



Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



Taylor F. Barras

Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives (2016-2020)

Taylor Barras was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2007, serving New Iberia's District 48, which covers Iberia, Lafayette, and St. Martin Parishes. He was elected Speaker of the House on January 11, 2016. In the Legislature, Speaker Barras has served on the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, the ' Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Executive Committee, the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, the Legislative Budgetary Control Council, and the Atchafalaya Basin Program Oversight Committee. In addition, Barras is a member of the Acadiana Delegation, the Louisiana Republican Legislative Delegation and the Louisiana Rural Caucus. Speaker Barras serves on the Board of Directors of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and is the 2019 incoming National Chairman for the Southern Legislative Conference. A New Iberia native, Barras graduated from New Iberia Senior High School in 1975, and received a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Louisiana State University in 1979. His career in banking spans the last 35 years in South Louisiana with the last 15 years serving as Market President of IBERIABANK's New Iberia market- the position he holds today. In addition to his work with IBERIABANK, the Speaker has been active in Iberia Parish for years through work as Chairman of the Board of the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Leadership Iberia program, Campaign Chair and Leadership Giving Chair for United Way, Council Chair of The Shadows, Vice President of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival and Fair Association, member of the Iberia Cultural Resources Association, Co-chairman of the St. Edwards School Capital Campaign, and member of Catholic High School Capital Campaign Committee. He is also a former member of the Board of Directors for the Council for A Better Louisiana. His honors include 2004 Outstanding Civic Service Award presented by the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Iberia, 1992, and Rising Young Business Leader presented by the Times of Acadiana. Speaker Barras is married to Cheryl Lopez Barras. His son Alex and wife Emily are the parents of his first granddaughter, Lainey Claire.



Join us for Lunch

Thursday, March 28, 2019
Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM
Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM

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

Guest Speaker
Rep. Taylor Barras

RSVP by Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Marsha Spear-(337) 842-4220
mlspear59@att.net

2019 RWSWL Officers

President Sister Fontenot

Vice-President Emily Ashworth

Treasurer Ruth Giaimis

Secretary Debbie Carlin

Announcements & Events

Tuesday, March 26, Noon

Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, March 28, 11:30

Monthly luncheon meeting

Thursday, April 19th, 11:30

Monthly luncheon meeting will be the **3rd Thursday of April**.

City Council Meetings

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

Police Jury Meetings

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

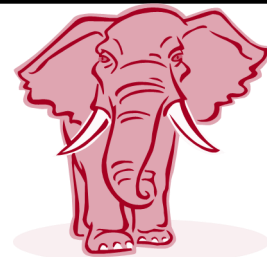
33rd LFRW Biennial Convention

Will be held March 29-31 at the Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge. LFRW Region 6 members will host the convention.

Marie Key Martin Scholarship

The Scholarship application is due March 31st. Please see the email attachment for the application form.

March 2019 Member of the Month Laura Moody!



It is such an honor to have Laura as part of our club. She represents everything that it means to be a Republican woman by serving others daily and living out her conservative values! Here are a few words from her.

“Thanks for this honor!

While I was employed by the State of Louisiana I would see activities of this organization and wish to be a part of it. As soon as I retired I attended a couple of meetings. I ran into people I knew so I joined.

My day starts with water exercise, mass, and running errands. Then it is off to whatever activity involves the grandchildren.

People may not know I'm the mother of twin girls and grandmother to 8 grandsons and one granddaughter.

Lately, the most inspiring Republican is President Trump. I feel he puts American's interest first and has an uphill battle to get things done.

What I like most about our club is the welcoming feeling I have felt since day one. “ —Laura Moody





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.

Are You Social? We Are!

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Follow us on Twitter @RWofSWLA



Check out our Website!

www.rwswla.com

2019 RWSWL Scholarship: See email attachment for the Marie Key Martin Scholarship application. Share the application with a graduating senior girl you believe represents Republican values and that you would like to nominate. Applications must be received by March 31 so the scholarship may be awarded to the recipient at her school's Senior Awards Ceremony.

DRAWING TICKET Republican Women of SWLA PRIZES

1st Place: Gun of Your Choice
Glock 19 Gen 4 9mm or
Stoeger M3500 Shotgun
12 Gauge 2 ¾", 3", 3 ½"

2nd Place: Remaining Gun

DRAWING

Republican Women Monthly Lunch Meeting
Thursday • October 24th

\$5 donation per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

Must be a Louisiana citizen and be able to pass background check.



