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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



About R.W. Bray ~ R.W. Bray is the Black Engagement Director of the Republican Party of Texas. Bray attended Dillard University where he studied Business Administration. In 1999 Bray joined the Louisiana Air National Guard where he served as a medic for seven years. After Hurricane Katrina ravished his home town of New Orleans he decided to move to Houston and rebuild. Pursuing his interest in law, Paralegal Studies allowed Bray to test the waters of bringing justice to people seeking remedies. In 2009, Bray decided to join the Texas Air National Guard and was accepted into the United States JAG Corps. Serving as the Law Office Manager of the 147th Reconnaissance Wing at Ellington Field, Bray was able to assist many families and engage, motivate and direct hundreds of soldiers in professional development, personal finance, legal rights and priority setting. Bray has served as the Vice President of the Houston Young Republicans (2011–2012) and the MLK Association of Texas Vice Chair (2013-present). In 2012, Bray ran for State Senate District 6, after coming in third out of eight candidates in a special election, politics became his primary focus aside from supervising the law office at Ellington Field JRB. Inspired by his love for politics and law, he launched SWAY Consulting LLC, a business and political consulting firm dedicated to engaging the public with passion, focus and a commitment to tangible results. Bray is currently a Master Sergeant, 1st Shirt and proud Veterans advocate in Houston, Texas.

Check him out on YouTube : https://youtu.be/Z5fQ9_uSuxw

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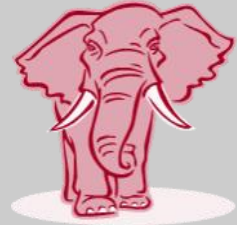
Thursday, January 26
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

Guest Speaker - R.W. Bray,
Black Engagement Director of the Texas GOP

Reservations by Tuesday, January 24
contact Marsha Spear at 337-842-4220 or
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 24, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, January 26, 11:30 am
Monthly luncheon meeting

Saturday, March 11, 2017
8:30 am- 6:00 pm
Early voting begins

Saturday, March 18, 2017
8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Early voting ends

Saturday, March 25, 2017
7:00 am– 8:00 pm
Spring Municipal Election

LFRW Spring Biennial Convention
March 10-12, 2017
Shreveport, LA
More info will follow

RPEC Meetings, every 3rd Thursday
5:30 pm Central Library, 2nd Floor

City Council Meetings
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5:30
City Council Chambers, 326 Pujo St.

Police Jury Meetings
1st Thursday of each month, 5:30
1015 Pithon St.

Check us out on the web!



*Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*



Spring 2017 Municipal Election Dates

Primary Election Date
Saturday, March 25, 2017

What's On the Ballot...

Lake Charles

Mayor, City Council

Vinton

Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police

Special Election:

Calcasieu Parish School Board, District #12

Special Election:

City of Sulphur, Councilman, District #3

Propositions/Tax

City of Westlake, Propositions #1 and #2

Polls Open at 7:00 am

Polls Close at 8:00 pm

Registrar of Voter Information

Deadline to Register to Vote in person:

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2017

Deadline to Register to Vote online/geauxvote.com:

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Early Voting Dates

Saturday, March 11, 2017 - Saturday, March 18, 2017

8:30 am - 6:00 pm Daily

(Closed Sunday)

Lake Charles - Calcasieu Parish Courthouse 2nd Floor

Sulphur - Sulphur City Annex

Moss Bluff - Calcasieu Parish Library

Visit geauxvote.com to view/print your ballot

Voter Information may be found at geauxvote.com

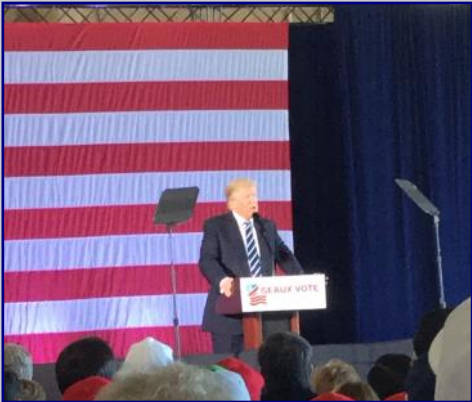
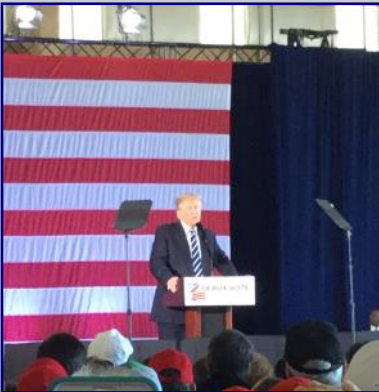
or by calling

Registrar of Voters Office at (337) 721-4000

Special Guest at the November Meeting



Trump Stumps for Kennedy Baton Rouge



November Meeting



**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting November 17, 2016
Reeves Uptown Catering**



The meeting was called to order by president, Roby Dyer, Anne Geraci followed with the invocation. Dianne Gaines led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roby Dyer welcomed guests and recognized the new members

New Business:

Martha Hains gave an update from the Membership Committee. She reminded members that if they renew their membership now they would save \$5.00 before the end of the year. The Club is taking pre-orders for Deplorable shirts, signs and pins

Roby introduced our Special Guest Speaker, Captain Brett Palmer, President of the Lake Charles Pilots.

The Lake Charles Pilots:

- Have been in charge of tugs in our area since 1974.
- Have been involved in the infrastructure for the past 10 years.
- Have 17 pilot tugs in our area.

Captain Palmer said a 19ft. flat bridge is being built to Monkey Island where the pilots camp out during hurricane weather. He said there are several large projects in the works for Southwest Louisiana, including a \$12 billion dollar Cameron LNG project, Venture Global, Magnolia LNG, Driftwood LNG and Big Lake Fuels to name a few. He worked very closely with the Chamber of SWLA and Congressman Boustany to secure funds to dredge the ship channel.

Roby presented a plaque to Captain Palmer stating that pillows would be donated in his honor to troops in Afghanistan this month.

Announcements:

RW of SWLA Christmas Party, Tuesday Dec. 6th, 6:30 Pioneer Club

Get out and vote in the runoff Election December 10, 2016

Door Prizes were drawn. Thanks to Lana Hafner and Marlene Roy for this month's prizes.

Meeting was adjourned.

.Submitted by Martha Polk, 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!

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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** _____