



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



## **Bill Rase, Executive Director of the Port of Lake Charles~**

Mr. Rase has over 30 years of port and cargo management experience. He graduated in 1971 with a B. A. degree in Marketing from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La.

After serving in a number of public port and private sector administrative positions at a variety of ports and companies, Mr. Rase was appointed, in 2002, Director of Operations for the Port of Lake Charles. Mr. Rase has been personally responsible for revamping several key operating agreements and securing several new cargo operations- both of which substantially increased the economic well being of the Port and the area.

In May 2010, Mr. Rase accepted the position of Executive Director of the Port of Lake Charles.

Learn about the economic impact the Port of Lake Charles and the Ship Channel have in fueling America's Energy Corridor.

For more information, go to: <http://portlc.com/>

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH**

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Deadline for submissions-  
2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, March 24  
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am  
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

**Reeves Uptown Catering**  
1639-B Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA

**Guest Speaker - Bill Rase, Director of the Port of Lake Charles**

Reservations by Tuesday, March 22  
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## THE PORT OF LAKE CHARLES



The Port of Lake Charles is a deepwater seaport at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The Port is currently the 11th-busiest seaport in the U.S., based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 2013 figures.

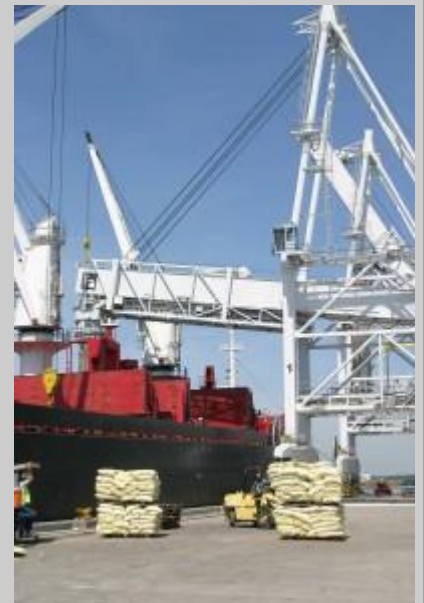
The Port manages the Calcasieu Ship Channel, which runs inland 36 miles and extends out into the Gulf of Mexico another 32 miles. The Port of Lake Charles is officially the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District, a public body created by the Louisiana Legislature. The District encompasses 203 square miles in Calcasieu Parish, and accommodates some 5 million tons of cargo annually at its public facilities.

The Port of Lake Charles owns and operates two marine terminals—the City Docks and Bulk Terminal No. 1—and two industrial parks—the Industrial Canal and Industrial Park East. In addition, the Port serves as landlord to companies leasing Port-owned property, and owns several leasable sites on and near the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

Principal cargoes moving through the Port's terminals are bagged rice, flour and other food products; forest products; aluminum, petroleum coke and other petroleum products; wood chips; barite; and rutile.

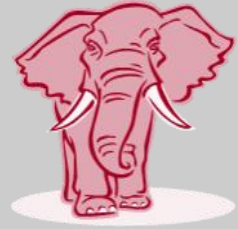
### **Mission Statement:**

**“To actively create, facilitate, and enhance benefits from maritime transportation and economic development for the benefit of its customers, stakeholders, and the citizens of Southwest Louisiana.”**



All information from: <http://portlc.com/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, March 22, Noon**  
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, March 24, 11:30 am**  
Monthly luncheon meeting

**Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 pm**  
Prepare packages for the Troops  
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

**March 26-April 2, 8:30am-6:00 pm**  
Early voting, except Sunday

**Saturday, April 9, 7:00 am-8:00 pm**  
Municipal General Election

**LFRW Spring Board Meeting, May 20-22**  
Le Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans

### Congratulations

Dan Denson, associate member, Roby Dyer, member & President & Jackie Hebert, member & Vice-President, were elected to the Republican Calcasieu Parish Executive Committee.

Jackie Hebert was elected to the Republican State Central Committee, Dist. 25, Div. C.

A special thank you to all who helped get the word out for all of the candidates to elect our Republican Women!

***Check us out on the web!***



*Republican Women of  
Southwest Louisiana*



## **Municipal General Election Propositions Saturday, April 9, 2016**

**Early voting is Mar. 26th through Apr. 2nd (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

### **Parish wide Proposition (Museums) (Tax)**

Shall the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury be authorized to levy and collect an ad valorem tax of 1.5 mills on all assessable property within Calcasieu Parish for ten (10) years, with collections from levy of the tax estimated to be \$2,591,737 for one entire year ("Tax"), to be levied upon availability of Capital Outlay grant funds from the State of Louisiana, and to fund the Tax into debt for acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the National Hurricane Museum & Science Center, Inc., and for maintenance and operation of all Qualifying Calcasieu Parish Museums; and in a cooperative endeavor agreement to assign avails of the Tax to the Calcasieu Parish Public Trust Authority for funding the Tax into debt for acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the National Hurricane Museum & Science Center, Inc., and for financing maintenance and operation of all Qualifying Museums situated in Calcasieu Parish?

