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Dear ARW members.

I am water logged, how about you? I realize in a few short months we will be begging for rain but right now I have had enough.

Many of your ARW members recently attended the LFRW Spring Board meeting in Baton Rouge. It was a busy meeting, as our new state LFRW President, Gena Gore, conducted her first official meeting. She ran a great meeting and we were able to elect the delegates that will represent Louisiana at the NFRW Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in September. ARW is happy to announce that Carita Wilson, and Peggy Buckels were elected to be among the delegates going to Arizona. Also going, as a delegate, will be your club President, Donna Pelletier.

Also, announced at the meeting, the LFRW Fundraising Chairman Donna Pelletier and Committee are working to bring Laura Ingraham, radio talk show host, best selling author and Fox News commentator to Baton Rouge, LA. on Friday, October 9, 2015. Right now they are working to locate Sponsors who will help them provide an entertaining and informative evening for all in attendance. This will be the first major fundraiser LFRW has held in several years. We are hoping all of you will get involved and help us put on a great fundraiser.

This month ARW is excited to have all four of the candidates running for Lafayette Parish Sheriff as our guest speakers at the Tuesday, June 16th monthly meeting. I hope all of you will attend the meeting and learn more about these gentlemen running for Sheriff.

Don't forget the Wine and Cheese Membership Recruiting Party being held at the home of ARW member Marsha Vining on Thursday, June 25th from 4 to 6. Bring a friend and plan to join the fun. More details regarding the party are in the newsletter.

God bless,

Donna Pelletier

JUNE MEETING

ARW is excited to bring the four Republican candidates running for Sheriff of Lafayette Parish to our June 16th meeting as our guest speakers. Candidates for Lafayette Parish Sheriff are: **Rick Chargois, Mark Garber, Chad Leger, and John Rodgers**. Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to hear each of the candidates explain why they believe they are the most qualified to handle the job of being our parish Sheriff. They will answer questions from the members, so email your questions to Carita so they can be printed out and presented to the speakers. Don't forget to make your reservations by contacting Helen at 837-6397 or by email at granger_hj@cox.net.

YOU'RE INVITED

Pat Soulier and the membership committee are inviting you to join them.

WINE AND CHEESE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PARTY

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Location: 1306 E. Bayou Pkwy

You are requested to bring a guest if you plan to attend!

With all the elections this fall we are going to need the support of every Republican woman in our community.

WOMEN IN NUMBERS = WIN!!

Call Pat for more information at 981-7075

SPEAKERS FOR JULY

JULY— Jan Swift, Candidate for District 45 , LA. State Representative
 Nanette Cook, Candidate for Lafayette Parish City Council, District 7.

AUGUST — Pending due to waiting on candidates

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2015

City Council meetings are held the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM

Lafayette Parish Executive Committee (PEC)
 Meets the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 5:30 to 6:30

Republican State Central Committee Meeting
 , 2015 Saturday. 10:00 AM
 Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) Building
 3113 Valley Creek Drive
 Baton Rouge, LA 70808

ARW has regularly scheduled monthly Executive Committee meetings the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. These meeting are held from 9:30 to 12 noon at the Southside Library.

ARW monthly luncheon meetings are scheduled on the **3rd Tuesday of each month** These meetings are from 11 to 1 at River Oaks Catering Center and the cost for the buffet lunch is \$20. **Reservations are required.**

NFRW National Convention
 September 10 - 13, 2015
 Phoenix, Arizona

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down - heck I can remember that that....."



LFRW is working to bring radio talk show host, best selling author and Fox News Commentator and analysis Laura Ingraham to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton

Rouge, La. on Friday evening October 9th. This event will be the major fundraising event of the year for the LFRW. Tickets to this event will be \$100 each and sponsor tables will be available at different levels. For more information on this exciting opportunity to hear from this entertaining and informative speaker contact Donna Pelletier at 337-993-8282 or donnapel@bellsouth.net.

MEMBERSHIP

Pat Soulier reports that membership has grown to 122 and 22 associate members as of June 10th. She is also happy to invite all ARW members to bring a guest and attend a membership recruiting Wine and Cheese event on June 25th from 4 to 6 at the home of Marsha Vining, 1311 East Bayou Parkway, Lafayette, LA.

