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I went to my first Caucus for a Presidential Candidate! Interesting and informative to learn how the process works; not only as a worker, but to see how Voters reacted and voted. Thank you Charlie Buckels for the training and all the help on Caucus night; Charlie said at the training session; "if there is any doubt about any voter's right to vote, get my attention and I will straighten it out"...well, I felt like a "jack in the box" all night long jumping up and asking him questions! Patience thy name is Charlie Buckels!

First thing I learnt... please, please, voters change your address when you move! Go to the MV and change your address on your driver's license. Yes, we all know it's a pain to go to the Motor Vehicle Dept., but please do so; or you might not get to vote.

Second thing I learnt...I truly appreciate now all of the people who work at those long tables on Election Day. I told them so on Saturday when I went to vote!! They smiled...

Third thing I learnt...Republican Voters in Acadiana are nice. People who came to the Caucus and voted; all thank us for working this Political Event.

Fourth thing I learnt...This process "Caucus" was not mentioned on radio, TV, or newspaper enough for people to be informed or to participate. We need to change that.

Fifth thing I learnt....People are not informed on why they should vote for Republican PEC or State Central Committee; so many did not even bother to vote for any candidate. All the Voters were interested in was pulling the lever for the Presidential Candidate, and we need to change that!

All in all a worthwhile experience! ARW Members who worked at the Caucus. Thank you, Peggy Buckels, Helen Granger, Pat Soulier, Gail Dysart, Patti Carter, Whitney Carter, Judy Ames, Joyce Linde, Sandy Hindelang, Connie Boyer, Toni Aguilard, Sarah Billeaud, Ursula Anderson and Associates Heidi Martin, Jo Ann Parker, Charlie Buckels, and Todd Escalona.

Carita Wilson, ARW President

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March 15th MEETING

Please remember to make your reservation: **RSVP**

contact: Helen Granger at granger_hj@cox.net

Meetings are from 11- 1 at River Oaks

Catering Center and Lunch is \$20.00.

(Optional to eat or not)

CALENDAR EVENTS: MARCH 2016

- 1.) **City Council** meetings 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM
- 2.) **Lafayette Parish Executive Committee(PEC)**
2nd Thursday of month /5:30/ 6:30.
City Court Bldg., Convent St., Lafayette
- 3.) **Republican State Central Committee Meeting**
2016 Saturday. 10:00 AM
- 4.) **Louisiana Association of Business & Industry (LABI)** Building 3113 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70808
- 4.) **ARW Monthly Executive Committee**
2nd Wednesday /month 9:30am/12pm
South Regional Library, 6101 Johnston Street, Lafayette, La. (Conference room 1)
- 5.) **ARW monthly luncheon meetings** on the 3rd Tuesday of each month - Meetings 11:00AM/ 1:00 PM River Oaks Catering Center, Cost: Buffet Lunch \$20. Optional to eat or not.....Reservations are required. RSVP: HELEN GRANGER granger_hj@cox.net

JUDYAMES'S COLUMN

“Events, Politicians, & ARW “
Trump opens Office in Lafayette, Caucus
Delegates picked and John Fleming @
Tea Party Event with ARW Members:
Patti, Whitney and Joyce Linde..

Photos by: Judy Ames



Fleming Event @ Petroleum Club



Trump wins 18 delegates in Louisiana

Caucus: Nathan- PEC, Patti- ARW, Trey- D for Trump



TRUMP LAFAYETTE OFFICE OPENS!



Let's tip our hats to those first immigrants "The Irish" for bringing laughter and fun to our American shores!

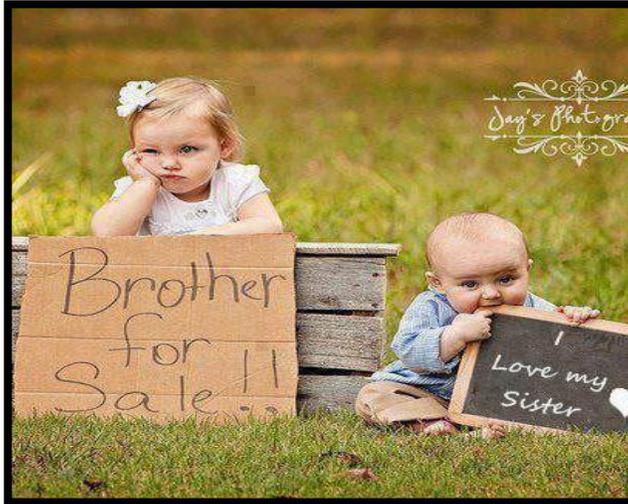
St. Patrick's Day 3/17/2016

Welcome new ARW member

Mrs. Bernadette Flannigan Roberts



THE LUCK OF THE IRISH! HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



BE A BUDDY

Members if you know or live close by these women listed below, would you give them a heads up on any item you receive from ARW by email...as they do not have computer/email!

