



Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



Judicial Branch of Louisiana Government

The judicial branch is responsible for administering the laws of the state and resolving legal conflicts. It includes the court system, comprising of Family and Juvenile Courts, the Clerk of Court, District Courts, District Attorneys, the Sheriff's office, coroners, Circuit Courts, Courts of Appeal, and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Powers of Judges - A judge may, among other court orders, issue writs of habeas corpus (the power to call any prisoner before the court to test the legality of his detention). Exercise of authority by a judge of the Supreme Court or of a court of appeal is subject to review by the whole court. The power of judges to punish for contempt of court is limited by law.

Qualification for Judges - A judge of the Supreme Court, a court of appeal, district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction should have established legal residence in the respective district, circuit, or parish for one year preceding election. A judge should also have practiced law in the state for at least the number of years specified as follows:

- For the Supreme Court or a court of appeals - ten years.
- For a district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction - eight years.
- A judge cannot practice law while serving in office.

Louisiana.gov

Cont'd p.2

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Newsletter Staff

Editor-
Roby Dyer

Co-editors -
Janice Areno,
Birdie Harter

Photography -
Jacqui Tarbell

Deadline for submissions-
2nd Thursday of the month

Thursday, September 25
Buffet Lunch @ 11:30 am
Regular Meeting @ 12:00 -1:00 pm

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

Guest Speakers - Rob McCorquodale. Jamie Yelverton,

Reservations by Tuesday September 23
contact Marsha 842-4220 or
mlspear59@att.net



Lake Charles City Court

Lake Charles City Court was established by the State of Louisiana. It is called a City Court, but it has jurisdiction over all of Ward 3, Calcasieu Parish. It has authority to decide certain Juvenile, Traffic, and criminal matters as well as civil disputes up to \$25,000 in amount

Lake Charles City Court has two Divisions, Division A and Division B. Each division is headed by a part time Judge.



Civil matters and Civil disputes are handled through the Civil Division. Traffic and Criminal matters are processed through ordinances of the City of Lake Charles and are handled by the Violation Division. Both the Civil Division and the Violation Division are open from 8:00 am until 4:30 PM on all weekdays excluding holidays.

Also located at Lake Charles City Court is the Ward 3 Marshal. The Marshal enforces the orders and the judgments of Lake Charles City Court.

To learn more about Rob McCorquodale, Candidate for Ward 3 Lake Charles City Court go to: <http://robforjudge.com/>



Courts of Appeal: Circuits Panels; Judgments; Terms

The state currently has five circuit courts, with one court of appeal in each. Each court has panels of at least three judges. The judge with the longest term of service is named chief judge. A majority of the judges sitting in a case must concur to render judgment. The term of a court of appeal judge is ten years.

Circuits and Districts

Each circuit is divided into at least three districts, and at least one judge is elected from each. The circuits and districts and the number of judges as elected in each circuit are subject to change by law enacted by two-thirds of each house of the legislature.

Jurisdiction

With exceptions, a defendant has a right of appeal or review of her case if she does not agree with a circuit court's ruling. A court of appeal has jurisdiction of (1) all civil matters, and, (2) all matters appealed from family and juvenile courts, (3) most criminal cases that are triable by a jury. A court of appeal also has the jurisdiction to review and supervise cases which are heard within its circuit courts. Courts of appeal generally do not hear new facts upon appeal of criminal cases, only questions of the lawfulness of a ruling. They are able to consider new facts, as well as questions of law, in civil cases.

Certification

A court of appeal may refer any question of law before it to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court then may give its binding instruction or decide the case wholly.

To learn more about Jamie Yelverton, Candidate for 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals go to: <http://www.yelvertonforjudge.com/>



LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

P.O. BOX 2102 • MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA • 70470 • TELEPHONE: 225.939.9941 • FAX: 985.626.8837
EMAIL: info@lfrw.org • WEBSITE: www.lfrw.org

2014 Fall Conference

Please make plans now to attend the 2014 Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Conference to be held at the Clarion Inn and Suites, 501 N. Hwy 190, Covington, Louisiana on October 10-12, 2014. The Clubs of Region 7 are planning a great and informative weekend starting with the Friday night reception. A special invitation is included describing the fabulous event. There will be a buffet, cash bar and entertainment.

