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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



The [Louisiana Constitution](#) has the following provision Article 4, Section 7 that provides for the Office of Secretary of State:



§7. Secretary of State; Powers and Duties Section 7. There shall be a Department of State. The secretary of state shall head the department and shall be the chief election officer of the state. He shall prepare and certify the ballots for all elections, promulgate all election returns, and administer the election laws, except those relating to voter registration and custody of voting machines. He shall administer the state corporation and trademark laws; serve as keeper of the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana and attest therewith all official laws, documents, proclamations, and commissions; administer and preserve the official archives of the state; promulgate and publish all laws enacted by the legislature and retain the originals thereof; and countersign and keep an official registry of all commissions. He may administer oaths, and shall have other powers and perform other duties authorized by this constitution or provided by law.

For more information on all services provided by the Secretary of State office got to:

<http://www.sos.la.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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Deadline for submissions-
2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, October 23
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

Guest Speaker - Tom Schedler, Secretary of State

Reservations by Tuesday October 21
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Secretary of State Tom Schedler, a resident of Mandeville, was first appointed to the position in 2010 after serving as first assistant for three years. Schedler was then elected by the people to serve a four-year term as secretary of state in 2011.

Schedler has worked diligently to streamline and update the processes within the Secretary of State's Office resulting in a more efficient and effective experience for taxpayers. As a leader who believes the role of the secretary of state is a paternal one, Schedler's priorities include protecting and defending the integrity of every non-partisan election, honoring and preserving the history and symbols of our state and assisting and supporting small businesses in filing their registration forms. A brief summary of Schedler's accomplishments during the last two years in office include:

Reducing the number of special elections in Louisiana to preserve limited tax dollars. After finding Louisiana had twice as many elections as compared to neighboring states over a five year period, Schedler sought new laws to save taxpayer's money and increase the relevance of scheduled elections.

Improving voter registration and participation through technology. Louisiana has the third highest voter registration in the nation with 84 percent of eligible voters registered. The nationally recognized GeauxVote Mobile app for smartphones conveniently allows citizens to check their voter registration status, review their individualized ballot in preparation for voting and locate their voting precinct using their phone. Louisiana is the first state in the nation to use this technology. Secretary Schedler recently accepted the 2013 NASS IDEAS Award for the app which recognizes innovation, dedication, excellence and achievement in state member programming by the National Association of Secretaries of State. Additionally, the [GeauxVote portal](#) includes a convenient online voter registration component which can be used by citizens statewide, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Louisiana was the second state in the country to implement online registration.

Honoring the sacrifice of our military service members. The Honor Vets. Vote. Program, encourages voters to visit www.sos.la.gov/honorvets for each election and honor a veteran with their vote. Upon completion of a short form, voters can print a commemorative certificate and are mailed a lapel pin and bumper sticker. Schedler also traveled to the Middle East in 2012 instructing active military service members how to vote while overseas.

Enhancing services in the commercial division. Schedler worked to expand www.GeauxBiz.com for businesses wishing to file their corporate forms electronically and is moving towards establishing a one-stop shop for all statewide corporate transactions. The GeauxBiz portal saves small businesses time and money and improves the overall operations of the Secretary of State's Office. Protecting owners through business identity theft legislation was the cornerstone of his first year in office.

Secretary Schedler's solid foundation of governmental and private sector experience includes three terms in the Louisiana State Senate. During that time, he was honored with the Monte M. Lemann Award by the Louisiana Civil Service League (1997), Legislator of the Year by the Alliance for Good Government (2002), Republican of the Year (2006) and was elected twice by his peers in the Senate to serve as Chairman of the Republican Delegation. In addition, he was recently named co-chairman of the National Association of Secretaries of State Task Force on Emergency Preparedness for Elections and secretary of the National Association of Secretaries of State Executive Board.

Professionally, he is a licensed real estate broker, former bank president and board of directors member and serves on the Board of Trustees for a 156-bed regional hospital and medical center. Civically, he participates in numerous organizations including serving as President of the Slidell Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is also a CASA trained court appointee.

