



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



## Jay Dardenne, Lt. Governor, 2015 Candidate for Governor ~

Jay has spent his life serving the people of Louisiana. His reputation, built from more than 25 years in public life and decades of community involvement, is one of honesty, integrity, conservatism, common sense and effectiveness. Jay believes in hard work, faith, family and having more ethics than the law requires. He understands the importance of listening more than speaking – God gave us two ears and one mouth. He is a leader by example with a clear vision for Louisiana that he has been able to articulate and implement at every level of service .

For more info go to: <http://www.jaydardenne.com/record-of-success>

His record of success started with being elected to Metro Council from 1988-1991, State Senator of District 16 from 1991-2006, Secretary of State from 2006-2010, and Lt. Governor from 2010 to present.

Make plans to attend the luncheon to hear Jay explain why he should be our next Governor. We look forward to see you there!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH**

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Deadline for submissions-  
2nd Thursday of the month

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

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

**Guest Speaker - Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne**

Reservations by Tuesday April 28  
Marsha 337-842-4220 or  
[milspear59@att.net](mailto:milspear59@att.net)

## Spring Municipal General Election is May 2

Early voting began April 18 and ends April 25, excluding Sundays and holidays, from 8:30 am – 6 pm. The deadline to register to vote in this election is May 1, 2015. You can check your ballot at <http://geauxvote.com/>.

The following may be on your ballot:

### **PW School Board - 0.5% S&U - SB - 10 Yrs.**

Shall the Calcasieu Parish School Board, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, under the provisions of Article 6, Section 29(B) of the Constitution of 1974 of the State of Louisiana, La. R.S. 47:338.54 and 47:338.84, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, for a period of ten years beginning July 1, 2015, be authorized to levy and collect, and adopt an ordinance providing for such levy and collection, a tax of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%), with collections from the tax estimated to be \$22,500,000 for one entire year, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all presently or hereafter defined in La. R.S. 47:301 through La. R.S. 47:317, with the proceeds of the tax to be dedicated exclusively for supplementing the salaries and benefits of teachers and other employees of the Calcasieu Parish School Board? PW School Board - 0.5% S&U - SB - 10 Yrs.

YES

NO

### **Ward Three Fire Prot. Dist. No. Two - 11.54 Mills - PJ - 10 Yrs.**

Shall Ward Three Fire Protection District No. Two of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, (the "District") be authorized to renew, levy and collect a special 11.54-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 renewed levy estimated to be \$2,038,697 for one entire year, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, including paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes? Ward Three Fire Prot. Dist. No. Two - 11.54 Mills - PJ - 10 Yrs.

YES

NO

### **Seeking New Talent**

Are you creative? Would you like to make a difference? We would love for you to re-create our club Scrapbook. The scrapbook highlights our club activities over a two-year span and is submitted at the state convention for awards. This can also be a team effort.

Contact Roby Dyer, 540-0501, if you are interested.

### **GO Group Regional Housing Study**

The Southwest Louisiana Task Force for Growth and Opportunity (GO Group) held a public meeting Tuesday, April 14) to update the community on GO Group efforts, to allow for local industry to provide updates with regard to their respective projects, to release the findings of the recently completed Calcasieu Parish Temporary Housing Study, and to review IMCAL's Long Range Transportation Plan. Additionally, the GO Group to released the findings of the Calcasieu Parish Temporary Housing Study.

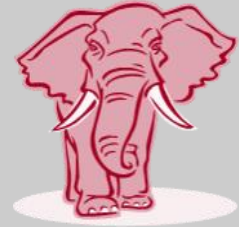
David Conner, Vice President of Economic Development and International Commerce with the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance also supports the study. "The data inputs used in the study, in addition to our close communication with industry, have allowed for the production of what we feel is an accurate depiction of the housing issues our area is likely to face," he said. "The findings will help our community better understand and prepare for the magnitude of the growth we are beginning to experience."