Saturday morning after the Executive Board meets we will start with a workshop given by Jeff Stidham and Austin Stukins of the LAGOP. The workshop is titled "Now is the time, 24 days to get out the vote, What to do Now!" Exactly what we need to know. Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta will be our guest speaker at our luncheon. After lunch we will have another workshop on the new NFRW membership data base and how to use it. Presented by LFRW VP Gena Gore and LFRW Treasurer JoAnn Parker. If you wish to bring a laptop to this you may. It might be helpful with the presentation. Lots of useful information to be had during the day.

The evening begins with cash bar from 6 pm to 7 pm. Then dinner will be served. Our guest speaker for the evening will be a surprise.

Connie Forstater, Magnolia Club Chair, is planning a beautiful off-site event for all who belong to the Magnolia Club. It will be held Saturday from 4 pm to 7 pm at the home of Linda Begue. You might want to join if you haven't already. Contact Connie at cforstater@att.net if you are interested.

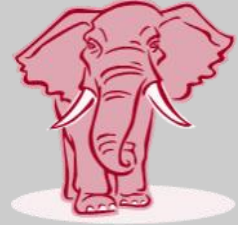
Sunday morning is the Business Session. We will be electing our Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being on this committee you need to ask a board member to nominate you. This committee vets our new slate for the coming year. Officers and committee chairs will present their reports.

Now is your time to be informed. This is the chance to see what our Federation is about and what it does. It is also your chance to become more involved. We are **a TEAM and "we make a difference!"**

June

*Please contact Roby Dyer robzydye@yahoo.com if you would like to attend.
Deadline is September 26!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 23, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, September 25, 11:30 am
Monthly luncheon meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 pm
Prepare packages for the Troops
Faith Temple, 1200 Patton St., Sulphur

Fall Board Meeting, October 10, 11, 12,
Clarion Inn Covington

Thursday, October 16, 8 am
Women's Commission
Lake Charles Civic Center

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

Election News

October 6 -	The last day to register to vote
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

Women's Commission

We will again have a booth at this fantastic event on October 16. It is a day filled with seminars to help empower the women in our community. The featured luncheon guest speaker is Star Jones. We plan to have information available for all of the Republican candidates, voter registration forms, and flag pins for new members that sign up that day. Our raffle item is a cookbook donated by Congressman Boustany!

It is always a lot of fun so mark your calendars!

Contact [Dale DeSonier 302-4976](tel:302-4976) to sign up to work a small shift during the day.

Let's help elect our Republican candidates!



2014 Keynote Speaker

Star Jones
*Working Your Network:
Turning a Setback into the Setup
for your next big thing*

Thursday, October 16, 2014



For more information about the Conference go to: <http://www.womenscommissionswla.com/>

Check us out on the web!



*Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana*



**Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
Monthly meeting August 28, 2014
Reeves Uptown Catering**



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

New Business:

The floor was opened for nominations for the Officer Nomination Committee. Those nominated for the committee were: Janice Areno, Theresa Martin, Jackie Hebert, Marsha Spears, and Sharon Denson

Martha Hains informed the club of the 2015 Membership Drive plans. Two applications were given to each club member in attendance. All members were asked to complete one application for the 2015 year and invite a new member with the other. A membership social is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2 at Casa Manana, 5:30 pm. All members are invited and asked to bring another potential member. Wear your RED shirt!

Speaker:

Brytanni McNamara: [Operation Hope] Sophomore at Sulphur High School
Operation Hope is a local organization that helps to stop human trafficking. Brytanni gave statistics on poverty in the world. Forced slavery is still active. 200,000 in the U.S. Only 1% of these are ever rescued. Our Declaration of Independence states that we have freedoms that these people do not have. Lake Charles massage parlors were just shut down this past week because they were a front for Human Trafficking. Brytanni opened the floor for questions.

Announcements:

Name tag orders are now being taken.

Dr. Kurth announced a Candidate Forum September 9 @ Reeves Uptown. 6-8 pm. All are invited. Roundtable is looking for a tailgating location for the McNeese game for the College Republican group. A Teen Republican Club is in the works parish wide. Roundtable meetings will begin in the evening so that younger people can attend after work.

The 2014 Women's Commission Expo will be Thursday October 16. Star Jones will be the Guest Speaker. Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana will have a booth at the expo. Please signup to volunteer.

Thanks for August door prizes – Ruth Giamis & Janette Cochran
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!

- | | |
|---|---|
| <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** _____