LFRW SPRING BOARD MEETING

LFRW members from all over the state gathered in Baton Rouge, Friday and Saturday, October 5th and 6th. The meeting was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and proved to be a great first meeting for newly elected LFRW President Gena Gore. Delegates were elected to attend the NFRW Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona September 10-13. ARW is proud to announce that Carita Wilson, Peggy Buckels and Heidi Martin were elected to go as delegates from our club.

ARW club President Donna Pelletier will also attend as a delegate and joining them, so far, will be Pat Soulier, and Gail Dysart. We would like to encourage all our members to consider attending this fun filled and exciting national meeting. You are given the opportunity to meet and mingle with other Republican women from all over the country and hear several of the candidates running for President of the United States speak at various meetings and events. All the information regarding registering for the convention is available at the NFRW webpage.



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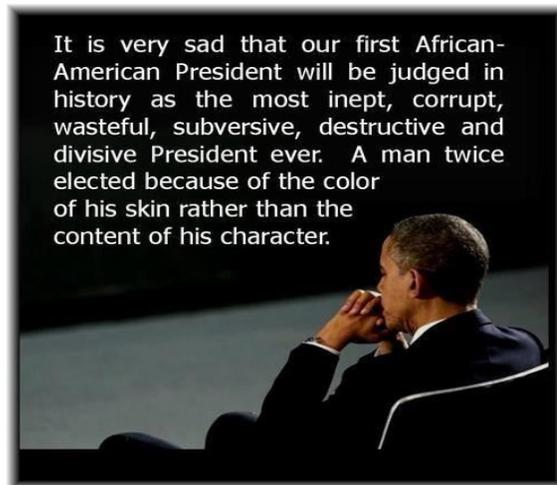


We will also have available the Red umbrella's with the white elephant which sale for \$20 and a nice selection of jewelry.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

ARW is asking members to start clipping the Box tops for Education from the many products in your pantry. Help us help the schools by collecting the box tops. The schools exchange them for computers for the classrooms, play ground equipment and other needed items for the schools. You can put them in a zip lock baggie and bring to the monthly meetings. In the fall we will give them to the various schools with which ARW is working.



It is very sad that our first African-American President will be judged in history as the most inept, corrupt, wasteful, subversive, destructive and divisive President ever. A man twice elected because of the color of his skin rather than the content of his character.

If you own a £3,000 machine gun and a £5,000 rocket launcher, but you can't afford shoes, You may be a Muslim.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR MAY, 2015

By Patti Carter

The Lafayette Parish School Board voted unanimously to build a new high school in southern Lafayette Parish. It will be built on 600 acres of land that the school board already owns. The land is located at the intersection of South Larriviere Rd. and Chemin Metairie in Youngsville. The cost is estimated to be about \$65 million dollars. Youngsville has committed \$750,000.00 for infrastructure for the site. The school board also authorized construction of additions to Plantation Elementary, Milton, and Katharine Drexel.

The Lafayette Parish School Board *is considering removing the public commentary sections of their meetings.* They are also looking at re-districting the school zones to balance the student population more evenly where overcrowding exists.

The Lafayette city-parish government and the state Dept. of Transportation and Development are in the early stages of a project to reconstruct Johnston Street, from Cajundome Blvd. to just west of the "Horse Farm". Most of the power lines will be buried and medians, sidewalks, and bike paths will be added. The City-Parish Public Works Director, Kevin Blanchard, says the funding for the project is uncertain. The project is estimated to cost 20 to 25 million dollars for a half-mile strip!!! Blanchard says the DOTD has committed to paying everything but \$5 million dollars. He is "hoping" Lafayette's share would come from \$9 million in transportation funding the Lafayette area is in line to receive from DOTD for other projects. This outlay of \$5 million dollars for a "half-mile strip" must be approved by the City-Parish council and the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization. The council is going to vote on this issue Tuesday, June 16th. Terry Huval, Director of Lafayette Utilities, said this section of Johnston Street was chosen for this pilot program because it runs past the "Horse Farm". The same "Horse Farm" that the citizens of Lafayette were told, that not a dime of taxpayer's money would be spent on developing! Only private donations would be needed to develop this property!! Do any citizens feel that our \$5 million of \$9 million DOTD funds could be used elsewhere in our city for street and drainage improvements? Our city administration seems obsessed with the "Horse Farm"! By the way, after our mayor publicly claimed to have resigned from being the president of the non-profit on May 5th, he is still listed as president on the secretary of state website! Not having truly resigned.

