



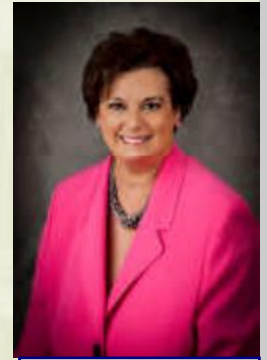
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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA**



George Swift,
President & CEO

About the Alliance~ The Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance is the umbrella organization of the Chamber SWLA, the SWLA Alliance Foundation, and the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development. These regional economic development organizations, each with its own Board of Directors, have combined resources to strengthen the business recruiting and retention efforts for Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes. The Alliance combines the staff and resources of the three organizations on the third floor of the SEED Center at 4310 Ryan St., Lake Charles.



Avon Knowlton
Asst. to CEO

For more info. go to: <http://allianceswla.org/Default.asp>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

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Deadline for submissions-
2nd Thursday of the month

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

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

**Guest Speakers - George Swift & Avon Knowlton,
Chamber SWLA**

Reservations by Tuesday February 25
contact Marsha 842-4220 or
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As your Chamber, we will support key legislative which affects our business community and encourage all members to take part in the legislative process by voicing their concerns so that we may represent your needs effectively.

The Chamber SWLA membership will be kept up to date on all matters impacting our region at local, state and federal levels.

The Chamber SWLA is a non-partisan organization that supports legislation based upon the following criteria:

- Benefits the overall needs of the economy in SWLA
- Benefits the business community at large
- Upholds responsible government & pro-business



Quicklinks:

[Key Federal Legislation](#)
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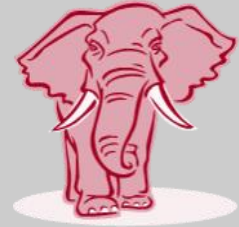
- Elected Officials Guides:

[Allen Parish](#)
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[Calcasieu Parish](#)
[Cameron Parish](#)
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Committees & Networking

The Chamber Southwest achieves its objectives through the volunteers who participate within our committees and other initiatives. It is our belief that only through active involvement will members truly receive a return on their investment. We are dedicated to improving our community, developing our economy and workforce, and cultivating opportunity through a variety of programs and initiatives including [Ready. Set. Work.](#), [SWLA Alliance Foundation](#), [Fusion Five](#), [Leadership SWLA](#), [The Leader In Me](#), and more! All committees are organized into one of four councils, and are designed to support and implement our strategic plans. Committees may form coalitions and sub-committees as deemed necessary to meet their goals. Explore below to learn more about the different committees that make-up the Southwest Louisiana Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 25, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, February 27, 11:30
Monthly luncheon meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 pm
Prepare packages for the Troops
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

Tuesday, February 28
RLC 2014 deadline to register

Saturday, March 29 Gun Raffle

Spring Board Meeting, April 25, 26, 27
Baton Rouge

Day at the Legislature, May 21
Baton Rouge

The Elephant Stomp, May 19
Baton Rouge

RLC 2014, May 29-31
New Orleans

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

Pillows Night Date Change

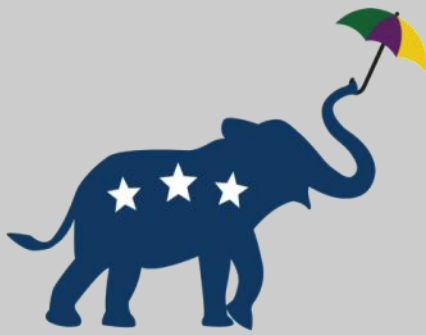
Due to Mardi Gras, we have changed the date to **Tuesday March 11, 6pm.**

Gun Raffle

The raffle is still underway through next month. You can contact Ms. Claire for more tickets at caldreamn05@suddenlink.net

Congratulations

Club and board member , Jackie Hebert, was named a Duchess on the Krewe de la Contree court this past Friday night. There was a very nice article in the Sunday American Press where she gave a shout out to our club. We so proud of her and her service to our Club.



New Orleans ★ 2014

Republican Leadership Conference

May 29 - 31, 2014

The [2014 Republican Leadership Conference](#) is America's premier Republican event of 2014, providing conservative leaders and activists an unparalleled opportunity to celebrate and exchange ideas about today's important issues and formulate a plan for 2014 and 2016.

