



Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



John Fleming, M.D.

Louisiana State Treasurer



John Fleming was elected Louisiana State Treasurer on November 18, 2023, and sworn in on January 8, 2024. A physician, entrepreneur businessman and military veteran, he is also a former Congressman from the fourth district of Louisiana. He served four terms in Congress from 2009- 2017. While in Congress, he was one of the founders of the House Freedom Caucus.

After leaving Congress, he was appointed to three different positions in the Trump administration. First, he served from 2017-2019 as Deputy Assistant Secretary at Health and Human Services, then he was appointed and Senate-confirmed in 2019 as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. In 2020, he was detailed to the West Wing of the White House and served as the Deputy Chief of Staff to President Trump.

Fleming grew up in a working-class home. His father died while he was still in high school, leaving him with no breadwinner in the home, two younger siblings, and a disabled mother. Despite such hardships, John worked his way through college and was accepted into medical school. After his residency in Family Medicine, Dr. Fleming served as a Naval Medical Officer. After leaving the military, he set up a medical practice in Minden where he lives today. In addition, he started several companies, managing commercial real estate, as well as multi-unit franchises. These businesses continue to successfully operate today.

John and Cindy have been married for 46 years. They have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Join us for Lunch

Thurs., February 27, 2024
Buffet Lunch: 11am
Meeting: 11:30am

Lake Charles Country Club
3350 Country Club Dr.

RSVP by noon
Tuesday, February 25
tbdoucet@gmail.com

2025 Officers

President

Mary "Sister" Fontenot

1st Vice-President

Emily Fenet Parker

2nd Vice-President

Terri Doucet

Treasurer

Jonell Wilkinson

Recording Secretary

Darla Lennox

Corresponding Secretary

Kay Stephens

Announcements & Events

Tuesday, February 25, Noon
RSVP meeting deadline

Thursday, February 27, 11am
Lunch meeting w/LA State
Treasurer, Dr. John Fleming

Thursday, March 6, 6:30pm
Mayor Candidate Debate

City Council Meetings
Wednesday, February 19 and
March 5 & 19 at 5:30pm City
Council Chambers.

Police Jury Meetings
Thursdays, February 20 and
March 6 & 20 at 5:30pm

**Calcasieu Parish School
Board Meetings**

February 11 and March 11,
5pm

Marie Key Martin Scholarship
application is due Friday, April
5. Application form attached to
newsletter email.

Message from our President, Sister Fontenot

Dear Republican Women of SWLA,

We are off to a great start with President Trump swiftly fulfilling his campaign promises! Congratulations to our four newly elected Republican Judges, Supreme Court Justice Cade Cole, Court of Appeals Judge Clayton Davis, and 14th Judicial Judges Hope Wyatt Beauford and Lee Hoffoss. Congratulations to our newly elected City Councilman, Stuart Weatherford. We are so proud of our Club Member Hope and 4 Associate Members Cade, Clayton, Lee, and Stuart!

I know you want to help us maintain our status as the LARGEST REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB IN THE STATE OF LA, THE BEST ALL-AROUND REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB IN LA, and a NATIONAL DIAMOND CLUB! To maintain these honors, we have to continue to renew our memberships and reach out to new potential members. If each one of you signed up just one new member, we would double our membership. You have no idea how much the other clubs in this state admire and respect our club. It is only through your continued support and participation we have received these honors and recognition. Also, the status we have achieved both state-wide and nationally enables us to get the best speakers who keep you informed on the local, state, and national levels!

We have an informative and fun day called DAY OF THE LEGISLATURE which is scheduled for April 30 at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. It begins with breakfast in Lt. Gov. Nungesser's Barracks. Then we go to the Capitol and attend the House and Senate hearings in session of your choice. We have lunch at a building on Capitol grounds and attend more hearings in the afternoon. We end the day around 3:30 when the Republican Women are recognized by a joint meeting of both the House and Senate. We hope you can attend.

We hope to see you Thursday, February 27 for lunch with our speaker State Treasurer, Dr. John Fleming. Bring your LSU/McNeese or Spa items for our baskets for a chance to win a free lunch. The more items you donate, the more chances you have to win a free lunch!

-Sister



January Luncheon
Thursday, January 26, 2025
Lake Charles Mayor, Nic Hunter



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](#)) & 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 & national clubs when we annually send in our membership rolls and dues.

Organization Objectives:

- 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!

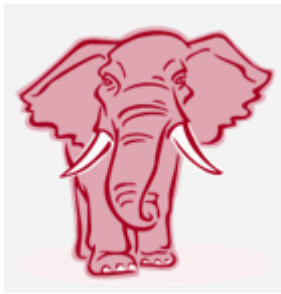
www.rwswla.com

Marie Key Martin Scholarship

In honor of Marie Key Martin, every Spring our club awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving young Republican woman. To apply, she must be a senior in high school and nominated by an active member of Republican Women of SWLA.

Sound like someone you know?

Application attached & must be submitted to Mary Kay Eason by Tuesday, April 1.
maryk.eason@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Remember to renew your membership today.
2024 is a very important election year for our state.
Questions, contact Membership Chair, Teresa
Doucet

tbdoucet@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

LFRW Spring Member
Board Meeting

April 4 & 5, 2025 Baton Rouge, LA



March 2025 Election

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- City of Lake Charles Mayor
- City Council Members
- 4 Constitutional Amendments

EARLY VOTING Saturday, March 15 - Saturday, March 22

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:

Lake Charles

Registrar of Voter's Office

2nd floor - Historic Calcasieu Courthouse, downtown Lake Charles

Sulphur

Sulphur Law Enforcement Bldg., 500 A Huntington St.

Moss Bluff

Moss Bluff Library

261 Parish Road, Lake Charles, LA 70611

Iowa

Library Activity Annex (behind Library)

109 S. Thompson Ave., Iowa, LA 70647

****To see your specific ballot go to [GeauxVoteWebsite](#) or download the Geaux Vote app**

Info on Constitutional Amendments here

<https://parlouisiana.org/publications/guide-to-the-constitutional-amendments/>