



# Professional Republican Women of Caddo

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**PRWC News**

**Dottie Maziarz, Editor**

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Three newly elected conservative commissioners will speak on what has occurred since their election: What issues, how they viewed these, and how and why they voted. Come hear them!

## PARISH GOVERNMENT



John Atkins



Mario Chavez



Mike Middleton

### March Speakers:

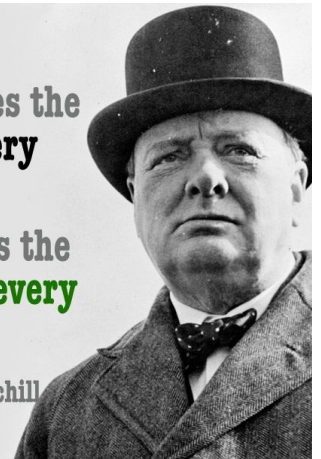
- Place:** Savoies, The Catering Place
- Date:** March 15, 2016
- Time:** 5:30 meet and greet; 6:00 dinner
- Cost:** \$12.00 for fried fish or Chef Salad on request with reservation.

Make reservation before Sunday, March 15th by E-Mail: [prwc1989@gmail.com](mailto:prwc1989@gmail.com)

Always free to listen.

**"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."**

~ Winston Churchill



**President's Message:** The message this month was going to be about caucuses and primaries, but the news Sunday about the death of Nancy Reagan altered that plan. Much has been written and said about her, often negative, but no one can deny Ronnie's (as she called him) great love and admiration for her and his dependence on her. "...And then along came Nancy" said Reagan. She wrote "My life didn't really begin until I met Ronnie." I am not sure there would have been a President Reagan without her at his side. All the stories on Sunday recalling her life and the Reagan Presidency made me nostalgic for those long ago days when there was "Morning in America." The current state of affairs in the Republican Party is of great concern to me and many of you. Can civility and cooperation return to this party? Can we focus on the most important goal of defeating the democrats? God help us if we do not. God bless Nancy and Ronald Reagan and all of us who cherish their legacy.

*Susan Taylor, President*

# Naturalization Ceremony



New citizen, Dr. Alan Aprem Georges, was chosen at random, and was presented with a flag from Congressman John Fleming's office by Associate PRWC Member, Jim Maziarz.



Thirty-one persons from 19 countries became new citizens on February 10th. PRWC members who attended and provided a reception for the new citizens were: Pam Gutekunst, Susan Taylor, Cara Smith, Dottie Maziarz, and Debbie Hopkins, (Chair of the Naturalization Committee).

## March 1st Was A Successful Caucus

Jim Allen organized a well run caucus which had a large turnout. Thanks go to PRWC members who helped: Susan Taylor, Martha Allen, Dolores Westbrook, Dottie and Jim Maziarz, Harold Coates Linda Brooks, Amanda Downing, Lucille Williams, and Glenda Stark.

Also **Congratulations to Jim and Louis Avallone.**



Jim will go back to the SCC with a 68% vote and Louis won re-election to the PEC with a 65% vote.

And a special congrats to PRWC member, Diane Long for winning a delegate seat with Donald Trump!!

# Getting to Know You Board Member Highlight

## Helen Gray: Treasurer and Chair of the Armed Forces Committee



Helen previously served as Treasurer in 2005 & 2006. In 2015, she was Community Service Chair, preparing and delivering magazines to the VA Hospital. She continues that service as chair of Armed Services. Before PRWC existed, she served the WRC as Secretary, Membership Chair and President. During George's military career, Helen was able to visit many foreign countries. After George's military retirement, Helen worked with him in construction & rental businesses.



**We appreciate you, Helen, for continuing to lend your time & talents to the PRWC.**

## Cara Smith, Corresponding Secretary

This is Cara's second time to serve on the Board as Corresponding Secretary. She previously held that office in 2007 and 2008. Cara started her career as an Elementary School teacher. She later retired as a Licensed Social Worker and Adjunct Instructor for the Department of Psychiatry at LSU Medical Center. She is past President of two Professional Organizations and was honored by the Northwest LA Association of Social Workers with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Thank you, Cara, for bringing your Southern Charm and experience back to our club and the PRWC Board.**

**By-Law Change: ARTICLE V, Section 2** presently reads:

‘Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the Third Tuesday of each month.’

