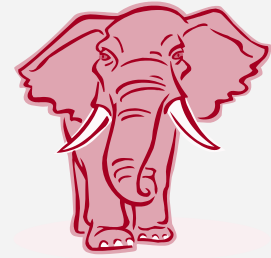
**Guest Speaker: Tom Green, Veteran Affairs Commissioner**

RSVP by Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Marsha Spear-(337) 842-4220

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# Announcements & Events



## Tuesday, April 19, Noon

Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

## City Council Meetings

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

## Thursday, April 17, 11:30

Monthly luncheon meeting

## Police Jury Meetings

1st Thursday of each month, 5:30  
1015 Pithon St.

## Member of the Month– Martha Polk



*The April member of the month is Martha Polk.*

### How did you come to join the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana?

I joined the Republican Women because a friend Jacinda Vincent was already an active member and invited me to a lunch. I enjoyed the meeting and the speaker and came the next month. I joined because I could see the great things the group does for others and the need to support our Republican leaders.

### Outside of being an amazing Republican woman, what does a normal day hold for you?

I am a full time Realtor and have been one for over 20 years. I am also a wife, mother and a grandmother. I am active with my husband in several organizations and our Krewe and with my grand kids watching sports and running their taxi service if mom and dad have are at work.

### What is something most people might not know about you?

Most people may not know I love to spend time at Toledo Bend at our fishing camp and enjoy the water. I also own my own motorcycle and enjoy any kind of outdoor sports. I mow my grass and try to keep up with my flower beds, while my husband does the back yard at our home.

### Who has been the most inspiring Republican figure to you and why?

I am not sure there is one person who is the most inspiring to me but I believe the Republican Party is based on the idea that each person is responsible for their own place within society. The Republicans believe that the government's role is to secure the benefits of society for everyone and that Republicans believe in limiting the Government's intervention in individual rights towards prosperity. These are also my beliefs.

**What do you love the most about our organization?** I love how the group stands together and is active on both the local and state level. I appreciate how the group is always looking at speakers. I admire how the group raises money for the troops. Doing a scholarship for the Republican youth is also top of my list.

I just want to say thank you and I am humbled and appreciate being nominated as the member of the month



# Spring 2018 Election Dates

## Saturday, April 28, 2018 Election Day

Deadline to Register to Vote in person:

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

Deadline to Register to Vote online/geauxvote.com:

Saturday, April 7, 2018

## Early Voting Dates for the April 28, 2018, 2018 Election

**Saturday, April 14 - Saturday April 21, 2018**

**8:30 am - 6:00 pm daily**

(Locations to be determined)

Lake Charles - Calcasieu Parish Courthouse 2nd Floor

Sulphur - Sulphur City Annex

Voter Information may be found at [geauxvote.com](http://geauxvote.com)

## Sulphur City Council- District 5



As you may know, one of our outstanding members, Mandy Thomas, is running for the District 5 seat on the Sulphur City Council. Mandy received **48%** of the votes in the primary (GREAT!!), so now she is in a run-off! She is very grateful for all the help, but now she could definitely use our help to get over that magic 50% number to win the run-off.

Our organization needs to support Mandy as she is courageously putting herself out there to work to make Sulphur and Maplewood a better place to live and work. The general election is Saturday, April 28th with early voting running from Saturday, April 14th through Saturday, April 21st.

Volunteers are needed during early voting and the general election day. Campaign efforts will be coordinating for the next three Saturdays (April 14th, 18th, & 28th) and during early voting (April 16th-20th).

If you can possibly help on any of the days listed above, please call or text Mandy at 337-302-4380.





## 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)

# Renew your Membership Today!

Remember to renew your membership with our amazing organization. 2018 is already off to an amazing start with over a hundred returning and new members. Our wonderful group of ladies strive everyday to bring conservative values and fiscal responsibility back into everyday practice. We hope you will stay passionate and committed with us as we continue to pave the way for better government.

**Be Passionate. Be Committed.**



## 2018 Drawing Tickets

Raffle Tickets are here! Please contact Jackie Hebert if you would like to help us sell tickets or if you want to buy tickets.

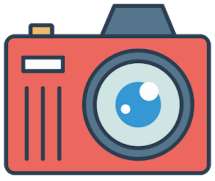
She can be reached at 337-794-0778!

**1st prize is \$1000.00 2nd prize is \$500.00**

A donation of \$5 each or \$20 for 5!

Winners will be announced August 23, 2018





## March's Luncheon

Dr. Daryl Burckel, President of McNeese State University was our March luncheon guest speaker. Pillows were donated in his honor this month through our Pillows for Troops project.

Pictured: Sister Fontenot, President and Dr. Daryl Burckel



## Louisiana Federation of Republican Women 2018 Spring Board Meeting

The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana had a great time at the LFRW 2018 Spring Board meeting. This year's spring meeting was hosted by the Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club in West Monroe, Louisiana. Our ladies had the opportunity to attend workshops on membership and award packets; and listen to a great line up of speakers. Zach Dasher, a member of the Robertson Family, spoke during Friday night's reception about the family's involvement in politics today. During Saturday's luncheon Secretary of State, Tom Schedler and Dianne Abraham were guest speakers. Dianne Abraham is the wife of Congressman Ralph Abraham who spoke about what it is like to be a spouse to today's politicians.



# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Permission to include your e-mail address in our club directory?      **Yes**      **No**

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

\*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 on reverse of this application.**

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### Membership Dues: (Check one)

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

( ) **NEW – \$30/yr.** (Joining Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 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 # \_\_\_\_\_)