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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Senator Sharon Hewitt

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the 1st Thursday of the
month.

Senator Sharon Hewitt is a Lake Charles native and a life-long Republican. As a state senator she has focused on stabilizing the state budget, improving education, creating jobs, investing in infrastructure, advocating for families, and restoring Louisiana's coast. She currently serves as vice-chair of the Senate Transportation, Highways & Public Works Committee, and is a member of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, and the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees the state budgeting process. Senator Hewitt also has a strong voice on how coastal restoration dollars are spent as a member of the Governor's Advisory Commission for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control. As a member of both the Select Committee on Women and Children and the Louisiana Policy and Research Commission, Hewitt advocates for policies that will improve the lives of women and children throughout the state. Senator Hewitt also represents the state of Louisiana on two important national energy panels - the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) Energy and Environment Committee and the Energy Council. During the 2016 legislative sessions Senator Hewitt proved to be a strong voice for businesses and families, having received awards and recognition from the SWLA Economic Development Alliance, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Louisiana Engineering Society, and the Louisiana Family Forum for her work. Sen. Hewitt holds a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from LSU. Prior to being elected to the Louisiana State Senate, she worked as an engineering executive, managing major deepwater assets in the Gulf of Mexico for Shell. She is also a recognized civic and community leader with decades of volunteer service to area children and families. Senator Hewitt married her husband, Stan, over 30 years ago and they have proudly raised two sons, Chris and Brad. They are long-time members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell. Senate District 1 includes portions of St. Tammany, Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes.



Join us for Lunch

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM

General Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM

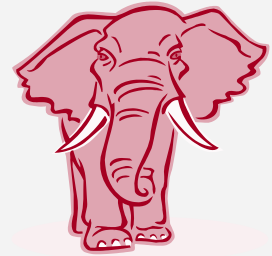
Reeves Uptown Catering
1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA
Guest Speaker— Senator Sharon Hewitt

RSVP by Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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Announcements & Events



Tuesday, March 21, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

LFRW Spring Biennial Convention
March 10-13, 2017
Shreveport, LA - More info will follow

Thursday, March 23, 11:30 am
Monthly luncheon meeting

RPEC Meetings
Third Thursday of Every Month
5:30 pm Central Library, 2nd Floor

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

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

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

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

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

Member of the Month—Roby Dyer



Roby Dyer is our March Member of the Month! She also happens to be our new Regional Vice President for the LFRW.

How did you join the Republican Women of SWLA?

After my children left for college and with Syd working long hours at the hospital, I was looking for the right organization to volunteer. I always had an interest in politics and wanted to know more about the candidates that were running for office, as well as any other items on the ballot. The RW of SWLA was a perfect fit for me.

What does a day in the life of Roby Dyer look like outside of being an awesome Republican Woman?

My day starts with a cup of coffee and walking our miniature pinscher, Dalton. Then we have 7 horses to take care of, Rocky, Ana, Glory, Stormy, Jacquesimo, Sadie, & Chet. I try to fit in a workout before whatever the day brings. It may be playing with my 4-year-old granddaughter, Leah, or taking care of RW & RPEC duties. Most days are full.

What's a fun fact that people may not know about you?

I love sea turtles! We booked a sailing trip 2 years ago in St. Thomas just to swim with them. I would love to see them hatch and run to the ocean. It's on the bucket list!

What's your favorite thing about the Republican Women of SWLA?

The camaraderie. We all have different personalities that somehow work well together. I have made so many great friends through the RW of SWLA as well as LFRW and NFRW.

LFRW 32nd Biennial Convention

Some of our amazing Republican Women hit the road headed for the LFRW 32nd Biennial Convention in Shreveport, Louisiana. We are proud to announce that Roby Dyer was elected Region 3 Vice-President and the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana received first place in seven categories. Our club also participated in the convention's market where our booth, managed by Gina Jones, sold over \$1,000 of merchandise. Congratulations to Roby and everyone else who has worked to make our organization such a success.





Spring 2017 Municipal Election

Primary Election—Saturday, March 25, 2017

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

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



REPUBLICAN Women

of Southwest Louisiana

The Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana was chartered in 1990 as an affiliate club of the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women (LFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Our club centers around Lake Charles, Louisiana and includes cities within the parishes of Calcasieu and Cameron, although members outside this area may join. Our club belongs to Region 3 of the LFRW. Part of our membership dues are sent to the LFRW and, in turn, to the NFRW. Thus each member of our local club automatically becomes a member of the state and national clubs when we annually send in our membership rolls and dues. Our objectives are to:

- Promote an informed electorate through political education and activity.
- Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles and ideas.
- Support Republican objectives and policies and work for the election of Republican nominees.

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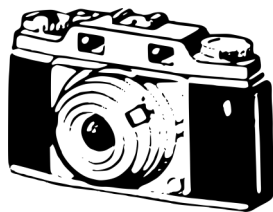
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Check out our Website!

www.rwswla.com



February's Luncheon







**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly Meeting February 23, 2017
Reeves Uptown Catering**

Call to Order- Jackie Hebert

We had 10 new members and special guests were recognized at this time.

Guest Speaker: Mayor Candidate for the City of Lake Charles, Nic Hunter

Sister Fontenot gave a brief summary of Mr. Hunter's resume. Mr. Hunter started by announcing he and his wife are expecting their first child. He thanked the Republican women and proceeded to explain how women were a big influence in his life, especially his grandmother. He is looking to the future of Lake Charles and has some great ideas on the way he would run his office, if elected Mayor. He wants to raise revenue without raising taxes by taking advantage of our assets, the lake front, the I-10 corridor, and our deep-water port. He doesn't want to sell our "dirt", but parcel it out to multiple investors with the city leasing to food and beverage. He said we should invest in drainage, roads, and sewer projects while bond rates are low.

Announcements:

Jackie Hebert gave a salute to Peggy Buckles who has served for the past 5 years as LFRW Region 3 Vice President and congratulated our Roby Dyer who is running for that position.

We have tickets to sell for the LFRW fundraiser. It will be an alligator hunt weekend with LA Attorney General Jeff Landry. Drawing will be held March 11.

Our RWSWLA club is selling tickets for our 2017 fundraiser/drawing. The first winner will be able to choose either a Glock 43 pistol or a Smith & Wesson M&P Sport II rifle. The second-place winner will receive the remaining gun. The drawing will be held at our August meeting. Get your tickets and more detail from any of our members.

Closing Remarks:

It is not too late to register for the LFRW Biennial Convention in Shreveport. The deadline is Friday, February 24.

Door Prize Drawing

Our donors for this month were Rosemary Smith and Diane Gaines

Meeting 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): _____

*Renewing Members: if any contact information above has changed, please mark it with *.

Committees or Interests – Check all that apply.

() Membership (recruiting, recording)

CAMPAIGN WORK:

() Fundraising and Event Planning

() Clerical

() Legislative Issues

() Voter Registration

() Information Technology (newsletter, website, Facebook)

() Door-to-door

() Community Service

() Phone Bank

() Public Relations (publicity, liaison w/media)

() Yard Signs

Please list other clubs, other interests, or comments/questions.

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 # _____)