



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



**Gena Gore,**  
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## Women and the GOP - A History of Leadership

For more than 150 years, women have been an active and vital force in the Republican Party. Because it seems only natural for men and women to work together on matters that affect the nation, the GOP has focused not so much on advertising what they are “doing” for women, but instead on simply utilizing the talents and energies of any individual who wants to share in the work for the benefit of our country.

Through the utilization of the unique talents of individual Republican women – as well as the combined energies of multitudes of Republican women – the Republican Party has proven itself to be the party of opportunity, the party of true equality. Following are highlights of the role of women in the Republican Party and examples of the unique and vital contributions women have made to our Party:

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Thursday, January 22  
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am  
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

**Guest Speaker - Gena Gore**

Reservations by Tuesday January 20  
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### NFRW History

The story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote. Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: "The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ...," Republican women's clubs were off and running. In fact, the oldest such club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.

Hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs grew up around the nation in the years to come. For example, there were 140 clubs in Indiana alone by the late 1930s.

It was in 1938 that Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago to organize these clubs into a national organization.

States in which Republican women's clubs were organized on a "statewide" basis sent delegates and alternates to that meeting with a request to affiliate with such an organization. To be considered "statewide" at that time, a state or local club had to have members in 60 percent of the counties of that state. (Later this rule was changed to cover either 50 percent of the counties or 75 percent of the state's congressional districts.)

The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes:

"to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands - to promote education along political lines - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another - and to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party."

Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At the age of 31, Joyce Arneill of Denver, Colo., was elected the first president of the Federation, and the organization began to grow.

At the time of NFRW's founding, three states - Maryland, Virginia, and Alabama - had not even ratified the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting suffrage to women. The campaign of 1936 had reelected Franklin D. Roosevelt over Alf Landon with only two states - Maine and Vermont - going Republican. There were only six Republican governors, 89 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, and 16 in the Senate.

And yet the National Federation of Republican Women - born in a climate of defeat - grew in size and strength, providing a vehicle for women concerned with the direction of our government.

In 1940, the NFRW reported that, "Since the founding of the Federation, there has been a steady and consistent progress." Thirty-four states, as well as the District of Columbia, were represented in the Federation through statewide federations and/or individual clubs.

In its earliest days, the Federation was a lobbying group. In 1940, NFRW enlisted the support of its members to urge their representatives in Washington to hold free and open hearings and a full investigation on the amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act. They wrote their representatives during National Debt Week to impress them with the fact that constituents were concerned about the national debt. And on June 10, 1940, NFRW President Joyce Arneill sent a letter to all club presidents urging their help in keeping Congress in session until the immediate crisis of the "foreign situation" was past.

By September 1, 1943, 23 statewide federations held membership in the national organization, along with 98 individual clubs from 16 states.

Today, the NFRW - once an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee - is financially and organizationally independent. It is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

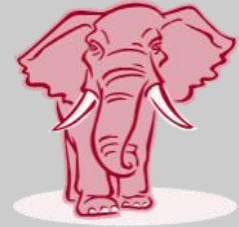
The goals of those women who met in Chicago in 1938 continue to be the goals of the NFRW - to encourage women's participation in the governing of our nation, to elect Republicans to office at all levels, and to promote public awareness of the issues that shape America.

Biennial national conventions have been held in cities across the nation, with U.S. presidents and vice presidents, first ladies, cabinet members, legislators, party leaders, political experts, and celebrities attending. Presidential candidates never miss these meetings. They know that many of those attending will be delegates to the Republican National Convention or will be instrumental in the delegate selection process. They know that these women are the GOP's grassroots activists.

Programs such as NFRW's campaign management schools, women candidate seminars, and polling schools have trained literally thousands of Republican women and men to help elect GOP candidates, and communities throughout the nation have benefited from the volunteer services of NFRW's Caring for America and literacy programs.

*~courtesy of <http://www.nfrw.org/aboutnfrw/history/history.htm>*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 20, Noon**

Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, January 22, 11:30 am**

Monthly luncheon meeting

**Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 pm**

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

**Thursday, February 6, 6pm**

Membership Social, Pujos St. Café

**Monday, February 23, 6pm**

Col. Allen West dinner, LC Civic Center

**LFRW Spring Board Meeting, March 27-29**

More info coming soon

### Upcoming Speakers

February 26 - Senator Ronnie Johns  
March 26 - Treasurer John Kennedy  
April 30 - Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne

### Web site and Facebook pictures

We need your help! So many of us get caught up in the moment that we miss great photo ops of our social events. If you attend one of these and have your cell phone, snap a quick photo and send it to **Tina Mosca, 337-794-8187 & Jackie Hebert, 337-794-0778**. They need your photos to update our pages. Thanks!

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



*Republican Women of  
Southwest Louisiana*



The Republican Women will get a % of all ticket sold by our members.  
Please contact Roby Dyer, 540-0501, for tickets.

The Presidents Dinner is set for Monday, February 23rd with Col. Allen West as the keynote speaker. This is the PEC primary fundraising event of the year with proceeds going to develop Republican youth activities and to promote the Republican image in Southwest Louisiana. The cost of an individual seat is \$150 and a table for 8 is \$1,000.

A pass to the VIP room where you can meet and be photographed with Col. West and receive a personally autographed copy of the Colonel's book "Guardian of the Republic" is \$250.

The sooner you make your reservation, the better the seating.

The Calcasieu Parish Executive  
Committee of the Republican Party

## Presidents' Birthday Dinner

Commemorating the Birthdays of:  
George Washington  
Abraham Lincoln  
Ronald Reagan

**Keynote Speaker**

**Col. Allen West**



Introduction by

**Senator David Vitter**

Preliminary Addresses by

**Col. Rob Maness**

Former Candidate for U.S. Senate

**Rep. Chuck Kleckley**

Speaker of the LA House of Representatives

**Monday, February 23, 6 p.m.**  
**The Lake Charles Civic Center**

### **Magnolia Club**

The Magnolia Club is a group of LFRW patrons who provide funds to support a wide range of political and organizational programs ensuring all of the endeavors of the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women are properly funded.

Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting LFRW. Federation members contribute \$100 annually - January through December. The Magnolia Club Level annual donations are based on club membership size. Cost is \$100.00 per member or per Club. Magnolia Club patrons include LFRW members, Republican elected officials, and business, educational and civic leaders, regardless of gender or Party affiliation.

Magnolia Club Members are honored with a reception at LFRW Biennials and may have special seating at some events.

*For more information, please e-mail [magnoliacub@lfrw.org](mailto:magnoliacub@lfrw.org)*

### **Membership Social**

The membership committee has planned to kick off the new year with a membership drive social at Pujos St. Café on Thursday, February 6 beginning at 6pm.

If you have questions, please contact Martha Hains, 625-3468

### **LFRW Spring Board Meeting**

A group of us are planning to attend the meeting in Alexandria March 27-29 to vote in the new slate of officers. Mark your calendars and try to attend with us.

We will email details when we receive them

# 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** \_\_\_\_\_