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President's Message:

ARW MEMBERS:

November has meant thus far, Elections, run-offs, disappointments, anger, and so much anxiety as to where our State is headed; that it will be a relief when November 21st is over. I do hope you voted early or will vote in the November 21st, election and stay true to the ideals that are Republican.

It is so good to see our ARW Members involved in the election process and it is a pleasure to work with them; as we did at Lynne Durel's home to write postcards for the candidate for Governor, David Vitter. The afternoon flew by with exchange of ideas on candidates and campaigns; all helped of course with yummy pillow cookies, coffee and Lynne's hospitality.

I went to another LFRW Club, Metro RW Club, to hear Wendy Vitter speak and she, as always, was informative about the election process. I also got to meet other Republican women whose candidates were defeated in the primary election, but were bouncing right back in the fight to get Senator David Vitter elected as Governor of Louisiana to keep Louisiana strong and red.

I, along with Gail Dysart, went to Natchitoches to a LFRW Regional Meeting where I met up with Region 4, 5, and 6 Officers who were there as I was; to teach members about campaigns, leadership, technology, and how women can make a difference in elections. It was worthwhile; even driving through the pouring rain for the meeting and of course the famous meat pies! I brought along the "yummy" pillow cookies to give the women a Lafayette treat. They loved them!

The Cajun Harley Davidson "Hog" Chapter is again giving Christmas items to the Jennings Veterans Nursing Home and need to know if Acadiana RW will again participate. I will send the list out and if you want to donate to this worthwhile cause bring items to November 17th, meeting.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving ... *Carita*

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NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING

Please remember to make your reservation by contacting Helen Granger at **granger_hj@cox.net.** Meetings are from 11– 1 at River Oaks Catering Center and lunch is **$20.00**.

PEGGY BUCKELS, Chairman for the ***Armed Forces* Comm** is asking the members to please bring items for the Veterans. Contact Peggy Buckels @ 981-3000- or 337-739-2900 **peggyjb@lusfiber.net** for more information. Items will be delivered to the Nursing Home by the Hog Chapter & Carita in December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Glyn Kelley, Chairman of the SILENT AUCTION says "Thank You" for the items donated and for the $1,170.00 collected at the Silent Auction in October.

ARW FUNDRAISING: *SUPPORT BLUE LIVES MATTER!*

Due to the recent fatal shootings of local and state police officers around our country and in Louisiana; ARW would like to ask its members to consider placing a ***Magnetic Ribbon*** on your car to show your support for our local Police. BLUE LIVES MATTER

Magnetic ribbons for your car = $5 each

Carita's FAVORITE!

LITERACY CHAIRMAN, HELEN GRANGER, gave ARW a fun task...Judges for the "Paint the Town Red" for ULL Homecoming at Katherine Drexel Elementary School, and Denise Soileau, Principal & ARW member was our hostess. Children decorated the classroom "competing" Doors and Posters! Awesome art !

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 At the City Court Bldg. on Convent St.

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.** Meetings 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 -** Meetings are from 11 to 1 at River Oaks Catering Center and the cost for the buffet lunch is $20. **Reservations are required.**

Donna, Shannon, Helen, Dee, & Carita photographer!

ARW MEMBERSHIP 2015

Pat Soulier, Membership Chairman for ARW, is continuing to bring in new members. Current Membership is up to **132** members and **23** associate members. A **Job well done Pat!!!** She invites all members to encourage family and friends to attend ARW Monthly Meetings. Visit with the candidates and guest Speakers, and consider joining us in our efforts to support and help the Republican candidates in Acadiana with their Campaigns. If you have questions on how to join ARW or how best to get involved in campaign activities of the candidate of your choice.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR YEAR 2016 ! Sale for November And December $30.00 for 2016...Join now and save $5.00.... LFRW AND NFRW MEMBERSHIP IS INCLUDED IN THIS SPECIAL PRICE....

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CALLER FOR NEW MEMBERS

VOLUNTEERS: Callers for ARW Meetings DO YOU KNOW THEM?

