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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



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The Louisiana Republican Party represents the values of the majority of the citizens of Louisiana. We believe in the power and freedom of individuals. We oppose all efforts to replace that power with undue governmental control. Our nation was founded on faith in God, family, country, and freedom. Efforts to modify or replace these core values erode the foundations of our society for future generations. The United States is a democratic republic governed by elected representatives. These Representatives must honor the original meaning of our Constitution, and must protect the inalienable rights of the American people as stated in the Bill of Rights. The Republican Party is strong, principled and conservative. It is the Party that should lead the state of Louisiana. We want to represent every facet of American society, not by patronage but by principle, and not by dividing interests but by serving the good of all. Membership in the Republican Party of Louisiana is open to all citizens residing in our state who share the values and beliefs expressed in this document. We recognize a duty to include all who share these values and beliefs, making a special effort to welcome and involve those from groups not traditionally associated with our Party.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH**

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Deadline for submissions-  
2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, January 23  
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am  
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

**Guest Speakers - LAGOP Regional Political Directors,  
Todd Escoalona & Jeff Stidham**

Reservations by Tuesday January 21  
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**Message from the President~**

The new year is in full swing! 2014 will be a very active year as it progresses to the Fall elections. Strong issues are Economy, Health Care Reform, Individual Rights and Immigration. There is a strong desire for the Republican Party in our community to unite and grow stronger. At this time, there are 3 Republican candidates running against U.S. Senator Landrieu. They are Congressman Bill Cassidy, Colonel Rob Mannes, and State Representative Paul Hollis. I will include links below for you to follow and acquaint yourselves with them.

If you have ideas and /or suggestions to help the Club, please contact me or one of the committee chairmen. Tina Mosca is working diligently to get our website up and running. We will give you the address when she has it completed. Jackie Hebert is updating the Facebook page and will post any pictures or events if you will forward them to her.

I also wanted to thank the Club for the beautiful poinsettia plant for my family to enjoy this Christmas season. We appreciated it very much and included a picture for you all. I am looking forward working with you all again this year.



Please remember to pay your dues soon and that husbands can join as associates.

Sincerely,  
Roby Dyer



**Paul Hollis** is a Republican member of the Louisiana House of Representatives from the revised 104th District in St. Tammany Parish

<http://www.paulhollis.com/>



**Rob Maness.** Candidate - 2014 at United States Senate from New Orleans, Louisiana

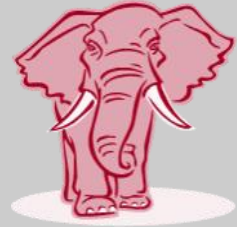
<http://robmaness.com/>



**William "Bill" Cassidy** is the Republican U.S. Representative for Louisiana's 6th congressional district, serving since 2009.

<http://billcassidy.com/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014 Noon**  
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, January 23, 2014 11:30**  
Monthly luncheon meeting

**Tuesday, February 4, 2014 6:00 pm**  
Prepare packages for the Troops  
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

**Saturday, February 8, 11 - 2:30 pm**  
Region 3 Meeting  
Java Jolt Coffee Shop  
Jennings, LA

**Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm**  
President's Dinner with  
Mike Huckabee  
Buccaneer Room  
LC Civic Center

**Saturday, March 29 Gun Raffle**



Congratulations to Sharon & Dan Denson's granddaughter, Katie Brown. She was named Student of the Year after making the banner roll all five years during elementary school!



### 2014 Officers

(L-R) Ruth Giamis -Treasurer,  
Jacinda Vincent -Secretary,  
Birdie Harter-Vice President,  
Roby Dyer- President.,  
June Williams- LFRW President



**November Meeting**



**2013 Christmas Party  
Pioneer Club**





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The meeting was called to order by President Roby Dyer. Beth Morris led the opening prayer. Kathy Trahan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roby welcomed the new guests.