STATE

The state legislature ended their session Thursday, June 13, 2015. This was the State's most difficult budget crisis since the late 1980's. The legislature started the session with a \$1.6 billion dollar deficit. They came up with a \$24.5 billion budget, passed at the very end of the session on Thursday evening. Critics say they solved an immediate crisis, but did not put Louisiana's finances on sound

financial ground. There were many short term fixes. Several taxes were added and tax credits capped. The state Senate rejected a proposal that would have doubled the "earned income credit" or EIC that individuals claim on their tax returns. This tax credit is a "benefit" for working people who have low to moderate incomes. It reduces the amount of tax they owe, and many times may even result in them getting a tax "refund" above what they have paid into the system. There have been widespread fraudulent claims with this tax credit.

The legislators also approved a 50 cent increase in sales tax on a single pack of cigarettes.

Approximately 130,000 retired state employees and teachers will receive an increase in their pension checks starting in July. They will receive a 1 ½ % increase if Governor Jindal does not veto this measure.

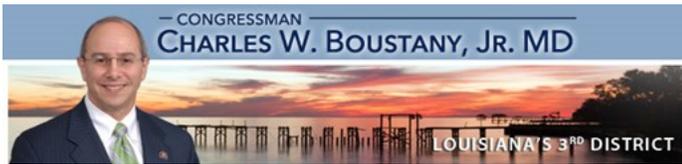
The Louisiana House and Senate passed a compromise over the Common Core academic standards. Under the legislation, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) would be the head of the review of Common Core and development of new standards. The Louisiana Legislature's education committee and the next governor would also have a say in any changes made to educational benchmarks. Governor Jindal has basically been left out of any sort of input on the matter.

FEDERAL

Republicans on the Federal Appropriations committee released their 2016 funding bill for the Interior Dept and EPA on Tuesday, June 9th. Included in it were provisions blocking the EPA's ability to issue rules on power plants, ability to redefine which waters they can regulate, and rules regarding waterways on private land. The EPA budget was cut 9%.

In Washington, House Democrats overwhelmingly voted down a key provision in President Obama's trade pact, called the "TPA" or trade promotions authority. This fast-track legislation would allow President Obama the power to set up trade deals by himself, and present them to Congress. Congress could then only vote straight up or down on the trade deal, with no opportunity for amendments. This would have stripped Congress of its role in making policy.

The other Obama free-trade proposal, called the "TPP", or Trans-Pacific Partnership is a 12 country trade agreement. This agreement would lower tariffs and other barriers to trade with Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Mexico, and Canada. The TPP passed in the House but not the TPA. The United States Senate passed both the TFA and the TPP. Before this total trade legislation can be sent to President Obama, the House of Representatives must pass both pacts.



Dear Friends,

As Congress heads for a vote on important trade legislation this week, I'm hearing strong opinions from both sides of the issue. I wanted to send some information to help you understand what is at stake in these trade votes.

What is TPA?

Trade Promotion Authority-or TPA-is an agreement between Congress and the Administration that helps secure the most effective trade agreements possible. It has three main components: a list of the conservative Congress' objectives that set priorities for the Administration to follow; strong transparency and accountability requirements that put Congress in the drivers' seat of negotiations and give the public a full understanding of what an agreement would mean; and a streamlined procedure to vote on a trade agreement if, but only if, the Administration meets its TPA obligations.

Why is TPA needed?

TPA is the key to securing job-creating trade agreements that help American workers and ensure the United States is writing the rules of the global economy. It creates a united front between Congress and the President so that the Administration can reach the best agreement possible with the foreign nations across the negotiating table. A recent study showed that TPA is the catalyst to reaching trade agreements that could create over 17,400 jobs and attract \$1.5 billion in investment to Louisiana alone. TPA also requires accountability and transparency from the Administration as it negotiates trade deals and Congress considers them.

Does TPA give new power to the President?

No. In reality, TPA empowers Congress to demand accountability from the Administration. The President already has the constitutional authority to negotiate a trade agreement. But only Congress can change U.S. law. So, TPA ensures that Congress is playing a major role throughout these negotiations, not just at the end.