Patti Carter

Cynthia Barrett

May Heatherly
Chairman

Margaret Vidrine

Judy Ames

Marlaine LaFleur
&
Karen Sirran
No photos

SPEAKERS FOR NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING:

Andy Naquin, Candidate for District 6 City/Parish Council Seat. **Andy Naquin, Council Member Phone: 37) 291-8806 Email: AndyNaquin@LafayetteLA.gov. Councilman Andy Naquin has been a lifelong resident of Lafayette and of District 6 of which he represents, since 1957. He graduated from Our Lady of Fatima School in 1972 and the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) in 1979 which is now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL-Lafayette.) While at USL, Andy was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, USL's Stockmen's Association, Alpha Zeta Honor Society and, ultimately, enrolled in the university's Alumni Association.**

Linda Poche' Vinsanau, LFRW Special Committee Leadership Development.

Gerald Judice, Candidate for District 8 City/Parish Council Seat. **Gerald Judice (R) is a Lafayette native and lifelong resident of Lafayette. He is married to Lynda Thibodeaux Judice (Cathedral Carmel graduate and current art teacher) for 29 years and is the proud father of Zachary (married to Lauren Barrilleaux Judice), Charlene, and Abbie, all graduates of STM and ULL. He is grandfather to Spencer Elizabeth. Gerald is a graduate of Our Lady of Fatima and holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Finance from UL (formally USL).**

BALLOT NOVEMBER 21, 2015 FOR LAFAYETTE PARISH

Governor
1 to be elected

John Bel Edwards
09/08/2015
Democrat
P.O. Box 1115 Amite, LA 70422
White
225-435-9808
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Name / Address / Phone

David Vitter
09/08/2015
Republican
3841 Veterans Blvd. Metairie, LA 70002
White
504-779-3771
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Lieutenant Governor
1 to be elected

Melvin L. "Kip" Holden
09/09/2015
Democrat
838 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Black
225-381-3036
Male
Date Filed 09/09/2015

"Billy" Nungesser
09/08/2015
Republican
P.O. Box 7264 Belle Chasse, LA 70037
White
504-433-1200
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Attorney General
1 to be elected

James D. "Buddy" Caldwell
09/08/2015
Republican
P.O. Box 4154 Baton Rouge, LA 70821
White
225-346-1461
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

"Jeff" Landry
09/08/2015
Republican
P.O. Box 13816 New Iberia, LA 70562
White
337-313-4537
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Sheriff
1 to be elected

Mark T. Garber
09/08/2015
Republican
113 Bonner Dr. Lafayette, LA 70508
White
337-234-5500
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Chad Leger
09/08/2015
Republican
P. O. Box 2 Scott, LA 70583
White
337-739-9073
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

State Representative 45th Representative District
1 to be elected

Andre' Comeaux
09/08/2015
Republican
506 Roselawn Blvd. Lafayette, LA 70503
White
337-278-0686
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Jean-Paul Coussan
09/09/2015
Republican
113 Bernice Ave. Lafayette, LA 70503
White
337-501-4100
Male
Date Filed 09/09/2015

Member City-Parish Council, District 6
1 to be elected

Bruce Conque
09/08/2015
No Party
205 Mulberry Dr. Lafayette, LA 70506
White
337-278-2155
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

"Andy" Naquin
09/08/2015
Republican
213 Arnould Blvd. Lafayette, LA 70506
White
337-984-6874
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Member City-Parish Council, District 3
1 to be elected

Patrick "Pat" Lewis
09/08/2015
Democrat
727 Louis Arceneaux Rd. Lafayette, LA 70507
Black
337-258-0966
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

Brandon Shelvin
09/10/2015
Democrat
P. O. Box 3383 Lafayette, LA 70502
Black
000-000-0000
Male
Date Filed 09/10/2015

Member City-Parish Council, District 8
1 to be elected

Elizabeth Webb Hebert
09/08/2015
Republican
102 Foxglen Ct. Lafayette, LA 70503
White
337-230-2829
Female
Date Filed 09/08/2015

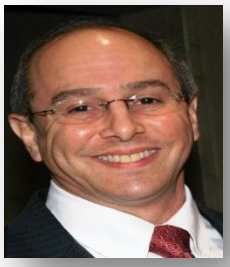
Gerald Judice
09/08/2015
Republican
1 Hillside Cir. Lafayette, LA 70503
White
337-233-3028
Male
Date Filed 09/08/2015

PW HRC Amendment Prop. No. 1 - Section 1-02 - City-Parish Council

PW HRC Amendment Prop. No. 2 - Section 4-10(A) - City-Parish Council

PW Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 1 - 7.27 Mills - SB - 10 Yrs.

