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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



Congressman Charles Boustany~ Congressman Charles W. Boustany Jr., M.D., a cardiovascular surgeon with more than 30 years of clinical experience, was first elected to Congress in 2004. Boustany represents Louisiana's Third Congressional District, covering South Louisiana. Boustany has championed health care reform, international trade, tax reform, and sound energy policy focused on building a comprehensive vision providing solutions for all Americans.

Serving as a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight from 2011-2014, Congressman Boustany played a pivotal role protecting taxpayer dollars by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse in federal government programs including Medicare, Medicaid, and in entities such as the Internal Revenue Service. Boustany has been regularly recognized by his House Republican colleagues for his strong conservative leadership on these issues. Currently Congressman Boustany serves as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, where he is examining ways to make the federal welfare program work more efficiently and more effectively as a hand up from poverty, not a hand out.

Additionally, Boustany sits on the Ways and Means subcommittee on Trade. Boustany's focus on International economic affairs allows him to be a strong voice on matters of foreign and domestic trade to expand markets and business opportunities for U.S. produced goods and services. Coupling his interest in revising the federal tax code to make it easier for American businesses to compete, Boustany seeks to promote an atmosphere of job creation while maintaining American competitiveness. *Cont'd page2*

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Deadline for submissions-
2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, August 27
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

Guest Speaker - Congressman Charles Boustany
Special Guest- Candidate for State Rep, Dist. 36, Mark Abraham

Reservations by Tuesday August 25
Marsha 337-842-4220 or
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With much of America's energy flowing through South Louisiana, Congressman Boustany promotes responsible American energy production to help the American economy prosper. Boustany remains a leading proponent of natural gas production and liquefied natural gas exportation, these opportunities are enhanced by advances in hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling. Boustany continues to support expanding American oil and gas production, both onshore and offshore.

As a heart surgeon, Congressman Boustany understands the importance of healthcare and is at the forefront of health care policy in Congress. He believes the patient-doctor relationship is the most critical component of healthcare and has worked to implement patient-centered health care solutions. Increased access to tax-free health savings accounts (HSAs) represent one opportunity for patients to strengthen their control over their health care decisions, and Boustany introduced legislation allowing seniors and veterans to participate.

Congressman Boustany was raised in Lafayette and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1978. He graduated from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 1982. He returned to Lafayette in 1990 and began a successful medical practice. For fourteen years, he ran a small business and was committed to helping others by providing the highest quality healthcare to his patients and the community. In Congress, Congressman Boustany is committed to serving the people of South Louisiana with the same dedication and care that he provided as a surgeon and community leader.

Charles and his wife Bridget reside in Lafayette and have two adult children

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



Meet Mark Abraham~Candidate for State Representative
- District 36

Shortly after graduating from LSU with a degree in Accounting and Business I married my wife, Gina. We planted roots and raised our family right here in this community. I have had the good fortune of working alongside some great partners to build successful businesses and serve the community along the way. Now, 40 years after opening my first business, I'm ready to focus on my passion of truly serving the great people of South Lake Charles.

Mark's Priorities

- Invest in our children's education
- Focus on creating a skilled workforce
- Improve road infrastructure
- Eliminate wasteful spending in state government
- Restructure the budget by priorities, not politics
- Protect life and defend our Constitutional rights from an overreaching federal government
- Demand honesty and transparency in state government

For more info go to: <http://www.markabrahamla.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/MarkAbrahamLA>

Upcoming Election Information

Fall Gubernatorial Election

The following is important information for the **Oct. 24, 2015 primary** and the **Nov. 21, 2015 general**:

- state candidates qualify in the executive offices of Secretary of State Tom Schedler at 8585 Archives Ave., in Baton Rouge (hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.);
- local and municipal candidates qualify with the clerk of court in the parish in which they are registered to vote (contact your local clerk of court for office hours);
- view a list of qualifying fees (payment must be in the form of cash; certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union; United States postal money order; or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union);
- download the fillable qualifying form;
- **early voting is Oct. 10-17 (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Oct. 24th primary election; and**
- early voting is Nov. 7-14 (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Nov. 21st general election.

Spring Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections

- The following is important information for the **March 5, 2016 presidential preference and municipal primary** and **April 9, 2016 municipal general**:
- qualifying period is Dec. 2nd, 3rd and 4th until 4:30 p.m.;
- state candidates qualify in the executive offices of Secretary of State Tom Schedler at 8585 Archives Ave., in Baton Rouge. There are no state candidates (other than president) scheduled to run in this election, however, a special election may be called in the event of a vacancy (secretary of state's office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.);
- local and municipal candidates qualify with the clerk of court in the parish in which they are registered to vote (contact your local clerk of court for office hours);
- view a list of qualifying fees (payment must be in the form of cash; certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union; United States postal money order; or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union);
- download the standard fillable qualifying form or the presidential preference primary fillable qualifying form;
- **early voting is Feb. 20-27 (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the March 5th primary election; and**
- early voting is March 26th thru April 2nd (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the April 9th general election.
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Info from: <http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetElectionInformation/Pages/default.aspx>



2016 Presidential Preference Primary

A statewide presidential preference primary election is held on the **1st Saturday in March in 2016 and every 4th year thereafter** for the purpose of allowing the electors of each political party in the state which has 40,000 or more registered members to express their preference for a person to be the nominee of the party for president of the United States.