Recommended Change:

“Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the Third Tuesday of each month except July. Exceptions will be approved by the Board of Directors.”

**Rationale:** This reduces our meetings to 11 each year which gives a Vacation Month for members and the board.

We will review this By-Law Change at our March meeting and will vote on it at our April Meeting.



# April Birthdays

Charlotte Simons	4/10
Janet Taliaferro	4/12
Kay Allen	4/26
Betty Bryson Green	4/30



## Monthly PRWC Projects

### Literacy: School Project

Don't forget to clip out **Box Tops for Education**. We will take them to Arthur Circle Elementary. We are also collecting **Education Labels** from Campbell Soup cans that we donate to AC Steere Elementary School.

### Armed Service Committee:

Thank you for bringing magazines for the patients and their guests at the VA Hospital. We appreciate you donating only magazines that are **no older than 3 months**.

## Outreach Program:

Anita Braswell continues to reach out to our members and former members who are homebound.

Bob Burns @ Live Oak  
Cora Sue Blair at Promise

Call Anita for additional contact information: 746-3159  
Anita Braswell - Outreach Chair

## Literacy: Memorial Books Project

We continue to donate books to school and parish libraries in memory of former members. Gwen Bowles is in contact with the Caddo Parish Library and has been given the names of books they would like to have donated. She is also checking with the NFRW for the list of books that they recommend for library donations. And we are wanting to donate a book to LA TECH so Gwen is also working with them. We have gotten behind in our memorial donations and are thankful to Gwen for working on this project. **Thank you, Gwen!**



## Corresponding Secretary:

Frances Clark and Pam Gutekunst received cards for an illness.

If you are aware of a member who has been sick or has lost a loved one, please call:  
**Cara Smith: 861-4362**

## Home Again "Upscale Consignment"

**New 2nd location in B.C.**  
2907 E. Texas Street  
B.C.  
318.584.7121

## Home Again Donations

Thank you to members who are taking donations to **Home Again**. We are receiving checks as items sell and this is income for our **Community Service Projects**.

**Home Again** has opened a new 2nd location in Bossier City which may be more convenient to some members. When you take an item to the store, tell them to put it on the **PRWC account**. You can also bring items to meetings and we will take them to **Home Again** for you.

The Membership Book is in the process of being compiled. Remember the Women in Business page if you would like your business listed. If you know someone who wants to join encourage them to join now, as either a member or associate, so they can be in the Membership Book.

**From the Membership Chair:**

All memberships are from January through December. Do not forget to maintain your membership. You can renew for 2016 by sending a payment along with the following form to:

**PRWC**

**PO. Box 5781**

**Shreveport, LA 71135**

**Active Membership - \$30.00**

**Associate Membership - \$15.00**

**Even if you have already joined for 2016, Look at the membership form for areas of interest and get involved!**

See you this month!! -- **Pam Gutekunst**, Membership Chair

**PRWC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM & DIRECTORY INFORMATION FOR 2016**

Complete this form and bring it to a club meeting or mail it with your membership dues to PRWC, P.O. Box 5781, Shreveport, LA 71135.

Active (  )\$30                      Associate (  )\$15                      DOB (Month/Day)\_\_\_\_\_

(for directory use only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another Republican Women's Club?     yes     no

Would you like to be listed in the Membership Book as a Woman in Business? List Business Name/ Activity.

**Committees/Activities:** Check areas of interest. (A description of each area is on the next page)

Naturalization Ceremonies        Scrapbook        Fundraising   

Republican Office Worker        Membership        Reservations   

Outreach        Publicity/Photos        Newsletter   

Campaign Activities        Legislative Issues        Scholarship   

Literacy        Community Service        Armed Forces