At RLC 2014, we will analyze the historic victories achieved by candidates across America in 2010, hearing firsthand from those candidates and the individuals most responsible. We'll also discuss the failures of the 2012 cycle and how to prevent a repeat of those



LAGOP invites you to join [LFRW President June Williams](#) and all of us at the [2014 Republican Leadership Conference](#), to be held on [May 29-31](#) at the [Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel](#). Full conference registration for

RLC 2014, which includes 3 meals, all sessions, and access to vote in the presidential straw poll, is \$289 per person. We are promoting lower rates for those who wish to register early. **Until February 28th, each LFRW affiliated club is being offered a special discount when buying a package of 8 registrations.** The rate for a table of 8 is \$1,200, which is \$150 per person. This is the **lowest rate** currently offered to any group by RLC 2014 for full conference registration.

We hope that you will join us in New Orleans to see **Donald Trump, Col. Allen West, US Senator Ted Cruz, US Senator Mike Lee** and many other top Republican speakers from across America. And keep in mind that your club members' spouses and guests are eligible to receive the same \$150 rate as part of your club's table rate. If you need more than one reserved table, we will be happy to accommodate you.

Please see Roby Dyer for the form to take advantage of this discount. Simply fill out the names of the 8 club members/guests and mail the form to us with checks made payable to the "Republican Leadership Conference." If any of your members would prefer to pay by debit or credit card, circle that on the form and direct that member to pay their \$150 share online at: rlc2014.com/lfrw.

Your club may send one check for \$1,200 or eight payments for \$150 each, or any combination that you wish. Anyone paying their \$150 share by credit card must do so online at rlc2014.com/lfrw, however.

RLC 2014 salutes the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women!

We look forward to celebrating with you in New Orleans.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!



Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting January 23, 2014
Reeves Uptown Catering

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

New Business:

Jackie Hebert asks members to send needed posts to the Facebook page to jhebert.hebert@gmail.com or call 794-0778

Claire gave information to members on helpful procedures to selling gun raffle tickets. Members were reminded to pick up tickets to sell after meeting ends.

Speakers:

Our original Speakers, Todd Escoalona & Jeff Stidham cancelled. Karen Drewett, Chair of PEC and Brian LaRocque, School Board Member (Ward 1) came to speak.

Karen Drewett began by stating that PEC would like to work closely with our club this year. Adding that together, we can accomplish more of our common goals. PEC would like to merge their and our club emails so that we can get more involved with each other's clubs. PEC plans to have evening forums two to three times this year. This will be in an effort to increase the community Republican population. They also plan to have something for the Republican Youth in the community to help get these 18 and over registered and voting Republican. Karen Drewett also spoke about the Governor Mike Huckabee fundraiser. The event will be held February 11 @ 7:00 pm in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center. Tables of 8 at a cost of \$1,000. \$150 for individual tickets. PEC will give the RWSWLA \$100 for each table we sell. VIP room is available for \$1,000/couple. This room will be limited to 12 couples. Attendees will meet with Governor Huckabee, receive a photo and autographed book. For more information call 625-7567 or 515-0446 and Huckabeedinner@aol.com

Volunteers are needed. PEC will give a seat to each of our members that volunteer for the event. RWSWLA will be allowed to sell raffle tickets for our Gun Raffle. Our Club Banner may also be displayed at the Huckabee event. Mrs. Drewett opened the floor to questions and closed.

Brian La Rocque began by noting that Public education is always a platform in every election because of the large amount of money funded. It appears that Common Core has an agenda to take over Public Education throughout the U.S. No Child Left Behind still has some negative side effects that are still being dealt with. The federal Government has NO authority to tell the states what to do with education. "Race to the Top" was implemented and then quickly retracted. Common Core in his opinion has components that will cause public education to fail. Education is losing teachers faster than ever before. Many early retire because they are just tired of the system. Charter Schools takes our tax money intended for public school system. The original intent for Charter Schools was for failing districts only. Now it has moved to a "For Profit" business. Charter schools get money for each student they have. If the parent/child doesn't meet the expectations of the school, then the child is sent back to the public system, but the money stays with the Charter School. Common Core is a National Standard. State Legislatives have never put into placed the Common Core standards. BESE is the one pushing it. Common Core has federal funds attached to the implantation. Approximately 42 states have adopted Common Core. This may be the reason it was so easily accepted. How BESE operates can only be changed by the State Legislature.

There are some good things happening within the Public Education system. The media should report GOOD news to help with a more positive image instead of only reporting the negative.

Mr. LaRocque opened the floor to questions and closed.

Drawings for door prizes were held. Thanks to Janice Aren0 & Jonell Wilkinson
Meeting was adjourned.

Jacinda Vincent, Recording Secretary

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) | 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** _____