Town of Duson - 4% Hotel Tax - M&BOA - Perp



A Time For Unity

By: ***Congressman Charles W. Boustany, Jr., MD***
The Hayride http://thehayride.com/2015/11/boustany-a-time-for-unity/
November 9, 2015

As early voting for the gubernatorial election gets underway, we must think very carefully about the direction our state is headed. To me, the choice is clear – a path of economic growth and fiscal stability versus higher deficits, higher taxes, and more government spending than we can't afford. Elections are always emotionally charged, but we must not allow those emotions to overshadow the importance of this election for our state's future.

Simply put, surrendering the keys to the Governor's mansion to John Bel Edwards would be a mistake.

The Governor of Louisiana wields tremendous constitutional power, from the ability to use the veto pen down to the selection of leadership and committee chairmen in the state legislature. Stop and think a minute. Are we truly willing to hand over control of these important decisions to someone who supports the failed policies of Barack Obama?

As a Republican, I share strongly-rooted principles in favor of limited government, personal freedom, and greater opportunity for all with David Vitter. David and I worked together to fight the Obama Administration's EPA overreach hurting Louisiana farmers, a wrongheaded drilling moratorium crushing the oil & gas industry in our state, and a healthcare law that has raised premiums and thrown families off of their coverage.

The problems are no less serious at the state level. Today, Louisiana faces serious issues on the budget, education, healthcare, infrastructure, and taxes, just to name a few. A heated primary election hasn't changed this reality and hasn't diminished the urgent need for action. Let's stop focusing on what divides us as Republicans – let's focus on what we share in common.

Louisiana is a conservative state. Now is the time to unite behind our deeply held principles; principles John Bel Edwards won't support. The next four years – including the next special budgetary session in the state legislature – are a pivotal time for our state. We need a leader who has the record of making tough choices and getting the job done.

I am proud of the work David and I have done to support veterans, to invest in our state's infrastructure, to fix our broken tax code, to reduce the size of government, and to stop Washington's assault on the oil and gas industry.

Fortunately for Louisiana, we have a choice this November to support someone who shares our conservative values and principles, and is a proven leader. The choice is clear – David Vitter.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Patti Carter, Legislative Chairman

LOCAL

The Lafayette Parish School Board approved a new position called a "school improvements administrator." The purpose of the newly created job will be to help struggling schools boost student achievement. In other news, the school board plans to build and then open the new high school by August of 2017. Financing for this project has not been finalized.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, the Lafayette City-Parish Council took action to advance the South-City Parkway extension and Interstate 49 Corridor Plan. The city-parish president was given the authorization to negotiate the purchase of the undeveloped property between Brookshire subdivision and the Tucson Street neighborhood. The council has budgeted $2 million dollars (up from $1 million) to secure initial rights of way and begin engineering and design work. This is an extension of a road that runs alongside the South Regional Library.

The Lafayette Regional Airport commissioners have appointed a five-person committee to review architectural and engineering firms wanting to provide services to the airport. This is aimed at those firms wanting to design and or build the airport's proposed $90 million passenger terminal. Two members of the new committee are current airport commissioners; Mr. Paul Segura and Paul Guilbeau, Sr. The other three appointed to this review committee are current airport Director Steven Picou, airport manager Anthony Hebert, and private sector engineer Kam Movassaghi. There were no independent outside impartial individuals placed on the committee.

The Lafayette Parish Zoning Board has proposed increasing their board from 5 to 7 members as they have, at times, not been able to produce a quorum. Also, the number of projects to be reviewed and voted on has been increasing.

STATE

Louisiana's latest tax amnesty period begins November 16th and runs through December 15th of 2015. It is the 3rd year in a row the state of Louisiana has offered amnesty to those who have not paid what they owe. It will be the last amnesty allowed for a decade.

