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THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Dr. Daryl V. Burckel, C.P.A., C.V.A.

President of McNeese State University

The guest speaker for our July meeting was Dr. Daryl Burckel, President of McNeese State University.

Dr. Daryl V. Burckel began his term as the 7th president of McNeese State University on July 1, 2017. He is a professor of accounting and holds the Arthur Hollins III Endowed Professorship also in Accounting. He attended McNeese on a football scholarship; therefore, earning his bachelor's degree in accounting as well as his Master of Business Administration. He then attended Mississippi State University earning his Doctor of Business Administration. He is also a member of the McNeese Hall of Fame.

He held faculty positions previously at the University of New Orleans and Mississippi State University before joining the MSU faculty in 1992, and soon served as the head of the MSU Dept of Accounting, Finance and Economics.

Dr. Burckel is also a Certified Public Accountant as well as a Certified Valuation Analyst; using his vast knowledge to consult for local and state government agencies and small businesses. He serves on numerous boards and professional organizations, currently serving on the Board of Directors for JD Bank, the Louisiana Land Trust and the Council for a Better Louisiana.

Dr. Burckel told of the extensive damages Hurricanes Laura and Delta caused to every building on the McNeese campus and how they worked smart to accomplish the rebuild in record time.



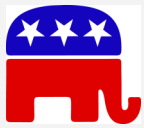
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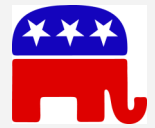
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June 2021 Speaker of the Month: Attorney General of Louisiana Jeff Landry



It was such an honor and privilege to have as our speaker for the June luncheon. Attorney General of Louisiana, Jeff Landry. General Landry for those who have not heard him speak is such a colorful, and friendly person; he has extreme passion for fighting for the greatest assets of Louisiana, which of course, is its people.

General Landry told a story of his mother being the first girls basketball coach at Loreauville High School (located in Iberia Parish). His mother paid for the uniforms out of her own pocket and fought with the other coaches to allow the girls "court time". His reason for this story was to emphasize the importance of female athletes on teams with other biological females. (As of the writing of this article, the Louisiana Senate Historic veto session had a bill on banning transgender athletes from competing in women's sports.)

Other topics General Landry spoke on were the Opioid Epidemic; how the State of Louisiana was one of many states involved in the lawsuit against Pfizer, and settling with approximately \$1 million worth of Naloxone (NarCan) and the drug take back program to prevent overdoses.

He spoke of the rise in violent crimes in the "small towns of Louisiana", especially carjacking is up 120%. In prosecuting said crimes, Landry stated, "When the sentence is handed down [it] doesn't calculate exactly." Many of the convicted criminals receive such short sentences for these terrible crimes resulting in release back in to the community causing the revolving door of catch and release.

Landry also brought with him a special guest, the FIRST Solicitor General of Louisiana, Elizabeth (Liz) Murrill. She was appointed in 2016, by the Attorney General, having previously served as the Louisiana Department of Justice's Director of Administration. In 2019, Solicitor General Murrill argued a case *Ramos v Louisiana*, before the United States Supreme Court. That same year, criminal cases would require a unanimous vote (no longer a 10-2 vote as previous was allowed for Louisiana and Oregon).

(below, Solicitor General Liz Murrill)



Landry touched briefly on how many "You can find a taste of Louisiana anywhere in the country, but you can't keep a kid here," stating its sad how our youth graduate a leave Louisiana for more opportunities and "We want to be first and great...Mississippi is ahead of us by 8 years!" He then held a Q&A portion where most of the questions were pertaining to the Dominion Voting System/Machines and are the safe. He also spoke briefly on the veto session.*

**The veto session did not go as hoped for, all of the bills that Gov. Edwards vetoed, remained as such, due to the lack of the 2/3 vote.*





REPUBLICAN *Women*

of Southwest Louisiana



RWSWL along with the Calcasieu Republican Parish Executive Committee (CRPEC), held a Meet & Greet with local Republican officials at Bodega Wine Dive on Monday, June 28, 2021.

If you were unable to attend, you missed an awesome turnout by our local officials. A big “Thanks” to Larry Thomas and his staff at Bodega for the fantastic food, service, and all around good time had by all!