- This election is a closed party election. There are only two political parties involved, the Democratic and Republican parties, because they have 40,000 or more registered members.
- Democratic voters may only vote on candidates for the offices of Democratic presidential nominee and Democratic state and local committees, plus any local offices and/or propositions.
- Republican voters may only vote on candidates for the offices of Republican presidential nominee and Republican state and local committees, plus any local offices and/or propositions.
- All other voters may vote only for any local offices and/or propositions if any are on the ballot.
- There are no runoff elections for the Democratic and Republican offices. A general election is held only if local offices are on the ballot and no one receives a majority vote in the primary election.
- **The 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held on March 5, 2016.**
- **Qualifying will be on December 2-4, 2015.**
- **The last day to register to vote in this election is February 3, 2016.**
- **Absentee by mail ballots may be requested until March 1, 2016.** *(Except for military stationed anywhere, civilians overseas, persons hospitalized, and sequestered juror voters)*
- **Early Voting will be held February 20-27, 2016.**

*Info copied from : [http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/
PublishedDocuments/2016PresidentialPreferencePrimary.pdf](http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/2016PresidentialPreferencePrimary.pdf)*

2015 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS*October 24, 2015 Election*

The four (4) constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot for the **October 24, 2015** election are listed below.

Proposed Amendment No. 1

Act No. 473, *Senate Bill No. 202, Regular Session, 2015, by Senator Adley*

"Do you support an amendment to rename the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust; to authorize the mineral revenue base to be increased every five years; to create the Budget Stabilization Subfund as a subfund in the Trust, to be funded with mineral revenues until reaching a maximum balance of five hundred million dollars, to be appropriated and used when the state has a deficit; to create the Transportation Stabilization Subfund as a subfund in the Trust, to be funded with mineral revenues until reaching a maximum balance of five hundred million dollars, to be appropriated and used for planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with the state highway program, with twenty percent dedicated for use by the Louisiana Intermodal Connector Program; and to provide for the interruption of deposits into the Budget Stabilization Subfund and the Transportation Trust Subfund the year that the state has a deficit and the following year with the resumption of deposit of mineral revenues in the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust thereafter?"

(Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(d), 10.3(A)(introductory paragraph) and (A)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b), and 10.5(B); adds Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(2)(c))

Proposed Constitutional Amendments for the *October 24, 2015* Election

Proposed Amendment No. 2

Act No. 471, *House Bill No. 618, Regular Session, 2015, by Representative St. Germain and Representative Armes*

"Do you support an amendment to authorize the investment of funds for a state infrastructure bank to be used solely for transportation projects?"

(Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

Proposed Amendment No. 3

Act No. 472, *House Bill No. 518, Regular Session, 2015, by Representative Stokes*

"Do you support an amendment to allow any legislation regarding the dedication of revenue, rebates, and taxes to be considered during a fiscal legislative session?"

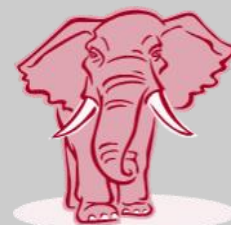
(Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b))

Proposed Amendment No. 4

Act No. 470, *House Bill No. 360, Regular Session, 2015, by Representative Chaney and Senator Thompson*

"Do you support an amendment to specify that the ad valorem property tax exemption for public lands and other public property shall not apply to land or property owned by another state or a political subdivision of another state?"

(Amends Article VII, Section 21(A))

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**Upcoming Events**

Saturday, August 22, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
LFRW Region 2 & 3 Meeting
151 James Comeaux Rd, Lafayette

Tuesday, August 25, 5:00 pm
Meet and Greet with Senator David Vitter
Location TBA

Thursday, August 27, 11:30 am
Monthly luncheon meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 pm
Prepare packages for the Troops
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

Sept. 10-13
NFRW Biennial Convention
Phoenix, AZ

Thursday, September 24, 11:30 am
Senator Ronnie Johns,
District 27, running for re-election

Thursday Sept. 17, 6:30 pm
Judge Jeanine Pirro
Rosa Hart Theatre

Friday Oct. 9, 6:00 -9:00 pm
LFRW Evening with Laura Ingraham
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