Six watershed projects will receive between $3-$6 million dollars in federal money, over the next three years, as part of a larger effort to reduce the number of nutrients spilling into the Mississippi. These nutrients and chemicals pollute the river and then wash out to the Gulf of Mexico.

Republican Jay Dardenne crossed party lines and endorsed Democrat John Bel Edwards in the Louisiana governor's race.

Louisiana has more than $20 billion dollars set up for coastal restoration and protection work over the next 50 years. Additional money has been designated for coastal work coming from the Deepwater Horizon settlement. A report from the Tulane Institute on Water Resources Law and Policy said that $70 billion would not even be enough to take care of the problems with the coast.

There are continuing talks concerning the I-49 connector funding. The project will encompass the 5.5 mile stretch of interstate that runs from I-10 to the Lafayette Regional Airport. It is estimated that it will cost between $750 to $800 million dollars. The financial conglomerate Citigroup has been brought in to address "funding options" for the connector and a possible loop around Lafayette. As of now, three options have been brought up so far. These are: applying for a federal loan, a new tax could be imposed, or make it a toll road.

Louisiana residents who receive unemployment benefits by debit cards have until Tuesday, November 9, 2015, to change to direct deposit into a bank account or their benefits will be mailed as a paper check. The Louisiana Workforce Commission said the change to direct-deposit is necessary because JPMorgan Chase, which has been providing the debit cards, is discontinuing that business.

FEDERAL

On Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, President Barack Obama announced he was rejecting the Keystone XL Pipeline project. He dismissed the economic benefits and said it would not serve U.S. interests, as touted by conservatives. President Obama also said that the United States needed to show the rest of the world that we were sincere on curbing global warming by keeping some "fossil fuels" in the ground rather than "burn them."

The United States Senate failed 54-45 to reach the 60 votes needed to advance a GOP bill to deny certain types of federal financial aid to police departments and other governmental units, who refuse to help the federal government enforce our immigration laws.

Republican Representative Dr.Charles Boustany, who is chair of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee Human Resources, plans on introducing legislation to consolidate and overhaul welfare programs. Rep. Boustany along with other Republicans say the welfare system is conflicted by "fraud, abuse, and redundancy." There are over 80 federal programs that provide aid to low income people.

At least 6,100 inmates with drug trafficking convictions were released early from federal prisons on or around November 1st under new changes to federal sentencing guidelines. Approximately 68 inmates were released in Louisiana. Texas had the most released with the numbers reaching 597 inmates.

Senate Democrats blocked legislation that would punish "sanctuary cities" in a 54-45 vote. The bill was called the Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act. It needed 60 votes to pass. The bill would have made the government withhold certain federal funding from states or cities that refuse to comply with requests from federal immigration officials to turn over immigrants who are in this country illegally.
Attached to this same bill was a provision called "Kate's Law." Kate's Law would punish illegal alien criminals with aggravated felony convictions, who come back to America after being deported. They would receive a minimum sentence of 5 years in prison.
Senator Mark Kirk, a Republican from Illinois, was the lone Republican who voted against the bill. Many conservatives voiced displeasure over how Senator Mitch McConnell attached this bill to the sanctuary city bill.
Republicans felt "Kate's Law" should have been put to a vote as a standalone bill.
They are requesting that this should indeed happen, and soon.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

HEARTS OF HOPE.ORG

LEFT THIS IS THE DESIGN ARW IS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE FOR THE FUNDRAISER. WE HOPE IT WILL RAISE MONEY FOR THIS ORGANIZATION...
At the November 17th Meeting ARW will give away 2 tickets (worth $10 each) to the ***Family Night*** ...Viewing of Trees (all sorts of Designers from Business to Artists) Fun and Games for Children, food..7:30 to 9:00 PM .. December 2, 2015..

The Festival of Trees Gala on December 3rd @ 7:00 /10:30 PM Band (do you want to dance?), Food by Antlers, Live Auction for Trees and Trips and a Silent Auction....Fun Night Tickets are $75 per person...ARW will have a Drawing $20.00 for 2 Tickets to Gala...Pay $20 put your name in the bucket ....
Are you Lucky?