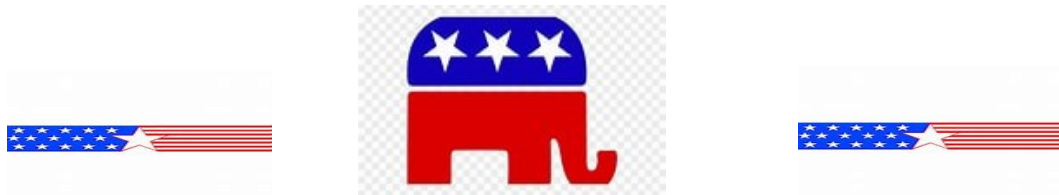


Community Service Projects

Volunteerism is a way to improve the lives of the people in our community. The RWSWL has made a one year commitment to the Autism Services of SWLA.

Information on this project will be available at the August luncheon.

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Veto Session Rally

The Louisiana Republican Party (LAGOP) hosted an important rally in Baton Rouge Monday, July 19, 2021 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the steps of the Louisiana State Capitol. There were over twenty-five legislators and roughly 250 attendees, including RWSWL members Barbara Andrepont, Sharon Denson, Dan Denson and Randy Ratcliff, despite the rainy weather with thunderstorms popping up all over south LA. The rally was for the people of Louisiana to show their support and appreciation for the 68 Republican representatives and the 27 Republican senators who were elected to represent all Republicans in the state. It was also to let those legislators know how extremely important it was for all of them to stand strong together and vote to override all the vetoed bills that passed during the 2021 general session by mostly unanimous votes on the part of the Republicans and with a majority of Democrat votes on some bills.



Rep. Phillip Tarver on the steps of the LA State Capitol

We wish to express our appreciation to those La. Republican legislators who did exactly that, even though they knew Republicans didn't hold a two-thirds majority in both houses! We also want to acknowledge one special SWLA State Representative, Mr. Phillip Tarver, for going the extra mile by attending the rally Monday and giving the crowd a highly enthusiastic speech that received a roaring standing ovation by all.

Thank you, Representative Tarver!



JUNE 2021 LUNCH MEETING





Please join the Calcasieu Republican Parish Executive Committee and the Republican Roundtable for lunch with Sheriff Tony Mancuso and District Attorney Stephen Dwight on Friday, August 13, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Reeves Uptown Catering.

The sheriff and district attorney will provide updates on the current legal landscape, crime in Calcasieu Parish and the joint Contractor Fraud Program.

To get your tickets:

NOT ON OUR WATCH

*We Will Arrest
and Prosecute!*



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/republican-roundtable-with-tony-mancuso-stphen-dwight-tickets-164693299091>

Tony Mancuso, Sheriff | Stephen Dwight, DA (337) 437-3405



Soon to Arrive:

Republican Women Garden
Flags with stand \$25 or without
the stand \$15.

On Sale Now

The RWSWL are selling tickets (\$5 each) for this beautiful LSU gift basket pictured at the right.

Items include (2) tickets to LSU v. MSU game on September 11, 2021 at Tiger Stadium, along with a special bottle of LSU wine, and a variety of other items to make your tailgate party a success.

The drawing will be held August 26, 2021 luncheon. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sister Fontenot at (337)304-2089.



More information about the sale of the garden flags will be provided at the August luncheon.

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: _____

Cell phone: (_____) _____ Home phone: (_____) _____
Area Code Area Code

Email address: _____

Birthday (month/day): _____ Referred by: _____

Are you a member of another LFRW club? _____ If yes, club name _____

Membership Dues: (Place an X in the blank for your member type)

Full Member (\$40/yr.): New and Renewing (\$40 includes \$8 dues paid to LFRW and \$20 to NFRW)

_____ **New Member** (If you join Oct.1st – Dec.31st, \$40 covers membership through following year)

_____ **Renewing Member** (Renewal Period is Oct.1st – Dec.31st. After Dec 31st, renewal is \$45)

Associate Member (\$15/yr.)

_____ Only for a male Republican or a full member of another LFRW club

Payment type: **Check** amount: \$ _____ check #: _____ **OR** **Cash** amount: \$ _____

Make check payable to RWSWL.

You may mail this form with your dues check to: RWSWL, P.O. Box 754 Lake Charles, LA 70602

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Committees/Interests – Check your volunteer preferences

Membership (recruiting, recording, reporting)

CAMPAIGN WORK

_____ Fundraising and Event Planning

_____ Clerical or Accounting

_____ Legislative Issues (pending bills, upcoming elections)

_____ Voter Registration

_____ Information Technology (RWSWL website, social media)

_____ Door-to-Door Campaigning

_____ Community Outreach (organize RWSWL's participation)

_____ Phone Bank

_____ Public Relations and Publicity (liaison w/media)

_____ Yard Signs

_____ Newsletter Production and Photography

_____ Volunteer at Campaign HQ