**New Business:**

Claire Smith gave a brief explanation of the gun raffle for the Club fundraiser. She proposes that we participate in the gun shows to sell tickets for the raffle. Birdie Harter is working on securing a speaker. We have booked the Civic Center for March 29 and the drawing will be on that date. The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana currently packages 50 pillows per month for the Pillows for Troops Project to the veteran's home in Jennings. Sam Hébert is currently in negotiations with George W. Bush to come to Lake Charles for a benefit for United Way. The benefit will be held March 6, 2013, there will only be 50 tables of 8 per table \$7000 per table, and Kelly Ford will be providing singing entertainment

Sharon Denson introduced our guest speaker, Louisiana Attorney General, James D. "Buddy" Caldwell. Elected as Louisiana's 43rd Attorney General in 2007 and then re-elected in 2011 without opposition, James D. "Buddy" Caldwell has worked hard to guard children from Internet predators, protect consumers and senior citizens from scams, and guarantee that criminals are brought to justice. As the state's chief legal officer, Buddy is committed to the people of Louisiana and is especially proud of the robust accomplishments of his office. He has a proven record of fighting public corruption, solving thousands of computer crimes, creating a fugitive apprehension unit that has captured hundreds of fugitives, recovering hundreds of millions of dollars as a result of Medicaid fraud investigations and prosecutions, and taking on pharmaceutical companies that try to defraud our state and its citizens. Buddy believes in sending powerful messages to those who try to defraud the system, obtaining a jury verdict of more than \$257 million against a major pharmaceutical company for violating state laws. To further ensure the protection of the public, Buddy continues to monitor various industries for inappropriate and illegal activity. He filed a suit on behalf of the state against defendants who manufactured, distributed, and sold toxic drywall in Louisiana during the rebuilding efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since then, a partial settlement, calling for a pilot remediation program for 300 homes, has been reached. Understanding that Louisiana's coast is extremely sacred and precious, Buddy remains at the forefront on issues related to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill, fighting to protect the state's ecological and economic recovery. Since taking office in 2008, Buddy has established the Attorney General's Fugitive apprehension Unit—a program created to assist local law enforcement agencies in locating and apprehending fugitives. More than 900 fugitives have been captured as a result of Buddy's initiative. He has also earned a solid reputation for vigorously monitoring, arresting, and prosecuting online child predators. The Attorney General's High Technology Crime Unit has investigated thousands of computer crimes such as child pornography, identity theft, Internet fraud, and cyber-stalking.

Mr. Caldwell contributes his success as State Attorney General to his experience of 29 years being a District Attorney. He is concerned with Internet porn and says that there are predators alive and well on the Internet. Mr. Caldwell is also credited with helping our seniors to not be victims of scams. He is directly responsible for the capture of hundreds of fugitives. Mr. Caldwell jokes that in order to be the state attorney general one must have a separate source of income. He retired after 29 years as district attorney. There were 600 felonies year in Madison Parish, he had a 99% conviction rate, and that meant a lot of plea-bargains. Mr. Caldwell contributes his success to being able to pick good team players. His son, David Caldwell who was with him today, is a vital part of that team. Mr. Caldwell proudly states that his team is the only team to successfully prosecute a case with 11,000 people in a Ponzi scheme and recouped 100% of the money. He prosecuted 109 pharmaceutical companies to the tune of \$238 million and got all of the money back. Caldwell wants this audience to know that he is pro-business as he worked in the family drugstore and grew up in the first mall in the United States called Bloom's Arcade. What Mr. Caldwell wants for Louisiana is a level playing field. His goal is to protect the free market. This question is a simple one "why would a good business want to come to a state where bad business is doing business?" There have been over 400 oil and gas spills since the BP oil spill, but no one hears about that. Mr. Caldwell wants businesses who are doing business in Louisiana to practice responsibly.

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Mr. Caldwell shocks us by letting us know there over 4000 cases of child porn. It is his opinion that rapists are rapists for life. There's no rehabilitation for someone who is a rapist. Mr. Caldwell wonders why state workers do not get social security. Mr. Caldwell cautions us to elect people to office who will listen to reasonable ideas and reasonable requests.

President Roby Dyer presented Mr. Caldwell with a certificate that pillows will be given to the troops in his honor as well as receiving a gift of his own pillow.

**Announcements:**

Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana Christmas party will be December 12, 2013 at the Pioneer Club. Beth Morris wanted to let our members know that her addresses were accidentally misplaced, so please help her replace these addresses. Janice Areno let everyone know that Ms.

Ruth Allison passed this week. Republican Roundtable president, Dr. Mike Kurth, informed us of a Meet & Greet Monday, November 25, 2013 for Bill Cassidy at Pats of Henderson from 3 to 4 PM.

In January, Rob Maness will be the guest speaker for Republican Roundtable. There will be a President's Dinner February 11, 2014 with Mike Huckabee in the Buccaneer Room of the Civic Center. The Republican Roundtables has a new website at [WWW.SWLARepublicans.com](http://WWW.SWLARepublicans.com)

Beth Morris challenged Dr. Kurth to help establish a Republican presence at McNeese State University. Drawings were held. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Hébert, Treasurer

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