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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



LFRW President Gena Gore~

Gena lives in Alexandria, LA and is married to Terry Gore. They own Alpine Lawn & Landscape, LLC and T & G Trees, LLC. They have two dogs, Skinny Girl & Lizzy Lou. Gena has been heavily involved in politics for many years. She served 5 years as President of Rapides Parish Republican Women and 4 years as LFRW Region 4 Vice-President. She then served 2 years as LFRW Recording Secretary and 2 years as LFRW Executive Vice-President before being elected as the current LFRW President. She serves on the national Level as NFRW Women In Business Chair. Gena is Vice-Chair for Republican Rapides Parish Executive Committee and is a governor's appointee on the Louisiana Arts Council and Louisiana Board of Election Supervisors. She serves on the LAGOP Executive Committee as the LFRW Representative and was elected in 2012 as a Presidential Elector for the 5th Congressional District. She serves on many local boards including The Red River Chorale and the Alexandria Rotary.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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2nd Thursday of the month

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Thursday, November 19
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

Guest Speaker - LFRW President Gena Gore

Reservations by Tuesday, November 17
Marsha 337-842-4220 or
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You're Invited

RWSWLA Annual Christmas Party

Mark your calendars!
Bring your spouse and friends to
enjoy this special evening!

The Pioneer Club

One Lakeside Plaza, 9th floor of the Chase Building
Downtown Lake Charles
Corner of Lakeshore Dr. & Broad St.
Dinner and cash bar

Tuesday, December 8
Social begins at 6:30 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00
RSVP by Tuesday, December 1
To Marsha 842-4220 or
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Upcoming Election Information

The Fall Gubernatorial Election Nov. 21, 2015:

- **Early voting is November 7-14** (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Nov. 21st general election.

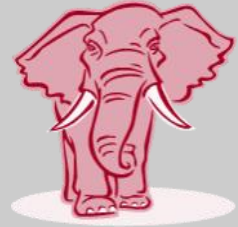
The 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held on March 5, 2016.

- Qualifying will be on December 2-4, 2015.
- The last day to register to vote in this election is February 3, 2016.
- **Absentee by mail ballots may be requested until March 1, 2016.** *(Except for military stationed anywhere, civilians overseas, persons hospitalized, and sequestered juror voters)*
- **Early voting will be held February 20-27, 2016.**

The April 9, 2016 municipal general:

- qualifying period is Dec. 2nd, 3rd and 4th until 4:30 p.m..
- state candidates qualify in the executive offices of Secretary of State Tom Schedler at 8585 Archives Ave., in Baton Rouge. There are no state candidates (other than president) scheduled to run in this election, however, a special election may be called in the event of a vacancy (secretary of state's office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
- local and municipal candidates qualify with the clerk of court in the parish in which they are registered to vote (contact your local clerk of court for office hours).
- view a list of qualifying fees (payment must be in the form of cash; certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union; United States postal money order; or money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union).
- download the standard fillable qualifying form or the presidential preference primary fillable qualifying form.
- **early voting is March 26th thru April 2nd** (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the April 9th general election.

Info from: <http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/GetElectionInformation/Pages/default.aspx>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**Upcoming Events****Nov. 7-14, 8:30 am - 6 pm****Early Voting (except Sunday & Veteran's Day)**Cal. Parish Court House, Registrar's Office
West Cal. Business Center, Bldg. B Sulphur
Moss Bluff Branch Library**Saturday, Nov. 21, 6 am - 8pm****GO VOTE!!!!****Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 pm**RWSWLA Annual Christmas Party
Pioneer Club, Lakeshore Dr.
Lake Charles, LA**Thursday, Nov. 19, 11:30 am**

Monthly luncheon meeting

Use the links below to search for the latest news:

National GOP - <https://gop.com/news/>Congressman Boustany - <http://boustany.house.gov/#dialog>Senator David Vitter - <http://www.vitter.senate.gov/from-davids-desk>Senator Bill Cassidy - <http://www.cassidy.senate.gov/issues>LFRW - <http://lfrw.com/>NFRW - <http://nfrw.org/>***Check us out on the web!*****www.rswla.com***Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*

October meeting



**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting October 22, 2015
Reeves Uptown Catering**



The meeting was called to order by President Roby Dyer

Karen Delpapa led the opening prayer. Jonell Wilkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW Business:

The Nominating Committee presented the 2016 Slate of Officers as:

President - Roby Dyer Vice President - Jackie Hebert
Secretary - Martha Polk Treasurer - Ruth Giaimis

Janice Areno asked for other nominations from the floor. None were given. Kathy Trahan made a motion to accept the nominations. Tina Mosca seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The motion carried.

The guest speaker is Marc Ehrhardt with Louisiana Coalition. He explains, "What does the Gas Industry mean to the United States? We assume the industry will always be here. We need to pay attention to this industry. The people of the oil and gas industry can't be vocal to the local people because they are always at work. Louisiana Coalition is their "Voice". The people of the state depend on the oil and gas industry even if they don't notice. Some hotels rent rooms to primarily these workers. If it wasn't for the industry, there would be NO need for the hotel. Oil and gas provides 1 out of 6 jobs in the state of Louisiana. If you don't work in the industry, you know someone who does. They make higher incomes and they spend this money back into our area. We have the ability to refine the oil we find. Refineries are NO longer being built. They can only expand upon the existing ones. Louisiana has 16 of the largest refineries in the U.S. We are the #2 producer of oil and #2 producer of natural gas. Texas is #1. The average Louisiana Worker earns \$45,000/year. Oil and gas jobs earn an average of \$80,000-\$100,000/year. Louisiana has to stay competitive to the other states that want to "cash-in" on the oil and gas industry. Women make up 11% of those working in the oil and gas industry. This is more than ever before. Regulation and environmental investment is necessary. We need to maintain a healthy coast to protect our fishing industry. The oil and gas owns more land than anyone in Louisiana. So, of course the State wants to protect it. A fair legal system is also needed. Companies interested in the state of La come to look at our state as well as other states to see the legal risks, infrastructure and regulations involved. They need to know Louisiana is worth their investment. You are "Oil & Gas" because you are from Louisiana. Please check out "Grow La. Coalition". Tell others about the organization to help spread the word and educate all." Mr. Ehrhardt opened the floor to questions and closed.

President Roby Dyer presented a plaque to Mr. Ehrhardt, recognizing that pillows are being sent by our club, in his name, to U.S. soldiers serving in war zones overseas.

Announcements:

Dr. Kurth informed the club on the upcoming events offered by Roundtable.

The RWSWLA Christmas Party will be at the Pioneer Club, December 8.

There are Republican items for sale from the club at the table on the way out of the meeting. Please stop by and see what is available.

It is time to begin renewing your club membership!

Door prizes were drawn. Thanks to Beth Morris and Gail Kurtz for this month's prizes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary - Jacinda Vincent

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** _____