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LFRW Fall Board Meeting Features National Speakers...

Congressman Rodney Alexander of the 5th District and Wendy Vitter, Wife of U.S. Senator David Vitter.

Sixty-five members from around the state attended the **LFRW Fall Conference and Board Meeting** at the Holiday Inn in Sulphur on September 17-19. Upon arrival, attendees were welcomed by our hosts, President **Sharon Denson** and members of the **Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana (RWSWL).** Members and guests enjoyed a complimentary cocktail reception provided by the hotel on Friday evening.

On Friday night, several LFRW members attended a special event at the Lake Charles Civic Center featuring **Judge Andrew P. Napolitano** who spoke on the Constitution. This event was sponsored by the RWSWL, the Calcasieu PEC and the Lake Charles-area Tea Party. Judge Napolitano wowed the crowd with his astute and riveting address on the U.S. Constitution and how it has been disregarded increasingly during the past decades and even more so by the Obama administration.

Saturday morning began with three outstanding workshops. Awards Chairman, **Debbie Albert**, and Co-Chair, **Sally Tidmore**, reviewed the 2010 Awards Packet and answered questions about the awards that will be presented in Monroe at the LFRW 29th Biennial Convention in March. **Joyce Mucci** of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) presented an outstanding workshop on Immigration. Joyce spoke on the current and long-range problems associated with illegal immigration; the compelling need for action to curb and control illegal immigration; and, why we should change our current disregard of the federal laws pertaining to this problem.

The third workshop featured **James Hartman**, a nationally known consultant on campaign strategies to take back America. During lunch, **Mayor Christopher Duncan** of Sulphur, a new member of the Republican Party, welcomed LFRW members to Calcasieu Parish; **Congressman Rodney Alexander** was the luncheon speaker.

After lunch, Magnolia Club Chairman Pat Cabral presented LFRW Magnolia Club members with certificates of appreciation. Platinum Level members received gifts from the Reagan Library, beautiful Magnolia note cards, an LFRW paperweight and a certificate. Platinum level members for 2010 were Congressman and Mrs. Alexander and NFRW/LFRW Membership Chairman Tonya Stiel. at all levels were acknowledged for making the Magnolia Club so successful this year! LFRW President Argiro Morgan was the sole Diamond Magnolia member and was recognized with a special gift. Steel Magnolia members were Wanda Aizpurua, Debbie Albert, Penny Ellis, Josie Hanagriff, Lydia Hutson, Jessie Morton, Billie Odom, Wendy Rasmussen and Debbie Skrmetta. Members at all levels were acknowledged for making the Magnolia Club so successful this year!

In addition, a special framed certificate was presented in appreciation of the continued commitment of those members who have supported the *Magnolia Club* for "Five Consecutive Years." They are: Wanda Aizpurua, Mary Bishop, Gisela Chevalier, Jay Chevalier, Suzanne Crow, Argiro Morgan, Jessie Morton, JoAnne Plessala and the Slidell Republican Women's Club.



All *Magnolia Club* members were treated to a special reception at the home of **Cathy and Matt Brumwell** prior to the Banquet on Saturday evening. **Wendy Vitter**, wife of Senator David Vitter, gave the keynote address at the Banquet. As always, Wendy was charming, engaging, and informative; she and the Senator are valued friends of the Federation. A lovely evening was had by all. (*continued*)

The Board Meeting was held on Sunday, September 19. The LFRW Board passed three Resolutions:

- In Support of Governor Jan Brewer of the State of Arizona;
- In favor of eliminating "pork barrel earmarks" that contribute to the soaring national debt;
- In gratitude to President Sharon Denson and the members of RWSWLA.

Copies of the Resolutions were mailed to the respective parties, and are also available online at Ifrw.org in the 'Members Only' Section.

After reports by the President and Region Vice Presidents, the Board elected the following region members and alternate region members to the 2011 Nominating Committee which will select the slate of officers for the 2011-2013 term. The election of officers will be held at the biennial convention in March.