Betsy Charlson
Isabelle Green
Shirley Lacobie
Betty Myrick.

THANK YOU , CARITA



Concerned Veterans of America held a Grand Opening ceremony for their Baton Rouge office. You will recognize most of the group below. The white haired gentlemen, is a veteran, Mr. Bee. After retiring from the military, he had a tragedy in life, as both his wife & daughter died in an automobile accident. He spoke about the help he received from his veteran friends & organizations in overcoming this tragedy.

The gentlemen between Congressmen Graves & Fleming (right side of photo), is Jason Beardsley, Special Operations Advisor for CVA. He has a combined 22 years of experience in the Army and Navy. He has been awarded two Bronze Stars. Served the US in the most dangerous, covert missions and is an expert on intelligence, counterterrorism, etc. It was a privilege to hear him speak and visit with him after the speeches. He resides in Seattle, WA.

Bottom Center of photo is Holley Tally, Louisiana CVA director, Pat Soulier, ARW 2nd VP, and Dianne Abraham, LFRW member and wife of US Congressman Ralph Abraham (Louisiana 5th District).

Thumbs up to all in this photo who served our country, and continues to serve as activist for our Veterans. Submitted by: Pat Soulier, ARW 2ND VP, and Membership Chairman

ARW MEMBERSHIP 2016 IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR YEAR 2016 !



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Chairman of
Calling
Committee
2016
**RSVP TO MAY
WHEN SHE
CALLS YOU BY
PHONE**



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GET TO KNOW THESE TWO ARW WOMEN! THEY ARE YOUR CONNECTION TO ARW AND ITS MEMBERS AND TWO FEDERATIONS (LFRW & NFRW) THAT MEMBERS ALSO BELONG TO:

INVOICE

2016 ARW MEMBERSHIP

**RENEW OR JOIN
ARW OFFICERS CANNOT RUN
THIS CLUB ALONE...
ARW
NEEDS YOU!**

PRINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Your email address is very important as this is the easiest way to communicate with you.

*****IF YOU ARE RENEWING THIS IS ALL YOU NEED TO TURN IN TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.**

It is time to renew *for 2016 membership* in Acadiana Republican Women. As we approach the Federal Elections in 2016, it is very important for Republican Women to continue to belong to STATE AND NATIONAL Federation OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN !

\$35 MEMBER Dues will start January 1, 2016. ASSOCIATES DUES: \$20.00

Please consider renewing at the FEBRUARY 16TH Luncheon.

Pat Soulier ARW Membership CHAIRMAN 131 Digby Dr Lafayette, La 70508

ARW EMAIL LIST was PURGED FEBRUARY 29TH ... **RENEW NOW.**
MEMBERSHIP IS NOW AT 73 Associates 10

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR March 2016 Legislative Chairman: Patti Carter

LOCAL

Local, state, and national consulting engineers are sharing more than \$21 million dollars for the planning and design work on the *I-49 Lafayette connector project*. Three firms are receiving more than \$14 million of the total budgeted for this design phase. These firms are: Stantec Consulting Services Inc. \$6.2 million, GEC Inc. \$2.27 million & AECOM USA Inc. \$5.6 million.

The one-cent sales tax increase in Lafayette that was in effect from April to November of 2015 generated approximately \$32.6 million dollars. These funds are to be used to build a new Lafayette airport terminal and additional parking. Before any construction can begin, matching funds from the state and federal government in the amount of \$60 million must be acquired. As of this time, neither the State of Louisiana, nor the Federal government has made any monetary commitment towards the \$90 million terminal.

The Lafayette Parish School System will have a deficit of 15 to 22 million dollars next year. Student/teacher ratios have not been set for the 2016-17 school year as yet. School zone attendance changes will probably occur in 2017. Demographer Mike Hefner has been hired for the task of researching these modifications.

STATE: A state senator from Baton Rouge has proposed a bill that would nearly triple the fines for ticketed first offenders caught texting and driving. The fine would jump from \$175 to \$500 dollars. If caught after that, the fine would be \$1000 dollars.

State Senator Beth Mizell, R-Franklinton, has filed a bill for the upcoming "regular" legislative session that would restrict the removal of war memorials through the creation of a "Louisiana Heritage Protection Commission."

President Obama has made the first \$500 million payment for the "Paris Climate Change Agreement" that he pledged to the United Nations when he traveled to France in late 2015. President Obama agreed to pay a total of \$3 billion dollars of our taxpayer money to help poor countries fight climate change, despite Congressional opposition. The \$500 million first installment was made to the "Green Climate Fund."

