



# Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



## Blake Miguez

Louisiana State Senator  
District 22



Blake Miguez, a native of the Loreauville area near Bayou Teche, has always been deeply connected to his community. A former Eagle Scout, he attended Catholic High School, then LSU and Southern Law School. Now residing in New Iberia, he balances a successful career in both the public and private sectors while being a devoted husband and father. His family's business has given him firsthand insight into the challenges of local industries.

A World Champion competitive pistol shooter, Miguez gained national recognition on the History Channel's Top Shot and has used his expertise to provide self-defense and gun safety training in his community.

Elected to the Louisiana State Senate in 2023, he is a strong conservative voice, serving as Vice Chair of both the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Capitol Security Council, along with positions on the Education, Finance, and Judiciary C committees. He is also active in the Acadiana Delegation and Louisiana Rural Caucus.

Miguez advocates for fiscal responsibility, economic growth, education reform, Second Amendment rights, and key industries like agriculture, oil and gas, and seafood. His legislative priorities focus on improving infrastructure, lowering insurance rates, and enhancing public safety.

A steadfast defender of Louisiana's conservative values, Senator Miguez remains committed to serving his community and state.

### Join us for Lunch

Thurs., March 27, 2025  
Buffet Lunch: 11am  
Meeting: 11:30am

Lake Charles Country  
Club  
3350 Country Club Dr.

RSVP by noon  
Tuesday, March 25  
[tbdoucet@gmail.com](mailto:tbdoucet@gmail.com)

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## Announcements & Events

**Tuesday, March 25, Noon**  
RSVP meeting deadline

**Thursday, March 27, 11am**  
**Lunch** meeting w/LA State  
Senator, Blake Miguez

**Saturday, March 29**  
Election Day, 7am-8pm

**City Council Meetings**  
Wednesday, April 2 & 16 and  
May 7 & 21 at 5:30pm City  
Council Chambers.

**Police Jury Meetings**  
Thursdays, April 3 & 24 and  
May 8 & 22 at 5:30pm

**Calcasieu Parish School  
Board Meetings, 5pm**  
Tuesday, April 8 and May 13

**Marie Key Martin Scholarship**  
application is due Friday, April  
1. Application form attached to  
newsletter email.

**Love the Boot -Trash Pickup**

## Message from our President, Sister Fontenot

Dear Republican Women,

President Donald Trump declared that he and his supporters were the “party of common sense,” and stressed this throughout his campaign. Even though President Trump won overwhelmingly by a large margin with this theme, the left continues to push its insane agenda which lacks common sense. We, as Republicans, must stand up and stand with President Trump in his push for his “revolution of common sense”. One way we can do this is to be active in the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana!!

April is a very busy month for Republican Women. The applications for the Marie Key Martin Scholarship are due on April 1. The details were emailed to you. It is a great opportunity for a young outstanding senior girl with Republican ideals to get a \$1,000 Scholarship. The LFRW State Convention is on April 4 and April 5 in Baton Rouge. Also, Legislature Day is April 30 from 8am-3pm at the State Capitol building in Baton Rouge. The details of these two events have been emailed to each member.

Please remember to bring your items for our baskets (LSU/McNeese/Spa) which will be given away at our August luncheon. The more items we collect, the more baskets we can give away! Please plan to vote this Saturday, March 29 if you didn't vote early. One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities we have as Americans is the right to Vote!!! We must keep our Republicans in office. This election will be a low turnout, so your vote is crucial! VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!!

-Sister



# February Luncheon

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LA State Treasurer, Dr. John Fleming



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We Are!**

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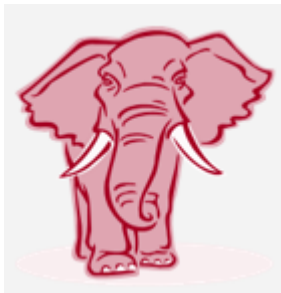


## Marie Key Martin Scholarship

In honor of Marie Key Martin, every Spring our club awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving young Republican woman. To apply, she must be a senior in high school and nominated by an active member of Republican Women of SWLA.

Sound like someone you know?

Application attached & must be submitted to Mary Kay Eason by Tuesday, April 1.  
[maryk.eason@gmail.com](mailto:maryk.eason@gmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Remember to renew your membership today. 2024 is a very important election year for our state. Questions, contact Membership Chair, Teresa Doucet @ [tbdoucet@gmail.com](mailto:tbdoucet@gmail.com)

## BOOK TODAY! LFRW Spring Member Board Meeting

April 4 & 5, 2025 Baton Rouge, LA

Get your tickets here: [LFRW-SpringBoardMeeting](#)

## Legislature Day in Baton Rouge

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Pay online: [LFRW Day at Legislature](#)  
Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 16

We ask all attending to WEAR RED



## March 2025 Election

Saturday, March 29, 2025

7am-8pm

- City of Lake Charles Mayor
- City Council Members
- 4 Constitutional Amendments

**\*\*To see your specific ballot go to [GeauxVoteWebsite](#) or download the Geaux Vote app**

Info on Constitutional Amendments here

<https://parlouisiana.org/publications/guide-to-the-constitutional-amendments/>



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**KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL**

Please join us the week of April 7. Day TBD

Louisiana's largest litter cleanup effort happening in all 64 parishes from April 5-13, 2025.

Love the Boot Week is organized by Keep Louisiana Beautiful and supported by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Only together, can we clean up Louisiana! Sign up today to volunteer by contacting Barbara at [barbara.andrepont@outlook.com](mailto:barbara.andrepont@outlook.com)

or 337-842-0493