Region Members were Edith Catching, Region 1; Andrea Caffery, Region 2; Jackie Glover, Region 3; Gena Gore, Region 4; Ramona Talley, Region 6; and Suzanne Crow, Region 7. Teena Doxey of Region 5 was elected to the Committee at a later date as there was no eligible representative from Region 5 at the meeting. Gisela Chevalier replaced Edith Catching as Region 1 member when it was determined Edith was ineligible to serve.

Alternate Region Members were Gisela Chevalier, Region 1; Gwen Cheramie, Region 2; Sharon Denson, Region 3; Rachel Chappellie, Region 4; Joyce LaCour, Region 6; and, Ruthanne Hilker, Region 7. Billy Turnley of Region 5 was elected to the Committee at a later date as there was no eligible representative from Region 5 at the meeting. Linda Vinsanau replaced Gisela Chevalier as alternate region member when Gisela filled the Region 1 vacancy on the Committee.

After the election of the Nominating Committee, the LFRW Fall Board Meeting was adjourned.



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BIENNIAL ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

March 27, 2011

The Nominating Committee, elected at LFRW's last board meeting, will submit the following slate of Officers for election at the convention:

Candidate for President - June Williams

Candidate for Executive Vice President – Wanda Aizpurua

Candidate for Recording Secretary – Gena Gore

Candidate for Corresponding Secretary – Linda Vinansau

Candidate for Treasurer – Karen Fandal

Candidate for Vice President, Region 1 – Connie Forstater

Candidate for Vice President, Region 2 – Andrea Caffery

Candidate for Vice President, Region 3 – Jackie Glover

Candidate for Vice President, Region 4 – Anne Price

Candidate for Vice President, Region 5 – Dayna Poppen

Candidate for Vice President, Region 6 – Pat Cabral

Candidate for Vice President, Region 7 – Ginger Corkern

A short summary of each candidate's experience follows.





June Williams
RW of Southeast Louisiana
Candidate for President

June Williams has served LFRW in many roles over the last 12 years. She is a past president of Terrebonne Parish RW; a charter member and multi-term president of RWSEL; a past LFRW Vice President, Region 1; a 2-term LFRW Corresponding Secretary; former chairman of three statewide committees; current Webmaster and author/presenter of Website 101: Using The LFRW Website; delegate to NFRW/LFRW conventions; and, a charter member of POWER PAC. Her length of service and variety of experiences have instilled in her a sincere appreciation and respect for the mission and the members of LFRW, for the history and the traditions of our Federation – the solid foundation of our continued success for almost 60 years. June has

worked closely with committees, clubs and individuals to achieve the goals of the organization, and always with a 'team spirit' for accomplishing those goals. June has maintained an active political and community presence as well. She has served on the Terrebonne Parish PEC; as a volunteer for local, state and national campaigns; as delegate to LAGOP/RNC conventions; and, is a graduate of NFRW Campaign Management School. June is a member of the Terrebonne Parish Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the Terrebonne Parish Women's Commission and on the executive board the LA Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. June Williams has the professional background and work experience to compliment and strengthen her service to LFRW. As a registered nurse with 25+ years of managerial and administrative experience, June has organized and motivated her professional peers by being an effective communicator and supportive team leader. And, as a respected medical professional, June was appointed by Gov. Foster and re-appointed by Gov. Jindal to the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA), where she now serves as Chairman. June Williams is a solid, dependable leader with an impressive record of service and commitment – personally, professionally and politically. June has 1 daughter, 2 granddaughters and 2 great grandchildren. Contact June at jwiloftx@yahoo.com.