Schedler was born and raised in New Orleans. He graduated from De La Salle High School in 1967 prior to receiving his Bachelor of Science in marketing from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1971. In 1999, he was honored by his high school as one of De La Salle High School's 125 outstanding graduates over the school's first 50 years, and in 2010, was honored with the school's Leadership Award. He has also been honored by his community as Citizen of the Year and Employer of the Year. Secretary Schedler is married to his wife of 41 years, the former Stephanie Gele' of Lafayette. She owns and operates hospice programs in Louisiana and Mississippi. They have three married daughters and three grandchildren.

If you know a Republican teenager please let them know about this **free** event sponsored by the SWLA Teenage Republican Club.

SWLA TEENAGE REPUBLICANS CLUB



The Lost Hollows Teen Republican Night
Thursday, October 30th
6 – 9 pm

All students in grades 9-12 across southwest Louisiana who are interested in joining the SWLA TeenAge Republicans Club are invited to attend this inaugural event.

- 6:00 PM Wear closed-toe/tennis shoes (no sandals or flip-flops).
Meet in front of Spirit Halloween (next to Academy/Old Navy) in Lake Charles.
Ride trailers to concession area for pizza, drinks, and our first club meeting.
- 7:30 PM Ride trailers back to the front for the entrance to the haunted trails.
- 9:00 PM Return to Spirit Halloween for the conclusion of the event.

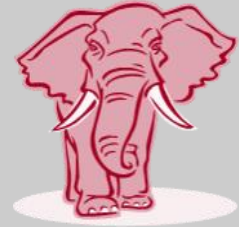
Register by Monday, Oct. 27th
Send your name and high school
by text to 337-540-2652 or
by email to tantara@camtel.net

For those who register by the deadline above,
the SWLA Republican Roundtable will cover the cost
of your pizza, drinks, and admission to Lost Hollows.

*Come for the fun and the fellowship...
leave with an experience scarier than seeing a democrat win an election!*



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 21, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

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

Thursday, October 30, 6 -9 pm
Lost Hollows Teen Night
In Front of Spirt Halloween
Next to Academy/Old Navy

Tuesday, November 4, 6:00 pm
Prepare packages for the Troops
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

Tuesday, November 4
[Election Day. Get out & Vote!](#)

Election News

November 3 - The Deadline for a mailed ballot to be received
October 21 thru 28 - Early Voting for November 4 election
November 22 thru 29 - Early voting for December 6 election

Parish wide Republican Youth Group

The youth are our future! This youth group is in need of a sponsor, much like Brenda DeFelice does for the Sam Houston Teen Republicans. If you or someone you know is interested in helping this group get started, please contact Roby Dyer, 540-0501 or Dr. Mike Kurth, 304-3638

Check us out on the web!



*Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*





**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting September 25, 2014
Reeves Uptown Catering**



The meeting was called to order by President, Roby Dyer. Nathan Curtis led us in prayer. Laura Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business:

Lana Hafner attended the National Board Meeting and gave an overview of the meeting to the club.

Kim Janca, the new LAGOP SWLA Field Director, addressed the club to introduce herself. Her location is at 3435 Ryan St. She asked for everyone to stop by and volunteer to help elect Republicans running in the election.

Jackie Hebert gave information on club shirts. All members can get a RED shirt of their choice from Ragtime T's. \$9.00 for the logo only and \$12 with logo and name. You can purchase a shirt from them: T-shirt (\$7.00) Golf (\$12.00) OR bring your own RED shirt and they will add the logo.

Speakers:

Jamie Yelverton [Running for Court of Appeal Judge]:

Rob McCorquodale [Running for City Court Judge]:

Both candidates gave us information on their experience and qualifications.

They both opened the floor for questions and closed by asking for our vote in the upcoming election.

Certificates for Pillows donated in both of their honor was given by Life Touch.

Announcements:

Dr. Kurth gave an overview of what PEC and Roundtable are working on. On November 11, Roundtable will have a panel discussion to analyze poll results of Republican candidates.

RWSLA will present a PowerPoint in honor of Veterans at this event.

Name tag orders are now being taken. Please get with Roby for your order.

The Christmas Party will be December 9th at the Pioneer Club. This will also be our December meeting.

Drawings for door prizes were held.

Meeting was adjourned.

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** _____