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Dear ARW members,

Wow, what a busy election year we find ourselves in. There are more than enough forums and meet and greet opportunities available to you and the citizens of Lafayette Parish, that no one should be heard saying they don't know anything about the candidates. Every election is important and this year you are being offered the opportunity to decide on the direction our city moves toward as well as our state.

ARW has been making every effort to provide our members, and the community, with information on all the candidates running for office. We have also attempted to keep you informed and educated on what is going on within our city sometimes behind closed doors. I do hope you are paying attention to this election cycle and watching who is supporting whom. Which candidates have signed to pledge their support to the newly renamed One Acadiana instead of pledging to support those who are voting for them.

At this time ARW is in the process of trying to recruit members who will step forward and take over the seats on the board. We will be electing all new officers in November. I hope you will consider stepping up and volunteering to serve as an officer in our club.



Gail Dysart, ARW corresponding secretary and Gena Gore LFRW, President are shown collecting the NFRW Diamond Award presented to ARW at the NFRW Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. This award was presented to ARW for all the hard work and successful projects our club achieved this past year.

God bless,

*Donna Pelletier*

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

The ARW September agenda once again has a full schedule which will allow our members the opportunity to meet and visit with the following speakers: **Andre' Comeaux** candidate for LA. State Representative District 45 and Lafayette City Council candidates: **Ursula Anderson**—District 3, **Nanette Cook** - District 7 and **Liz Hebert** - District 8. and Fire Chief Robert Benoit who will represent First Responders Please remember to make your reservation by contacting Helen Granger at [granger\\_hj@cox.net](mailto:granger_hj@cox.net). Meetings are from 11– 1 at River Oaks Catering Center and lunch is \$20.

**Gail Dysart**, chairman for the **Caring For America Comm.** is asking the members to please bring baby items for the St. Marguerite d'Youville Home. She suggest items appropriate for a Baby Shower. Contact Gail Dysart at 337-993-2810 or [gdysart@bellsouth.net](mailto:gdysart@bellsouth.net) for more information

**Glyn Kelley**, chairman of the **White Elephant Sale** is asking members to remember to bring items for the Silent Auction. Contact Glynn at [Glyn134@hotmail.com](mailto:Glyn134@hotmail.com) or 337-849-3140.

## ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Peggy Buckels, committee chair and Helen Granger are excited to share with all ARW members that they were contacted by Mr. Milligan with Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus. They are in the process of refurbishing the veterans monument at Acadiana Village. They were requesting that ARW provide them with 5 military flags for this monument. The flags are 3 X 5 outdoor flags, one for each branch of the military. The cost of these flags was covered by our Armed Services Committee budget.

## ARW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sharon Campbell has been interested in politics, government since an early age. Says she has been a registered Republican as long as she can remember. She was a delegate to the 2004 Republican State Convention and has worked actively on many campaigns, including those of a U.S. President and a U.S. Senator. She admits though that working on the grassroots efforts of

Carol Ross's Campaign has been like nothing she has done before. She has put in many hours walking door to door, handing out push cards, connecting with people and really listening to what the people are thinking about their government. Sharon is a long time member of ARW, a paralegal and member of the National Federation of Paralegals and the Lafayette Geological Auxiliary. She has written a book called "Friendship's Tapertry" and is married to Charles Campbell. We can always count on seeing Sharon working on the various campaigns and supporting the candidates of her choice. We are proud Sharon is a member of ARW.

## 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**. 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

## FALL GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

The following is important information for the **October 24, 2015 primary** and the **November 21, 2015 general election**.

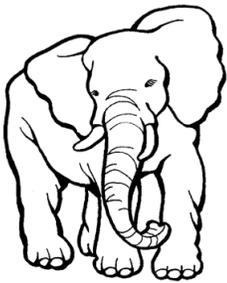
- State candidates qualify in the executive offices of Secretary State Tom Schedler at 8585 Archives Ave., in Baton Rouge (hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.);
- Local and municipal candidates qualify with the clerk of court in the parish in which they are registered to vote;
- View a list of qualifying fees (payment must in the form of cash; certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union; United States postal money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union);
- Download the fillable qualifying form;
- **Early voting is Oct. 10-17 (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Oct. 24th primary election; and**
- **Early voting is Nov. 7–14 (except Sunday and holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Nov. 21st general election.**

## MEMBERSHIP

Pat Soulier, membership chair for ARW, is continuing to bring in new members. Current membership is up to **130** members and **23** associate members. **Job well done Pat!!!** She invites all members to encourage family and friends to attend our 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 the campaign activities of the candidate of your choice contact Pat at 981-7075.

