



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

## George Swift

George Swift is the founding President and CEO of the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance, which combines the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development department for our five parish region. He is originally from Selma, Alabama and spent most of his career in various phases of radio broadcasting. He and his family moved to Lake Charles in 1987 which is now home. He has served on several community boards including serving as chair of United Way and President of Chennault Industrial Airpark. He and his wife Pat are members of First Presbyterian Church. Their son Patrick and Daughter-in-law Dana are parents of two daughters, Madison, 11, and Katelyn, 7. George's main goal is to make our region a place where Madison and Katelyn want to call home.



### ***2018 Officers***

#### **President**

Sister Fontenot

#### **Vice- President**

Sarah Lavergne

#### **Treasurer**

Ruth Giamis

#### **Secretary**

Martha Polk

## Join us for Lunch

**Thursday, August 23 2018**

**Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM**

**General Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM**

Reeves Uptown Catering

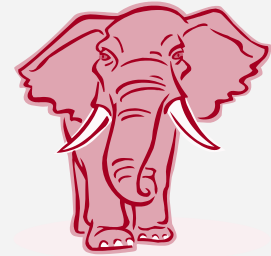
1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA

**Guest Speaker: George Swift, President and CEO of the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance**

RSVP by Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Marsha Spear-(337) 842-4220

# Announcements & Events



**Tuesday, August 21, Noon**  
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

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

**Thursday, August 23, 11:30**  
Monthly luncheon meeting

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

## Member of the Month– Emily Ashworth



*Emily Ashworth is our 2018 August member of the month.*

### **How did you come to join the Republican Women of SWLA?**

I was invited to a Republican Roundtable at the Harlequin by my dad. While there I met Sister Fontenot who I had the most phenomenal conversation with. She then asked if I had heard of the organization and if I would like to join...the rest is history!

**Outside of being an amazing Republican woman, what does a normal day hold for you?** I enjoy working as the Wellness Nurse Coordinator for the City of Lake Charles helping the employees live a healthy lifestyle and working with the administration and community leaders to build a healthier stronger community. As member, Deaconess, youth leader and nurse educator for the Health Awareness Team at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, I enjoy helping many and advancing my fellow members knowledge of Christ and support them as they grow spiritually. I also look forward to every opportunity I have to minister to those who are unchurched. Being a member of the National Association of University Women and other organizations allow me to work with those who are like minded and willing to serve the community in tremendous ways. Last but definitely not least, I am the proud mother of two (Allonah and Gil Jr.) and wife of sixteen years to Gil Sr. to whom I love dearly. It is their continuous support and love that allow me to serve in ministry and the community. I am often told I need to slow down, but I believe God has granted me this life and I am going to live every moment to the fullest. I will rest when the work He is doing through me is done.

**What is something most people might not know about you?** Many people may not know that I like to garden. I enjoy planting flowers and growing vegetables.

**Who has been the most inspiring Republican figure to you and why?** The most inspiring Republican figure to me has always been Condoleezza Rice. Growing up I was often told by people outside of my family what I could NOT do. Whether it was the color of my skin or the fact that someone before me had not accomplished the goal I set for myself there was always some sort of negativity. I was the first to graduate from college in my family and the first African American President of my nursing class at McNeese in the Associate's Degree program. As a little girl I would watch Condoleezza Rice and admire her poise, grace, and intelligence. She was the first African American female Secretary of State and served as our first female National Security Advisor. Watching her was so inspirational! I knew I could do anything if I put my mind to it and stand tall as I forged my own path.

**What do you love the most about our organization?** The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana is a family of sisters that may not agree on every detail of a political race, thoughts about a candidate or the activities occurring within our party, but the one thing we hold true to is supporting one another as we work toward the growth of our party. Also, supporting our troops as they continue to protect and fight for us while we live free in our Great Country. I am truly proud to be a member of the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana!



# **Fall 2018 Election Dates**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

**U. S. Representative**

**Secretary of State, State of Louisiana**

**Special Election: State Representative District 33**

**Calcasieu Parish School Board**

**DeQuincy: Mayor, City Council**

**Iowa: Mayor, Chief of Police, Council Members**

**Westlake: Mayor, Chief of Police, Council Members**

**Lake Charles: Special Election: City Marshall**

**Calcasieu Parish Library Tax Renewal**

**Calcasieu Parish Courthouse and Correctional Center Maintenance Tax  
Renewal**

**Registrar of Voter Information**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018 Election Day**

**Deadline to Register to Vote in person:**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

**Deadline to Register to Vote online/[geauxvote.com](http://geauxvote.com):**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

**Early Voting Dates for the November 6, 2018 Election**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

**(Closed Sunday)**



## 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)

# LFRW Fall Board Meeting

## October 12, 2018—October 13, 2018

### Kenner, Louisiana

### Pontchartrain Center

## 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.

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