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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

State Representative Julie Stokes

Julie Stokes is a Certified Public Accountant, small business owner and conservative State Representative from Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. She's actively involved with the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, the University of New Orleans Alumni Association, the Louisiana Society of CPA's, and local economic development activities, including the Kenner 2030 Economic Development Committee. Nationally, Julie serves on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL). In the Legislature, Rep. Stokes is the Chairman of the Sales Tax Streamlining & Modernization Commission, working tirelessly to bring repair to the state's fractured sales tax system. She's also Vice Chair of the Legislative Audit Advisory Committee and serves as an interim member of the Joint Legislative on the Budget and House Appropriations Committees. She also serves on the Ways & Means, Health & Welfare, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay. In 2016, she was named one of four "Women of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Louisiana East. She has also been honored as one of New Orleans City Business Magazine's "Women of the Year" in both 2003 and 2014. Rep. Stokes traveled the state of Louisiana with the Committee of 100 in 2015 & 2016 as one of the lead speakers on Tax Reform in Louisiana, earning accolades from many media outlets such as the New Orleans Advocate, the Baton Rouge Business Report, and WRKF as one of the most knowledgeable Louisiana legislators in the field of Louisiana's fiscal environment. Rep. Stokes resides in Kenner with her husband Larry and their two children, Brandon and Taylor. She attended Jefferson Parish Public Schools and the University of New Orleans. After four years on full academic scholarship at UNO, she received her Bachelors of Science in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude. She started working at a Big Four accounting firm right away and passed the CPA exam on her first effort.



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

Join us for Lunch

Thursday, June 22, 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:

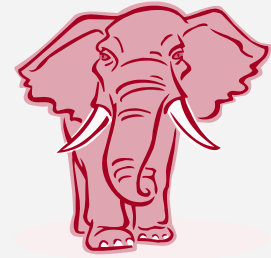
State Representative Julie Stokes, Candidate for Louisiana Treasurer

RSVP by Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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Announcements & Events

**Tuesday, June 20, Noon**

Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

RPEC August Meeting

Monday, August 21, 5:30 pm
Central Library, Theilan Room

Thursday, June 22, 11:30 am

Monthly luncheon meeting

City Council Meetings

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

RPEC June Meeting

Monday, June 26, 5:30 pm
Central Library, DeBakey Room

Police Jury Meetings

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

Member of the Month– Sharon Denson

**How did you join the Republican Women of SWLA?**

I retired in 2003 after 32 years of teaching high school math and computer science. I ran into a former student, Sharon Galicia, and during our catch-up conversation she told me about the activities of the RWSWLA and invited me to a meeting. It was during President Bush's re-election campaign and I knew I'd love to be able to help with that.

What does a day in the life of Sharon Denson look like outside of being an awesome Republican Woman?

My days are filled with spending time with my loving husband and our five wonderful grandchildren. I also enjoy having fun lunches with old and new friends at places that have no resemblance to a school cafeteria!

What's a fun fact that people may not know about you?

Something you probably don't know about me is that I love all sports. I played basketball (when girls played half-court), learned to water ski before I could swim, taught swimming lessons, and was the sponsor of SHHS tennis team for several years. But my favorite sport is softball. I played from age eleven until I was almost 40 and for most of those years I played catcher. My last tournament, played in the rain and mud for 3 days, prompted me to finally hang up my cleats.

What's your favorite thing about the Republican Women of SWLA?

The thing I enjoy most about belonging to RWSWL is being able to associate with so many wonderful, patriotic folks who share my conservative values. They understand what is wrong with our country today and work hard trying to make it RIGHT!!



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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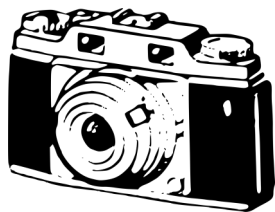
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Check out our Website!

www.rwswla.com



May's 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: _____

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.

() 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.

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 # _____)