The "1st" Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature will be over on Wednesday March 9th at 6pm. The regular session will begin on March 14th, 2016. During the regular session, there are state constitutional limits on the raising of taxes, so that is why the Governor called a special session.

FEDERAL -The Republican National Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio July 18-21st.

The Obama Administration is proposing to help Alaska deal with rising sea issues by taking money away from Gulf Coast States. The White House wants to repeal a 2006 provision that establishes a formula for sharing revenues from offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Right now the drilling revenue is split among the four Gulf States but President Obama wants to give part of this money to Alaska. The House of Representatives "Foreign Affairs" Committee Chairman, Ed Royce (R-Ca), has introduced legislation that prohibits President Obama from returning the Guantanamo Bay Naval Air Station and prison back to Cuba without Congressional approval.

The United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has proposed to crackdown on restaurants that "masquerade" as grocery stores. These restaurants are accepting money for dine-in meals with families' Supplemental Assistance Program or (SNAP) benefits. The SNAP program money is supposed to be used to purchase healthy food at grocery stores for cooking at-home meals.

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MARCH 2016 IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH



March is



Laura and Barbara Bush, just two, of the many women, who have helped Education and Literacy....

Women’s History Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and the planet have proved invaluable to society.

About Women’s History Month

Women’s History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.”

From the Law Library of Congress' guide to the legislative history of Women's History Month.

Executive and Legislative Documents

The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the **Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations and congressional resolutions** related to Women’s History Month. **Women’s History Month Home** <http://womenshistorymonth.gov/index.html>

GO TAKE A LOOK AND MARVEL AT ALL WOMEN HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.....IT’S A GOOD THING!

Members and Associates: Regarding Speakers

Besides politicians-----those Seeking election —I am scheduling speakers from various organizations which the Executive Committee feel will be of interest to you. In the interest of time and fairness there will be one question per member. It will be a single question with no a, b, c parts. Each questioner wants his/her turn. Guest speakers are brought to inform/educate the membership. ARW is not here as a platform for personal, political views; please stick to the issues!

I believe we all want to “win friends and influence enemies”. The way an organization treats a speaker is important; believe me, WORD DOES GET AROUND. Please speak to our speakers as you want them to speak to you. Courtesy, decorum and respect are the words of the day.

Gail Dysart, Program Chairman

2 ARW SPEAKERS FOR MARCH 15, 2016

Marilyn Castle candidate for District 3 Supreme Court Justice

Brett Geymann Announces his Candidacy for the Louisiana Third District Congressional Seat



Brett Geymann, a strong conservative voice in Louisiana politics, small-business owner, and former state representative, declared his candidacy for Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District today, announced the Geymann campaign.

"I have been honored to represent the citizens of my district in Baton Rouge these past twelve years and am proud of the work that we did there in protecting conservative values," said Geymann. "America is at a crossroads, and I believe that we need strong, principled leadership in Washington DC now more than ever to make sure that we choose the right direction. I look forward to bringing Louisiana values to the United States Congress."

As a state representative, Brett led the fight to remove Common Core from our schools in order to secure the constitutional right of local control over our children's education. Eager to protect the hard-working Louisiana taxpayers' money, Brett championed the Coalition on Budget Reform and authored the "Geymann Rule,"— a signature bill that strongly limits the legislature's ability to use one-time money on recurring expenses. Brett fought against the flow of our tax dollars to the Saints franchise, voted against raising the expenditure limit, and authored immigration reform in 2008, long before this issue surfaced in the national spotlight.

Brett Geymann proudly supports the 2nd Amendment and all efforts to protect the sanctity of life. He has earned an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association and a 100% approval rating from both Americans for Prosperity and Louisiana Right to Life. In addition to his outstanding conservative record, Brett Geymann is considered a maverick, even within his own party. There is a fundamental independence about him that has both excited and exasperated his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Brett Geymann has the character of a true leader, willing to stand for right even when standing alone. Geymann believes, as our founding fathers did, that one must put down the plow and serve, then return home. As a proponent of term limits, he will do the same.

“Having the opportunity to represent the people and communities across this district in Congress will be the honor of my life. I am a small business owner and a family man,” shares Geymann. “Conservative family values are simply not a political platform; they are a way of life for me and for many others who share my love for God, for family, and for this great nation of ours.”

After graduating with honors from McNeese State University with a Bachelors Degree in Finance and Government, Brett went on to grow a small business, giving him keen insight and understanding of the challenges faced by those on the forefront of America’s working class. Brett and his wife Kim have been married for thirty years and have raised three wonderful children. His Christian faith is the cornerstone of his daily life and serves as the foundation in every decision that comes his way.