For more information on the GO Group, visit: [www.gogroupswla.com](http://www.gogroupswla.com)

### **Keeping in Touch**

If you know of a member celebrating an event, is ill or has lost a member of her family, please contact our Corresponding Secretary, Beth Morris, at 337-625-5303. She has been unable to attend the last few meetings but continues to send beautiful messages to our members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**



**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, April 28, Noon**

Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, April 30 11:30 am**

Monthly luncheon meeting

**Tuesday May 5, 6:00 pm**

Prepare packages for the Troops  
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

**Upcoming Speakers**

**May 21 (3rd Thursday) -**

Billy Nungessor, Candidate for Lt. Governor

**June 25 -**

John Young, Candidate for Lt. Governor

**August 27-**

Congressman Charles Boustany

**Check us out on the web!**

**[www.rwsvla.com](http://www.rwsvla.com)**



*Republican Women of  
Southwest Louisiana*



## May National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

During the entire month of May in honor of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, each of the six Calcasieu mayors will host walks in their respective communities to get their constituents moving.

There are two ways residents can get involved, 1) Attend a walk in your city or 2) Pledge to walk online at [healthierswla.com](http://healthierswla.com). The city with the largest participation will be awarded with a traveling prize. The winning city will be determined based on city population/largest percentage of participation in pledges to walk.

### The walks are as follows:

- April 25 at 9 a.m. - City of DeQuincy @Union Pacific Park Baseball/Softball Complex
- May 9 at 9 a.m. - City of Sulphur @the Groves at Heritage Square
- May 16 at 9 a.m. - Town of Iowa @ City Park
- May 16 at 9 a.m. - City of Lake Charles @Civic Center Promenade
- May 23 at 9 a.m. - City of Westlake @ Pinedarosa Park
- May 23 at 9 a.m. - City of Vinton @ Vinton High School Track and Field.

## Everyone loves a fishing trip & new tackle.

**Don't forget to get your tickets!**

### *All proceeds to Benefit* **Pillows for Troops and Scholarship Fund**

#### **1ST PRIZE:**

Big Lake Guided Fishing Trip for 3.  
Good for 1 year by Garcia Guide Service

#### **2ND PRIZE:**

Lew's Reel TS1SH Bait Cast Reel/  
Crucial Shimano Rod  
\$350 Value from Cajun Tackle



*Drawing May 21, 2015*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20**

**\$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20** *Offered by Republican Women of SWLA*

We are over halfway there but we need to sell them all to meet our commitment to Pillows for Troops and the Scholarship fund! Contact Roby Dyer, 540-0501, when you need more.

**Call Sharon Denson to turn in stubs and money, 842-1986**  
**The deadline is Tuesday, May 19 at noon!**



### March meeting



## April Membership Social

The membership Committee had another successful social at Loggerhead's. There were some old faces as well as some new faces. Two of the guests had so much fun they decided to join our Club!

The next get together will be at The Blue Martini inside the Golden Nugget. It features an outdoor patio on the water along with Happy hour food and beverage specials. We will send an email when the date is set.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana  
Monthly meeting March 26, 2015  
Reeves Uptown Catering**



The meeting was called to order by president, Roby Dyer. Janice Areno led us in prayer. Tina Mosca-Coffman led the Pledge of Allegiance..

New Business:

Fishing trip drawing tickets: Sales are going well. Members were asked to pick up tickets to sell if they had not yet done so.

Tina Mosca-Coffman gave an update on our annual \$500 Marie Key scholarship. The application is on the website. Please encourage all young Republican graduating seniors to apply. Deadline for applications is April 13, 2015.

Speakers:

**Guest Speaker** - State Treasurer John Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy began by reminding us that first impressions are sometimes wrong. He encourages us all to get involved in government politics. "We must respect life. It is a precious gift from God." He thanked us for supporting education. "We have a problem with our education system. Not in higher education, but in elementary and secondary education. This is where we fall behind. Change needs to be made at the local level. There is too much government involvement. We don't need the government to tell us how to educate our children." He substitutes several times a year in the public schools to be familiar with the experience and issues.

"Small business needs more recognition. These are the people who are really invested in our state. Free Market Capitalization has done more to bring people out of poverty than ANYTHING the government has ever done." He believes that the State has enough money to do everything they need to do. It needs to be spent more wisely. Mr. Kennedy opened the floor to questions and closed.

Announcements:

LFRW Biennial Convention is this weekend, March 27-29 in Alexandria.

Next month's meeting will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, April 30 instead. Our guest speaker will be Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne.

Door prizes were drawn. Thanks to Laura Moody & Jacinda Vincent for this month's prizes. Meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary Jacinda Vincent

**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!

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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** \_\_\_\_\_