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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Angele Davis

A proven record of reform and results, Angele Davis is the most qualified candidate to be our next State Treasurer. A successful small businesswoman, Angele Davis also has a proven record of results in public finance and conservative reform, making government efficient and responsive to our citizens. Born and raised in Louisiana, she has spent a lifetime of service, commitment and devotion to the state she loves. Angele earned a B.A. in Communications after being awarded a basketball scholarship to Spring Hill College and earned her Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Louisiana State University. Governor Mike Foster gave Angele her first opportunity to serve the public by appointing her Deputy Commission of Administration in 1996. She went on to serve the people as the Secretary of Culture, Recreation & Tourism, promoting Louisiana as not just a great getaway, but also as great place to do business. Her record of innovative budget strategies that saved money while improving service led to her being named Commissioner of Administration, the State of Louisiana's top financial advisor and chief administrative officer. Angele's strong fiscal management as Commissioner and leadership in dealing with the national bond rating agencies led to Louisiana beginning a streak of increased state credit ratings – the first increases in decades and saving Louisiana taxpayers millions of dollars. The Reason Foundation named Davis one of its 2009 "Innovators In Action" for her role in helping create and guide the Commission on Streamlining Government. Angele Davis is currently the President and CEO of The Davis Kelley Group, working with businesses, from startups to Fortune 500 companies, to solve complex strategic challenges and expand and grow their operations. She understands the problems that business people face and will take that knowledge and experience to the Treasurer's office. Angele lives in Baton Rouge with her husband, Judge Tim Kelley, and their 6-year old son, Davis. She enjoys duck hunting and fishing in south Louisiana with her family. She is a parishioner and volunteer at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. Angele Davis is hard-working, no-nonsense, and financially savvy. She's exactly the kind of person we need and is ready to serve as our Treasurer.



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

Join us for Lunch

Thursday, August 24, 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: Angele Davis, Candidate for Louisiana Treasurer
and Karl Bruchhaus, CPSB Superintendent**

RSVP by Tuesday, August 22, 2017

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Karl Bruchhaus



Karl Bruchhaus, Chief Financial Officer for the Calcasieu Parish School Board for the last 18 years and now Superintendent for the last 3 years, is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Louisiana School Business Administrator. Since his graduation from McNeese State University in 1987 with an accounting degree, he has served in a financial capacity with various Louisiana school boards including the DeSoto Parish School Board as Coordinator of Accounting, the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board as Business Manager/Controller, the Vermillion Parish School Board as Financial Services Officer; and the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board as Director of Finance. Prior to attending McNeese State University, Karl attended Louisiana State University after graduating from Elton High School in Elton, Louisiana. Karl is active in the Louisiana Association of School Business Officials and has served as Board Member and President of the organization, helping to plan various continuing education opportunities for school business personnel. He is also a member of the Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officer's Association on both state and national levels and is active in the Louisiana Association of School Superintendent's organization. He is a Certified Louisiana School Business Administrator and a Certified Government Finance Officer. Karl and his wife Paula, a P.E. teacher at Prien Lake Elementary School in Lake Charles, Louisiana, have been married for 30 years and have two children, Christian, age 25 and Bailey, age 21. He is active in church activities, and enjoys golf, running and other fitness activities.

NFRW 39th Biennial Convention

September 14–17, 2017

Philadelphia Marriot Downtown

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This fall, the National Federation of Republican Women will return to where it all began, the birthplace of American Democracy – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Join Republican women from across the United States for the 39th Biennial NFRW Convention at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Sept. 14-17 for three days of exciting speakers, planning, education and networking.

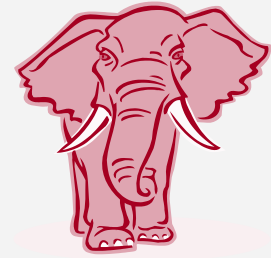
You do not have to be a delegate to attend. Every Federation member is welcome to be part of the fun and excitement! Come early and attend the Campaign Management School on Thursday or the Leadership Seminar on Friday.

Members that are selected by their clubs and state federations as delegates will take part in important Federation business, including electing the next team of national officers, and adopting resolutions and bylaw amendments.