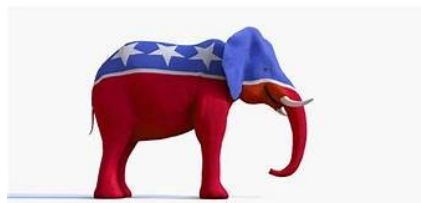
We love our
Lady Republicans!





“Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid.”
—Ronald Reagan

Thanks for all the joy ladies!



January
member
of the
month
Janice
Ackley



February
member
of the
month
Sebrina
Curet



Minutes of Regular Meeting
Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana
February 28, 2019

Call to Order by Sister Fontenot, President
Opening Prayer led by Cathy Banks
Pledge of Allegiance led by Janice Areno
Welcome Guests and Recognize New Members

Announcements:

Congratulations to Sebrina Curet – Member of the Month.
Reminder: Membership Renewal Time: Encourage new members to join.
Reminder: Trump-Pence T-shirts are on sale for \$15.
Guest speaker for March 28th meeting will be Rep Taylor Barras, Speaker of the House.

Election of voting delegates to LFRW Biennial Convention, March 29-31 in Baton Rouge was conducted by Janice Areno. Jackie Hebert made a motion to elect the slate of 9 delegates and 1 alternate that was nominated. It was seconded and the vote was favorable. Roby Dyer and Sister Fontenot get an automatic vote. The delegates are: Jonell Wilkinson, Janice Areno, Mandy Thomas, Sharon Denson, Kathy Trahan, Laura Moody, Janice Ackley, Emily Ashworth, and Susan Lana Hafner. Jackie Hebert is an alternate.

Tina Mosca – Scholarship Application copies are on the table by the door. There is also a link on our website for the application. Applications are due March 31st. Each applicant must be a local high school senior girl nominated by a member of our club. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded on April 18, 2019.

Jackie Hebert passed the hat and collected \$545 to help replace equipment used for “Avenue of Flags” that was stolen. Our club is donating an additional \$300.

Phillip Tarver who is running for State Representative gave a campaign speech.

Heidi Martin, State Treasurer for LFRW, is running for re-election and gave a brief campaign speech.

Emily Ashworth introduced the guest speaker, Mayor Nic Hunter. Mayor Hunter showed a video overview and discussed the progress Lake Charles has made under his leadership.

Beth Morris asked that we call Senator Bill Cassidy and insist that he stand with President Trump in securing our border. His office number is 202-224-5824.

Door Prize Drawings: Thanks to Ruth Giaimis, Birdie Harter, and Nancy Tower for providing the door prizes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hebert
for Debbie Carlin, Secretary

Quote: Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy: its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery. (Winston Churchill)

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): _____

Email address: _____ Birthday(month/day): _____

Referred by: _____ Are you a member of another LFRW club? _____

Committees or Interests – Check all that apply. Thanks!

____ Membership (recruiting, recording)

CAMPAIGN WORK:

____ Fundraising and Event Planning

____ Clerical or accounting

____ Legislative Issues

____ Voter Registration

____ Information Technology (newsletter, website, social media)

____ Door-to-door

____ Community Service

____ Phone Bank

____ Public Relations (publicity, liaison w/media)

____ Yard Signs

____ Archiving, Photography, Scrapbooking

____ Volunteer at Campaign HQ

Please write any comments, questions, or other interests on reverse side of this application.

Membership Dues: (Check one)

Active Member (\$30/yr.): Full member of **RWSWL** (\$30 includes \$18 dues paid to LFRW)

____ **New** (Joining Oct. 1st – Dec. 31st \$30 covers your membership through following year)

____ **Renewal** (renewal period is Oct. 1st – Dec. 31st. After Dec 31st, renewal is \$35.)

____ **Associate Member (\$15/yr.):** **Only** for active member of another LFRW club **or** a male Republican

Paid by: Check (\$_____ check # _____) **OR** Cash (\$_____)

Make Check Payable To: RWSWL

Mail To: P.O. Box 754 Lake Charles, LA 70602

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____