Wanda Aizpurua
RW of Baton Rouge
Candidate for Executive Vice President

Wanda Aizpurua is a proven Federation leader with a record of accomplishments that demonstrate her team spirit and her commitment to working with others. As Region Vice President, Wanda has been instrumental in increasing the participation in Federation activities by the Region 6 clubs; put together joint club events to foster cooperation and support among clubs; and, helped build membership and enthusiasm by working closely with club officers on a regular basis. Under Wanda's leadership, Region 6 hosted an LFRW Spring Board meeting, the 28th biennial convention, and provided helping hands for the success of last year's 'Kick-Off To Victory.' A special accomplishment was the chartering of 2 new clubs in the Baton Rouge area during her term. Wanda's strong managerial background, from the classroom to the office,

has made it possible for her to be effective in her Federation roles as well as in her community service. She is active in the EBRP Medical Alliance, Women's Hospital Auxiliary and St. Patrick Catholic Church. Wanda is married to Dr. Ramon Aizpurua; they have a daughter, a son and three grandchildren. Contact Wanda at aizrw@bellsouth.net.



Gena Gore
Rapides Parish RW
Candidate for Recording Secretary

Gena Gore is currently serving her second term as Vice President, Region 4. With four years of service as a state officer and two terms as an executive officer of RPRW, Gena has truly demonstrated her loyalty to LFRW and conservative Republican principles. Working with region members and committees, Gena coordinated several Federation events in Region 4, including two Board of Directors meetings and a biennial convention. Under Gena's leadership, Rapides Parish RW received a state award for 'highest increase in membership in the club division.' She has volunteered for numerous campaigns; has attended a variety of workshops and conferences; is a member of the Rapides PEC, LA Arts Council, NFRW Women in Business Committee; and, attended the Congressional Wives' Luncheon for Laura Bush as the guest of Congressman and Mrs. Rodney Alexander. Gena believes that LFRW has an obligation to support the growth and

development of young Republican women leaders in our state, and she knows the important role LFRW can play in 'making a difference' for these young women. Gena takes her role as a RW leader and role model seriously when serving her community – she's an active member of March of Dimes, Rotary Club, Rapides Symphony Orchestra, Professional Women's Network and Newcomer's Club – and in many of these organizations, she has served as secretary with particular attention to accurate and timely recordkeeping. Gena is married to Terry; they are small business owners in the Alexandria area specializing in lawns, landscapes and trees. Contact Gena at genag@suddenlink.net.





Linda Vinansau St. Bernard RW Candidate for Corresponding Secretary

Linda Vinsanau's 'can-do attitude' and high energy level have helped her realize and achieve many personal and professional goals. An LSU business graduate, an entrepreneur and owner of her own management/marketing company, an experienced media/public relations specialist, and a published author, Linda possesses the training, the technology and interpersonal skills to succeed in anything she does. She became active in Republican politics in the mid-90's when she switched parties because she was "determined to cast her vote against Bill Clinton as a Republican." She focused that determination into a variety of political activities over the next several years as a volunteer on numerous campaigns, delegate to RNC/NFRW/LFRW conventions and conferences, and a member of the Pachyderm Club and the Heritage

Foundation. A SBRW member and officer since 2003, Linda is proud to be one of the 'sustaining members' of SBRW – those who were determined the club would not be lost to the storm. Today, after a brief hiatus in Metairie, SBRW is once again meeting and recruiting new members 'at home' in St. Bernard Parish! Linda has served as LFRW Awards Chairman, co-chair of the award winning LFRW Caring For America Project, and coordinator for the Dictionary Project in Region 1. She is currently serving as a member of the Fundraising Committee on the NFRW Board of Directors, and as state chair of the LFRW Mamie Eisenhower Project. In her spare time, Linda participates in the LA Master Gardener Program providing training and educational programs to the public on horticultural topics and issues in our southern climate. Linda is married to Clem; they share 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Contact Linda at vinsanau@cox.net.



