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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



Judge Marilyn Castle~

Her seventeen years on the bench say it all.

- Consistent record of following the law and respecting the Constitution
- Decisions based upon the law and evidence, not personal relationships
- Demonstrated work ethic- always prepared, rules promptly
- Protective of Public Safety and imposes sentences which incentivize rehabilitation
- Committed to her faith, family and community

Watch her on Youtube:
https://youtu.be/mSCpdj_ry08

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2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, April 21
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

**Guest Speaker - Judge Marilyn Castle,
Candidate for Supreme Court**

Reservations by Tuesday, April 19
contact Marsha at 337-842-4220 or
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JUDGE
MARILYN
CASTLE
FOR SUPREME COURT



For the past seventeen years, Judge Marilyn Castle has served the 15th Judicial District, which encompasses Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes. She is a native of Opelousas, where she finished high school in just three years. After completing her undergraduate degree at LSU, Judge Castle went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from the LSU School of Law. She was an assistant district attorney and spent twenty years in private practice representing business men and women, individuals and families in business and commercial litigation. She has handled more than 100 cases before the Louisiana Supreme Court. Judge Castle became the first woman to serve as the President of the Lafayette Parish Bar

Association. In her time as a District Court Judge, she has twice been selected to serve as the Chief Judge for the 15th Judicial District Court and was recently honored with her election as the President of the statewide Louisiana District Judges Association for 2016.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Castle is a respected community leader who in 2008 was a recipient of the “Women Who Mean Business” Award, is a founding board member for the Lafayette Community Health Care Clinic and serves on the Lafayette Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

Marilyn Castle is a Republican candidate for the Louisiana State Supreme Court District 3, which includes the parishes of Acadia, Avoyelles, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry and Vermilion.

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Louisiana Supreme Court History

The judicial system of Louisiana has its roots in the colonial governments established by France and Spain. Prior to 1712, there was nothing more than the personal rule of explorers. In that year, a French charter was granted creating a Superior Council with both executive and judicial powers. In 1716, the Council was reorganized and its judicial function was as a court of last resort for all civil and criminal cases, without cost to litigants. The Senior Councilor was president of both the Council and the general trial court for the territory. Subsequently, when the Western Company became the grantee of the charter, it was authorized to appoint and remove trial court judges.

There were various modifications to the judicial system as the territory grew and as control over it changed. The most significant occurred in 1769 when control over the territory passed to Spain. The Superior Council was replaced by the Cabildo, composed of executive judicial officers called regidores and alcaldes. The alcaldes were the judges of general jurisdiction in New Orleans and were selected by the regidores, who obtained their offices by purchase. In minor cases, the judgments of the alcalde were final while appeals were heard by a three judge court composed of two regidores and the trial alcalde. Outside of New Orleans, each parish had ecclesiastical judges and military judges, aided by syndics (a magistrate or assistant at law) with the military judges exercising general trial powers. In all cases, final authority was held by the Governor-Intendant.

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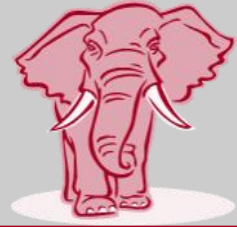
The Supreme Court under Judicial Article of 1974 and the Constitutional Amendment of 1980

In the year 2000, Supreme Court districts were reapportioned into seven new districts, with one justice elected from each of the districts.

The senior judge in point of service serves as Chief Justice under our Constitution. The Chief Justice is the chief administrative officer of the judicial system of our state, subject to rules adopted by the court. The court has supervision and control over all lower courts, administrative and procedural rule-making powers, and may assign a sitting or retired judge to any court. It considers applications for writs to review individual cases decided by the five courts of appeal and considers both criminal and civil remedial writ applications. The Supreme Court has exclusive original jurisdiction over disbarment proceedings, petitions for discipline and removal of judges, and fact questions involving its own appellate jurisdiction. Under the 1974 Constitution, the court had direct appellate jurisdiction over cases in which a law or an ordinance had been declared unconstitutional and when a defendant had been convicted of a felony or a fine exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment exceeding six months had actually been imposed. The Louisiana Constitution was amended in 1980, effective July 1, 1982, transferring criminal appellate jurisdiction from the Supreme Court to the courts of appeal, except in cases where the death penalty has actually been imposed. At that time the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, the busiest court of appeal in the state, was split to form the Fourth and Fifth Circuit Courts of Appeal. The Supreme Court retained jurisdiction to review judgments of the courts of appeal in both civil and criminal cases. Under our Constitution the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in civil cases extends to both law and facts. In criminal matters, its jurisdiction extends only to questions of law.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 19, Noon

Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, April 21, 11:30 am

Monthly luncheon meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 pm

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

Saturday, April 9, 7:00 am-8:00 pm

Municipal General Election

Wednesday, April 20

LFRW Day at the Legislature
Baton Rouge, LA

LFRW Spring Board Meeting, May 20-22

Le Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans

2016 National Teenage Republican Conference

Abby Sonnier, daughter of member Kathy Sonnier, will be attending the 2016 National Teenage Republican Leadership Conference in Washington, DC this summer. She is Vice-Chair of the Teen Republicans at Sam Houston, maintains a 4.03 GPA, and has volunteered for many of our events.

The Board voted in favor of awarding her \$200 toward her expenses from the Club account. Additionally, we will be "passing the hat" at our next meeting to help defray the total cost of attending, which is \$1400. Please be generous !

2016 Marie Key Scholarship

Applications for the annual scholarship can be found on our web page:

<http://www.rswla.com/marie-key-martin-scholarship.html>

If you know of a female graduating senior, have her submit the completed form by the **deadline date of May 9**. The scholarship will be awarded during the summer.

Check us out on the web!



*Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*



RW SOCIAL AT MAZEN'S 4-7-16

The socials are becoming a huge hit with our members. Everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie. The next social, in June, will be at La Voglia (tentatively). Membership Chair, Martha Hains, will send out the invitation. Come join us!



**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting March 24, 2016
Reeves Uptown Catering**



INTRODUCTION:

The March, 2016 meeting of the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana was called to order by the president, Roby Dyer, at Reeves Uptown Catering in Lake Charles, LA.

Lana Hafner gave the invocation and Kathy Trahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jackie Hebert introduced the speaker, Mr. Bill Rase, who is the Executive Director of the Port of Lake Charles.

Mr. Rase told of the economic impact to Southwest LA along with the different aspects of the port. He presented each guest with a color booklet of each entity with a breakdown of how the port joins with the community in bringing jobs and progress to our region!

In appreciation of his presentation, Roby presented Mr. Rase with a certificate stating that pillows will be sent, in his name, to soldiers now serving in combat zones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roby made the following announcements:

Pillows for Troops will be Tuesday, April 5, at 6:00 pm.

The next RW Social will be at 5:00 pm Thursday, April 7th, at Mazen's.

The LFRW Spring Board meeting is May 20-22 at the Le Pavilion Hotel in New Orleans.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Door prizes were drawn. Thanks to Kathy Trahan and Martha Hains for donating the prizes.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Sharon Denson

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) | CAMPAIGN WORK: |
| <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. 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.)

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

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

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____