Former Vice Presidential candidate and Congressman Paul Ryan, a supporter of TPA, [said](#):

We as House Republicans, as Senate Republicans, with TPA will be saying, 'You've got to do it our way, Mr. President.' The agreements have to be the kind of agreements that we want, people in Congress get to be able to see what's in the agreements, and then, when there is an agreement, the country gets to see it for 60 days before it's even considered, before a president can sign it. Then we vote on it, and then Congress decides, up or down, whether we do it or not.

Think of it this way: Congress didn't like what was going on with the Iran deal. Imagine if we had TPA for the Iran deal

that he's negotiating. If we had TPA for the Iran deal, we would know what's in the deal, the country would see what's in the deal, and Congress would have veto power over the deal before he even gets a deal. I wish we had TPA for this Iranian agreement because then we could stop this Iranian agreement. That's why we're doing TPA for these trade agreements.

What does TPA have to do with the President's immigration agenda?

Absolutely nothing. TPA includes safeguards against the Administration misleading Congress on this or any issue. TPA brings greater transparency and accountability to the negotiating process by empowering Congress to conduct vigorous oversight and hold the Administration accountable. In short, TPA ensures that the Administration cannot sneak any immigration measures past Congress. Instead, it puts Congress in control.

Is TPA good for our country?

If we fail to pass TPA, the US will fall behind its competitors. In total there are over [400 free trade agreements](#) in the world, but as the world's largest economy, the United States is part of only 14. In contrast, the European Union (EU) has agreements with [over 50 countries](#). As a result, the EU is the top trading partner for 80 countries while the US is the top trading partner [for just over 20 countries](#). Now, developing countries like China are beginning to catch up to the US. [China](#) has 11 agreements with 18 countries.

The potential benefits of trade cannot be ignored. 234 countries and territories purchase American goods and services. Passing TPA will put the US on a path to reducing barriers with many of these countries that will allow American innovators to thrive. That's why I'm supporting this important measure. Thank you for the honor of representing you in Congress. Although we may not agree on every issue, I'll never be afraid to tell you what I think and you'll always know where I stand. I hope you'll contact me at my office to voice your questions or comments about this important legislation. I'll continue to work hard every day to earn the trust you've placed in me with your vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles W. Boustany, Jr."

Charles W. Boustany, Jr. MD
Member of Congress

Another POINT of VIEW is being offered: by Joyce La Cour

LFRW Alert!

The battle against "Obama Trade" isn't over. We are bracing for another major vote next week (as soon as Tuesday) that could move Fast Track to the President's desk and make Obama Trade virtually unstoppable. In fact, if we don't continue the fight, we will likely end up with something even worse next week. Please call your Congressman and ask him to vote against all trade bills.

Why are Republicans So Willing to Give this Power to Obama? Why the Rush? Why are the meetings in secret?

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The GOP leadership is rushing "Fast Track" for Obama Trade to the House floor for a vote on Friday. Word on the street is that mounting grassroots pressure against this measure is eroding support, so Boehner and Obama are pushing to get this done to beat the growing wave of opposition.

Rep. Paul Ryan is saying we must pass the Obama Trade Fast Track before we find out what is in it -- using language very similar to when Pelosi told us we had to pass ObamaCare to find out what's in it!

In explaining why we cannot see Obama Trade and why even members of Congress must go to a secret sound-proof basement chamber to see it (all 400 pages of it), Ryan said, "[Obama Trade is] declassified and made public once it's agreed to."

In other words, Ryan is saying, "trust us to 'Fast Track' Obama Trade and then we'll tell you what's in it!"

If you oppose yet another secret deal that empowers government and puts our liberties at risk, please call your Congressman now and tell him that you are asking for a NO vote on the Senate version of H. R. 1314 when it comes to the House Floor.

**(NO) [Rep Jeff Sessions](#)- Opposes OBAMATRADE and is speaking publically about it:
This is from his website:**

"I don't accept the notion that we should send thank you notes to nations that ship us goods at illegally subsidized prices, that have the result of eliminating American competitors and shifting their unemployment to the United States... Our trade competitors strongly desire access to our market, and we can benefit from the import of foreign goods. However, we have every right, and a duty, to ensure that such access is accompanied with compliance with the rules of trade. This is not free trade. And this nation cannot be so tied to a religion of free trade that we enable such bad behavior."...read more here [Rep Jeff Sessions](#) and here: "[Sessions on TPA Fight: 'Tomorrow is D-Day for the Citizens](#)