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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



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2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, March 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 - Insurance Commissioner, Jim Donelon

Reservations by Tuesday March 25
contact Marsha 842-4220 or
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Message from the President~

The first quarter of the new year is off to great start. Tina Mosca has our Club website up, the scholarship committee has the application form completed, Jackie Hebert is updating the Facebook page, and our Benelli gun fundraiser is next weekend. I want to thank everyone who has helped in these projects to keep our philanthropies funded and our members informed. Check the announcements for current news on the upcoming elections as this is an important election year for the parish and state. I will forward important issues to call our representatives on, as I receive them, now that the legislative sessions have begun. Please read the important message below

Message from the Fundraising Committee~

Dear members of our club,

As we near the cut-off date for our 2014 fundraising project, the raffle of our Benelli Eagle gun, we have reason to celebrate. We have not reached our goal of exceeding last year's gun raffle sales, yet we are so very grateful to our members who have continued to push diligently toward that goal. We do need all of our ladies to help with a big push, or even a little push. If you have not bought your own ticket(s) or taken tickets to sell, please do so this very day. We will get the tickets to you. You have all the necessary information. All completed stubs and money must be submitted, either at our **March 27th meeting**, or the next night, the 29th, at our big **Family Night**, where the winning ticket will be drawn. If you have not made your family's reservations for Family Night, please, please do so right away! Call or e-mail Claire or Marsha. Our club is counting on you, but, most of all, so are the recipients of our philanthropic work. We also need funding for our day-to-day expenses. I want to thank you, personally, for your continuous support of our club.

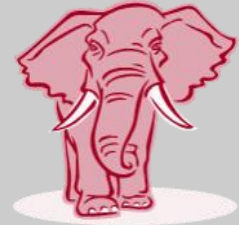
Claire Smith
Roby Dyer

Election News

For up to date information go to:
<http://www.calclerkofcourt.com/elections/Election-News>

Date of Election	April 5	May 3	November 4	December 6
Type of Election	Municipal Primary	Municipal General	Open Primary/Congressional	Open General/Congressional
Deadline: Specials	1/15/2014	n/a	7/23/2014	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	1/15/2014	3/18/2014	7/23/2014	10/21/2014
Qualifying Dates	2/12/2014 – 2/14/2014	n/a	8/20/2014 – 8/22/2014	n/a
Last Day to Register to Vote	3/5/2014	4/2/2014	10/6/2014	11/5/2014
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	4/1/2014	4/29/2014	10/31/2014	12/2/2014
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	4/4/2014	5/2/2014	11/3/2014	12/5/2014
Early Voting Begins	3/22/2014	4/19/2014	10/21/2014	11/22/2014
Early Voting Ends	3/29/2014	4/26/2014	10/28/2014	11/29/2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 25, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, March 27, 11:30
Monthly luncheon meeting

Saturday, March 29 Gun Raffle, 6 pm
Seafood Palace, 2218 Enterprise Blvd,
Lake Charles

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

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

Gun Raffle March 29

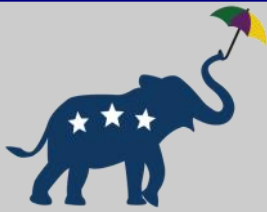
RSVP to Marsha mispear59@att.net to attend the drawing,
Invite your friends and family!

The raffle is still underway through the drawing Saturday, March 29

Contact Ms. Claire for tickets at caldreamn05@suddenlink.net

Next Month

Due to a conflict with our venue, We will join Roundtable **on April 11** hosting guest speaker **Congressman Charles Boustany**. Reeves Uptown catering, 11:30 - 1 pm



New Orleans ★ 2014

Republican Leadership Conference

May 29 – 31, 2014

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 March 31, 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, Gov. Rick Perry, NFRW Pres. Kathleen Bruggar** 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. 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!

Check us out on the web!



*Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*



Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting February 27, 2014
Reeves Uptown Catering



The meeting was called to order by President, Roby Dyer. Janice Areno led the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth Morris led us in prayer.

New Business:

Claire Smith gave an update on the Gun Raffle progress. Drawing to be March 29, 2014.

Speakers:

George Swift: [CEO of SWLA Economic Alliance]

Our area has \$65 billion in announced projects. This is the most in the nation. In the next 10 years there may be 30,000 new people in the area. Mr. Swift gave a brief "History Lesson" by PowerPoint to explain how we have gotten to this current place that we have now achieved. Where will workers come from for all of this work? Half of the jobs should be able to be filled within our area. However, they must be trained workers by some of the local schools in the area. These workers must plan for the training. These workers can't just walk of the street and work in these high level jobs. Jump Start Project is helping with these needs. High school students work at trades while still in high school. Upon graduation they are ready to begin some of these jobs.

There will be a great need for both temporary and permanent housing for the coming workers. Pelican Lodge will be a 4000 bed temporary employment housing facility on 250 acres consisting of PODS, creating a two story building with recreation areas, kitchen and more. During 2014-2015, Lake Charles will lead the state with 8% job growth. Adding 3,300 jobs in 2014.

The Quality of Life Task Force at the Chamber of Commerce is looking at the year 2040. They are making plans for where the area wants to be at that date. The SEED Center is located at 4310 Ryan St. Mr. Swift invites everyone to come and tour the facility and use the resources that it has to offer. Mr. Swift opened the floor to questions and closed.

The club presented Mr. Swift with a framed certificate stating that pillows were sent in his honor to our troops.

President, Roby Dyer announced a conflict for our April 24 meeting date. Reeves Uptown has a previous booking and are not available to host us. She proposed that we could combine our meeting with Roundtable on April 11 instead. The Speaker will be Congressman Boustany.

Jim Jackson: [State Commissioner of the American Legion]

Mr. Jackson stated that there was a motor home facility in the area that treats Veterans. There was a 5,000 sq ft facility that was to open in October. The VA has decided that it will now NOT be funded. This means that 400,000 veterans are not getting the services that they deserve and 20,000 of these Veterans are in our area.

Drawings for door prizes were held.
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!

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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** _____