Use the links below to search for the latest news:

National GOP - <https://gop.com/news/>

Congressman Boustany - <http://boustany.house.gov/#dialog>

Senator David Vitter - <http://www.vitter.senate.gov/from-davids-desk>

Senator Bill Cassidy - <http://www.cassidy.senate.gov/issues>

LFRW - <http://lfrw.com/>

NFRW - <http://nfrw.org/>

[Check us out on the web!](http://www.rwswwa.com)
www.rwswwa.com



*Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*



REGION 2 & REGION 3 MEETING**August 22, 2015****9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM****MAISON DES BON TEMPS
151 JAMES COMEAUX ROAD
Lafayette, LA70508**

- WE WILL BEGIN THE DAY WITH A PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION
- HONORABLE JEFF LANDRY WILL SPEAK ON VOTER INTEGRITY
- WE WILL HAVE A SPEAKER FROM CONCERNED VETERANS FOR AMERICA
- CARITA WILSON WILL TEACH YOU TO TWEET: BRING PHONE AND/OR TABLET
- LFRW COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL SHARE IDEAS THAT WILL HELP YOUR CLUB
 - LEADERSHIP MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISING
 - CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY RULES
- LFRW TREASURER, JOANN PARKER, WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP FOR ALL CLUB TREASURERS AND LADIES INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR CLUB TREASURER
- LFRW BY-LAWS CHAIR, KAREN FANDAL WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP FOR ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND BY-LAWS CHAIRS

COST \$20.00 WHICH WILL INCLUDE A LUNCH BUFFET**PLEASE MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW
WITH A CHECK BY AUGUST 17, 2015**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

