



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

## Mayor Nic Hunter

A life-long resident of Lake Charles and small business owner, Nic Hunter was elected to the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury in 2011 and was in his second term of serving the people of District Five – the City of Lake Charles and portions of Ward 3, when he was elected to the office of Mayor on Lake Charles on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Early in life Mayor Hunter acquired his work ethic by bussing tables and washing dishes at his grandparents' restaurant, Harlequin Steaks & Seafood, which they opened in 1956. With his grandmother's blessing, he began running the restaurant full time at the age of 17. After graduating from St. Louis Catholic High School in 2002, he immediately began working on a relocation of the Harlequin. In the Spring of 2004 Mayor Hunter relocated the business to its current location, 501 W. College Street. He completed this relocation at the age of 20 and has managed the restaurant ever since. In 2007, he returned to McNeese and completed his degree, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in History. After a few years of the restaurant being at its new location, he garnered a new-found respect for philanthropy and community entrepreneurialism. He chose to use the Harlequin, and his own talents, to better Southwest Louisiana as a whole – a community he loves and never wants to leave. Several efforts that he has focused on specifically have been children in need in SWLA, efforts to support active military and military veterans, and encouraging animal adoption. In 2015, Mayor Hunter married his wife, Becky, an accomplished lawyer in Southwest Louisiana. They welcomed their first born, a son named Harrison, into the world in August 2017. Together, they have 3 dogs: Humphrey, Boris and Jolene.



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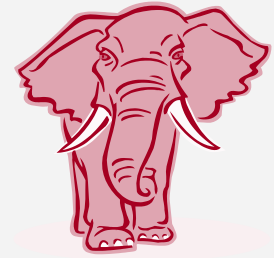
Martha Polk

## Join us for Lunch

**Thursday, May 24, 2018**  
**Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM**  
**General Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM**

Reeves Uptown Catering  
1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA  
**Guest Speaker: Mayor Nic Hunter**  
RSVP by Tuesday, March 22 2018  
Marsha Spear-(337) 842-4220  
[mlspear59@att.net](mailto:mlspear59@att.net)

# Announcements & Events



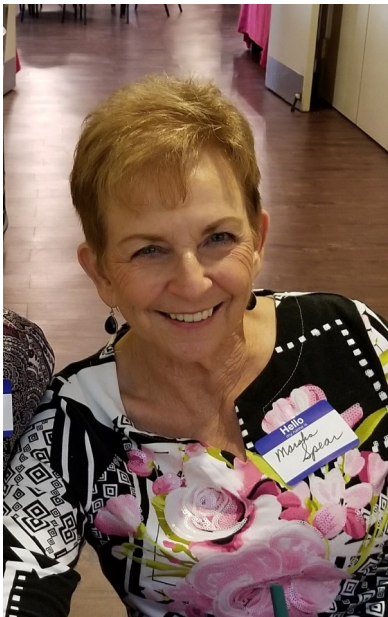
**Tuesday, March 22, Noon**  
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

**Thursday, March 24, 11:30**  
Monthly luncheon meeting

**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.

## Member of the Month– Marsha Spear



*Marsha Spear is our 2018 May member of the month.*

### **How did you come to join the Republican Women of SWLA?**

When we moved here from the Caribbean in 2001, a long time high school friend invited me to a meeting. She said I would meet some really great ladies and she was right. Now I enjoy keeping up with everyone by email and making sure they RSVP to all of our functions.

### **Outside of being an amazing Republican woman, what does a normal day hold for you?**

I do a lot of activities at Trinity Baptist Church. I am currently in charge of a new ministry there for widows, WINGS (widows in God's service). WINGS keeps me very busy.

### **What is something most people might not know about you?**

When I was young I played the accordion. My Dad worked for Conoco and I was always asked to "entertain" at their picnics and other meetings.

### **Who has been the most inspiring Republican figure to you and why?**

I would have to say Barbara Bush. She stood up for what she believed was right and just, plus she was very kind and unpretentious. I liked her "pearls", they made a statement too.

### **What do you love the most about our organization?**

The members of our club are very friendly. We have very good programs and we are involved in our city, state and federal government events. We are not a social organization although we do have some great parties.



Founder and President of GOPBuzz.com, an internet portal for Republican centric events nationwide, Karen Watson is the author of three books:

- Jackass: the history of the Democratic Party and their abuse of Black America;
- How Democrats Stole the Black Vote and How the Republicans Can Win it Back!
- Being Black and Republican in the Age of Obama

While a high school student in 1984, Watson attended her first Republican National Convention to nominate Reagan/Bush and has remained active in the Republican Party. A keynote speaker at various Tea-Party and Republican clubs, Watson communicates her message that "Republican / Conservative values are the right values for all Americans, regardless of race or gender".

Watson is a native Texan and lives in Dallas.

Watson has been interviewed on numerous radio and television shows and has spoken at over 250 events across the country.

Watson majored in English with a Speech minor and a language concentration in Russian, at the University of Texas in Austin.

When Watson was a Vice-President at Bank of America, she became the #1 mortgage loan officer in units and volume nationwide for four consecutive years.

Watson is a columnist with Politichicks and other national blogs and newspapers.





## 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!

Like our Facebook Page

Follow us on Instagram  
@republicanwomenofswla

Follow us on Twitter @RWofSWLA



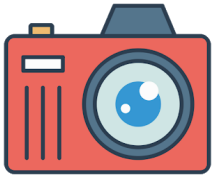
Check out our Website!

[www.rwswla.com](http://www.rwswla.com)

# Renew your Membership Today!

Remember to renew your membership with our amazing organization. 2018 is already off to an amazing start with over a hundred returning and new members. Our wonderful group of ladies strive everyday to bring conservative value and fiscal responsibility back into everyday practice. We hope you will stay passionate and committed with us as we continue to pave the way for better government.

**Be Passionate. Be Committed.**



# April's Luncheon



# 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.

( ) Membership (recruiting, recording)

**CAMPAIGN WORK:**

( ) Fundraising and Event Planning

( ) Clerical

( ) Legislative Issues

( ) Voter Registration

( ) Information Technology (newsletter, website, Facebook)

( ) Door-to-door

( ) Community Service

( ) Phone Bank

( ) Public Relations (publicity, liaison w/media)

( ) Yard Signs

**Please list other clubs, other interests, or comments/questions on reverse of this application.**

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### Membership Dues: (Check one)

( ) **RENEWAL – \$30/yr.** (Renewal period: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewal dues after Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - \$35)

( ) **NEW – \$30/yr.** (Joining Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup> covers your membership dues for the following year)

( ) **ASSOCIATE – \$15/yr.** (For a male Republican **or** an active member of another LFRW club)

**Make Check Payable To: RWSWLA      Mail To: PO BOX 754      Lake Charles, LA 70602**

**Paid by:** cash (\$\_\_\_\_\_) **OR** check (\$\_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_)