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Over the past 15 years, “trafficking in persons” and “human trafficking” have been used as umbrella terms for activities involved when someone obtains or holds a person in compelled service.

The United States’ Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) describes this compelled service using a number of different terms: involuntary servitude, slavery, debt bondage, and forced labor. Under the TVPA, individuals may be trafficking victims regardless of whether they once consented, participated in a crime as a direct result of being trafficked, were transported into the exploitative situation, or were simply born into a state of servitude. At the heart of this phenomenon are the myriad forms of enslavement – not the activities involved in international transportation. *Source: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/fs/2010/144400.htm>*

Our guest Speaker today learned about Human Trafficking while doing research for a school Project. She quickly became passionate about putting an end to human trafficking and slavery — so much so that she started a nonprofit group, **Operation Hope**, to spread the message to bring awareness to the community. *Cont’d.*

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2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, August 28  
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am  
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

**Guest Speakers - Operation Hope. Brytanni McNamara**

Reservations by Tuesday August 26  
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**Major forms of human trafficking include:**

**Forced Labor-** Recent studies show the majority of human trafficking in the world takes the form of forced labor. Also known as involuntary servitude, forced labor may result when unscrupulous employers exploit workers made more vulnerable by high rates of unemployment, poverty, crime, discrimination, corruption, political conflict, or cultural acceptance of the practice. Immigrants are particularly vulnerable, but individuals also may be forced into labor in their own countries. Female victims of forced or bonded labor, especially women and girls in domestic servitude, are often sexually exploited as well.

**Sex Trafficking** - Sex trafficking comprises a smaller but still very significant portion of overall human trafficking. When an adult is coerced, forced, or deceived into prostitution – or maintained in prostitution through coercion – that person is a victim of trafficking. All of those involved in recruiting, transporting, harboring, receiving, or obtaining the person for that purpose have committed a trafficking crime. Sex trafficking can also occur within debt bondage, as women and girls are forced to continue in prostitution through the use of unlawful “debt” purportedly incurred through their transportation, recruitment, or even their crude “sale,” which exploiters insist they must pay off before they can be free.

It is critical to understand that a person’s initial consent to participate in prostitution is not legally determinative: if an individual is thereafter held in service through psychological manipulation or physical force, that person is a trafficking victim and should receive the benefits outlined in the United Nations’ Palermo Protocol and applicable laws.

**Bonded Labor** - One form of coercion is the use of a bond, or debt. Often referred to as “bonded labor” or “debt bondage,” the practice has long been prohibited under U.S. law by its Spanish name – *peonage* – and the Palermo Protocol calls for its criminalization as a form of trafficking in persons. Workers around the world fall victim to debt bondage when traffickers or recruiters unlawfully exploit an initial debt the worker assumed as part of the terms of employment. Workers may also inherit debt in more traditional systems of bonded labor.

**Debt Bondage Among Migrant Laborers** - Abuses of contracts and hazardous conditions of employment for migrant laborers do not necessarily constitute human trafficking. However, the burden of illegal costs and debts on these laborers in the source country, often with the support of labor agencies and employers in the destination country, can contribute to a situation of debt bondage. This is the case when the worker’s status in the country is tied to the employer as a temporary worker in the context of employment-based temporary work programs.

**Involuntary Domestic Servitude**

A unique form of forced labor is the involuntary servitude of domestic workers, whose workplace is informal, connected to their off-duty living quarters, and not often shared with other workers. Such an environment, which often socially isolates domestic workers, is conducive to nonconsensual exploitation since authorities cannot inspect private property as easily as formal workplaces. Investigators and service providers report many cases of untreated illnesses and, tragically, widespread sexual abuse, which in some cases may be symptoms of a situation of involuntary servitude. International efforts are ongoing to ensure that not only are administrative remedies enforced but also criminal penalties are enacted against those who hold others in involuntary domestic servitude.