Convention registration is now open, and so is the hotel room block, so make your arrangements to join us! **Visit www.nfrw.com for registration information.**



Announcements & Events



Tuesday, August 22, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

RPEC August Meeting
Monday, August 21, 5:30 pm
Central Library, Thielen Room

Thursday, August 24, 11:30 am
Monthly luncheon meeting

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

Thursday, August 24, 11:30 am
Gun Drawing

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



Letters from a Young Republican

Article by Sarah Lavergne

In today's world of Twitter, Facebook and all things social media it's hard to find the facts. Most of the news we hear is loaded with partisanship we have to wade through to get to the point. We here at the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana love to stay informed and up to date on politics. In fact, being informed is one of the main pillars of our organization. But how do we stay educated and informed with all the "Fake News" that floods our media outlets? Where do you find the facts?

We have all heard "there are always two sides to the story and the truth is somewhere in the middle". In today's media, this saying could not be more realistic. I recently watched a documentary and was instantaneously swayed to jump on a bandwagon that had me headed straight for hugging trees. Now there is nothing wrong with hugging a tree, but I had not taken into consideration that the film producers had an agenda. Now you may think I was just being naïve but it really had me thinking. How many of us take the time to consider all the angles and research the information for ourselves? My guess would be that the majority of us do not. We are already so busy, we hope and assume our pretty-faced newscasters are correct.

I encourage you to do your homework and discover the facts for yourself. There are countless resources out there to help us if we will take the time to use them. We can remain in the dark, or in my case ride a red Radio Flyer wagon straight for the Amazon to hug all the trees I want or we can remember we have a responsibility to ourselves, our families and our communities to be informed leaders.

Both the LFRW and NFRW have great websites with resource pages you can use to stay informed. "Capital Connection", the NFRW's weekly newsletter, is another great way to catch up on current events. Both organizations do an outstanding job keeping our members up to date with the most recent information about the President's current agenda, policy reform, and other political news happening on the hill. Where ever you choose to get your information make sure to do your research and be committed to being an informed leader.



Fall 2017 Election Dates

Saturday, October 14, 2017

What's On the Ballot

LA State Treasurer

(Special Election, Qualify in Baton Rouge)

Justice of the Peace Ward 7

(Special Election)

Sewerage District No. Eleven of Wards Three and Eight Tax Renewal

Qualifying Dates:

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Friday, July 14, 2017

8:30 am - 4:30 pm Daily

Polls Open at 7:00 am

Polls Close at 8:00 pm

Early Voting Dates for the October 14, 2017 Election

Saturday, September 30, 2017 - Saturday, October 7, 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

General Election Date - Saturday, November 18, 2017

What's On the Ballot

Run off for Candidate positions from the October 14th Election

Fire Protection District No. One of Ward Six (Bond)

Recreation District No. One of Ward Eight (Bond)

**Recreation District No. One of Ward Eight
(Maintenance Millage)**

Deadline to file for Props or Taxes for this Election date is: October 3, 2017

Early Voting Dates for the November 18, 2017 Election

Friday, November 3, 2017 - Saturday, November 11, 2017

(Closed Sunday and Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of Veterans Day)

8:30 am - 6:00 pm daily

(Locations to be determined)

Lake Charles - Calcasieu Parish Courthouse 2nd Floor

Sulphur - Sulphur City Annex

Moss Bluff - Calcasieu Parish Library

LFRW Fall Board Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2017 to Sunday, October 29, 2017

Lafayette, Louisiana

For more information visit www.lfrw.com

Gun Drawing - August 24, 2017

Just a reminder that we will be having our gun drawing at our August meeting. If you have sold tickets since our last meeting please bring them with you. If you would like to purchase additional tickets you will have the opportunity before the August general meeting starts. If you will not be able to attend and would like to send in ticket stubs and money please contact Sarah Lavergne at (337) 515-2620 to make arrangements before the meeting.



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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Check out our Website!

www.rwswla.com

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership (recruiting, recording) | CAMPAIGN WORK: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising and Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology (newsletter, website, Facebook) | <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-door |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations (publicity, liaison w/media) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 # _____)