### **Vinton Harbor and Terminal District Proposition (Millage)**

Shall Vinton Harbor and Terminal District, State of Louisiana, levy and collect a tax of 7 mills in excess of and in addition to other taxes levied by the District, for a period of ten (10) years beginning in 2016, and with the ability to fund said tax into debt, with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$361,256 for one entire year, for the purpose of maintenance, operating and improvement of the facilities owned or used by the District, title to which shall be in the public?

### **Ward One Fire Protection District Number One Proposition**

Shall Ward One Fire Protection District Number One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, (the "District"), be authorized to renew, levy and collect a tax of five and five-hundredths (5.05) mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with and including the year 2017, with collections from the renewed levy estimated to be \$375,866.00 for one entire year, for the purposes of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service, and for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing, improving or constructing fire protection facilities of the District constituting works of permanent public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

### **Waterworks District No. Fourteen of Ward Five Proposition (Millage Continuation)**

Shall Waterworks District No. Fourteen of Ward Five of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana ("District"), continue to levy and collect a tax of 15.98 mills for a period not to exceed ten (10) years beginning in 2017, in excess of and in addition to other taxes levied by the District, with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be \$484,303 for one entire year, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's waterworks system, equipment and facilities, including both movable and immovable property, owned or used by the District, title to which shall be in the public, said tax to represent a ninety-eight hundredths (0.98) mill increase over the 15 mills authorized to be levied through the year 2016 pursuant to an election held on November 7, 2006, such increase due to reappraisal?

### **Waterworks District No. Two of Ward Four Proposition (Tax)**

Shall Waterworks District No. Two of Ward Four of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to levy and collect a special 6.38-mill tax on all property subject to taxation in the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2025, with collections from the levy estimated to be \$430,242 for one entire year, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating waterworks facilities, including the purchase of water, within said District?

# FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING



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**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana  
Monthly meeting February 25, 2016  
Reeves Uptown Catering**



**INTRODUCTION:**

The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at Reeves Uptown Catering. The meeting was brought to order by Roby Dyer, President. Beth Morris said an opening prayer. Theresa Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Jackie Hebert introduced Kenneth Nabours. He is a local business owner that is running for the Republican State Central Committee from Sulphur. He is a graduate of Sulphur High School and a veteran.

Jackie then introduced our speaker, James Waskom, Director of GOSEP (GOVERNORS OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY and EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS).

Mr. Waskom spoke about being appointed this year by the new governor to head the state Homeland Security. The agency was formed after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It oversees 18 billion dollars in federal grants. \$2 Billion is still in use for Katrina recovery. He has 51 permanent employees. They coordinate all state agencies in a disaster, man-made or natural, with local emergency preparedness offices. There are 9 regions. Calcasieu is in Region 5 and has one of best-run offices in the state.

Mr. Waskom gave two web sites that are helpful:

[www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org) has tips for preparing for disaster.

[www.emergency.la.gov](http://www.emergency.la.gov) has latest updates on disaster; like a one stop shop.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Republican Caucus is March 1, at Prien Lake Park, Harbor's Edge Pavilion from 4PM to 8PM.

Early voting is this week through Saturday, February 28.

Pillows for Troops has been changed to Tuesday, March 8.

LFRW Spring Board Meeting will be in New Orleans at the Le Pavillon Hotel, May 20-22.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

Dr. Michael Kurth spoke about the Caucus on March 1. Delegates for the national convention will be chosen. Attendees must have photo ID and be listed as a registered Republican.

Door prizes were drawn. Thanks to Theresa Martin, Roby Dyer and Janet Thibodeaux for donating the prizes. The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Laura Moody

**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. Thanks!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership (recruiting, recording)                     | <b>CAMPAIGN WORK:</b>                             |
| <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               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archiving, Photography, Scrapbooking                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at Campaign HQ |

**Please list other clubs, other interests, or comments/questions on reverse of this application.**

### 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.)

**Paid by:** cash (\$\_\_\_\_\_) **OR** check (\$\_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_)

**Make Check Payable To: RWSWL      Mail To: P.O. Box 754 Lake Charles, LA 70602**

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_