



News Flash

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Metro Club has chosen to focus on The Bill of Rights as a theme for the year. It is as controversial today as it was when it was created in 1791.

Our speakers this year will be those wise leaders and active citizens who will be sharing their messages regarding the Bill of Rights.

Our Literacy program will award a Scholarship to the high school senior whose essay best describes his/her knowledge and understanding of a constitutional amendment that they choose.

Metro's fundraiser, "Guys, Gals and Guns" is focused entirely on the Second Amendment, The Right to Bear Arms.

At our February meeting, members and guests received a copy of the entire Bill of Rights.

I want to invite everyone - members, associates, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the Bill of Rights - to join us as we explore the first ten amendments to our Constitution, learning and understanding more about the Bill of Rights as we explore the first ten Amendments to the Constitution.

No longer can we take our rights and freedoms for granted. We must be alert in the

election of a new President this year. We need to be certain that the candidate we choose is, indeed, "a wise leader who will put aside politics for the good of our country."

Constance Albert

"Today, we celebrate the Bill of Rights, not only for its importance, but because of the actions that brought it into being – the passionate and reasonable contributions of wise leaders and active citizens."

-Constitutional Rights Foundation





FEBRUARY MEETING

Julie Stokes was elected to the Louisiana Legislature in March, 2013. She represents House District 79 and serves on the Ways and Means, Health and Welfare and Labor and Industrial Committees. Julie is a Certified Public Accountant.

At the February Metro meeting held at the Sheraton Galleria, Julie Stokes, La State Representative spoke about Louisiana's financial situation. She gave handouts and explained how the deficit came about.

LOUISIANA PRIMARY ELECTION

Early Voting for the March 5, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election is from Saturday, February 20th through Saturday February 27th. Hours are 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Voters will also cast ballots for the state central committee and the parish executive committee elections.

"This is an election where voters should absolutely check to see what is on their ballot before they go vote," Secretary of State Tom Schedler said in a statement. Early voting is a convenient way to get your ballot cast ahead of time and is typically quick and easy. To preview your ballot and get voter information, go to the website www.geauxvote.com.

Metro Members. Marie Clesi is on the ballot for Republican State Central Committee 10th Senatorial District Div.B and she is on the March 5th ballot for Republican Parish Executive Committee Member at Large. Associate members Jon Gegenheimer and John Treen are on the ballot for Republican Parish Executive Committee.

Republican Presidential Caucus for Jefferson Parish. Congressional District caucuses to choose national convention delegates will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The Jefferson Parish caucus will be held at The Crossing, 519 Williams Blvd., Kenner from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Three delegates and three alternates will be elected from each Congressional District. Metro member Linda Vinsanau is on the caucus ballot for a Ted Cruz delegate.

Eighteen of Louisiana's 46 allotted delegates to the National Republican Convention will be elected at the caucus. Walk-in, vote, and walk-out...there are no discussion groups.

All Republicans are encouraged to vote in the caucus.



LITERACY COMMITTEE



Many, many thanks to associate Metro member and STAIR tutor Penny Frame. Recently, Penny presented each of the students with a quilt with a map of the United States on one side. The children were delighted. Penny makes quilts every year. She says sewing is her therapy! We are all most grateful.

The students study the map of the United States and they look up countries on the world globe.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

At the March 2nd meeting, we will collect books, magazines, and DVD movies for the Veterans Transitional Home as part of our Community Service project.

MARCH MEETING

Metropolitan Republican Women next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Networking begins at 11:00 AM and meeting/lunch begins at noon. Our speaker is Bryan Jeansonne, an attorney whose practice areas include election law and campaign finance. He will speak about "How to Spot Election Fraud and What to Do When You See It".

The meeting will be held at Andrea's Restaurant, 3100 19th St. in Metairie, with a choice of fresh catch w/lemon butter or pork loin w/garlic mashed potatoes. RSVP to Linda Bergeron via phone (504-888-1224) or via e-mail (lindabergeron@yahoo.com) by Friday, February 26th.

MEMBERSHIP – NEW AND RENEWALS

Please remember that we are collecting dues for 2016. If you would like to renew or join us at our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, fill out the attached application and mail it to Linda Bergeron. If you wish to be in the 2016 Metro Directory, kindly do so immediately.

ANTONIN SCALIA – 1936-2016



Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Antonin Scalia, was appointed to the Court by President Ronald Reagan. On January 2, 2016, he gave an address at Rummel High School in Metairie. His talk was centered on religious freedom in the writing of the Constitution, in past supreme court cases, and how / what religious freedom means in the United States today. Metro member Linda Vinsanau was among the guests who attended.

He will be studied for generations to come for advocating *textualism* in statutory interpretation and *originalism* in constitutional interpretation.

METROPOLITAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Member of Louisiana Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2016

PLEASE PRINT

Name (Mr.Mrs.Ms)		Spouse
Address		
City, State, Zip	New Member ___	Returning Member ___
Home Phone ()	Cell Phone ()	
PREFERRED CONTACT PHONE: H ___ C ___ AM ___ PM ___		Email
Are you a Registered Republican? Yes ___ No ___ <i>Applicant must be a Registered Republican.</i>		
Are you a Full Member of another Republican Women's Club? Yes ___ No ___ Club _____		

COMMITTEES OR INTERESTS

(Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Americanism Heritage/Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming (Hospitality, Registration, Telephone) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards (Club, State, National) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign/Volunteer Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership (Recruiting, Social Events) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cap Alert/Legislative | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service/Caring For America | <u>Campaign Activities</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy (Education, Children's Literacy, Scholarship) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Door-to-Door |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media(Website, Facebook, Computer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Signs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration/Party Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

ANNUAL DUES

(Please make checks payable to **METRO CLUB**)

- ACTIVE** **\$30** Active Members are **Full Members of METRO** with voting privileges. Dues are paid to LFRW and NFRW on their behalf.
- ASSOCIATE** **\$20** Associate members are non-voting members; this is offered to **Members of another LFRW Club** and to **Republican Men**.

Mail to: **Linda Bergeron, Membership Chairman**
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