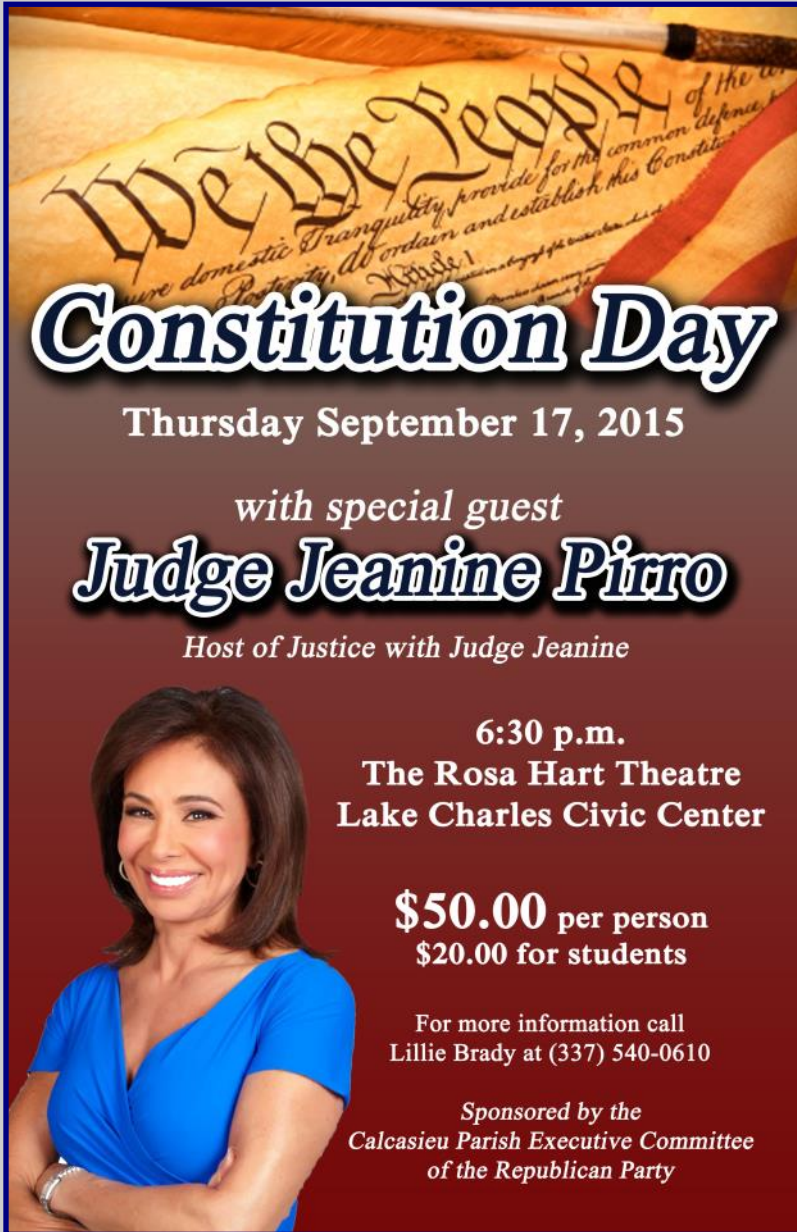
CLUB _____

PLEASE FILL IN

OFFICE R () _____ COMMITTEE CHAIR () _____ MEMBER () _____

**MAIL TO:
PEGGY BUCKELS
202 SOMMERSSET DRIVE
LAFAYETTE, LA 70506**

Fox New Channel's Judge Jeanine coming to SWLA



Constitution Day

Thursday September 17, 2015

with special guest
Judge Jeanine Pirro

Host of Justice with Judge Jeanine

6:30 p.m.
**The Rosa Hart Theatre
Lake Charles Civic Center**

**\$50.00 per person
\$20.00 for students**

For more information call
Lillie Brady at (337) 540-0610

Sponsored by the
Calcasieu Parish Executive Committee
of the Republican Party

The Republican Women will earn 20% of the tickets and ads that we sell. Make sure you indicate that you are with RWSWLA when you place your order.

Also contact Roby Dyer, 337-540-0501, so that we have a record of RW sales.

Sponsorships \$1,000

Package Includes:

Dinner for 2 with Judge Pirro at the Harlequin

10 complimentary VIP tickets to her presentation

½ page ad in the program for the event

There is a strict limit of 20 sponsorships

Program Ads

Business Cards	\$100
Half-Page	\$400
Full Page	\$750
Back Page	\$1,000

Campaign Tables \$250

A 6-foot table, located in the Atrium of the Rosa Hart Theater, for handing out campaign literature.

Copies of Judge Pirro's books will be available for purchase and personal autographing.

The Louisiana Federation of Republican Women presents...
An Evening with Laura Ingraham



Fox News Contributor - Radio Talk Show Host

Author of several NY Times Best Sellers such as

The Obama Diaries, Power to the People, Shut Up and Sing and The Hillary Trap.

The Most Listened To Woman in America on Political Talk Radio

Friday, October 9, 2015 - 6-9 pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Executive Center

4728 Constitution Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70808 (College Dr. exit off I -10)

Order Your Individual Tickets or Sponsor Tables at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-laura-ingraham-tickets-17834100274>

*You will not want to miss this evening of Food, Fun and Conversations
with conservative thinking citizens who are concerned about the direction of our country.*

- \$ 5,000. - Front Row - Premiere Sponsor Table with seating for 8 plus 4 tickets to the Private Reception with Laura and will be listed in all Media Ads and the Event Program as a Major Sponsor.
- \$ 2,500. - Second Row - Deluxe Sponsor Table with seating for 8 plus 2 tickets to the Private Reception with Laura and will be listed as a Sponsor in the Event Program.
- \$ 1,000. Sponsors will receive a reserved table for 10 with premium location and will be listed in the Event Program as a Sponsor.
- \$ 100. - All other tickets

All Ticket Prices Include Dinner - Deadline to order tickets - Oct. 1, 2015

Send Questions or Comments to Treasurer@LFRW.org

May meeting with John Young & Stephen Dwight



**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting June 25, 2015
Reeves Uptown Catering**



The meeting was called to order by president, Roby Dyer. Jacinda Vincent led the Pledge of Allegiance. Susan Hafner led us in prayer.

New Business:

LFRW Women in Business - This is a new committee with forms available. Please pick up a form from the front table to complete and return to LFRW to have your business recognized in the state database. Martha Hains gave an update on the club's Membership. We have almost reached 100 members for 2015.

Guest Speaker - Stephen Dwight; Candidate for State Representative, District 35. Mr. Dwight gave members a brief background of himself. He asked for our support and stressed that he is NOT running in the same district as Dr. DeSonier.

Guest Speaker - John Young, candidate for Lt. Governor

Mr. Young is serving as president of Jefferson Parish. He was first selected in 2010 after the prior president resigned amid a corruption scandal. He has not been a practicing attorney since taking the position. He wants to secure a stronger future for our children. He states, "Tourism matters in our state. It is a \$11.2 billion industry. It employs many citizens in Louisiana. We may hate taxes, but we love new taxpayers. Tourists help pay these taxes when they come to visit the area. For every \$1 spent, it generates \$38 in return." He wants all parts of Louisiana to get a part of the tourist dollar. New Orleans is the magnet for tourists. "Crime is bad, even in the French Quarter. If crime doesn't get under control, we are going to lose tourists and revenue. We live in a unique state. There are several different types of tourism to offer in Louisiana." He asked for our support in his upcoming election. He commended our club for what we do for our troops.

Mr. Young opened the floor to questions and closed.

Mr. Young was given a certificate to show that pillows we sent to our troops in his honor.

Announcements:

We will not have a July meeting, due to summer vacation

Next Pillows for troops will be July 7, 2015

Door prizes were drawn. Thanks to Roby Dyer 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!

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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** _____

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