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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Message from the President~

As the year winds down to the holiday season, I wanted to wish everyone peace and happiness with your friends and family. We will end the year at the Pioneer Club December 12 with our annual party and the Board members & I look forward to celebrating the season with you all.

By participating in the Club, you give of yourself, bringing your life experiences, skills, abilities, compassion, intellect and humor and ask for nothing in return. By volunteering, you provide support, skills, talents and abilities to help us in our efforts for good government and they do not go by unnoticed. You do not ask for accolades and give your time generously without any expectation of reward. The unexpected reward I hope you receive is of comradeship with other volunteers who you may never have met otherwise. Lasting friendships, social activities and fun memories are just some of the unexpected rewards that I've gained from my volunteering experience and I look forward to many more. Please know that I genuinely appreciate and value your commitment of time to volunteering with our organization.

Sincerely, Roby Dyer

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

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Deadline for submissions-2nd Thursday of the month Thursday, November 21
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

Reeves Uptown Catering

1639-B Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA

Guest Speaker - State Attorney General Buddy Caldwell

Reservations by Tuesday November 19
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MEET ATTORNEY GENERAL 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 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 600 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.

With deep roots in northeast Louisiana, Buddy was born on May 20, 1946, the fourth of seven children, in Columbia located in Caldwell Parish. The family moved to Madison Parish in 1949, where Buddy later attended Tallulah High School, graduating with honors and lettering in basketball, football, and track. He also played semi-professional baseball in north Louisiana. Buddy went on to participate in college sports, playing football and running track while earning his bachelor's degree at Tulane University in New Orleans. In 1973, he received a law degree from Tulane Law School.

Prior to his election as Attorney General, Buddy served as district attorney for 29 years representing the 6th Judicial District, which includes the parishes of East Carroll, Madison and Tensas. As district attorney, he personally tried most major felony cases and achieved a 99% conviction rate in his three-parish area. Buddy helped establish pre-trial diversion programs for adult and juvenile first-time offenders and increased funding for the indigent defenders program in the 6th Judicial District.

Having a great appreciation for the arts, Buddy is an accomplished singer and published songwriter. His father, J.D. Caldwell--who held an LSU master's degree in music--was an opera singer with the Metropolitan Opera of New York. He eventually returned to Tallulah to become a farmer and clothing merchant.

Buddy and his wife, Pat, have seven children and six grandchildren.

For more info, go to: http://www.ag.state.la.us/index.aspx

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 19, 2013 Noon Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:30Monthly luncheon meeting
Buddy Caldwell

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 6:00 pmPrepare packages for the Troops
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 pm Christmas Party Pioneer Club One Lakeside Plaza, Top of Chase Bldg.



November 15-17, 2013 LFRW Fall Board Meeting Clarion Inn, Monroe, LA \$65 registration fee

\$79 single-\$99 double incl. full breakfast Early arrivals (by 1:30) have trip planned to Duck Dynasty Warehouse

Contact Roby Dyer for details. 337-540-0501 or robydyer@yahoo.com



RWSWLA Annual Christmas Party!

Make plans to bring your spouse and/or friends and Enjoy this special evening.



One Lakeside Plaza, top floor of the Chase Building
Downtown Lake Charles
Sit down dinner and cash bar

Thursday, December 12

Social begins at 6:30pm Dinner at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00

RSVP by November 28
To Marsha 842-4220 or
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REPUBLICAN WOMEN of SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA Monthly Meeting October 24 2013 Reeves Uptown Catering



The meeting was called to order by President Roby Dryer. Beth Morris led in prayer. Jackie Hebert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business: The Nominating Committee presenting the following slate of officers for the coming year-Roby Dyer as President, Birdie Harter as Vice President, Jacinda Vincent as Secretary, Ruth Giaimis as Treasury and Beth Morris as Corresponding Secretary. Janice Areno conducted the election and all officers were nominated and voted by acclamation.

Alee DeFelice presented a presentation of activities of the Young Republicans. Birdie Harter gave an update on the fundraiser to be held first quarter of 2014. The Main objective of the fundraiser is to retire Senator Landrieu. March 29, 2013 is our goal date at the civic center and we are working to secure a speaker from the NRA. We also want a gun donation for the fund raiser.

President Roby Dver introduced Joyce Mucci - FAIR Regional Field Representative. Joyce, who joined FAIR in 2007, develops member and activist support throughout the United States. Joyce uses her knowledge, experience, and passion about the issue to educate the media and public on immigration issues. Joyce spoke on the following topics, immigration issues, legal Immigration, illegal Immigration, national security, labor & economics, guest workers, population & environment, and societal issues. Joyce is most concerned about the fact that we cannot trust the current administration. They simply do not keep their word. This administration has instructed that unless the illegal immigrant is a violent criminal our law enforcement is to stand down and do nothing. Another concern this that our own party e.g. The Gang of Eight, is proposing amnesty, that is in direct opposition of the current immigration laws. The current Republican ideology is that if we give amnesty we will gain popularity with the minority vote. Joyce believes that this is not the case. Currently we have 11 states that have given drivers licenses to illegal immigrants. Facebook's Marc Zuckerberg is one of the propionates of amnesty, based on his observation that we don't have enough sources to pool from for high tech positions. The truth is that he can hire cheaper labor from outside the United States. It is estimated that amnesty will add 12 to 14 million people to our legal population. That is 12 to 14 million that will have access to our government benefits that they have not contributed to. A pillow was given to Joyce Mucci as well as a certificate stating pillows were sent to the troops in her honor.

The drawings for door prizes were held.

Roby welcomed guest and new members.

Note: November meeting is the third Thursday due to holiday. Meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming events:

LFRW Fall Board Meeting in Clarion Inn, Monroe, LA November 15-17, 2013. November speaker State Attorney General Buddy Caldwell.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Hebert

Be Passionate * Be Committed

Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana Membership Application / Renewal Form YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN TO JOIN

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