



News Flash

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope your holidays were merry and bright and that 2016 promises new and exciting adventures for each of you.

Metro got off to a great start for the new year with a fun and exciting Installation Luncheon on January 6. It was held at Messina's in Kenner. We were blessed to have Gena Gore, LFRW President, to do the honors. We all pledged to represent Metro and the Republican Party to the best of our ability and to uphold the "privilege" of the individual offices we hold in Metropolitan Republican Women.

A huge "Thank You" goes to our Immediate Past-President, Pam Clower. She will be a "tough act to follow", but I know she will be just as involved and enthusiastic in 2016 as she has been for the past two years! Metro is truly grateful to Pam for her diligence, guidance and leadership.

I am truly excited about the year ahead. I'm also anxious to begin working with our wonderful Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairmen to do our part to regain Republican leadership for our country and to be of service to our community.

Constance Albert



INSTALLATION OF 2016 OFFICERS. LFRW President Gena Gore installed the 2016 Metro officers on January 6 .Gena spoke about the mission of Republican Women to work for the election of Republican candidates running for office. She urged all women to contact the Louisiana Legislators to perform their duties as Republicans to support and vote for the GOP candidates.



Officers pictured above are Treasurer Brenda Higgins, Corresponding Secretary Peggy Childers, Recording Secretary Pam Cresson, 3rd VP Pam Clower, LFRW President Gena Gore, 2nd VP Linda Bergeron, 1st VP Linda Vinsanau, and President Constance Albert.

STANDING COMMITTEES. The work of the club is conducted by Standing Committees. Chairmen of the 2016 committees are:

American Heritage:	Barbara Ballard
Awards:	Lyn Segal
Cap Alert/Legislative:	Yvette Ragas
Community Service:	Nancy Young
Literacy:	Linda Bergeron
Historian:	Pam Clower
Issues:	Darlene Licciardi
Social Media:	Linda Vinsanau
Voter Registration:	Connie Montgomery

ROAD TRIP TO BATON ROUGE. Members of Metropolitan Republican Women made a road to the state capitol for inauguration ceremonies of the newly elected state officials, including Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, Secretary of State Tom Schedler, Attorney General Jeff Landry, State Treasurer John Kennedy, Commissioner of Agriculture Mike Strain, Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon and State Rep. District 79 Julie Stoke (an associate member of The Metro Club),.



Pictured above are Metro members Pam Clower, Peggy Childers, Nungesser, Linda Bergeron, and Constance Albert attended Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser's Open House at the Barracks Apartment. (Not pictured: Brenda Higgins and Linda Vinsanau.) Later that day, members attended the Ted Cruz rally held in Baton Rouge.



Metro 1st Vice President Linda Vinsanau escorted members of the Republican Teens of Slidell and their guests to meet Ted Cruz at the rally in Baton Rouge.

LITERACY PROJECT – STAIR. The Metro Club made a generous donation to the STAIR site at Grace Church last December. STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) is a volunteer-based, non-profit children's literacy organization.

We were able to plan a very nice Christmas celebration for the children, and each child received three books from The Metro Club to take home and start his own personal library of books to read and enjoy for years to come.



We have seven children in our program this year, and each child is doing very well. We are so grateful to Metro members Pam Clower, Yvette Ragas, Betty Purcell, Penny Frame and Brenda Higgins who are tutoring this year. For further information about STAIR and how you can help, please contact site director, Linda Bergeron.

METRO MEETING. Monthly Metro Club meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month – no meetings are held in June and July.

The February meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3 at the Sheraton Hotel across the street from the Galleria. Our guest speaker will be Rep. Julie Stokes, District 79.

Happy Mardi Gras