Karen Fandal
Slidell RW
Candidate for Treasurer

Currently serving as LFRW Treasurer, Karen Fandal has been a diligent steward of LFRW funds, keeping detailed records, making timely reports, all the while providing total transparency of all LFRW financial activities. She has also shared her talents and banking/management expertise with SRW, serving as president, treasurer and chairman of various committees. Recognized as 2008 "Outstanding Club Member of

the Year" by the St. Tammany PEC, Karen is a dedicated Federation member and faithful campaign volunteer strongly committed to Republican principles. Karen serves her community as a member of the Christian Women's Club of Slidell, as a Girl Scout Leader, a certified speaker for the LA Organ Procurement Agency, and as a lecture at St. Luke Catholic Church. Karen is married to Michael; they have one daughter. Contact Karen at karenfandal@bellsouth.net.



Connie Forstater
Algiers RW
Candidate for Vice President, Region 1

With her years of experience as a small business owner, Connie Forstater likes to use her "let's get it done" attitude, when planning and achieving the goals of an organization. A native of New Orleans and a life-long Republican, Connie has been an active Federation member since 2004 serving as president and vice president of RPGNO, and currently as Awards Chair for ARW. Connie is a loyal supporter of LFRW and NFRW who

regularly attends state and national meetings and conventions. She has volunteered in numerous campaigns and fundraisers and represents District 84B on the State Central Committee. In addition to her many political commitments, Connie finds time for meaningful community involvement through her efforts on behalf of Friends of City Park, Gallery Circle Theatre, Living Alternatives, United Way and Easter Seals. After Katrina, Connie volunteered at the animal rescue center to re-unite families with their lost pets. Connie is married to Gerald; they have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Contact Connie at <u>oforstater@att.net</u>.





Andrea Caffery
Franklin Republican Women
Candidate for Vice President, Region 2

Andrea Caffery believes an organization will be successful when everyone is invited to participate and all members are encouraged to get involved. As a two-term president of one of the Federation's largest clubs, Andrea led the way in establishing 15 committees and a club website to serve the needs of the FRW members and St. Mary Parish. By focusing on interesting programs, exciting speakers, and very successful gala events, FRW continues to grow – the club received the NFRW Diamond Award in 2009, and the LFRW Community Service Award as well. Andrea works closely with all club committees to make sure FRW maintains an active

presence in the community – club projects include: Dictionary/Constitution Project in the schools; MELP book donations to the libraries; supplies and cash donations for the National Guard and Support Our War Heroes; fans and heaters for senior citizens; and, beautification projects throughout the parish. Andrea volunteers for local and state candidates; supports LFRW statewide programs and events; attends LFRW/NFRW conferences and conventions; and, currently serves on the NFRW Program Committee. She participates in community activities through Friends of The Lamppost Society and the DAR. An Occupational Therapist, a student of Feng Shui, and a certified personal coach, Andrea is in tune with people and what makes them successful, both individually and in a group. Her interpersonal skills and quiet professionalism make her a very effective leader. Andrea is married to Clegg; she has three stepchildren and one granddaughter. Contact Andrea at aseyfarth-caffery@cox.net.



Jackie Glover
Acadiana RW
Candidate for Vice President, Region 3

Jackie Glover brings energy and creativity to every job she takes on. Upon retirement from psychiatric nursing, Jackie soon became 1st V.P. of ARW and took charge of building membership and planning quality programs. Her diligent efforts paid off when ARW received an award at the 2009 NFRW convention as one of the fastest growing mid-size clubs in the nation! The club was also recognized for

their 'Caring For America' program, and has received an LFRW "Winner's Circle" award for a 50% increase in membership. Jackie is currently serving as ARW president, and with her leadership, the club has established a project to honor long-time ARW member Trula Russek, an LFRW past president; raised the money to provide a \$1000 scholarship to a ULL political science student; collected supplies and donations for families of the 256th Infantry Division; presented a program in honor of and to support First Responders; and, welcomes over 100 members and guests to their monthly meetings! Jackie also finds time to volunteer in political campaigns; serve as a commissioner on the Fire and Civil Service Board of Lafayette Parish; attend Tea Parties; and, participate in activities of the Concerned Citizens for Good Government. Jackie says "My strength is an energetic, creative commitment to the Federation and the Republican Party!" It would seem so! Contact Jackie at happyjacq@cox.net.



