

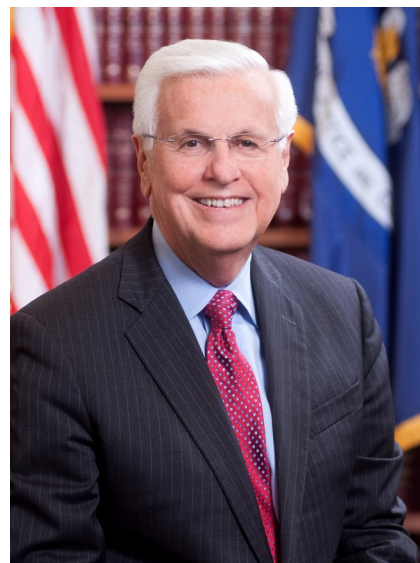


Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

James J. Donelon Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance

Prior to becoming Commissioner of Insurance, Jim Donelon served the Louisiana Department of Insurance in leadership positions as Chief Deputy Commissioner and Executive Counsel. Jim is a native from New Orleans and a graduate of Jesuit High School, the University of New Orleans and Loyola School of Law. Jim's public service career includes 33 years of military experience in the Louisiana Army National Guard where he retired with the rank of Colonel. He was first elected to office in 1975 as Chairman of the Jefferson Parish Council and then served in the House of Representatives from 1981-2001 where he served as Chairman of the Committee on Insurance. In 2001 Jim joined the staff of the Department of Insurance and was appointed Commissioner of Insurance in February 2006. He was elected to fill the unexpired term later that year and was re-elected in 2007 and again in 2011. He was elected to his third full term in 2015. Jim served as the President of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) in 2013, the first commissioner from Louisiana to be elected President of the association in its 140-year history. He also serves as Chairman of the NAIC Surplus Lines Task Force. He is also on the Board of Directors of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in New Orleans and the Blood Center for Southeast Louisiana. Jim and his wife Merilyn reside in Jefferson Parish. They are the parents of four daughters and several grandchildren.



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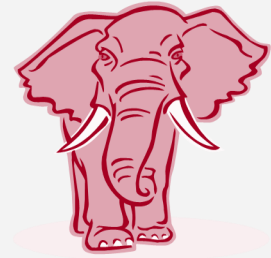
Deadline for submissions is
the 1st Thursday of the
month.

Join us for Lunch

Thursday, November 16, 2017
Buffet Lunch-11:30 AM
General Meeting-12:00-1:00 PM

Reeves Uptown Catering
1639-B Ryan St. Lake Charles, LA
Guest Speaker: James J. Donelon,
Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance
RSVP by Tuesday, November 14, 2017
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Announcements & Events



Tuesday, November 14, Noon
Reservation deadline for luncheon meeting

Thursday, November 16, 11:30
Monthly luncheon meeting

Election Day
November 18, 2017

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 Python St.



Louisiana State Treasurer

Congratulations to John Schroder for making it into the run off election.

Remember to vote Republican on November 18, 2017.

Member of the Month– Jonell Wilkinson



Jonell Wilkinson is our November Member of the Month.

1. How did you join the Republican Women of SWLA?

I was invited by my sister Janice. It has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have made some great friends and I enjoy being with them.

2. What does a day in the life of Jonell Wilkinson look like outside of being an awesome Republican Woman?

I work fulltime for a family owned business as I have for the past forty three years. After work I go home to my husband of forty two years, Doug. I always joke that he only married me because I had a good job. God has blessed us with three children and five wonderful grandchildren that we try to encourage in their various activities.

3. What is a fun fact that people may not know about you?

I love all kinds of music and with the culture we have in Louisiana there is no shortage of great musicians and singers. But, my most favorite activity is anything outdoors; fishing, hunting and camping.

4. What is your favorite thing about the Republican Women of SWLA?

It is such a great group of like-minded women; they support any activity that promotes Christian principles and conservative values. I am proud we have been a part of the "Pillows for Troops" which is such an awesome endeavor.



Fall 2017 Election Dates

Saturday, November 18, 2017

What's On the Ballot

Louisiana State Treasurer - Run Off Election

Fire Protection District No. One of Ward Six (Bond)

Recreation District No. One of Ward Eight (Bond)

Recreation District No. One of Ward Eight

(Maintenance Millage)

Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 23

(Special Bond)

Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 31

(Special Bond)

Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 33

(Special Bond)

Calcasieu Parish School Board, District 34

Proposition No. 1(Special Bond)

Proposition No. 2 (Special Bond)

District No. Four of Ward One, Community Center & Playground

(Tax Renewal)

Polls Open at 7:00 am

Polls Close at 8:00 pm

Registrar of Voter Information

Deadline to Register to Vote in person:

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Deadline to Register to Vote online/geauxvote.com:

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Voter Information may be found at geauxvote.com or by calling

Registrar of Voter Office at (337) 721-4000

Early Voting Dates for the November 18, 2017 Election

Friday, November 3, 2017 - Saturday, November 11, 2017

(Closed Sunday and Friday, November 10, 2017 in observance of Veterans Day)

8:30 am - 6:00 pm daily



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

It's Time to Renew Your Memberships!

**Fall in Love with the Republican Women of
Southwest Louisiana for another year by renewing your
membership with us.**



Join us for our annual Christmas Party!

**Pioneer Club
December 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

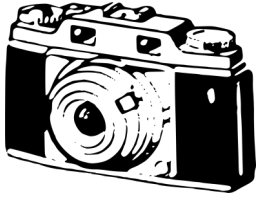
More information and RSVP details to follow.



Falling in Love with Republican Women

In case you missed it, we had an amazing time at our first annual "Falling in Love with Republican Women" event. Thank you to everyone who came and to those who helped make it a success.





October's Luncheon

The Republican Women of SWLA would like to thank John Ieyoub, with the Lake Charles City Council for being our October guest speaker!



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.

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)

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

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