**Bill Clinton tried to cheer up Hillary this morning by reminding her that Nelson Mandela got elected President after he was released from prison.**

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



Glynn Kelley and her committee are busy collecting items for the fall White Elephant Sale. You are being asked to donate new, unused or clean barely used items to this favorite ARW fundraising activity. Items will be collected at the September meeting. They will accept homemade food items and plants on the day of the sale **ONLY**.

This fun filled event will be held at our October meeting. You can start cleaning out your closets and cabinets and contact Glynn at [Glyn134@hotmail.com](mailto:Glyn134@hotmail.com) or 337-849-3140.

## 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.



## ARW NEEDS YOU !

If you are interested in being a part of the leadership of ARW now is the time. The Nominating Committee is now accepting resume's from members interested in volunteering to serve on the ARW Board of Directors. The positions of President, 1st Vice President and Program chair, 2nd Vice President and Membership chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer are all up for election. You will need to submit a current photograph and a resume to the Nominating Committee for their review. Resume's

## ARW FUNDRAISING

In light of all the recent fatal shooting of local and state police officers around our country as well as right here in our Acadiana area ARW would like to ask our members to consider placing a magnetic ribbon on your car to show you support our local law enforcement.



## SUPPORT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Magnetic ribbons for your car  
Only \$5 each .

## RETIRED PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE

1. I'm not saying let's go kill all the stupid people. I'm just saying let's remove all the warning labels and let the problem work itself out.
2. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.
3. You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If they are holding a gun, she's probably pissed.
4. Gone are the days when girls cooked like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
5. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone you've just met? That's common sense leaving your body.
6. I don't like making plans for the day because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in a courtroom.
7. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 1,500 days in a row.
8. I decided to stop referring to the bathroom as the John, and now I call it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
9. Dear paranoid people who check behind shower curtains for murderers: If you find one, what's your plan?
10. Everyone has a right to be stupid. Politicians just abuse the privilege.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2015

By Patti Carter

### LOCAL

The Lafayette Parish School Board is researching employee benefits in surrounding school districts as they look over insurance costs in Lafayette's school district. Health insurance costs have been steadily increasing and the board wanted to take a hard look at the plans before the renewal date. Proposals to the plans have been made as follows:

- Raise individual's deductible from \$950 to \$2500
- Raise family plan deductible from \$2850 to \$7000  
Out of pocket maximums would increase \$6500 for individuals and \$13,000 for families.
- These changes would affect current and retired Lafayette Parish School Board employees.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development opened bidding on the widening of Verot School Road. The project will entail reconstructing and widening approximately 3.1 miles between Vincent Road and Pinhook Road. The two lane will become four lanes with a median. The city received 3 bids ranging from \$32.2 million to \$36.7 million. Lafayette had estimated bids would come in around 27.7 million. DOTD has already installed \$12 million in new drainage along Verot School Road. The city is reviewing the situation.

A local grassroots education group called "Power of Public Education" is asking Louisiana officials to look at an alleged breach of contract by a Lafayette charter school called Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy. The group alleges that this charter school has not enrolled the state mandated number of at-risk students. A bulletin created by the Louisiana Department of Education requires new charter schools to have an "at-risk" student population that equals the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced lunch in that school district. As of October 2014, only 30% of Acadiana Renaissance students were classified as "at risk" or economically disadvantaged. With Lafayette parish public schools having approximately 67% of their students "at risk" or economically disadvantaged, then this charter school is not following guidelines according to this group. They would like the State Superintendent of Education, John White, to investigate. They are also asking the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to look into this matter as the group states Louisiana is not enforcing the terms of the charter contract.

### STATE

Louisiana's State School Board agreed Wednesday to increase day care assistance to low-income families. The BESE Board voted to increase subsidies available to parents, through the Child Care Assistance Program, using \$10 million dollars in available federal funding. This program is set up to help poor parents afford day care so they can go to work or go to school. The maximum subsidy will go from \$1700 to \$4000 per year. No program has been set up as yet to verify that those receiv-

ing assistance will actually go to work or to school. These increasing dollars will begin in 2016.

Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth, Texas is now open for business at its Lafayette Airport Location. The state of Louisiana built the \$26 million dollar facility which Bell Helicopter will lease from Lafayette Regional Airport. The terms of the lease have not been released to the public. The state will also provide another \$8 million of taxpayers money for Bell Helicopter's infrastructure, equipment, relocation expenses, and performance-based grants for lease support!! For the \$34 million total of taxpayers funding, Bell announced that 40 people will be hired at an average salary of \$55,000 per year, with possibly 115 hired by 2018.

The Louisiana Public Service Commission approved a request by Entergy Louisiana and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana for the two entities to consolidate into one utility company. This merging will happen October 1, 2015 and the new company will be called Entergy Louisiana.

### FEDERAL

Congress returns to Washington on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They will have a very busy legislative calendar. There will be votes on the Iran nuclear deal and passing a bill to fund the government past September 30<sup>th</sup>. Legislators will also try to pass a cyber security bill in response to this year's massive hacking that stole the data of millions of government workers, taxpayers, and consumers.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 lawmakers will have the first papal address to Congress ever given. Pope Francis will speak to the full assembly.

Senate Republicans will want an up or down vote on President Obama's nuclear deal, negotiated by John Kerry, when they return to Washington after the summer recess. If the Republicans all vote for disapproval of the agreement, they will need the support of six Democrats to break a filibuster. So far, only two Democrats have said they will vote no. If the Iran resolution is filibustered, it would be a major victory for the White House.

The Obama Administration has warned that a move by Alabama and Louisiana to defund Planned Parenthood on their state levels would be illegal. President Obama said that Medicaid enrollees are entitled to the healthcare provider of their choice, and many choose Planned Parenthood. Several Republicans, led by Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, are threatening a government shutdown if GOP leadership does not defund Planned Parenthood through the budget process.

## 2015 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

October 24, 2015 Election

The four constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot for the October 24, 2015 election are listed below.

### **Proposed Amendment No. 1**

**Act No. 473**, Senate Bill No. 202, Regular Session, 2015, by Senator Adley

“Do you support an amendment to rename the Budget Stabilization Fund to the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust; to authorize the mineral revenue base to be increased every five years; to create the Budget Stabilization Subfund as a Subfund in the Trust, to be funded with mineral revenues until reaching a maximum balance of five hundred million dollars, to be appropriated and used when the state has a deficit; to create the Transportation Stabilization Subfund as a Subfund in the Trust, to be funded with mineral revenues until reaching a maximum balance of five hundred million dollars, to be appropriated and used for planning, design, construction, and maintenance connected with the state highway program, with twenty percent dedicated for use by the Louisiana Intermodal Connector Program; and to provide for the interruption of deposits into the Budget Stabilization Subfund and the Transportation Trust Subfund revenues in the Budget and Transportation Stabilization Trust thereafter? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(d), 10.3(A)(introductory paragraph) and (A)(2)(a) (introductory paragraph) and (A)(2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b), and 10.5(B); adds Article VII, Section 10.3 (A)(2)©)

Proposed Constitutional Amendments for the October 24, 2015 Election.

### **Proposed Amendment No. 2**

**Act No. 471**, House Bill No. 618, Regular Session, 2015, by Representative St. Germain and Representative Armes

“Do you support an amendment to authorize the investment of funds for a state infrastructure bank to be used solely for the transportation projects?”

(Amends Article VII, Section 14(B))

### **Proposed Amendment No. 3**

**Act No. 472**, House Bill No. 518, Regular Session, 2015, by Representative Stokes

“Do you support an amendment to allow any legislation regarding the dedication of revenue, rebates, taxes to be considered during a fiscal legislative session?”

(Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b))

### **Proposed Amendment No. 4**

**Act No. 470**, House Bill No. 360, Regular Session, 2015, by Representative Chaney and Senator Thompson

“Do you support an amendment to specify that the ad valorem property tax exemption for public lands and other public property shall not apply to land or property owned by another state or a political subdivision of another state?”

(Amends Article VII, Section 21 (A))

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