Anne Price
RW of Bossier
Candidate for Vice President, Region 4

In the early 80's, Anne Price became involved in Republican politics. It all started for her in Texas where she worked in a friend's campaign for state representative, and he won! Then, after a few more campaigns, she went to work for Congressman Tom DeLay in his congressional office in Houston. Her commitment to Republican causes and candidates continued when she moved to Bossier in 1998 where she soon became a charter member of RW of Bossier, serving as club president for 2+ years. In 2004, Anne was elected to the Bossier PEC and served as chairman in 2006. Re-elected to the PEC in 2008, and to the RSCC, Anne is dedicated to the growth and success of LFRW and the Republican Party. She was appointed Deputy

Chairwoman of the LAGOP in 2009. This year, she is once again serving as president of RW of Bossier and as Vice Chair of the LFRW Protocol Committee. Contact Anne at <a href="mailto:flagoright="flag





Dayna Poppen
Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club
Candidate for Vice President, Region 5

Dayna Poppen has been a member of OPWRC for 12 years and says "I have been a Republican from the moment I could decide." With 23 years experience in the hotel/hospitality industry, Dayna has worked with many different groups and personalities in planning events and achieving organizational goals. She is currently serving as Co-Chair of the 29th LFRW Biennial Convention. Throughout her professional life, Dayna has also found time to take an active role on the boards of many community service organizations including the YMCA of Louisiana, American

Red Cross, the Kiwanis Club and the Jaycees. Most notably, Dayna served as a member of the Odessa/Amarillo, TX 974th Supply Company in the U.S. Army Reserve for 6 years. Thanks, Dayna, for your service to our country! Contact Dayna at Dayna.poppen@yahoo.com.



Pat Cabral
RW of Baton Rouge
Candidate for Vice President, Region 6

Pat Cabral has served in a leadership role for her club for the past 10 years. As president, as treasurer, and when chairing various club committees, Pat has always worked enthusiastically to support her club, the Federation and Republican candidates. Pat knows the importance of motivating and encouraging clubs and members. She is currently serving as *Magnolia Club* Chair; she also served on the committees for the 29th biennial convention and the 'Kick-Off To Victory' fundraiser. Pat wants to "R-E-V it up!" in Region 6 – Recruit new members, Educate members on legislative issues, and Volunteer for our party and our communities. Pat worked for many years as a

legal secretary and a real estate broker. She's married to Gene; they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Contact Pat at impatc@bellsouth.net.



Ginger Corkern
Franklinton RW
Candidate for Vice President, Region 7

As a 27-year member of LFRW, Ginger Corkern has served as president of 2 clubs, as a member of the LFRW Board of Directors for 9 years, as a delegate to LFRW conventions for 25 years, and, as a delegate to 5 NFRW conventions. That same dedication, commitment and loyalty are what drive her even now, as she serves the

clubs of Region 7 as Region Vice President. With fierce determination, much fortitude, and to her delight, Ginger re-organized a failing club in Washington Parish, not exactly a Republican stronghold! Over the years, Ginger has donated countless volunteer hours to candidates and campaigns, political causes and conferences, and community projects and programs, and has never wavered from her commitment to Republican values. Those values also inspire her to share her talents and skills with a variety of other groups and organizations, including her church, Bogalusa Civic League, Washington Parish Fair, DAR, St. Mary 4-H Foundation, St. Mary Poll Commissioner, Teche Theatre for The Performing Arts, Chez Hope Center for Battered Women, U.S. Census Bureau, and the list goes on! Ginger truly believes in Republican principles, in LFRW, its members and its mission. Contact Ginger at gcorkern2010@yahoo.com.





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