**Forced Child Labor**

Most international organizations and national laws recognize children may legally engage in certain forms of work. There is a growing consensus, however, that the worst forms of child labor should be eradicated. The sale and trafficking of children and their entrapment in bonded and forced labor are among these worst forms of child labor. A child can be a victim of human trafficking regardless of the location of that nonconsensual exploitation. Indicators of possible forced labor of a child include situations in which the child appears to be in the custody of a non-family member who has the child perform work that financially benefits someone outside the child’s family and does not offer the child the option of leaving. Anti-trafficking responses should supplement, not replace, traditional actions against child labor, such as remediation and education. However, when children are enslaved, their abusers should not escape criminal punishment by virtue of longstanding administrative responses to child labor practices.

**Child Soldiers**

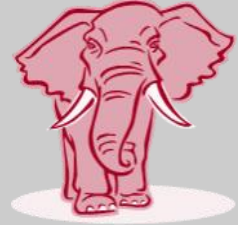
Child soldiering can be a manifestation of human trafficking where it involves the unlawful recruitment or use of children – through force, fraud, or coercion – as combatants or for labor or sexual exploitation by armed forces. Perpetrators may be government forces, paramilitary organizations, or rebel groups. Many children are forcibly abducted to be used as combatants. Others are made unlawfully to work as porters, cooks, guards, servants, messengers, or spies. Young girls can be forced to marry or have sex with male combatants. Both male and female child soldiers are often sexually abused and are at high risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

**Child Sex Trafficking**

According to UNICEF, as many as two million children are subjected to prostitution in the global commercial sex trade. International covenants and protocols obligate criminalization of the commercial sexual exploitation of children. The use of children in the commercial sex trade is prohibited under both U.S. law and the Palermo Protocol as well as by legislation in countries around the world. There can be no exceptions and no cultural or socioeconomic rationalizations preventing the rescue of children from sexual servitude. Sex trafficking has devastating consequences for minors, including long-lasting physical and psychological trauma, disease (including HIV/AIDS), drug addiction, unwanted pregnancy, malnutrition, social ostracism, and possible death.

Source: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/fs/2010/144400.htm>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, August 26, Noon**  
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, August 28, 11:30 am**  
Monthly luncheon meeting

**Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 pm**  
Prepare packages for the Troops  
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

**Fall Board Meeting, October 10, 11, 12,**  
Covington

**Thursday, October 16, 8 am**  
Women's Commission  
Lake Charles Civic Center

### It is that time of year again!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break. Now it is time to prepare for the election season. We will begin with electing the Nominating Committee to select a slate of next year's officers at the August meeting. Please speak up if you are interested in participating. We need 3 to 5 volunteers. We have several elections this Fall including State Senator, several Judgeships, and 6 school board vacancies. As soon as a sample ballot is available, we will post it. We look forward to seeing you at the August meeting. See you then!

### Women's Commission

We will again have a booth at this fantastic event on October 16. It is a day filled with seminars to help empower the women in our community. The featured luncheon guest speaker is Star Jones. We plan to have information available for all of the Republican candidates. It is always a lot of fun so mark your calendars! Plan to sign up to work a small shift during the day to help us get the word out.

Let's help elect our Republican candidates!



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



*Republican Women of  
Southwest Louisiana*







## **11 Eleven Facts About Human Trafficking**

1. Globally, the average cost of a slave is \$90.
2. Trafficking primarily involves exploitation which comes in many forms, including: forcing victims into prostitution, subjecting victims to slavery or involuntary servitude and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography.
3. According to some estimates, approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation, and 19% involves labor exploitation.
4. There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.
5. According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year. More than 70% are female and half are children.
6. The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14-year-old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.
7. California harbors 3 of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas on the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.
8. **The National Human Trafficking Hotline receives more calls from Texas than any other state in the US. 15% of those calls are from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.**
9. Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
10. Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking). It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number, \$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries.
11. The International Labour Organization estimates that women and girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims with 11.4 million trafficked victims (55%) compared to 9.5 million (45%) men.

Source: <https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking>

**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** \_\_\_\_\_