Strong and principled, Brett Geymann is ready to provide the kind of leadership so desperately needed in Washington. He is committed to serving the people of Louisiana’s 3rd Congressional District by representing their values in every vote, by protecting their unique cultural and economic climate, by restoring a limited and representative federal government, and by bringing honor and integrity back to the United States Congress.

To learn more about joining Brett in this grassroots movement to change the status quo in Washington, visit <https://geymannforcongress.com> today.

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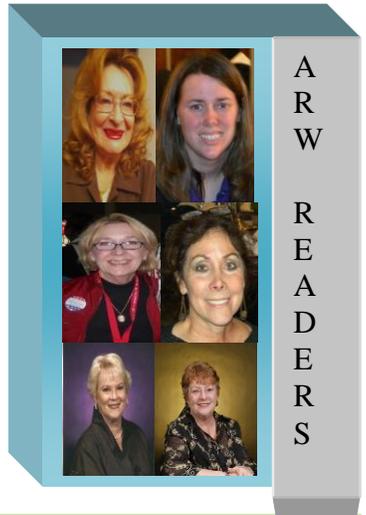
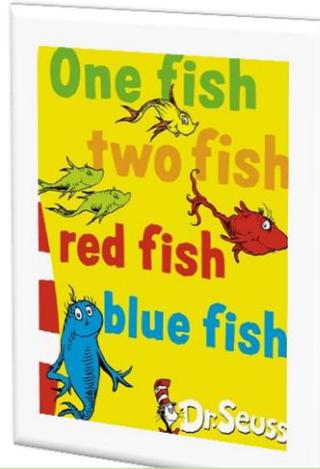
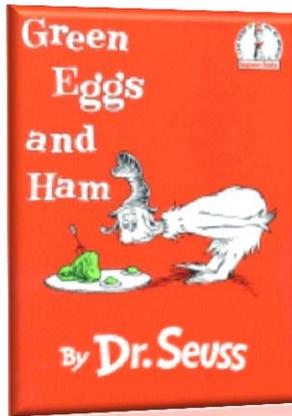
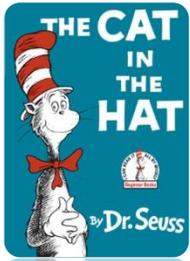
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The District Three **Supreme Court Justice**

elected by the voters of Lafayette, Acadia, Vermilion, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, St. Landry and Avoyelles.

- Her seventeen years on the bench say it all.
- Consistent record of following the law and respecting the Constitution.
- Decisions based upon the law and evidence, not personal relationships.
- Demonstrated work ethic- always prepared rules promptly.
- Protective of Public Safety and imposes sentences which incentivize rehabilitation
- Committed to her faith, family and community.



It was Dr. Seuss's Birthday at Carencro Heights School and Margaret Vidrine, Chairman of Education, and Literacy along with Librarian Ms. Bateman invited Readers from ARW, Carita Wilson, & Pat Soulier to read to the elementary classes books by Dr. Seuss.. Children had fun; as did the readers.



“Read Across America” at Katherine Drexel Elementary with ARW Members Helen Granger, Patti Carter, Whitney Carter, and Peggy Buckels; read to students and they were joined by other members of the local community; as well as parents and students from a local middle school. As in years past; this program was a lot of fun for the students and the readers alike. Wednesday March 2, 2016.

On Friday March 4, 2016 KDE concludes its weeklong “Read Across America” activities by judging the classroom door decorations; as well as judging floats made by students illustrating a favorite book. Helen Granger and Connie Boyer were judges representing ARW. The Grand Finale Event is led by none other than the “Cat in the Hat” our own Dee Nolan, who leads the Float Parade thru campus! Parents and community leaders are invited to the parade. The children look forward every year to Dee leading them...



Dee Nolan

Chair- Margaret Vidrine

Helen Granger-Vice Chair Education/Literacy



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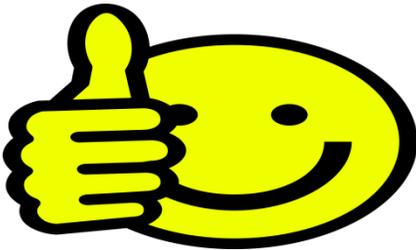
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*You may be new to Marsha Vining, but not for long. Her friends, family and clients have trusted her for years as a problem-solver, a hands-on volunteer and a sincere, thoughtful listener. It's not long before each new person she meets feels like they've trusted her for life. Although not native to South Louisiana, she has lived in Acadiana for over 20 years and has embraced the people, culture, and uniqueness of this area as her home. Outside of **real estate** you'll find Marsha volunteering with the Republican Women and through her church. She's is also an active supporter of Love, Inc. and other non-profit organizations in the area.*