



News Flash

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The LFRW 2016 Spring Board Meeting will be held in New Orleans this year! Region 1 clubs have the privilege of hosting and planning the entire event, which will be held at the beautiful Le Pavillon Hotel in the heart of the city, on May 20 through May 22, 2016. The theme, which received the most votes, was entered by The Metro Club. So, we are proud to say it is "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans".

The weekend will begin on Friday evening with a Welcome Reception with cocktails, hors-d'oeuvres and music by New Orleans' own, The Magazine Street Band. On Saturday, the meetings and workshops will begin at 9:00 AM. Lt. Governor of Louisiana, Billy Nungesser, will be the Keynote Speaker. The day will end with a special New Orleans-style dinner. Attorney General of Louisiana, Jeff Landry, will be the featured speaker. Finally, on Sunday morning, there will be a Prayer Breakfast, a short meeting and dismissal.

Everyone attending will receive "ditty bags" filled with New Orleans-themed goodies. There will be raffles, door prizes and a very special silent auction. Rooms are available for our out-of-town guests, but are limited and going fast. The cost for the entire weekend is only \$90.

The Metro Club is responsible for "Reservations", among other duties, for the event. It would make me so proud for The Metro Club to have the highest number of attendees!!!

LFRW will send out invitations soon, so please complete your reservation form and return it, along with your check, at your earliest convenience. Remember to SAVE-THE-DATE on your calendar, MAY 20-22, 2016, for the LFRW Spring Board Meeting.

See you there!!!

Constance Albert

METROPOLITAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

ESSAY ZONE



Learn

Research

Exceed your expectations

The judges are reading 50 essays from area high school students who are college bound. The essay topic is "Regarding the Bill of Rights, This One is My Favorite." The scholarship winner will receive a \$1,500 check for college expenses and will read their essay at our May 4 meeting at Chateau Country Club.

GUYS, GALS AND GUNS FUNDRAISER

With interest in concealed handgun permits at an all-time high, The Metro Club is sponsoring an event to educate the public on eligibility requirements, training requirements, gun safety, and resources available. For ticket information, contact Brenda at (504-430-4937) or via e-mail at metroclub@cox.net

Guys, Gals, and Guns

THE SECOND AMENDMENT: THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

Sponsored by
Metropolitan Republican Women
Reginelli's
Cartozzo's Bakery
American Legion - Post 397



SPEAKERS:
DAN PLUNKETT
2nd Amendment Rights
LEWIS M. FROST
Self Defense and
Self Protection
SHANNON DUCROS
Firearms and Child Safety

VENDORS

REFRESHMENTS:
Pasta Salad
Sandwiches
King Cake
Soft Drinks

ADMISSION: \$15
(under 12-years-old free)

DOOR PRIZES

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016
2:00 – 5:00 PM
American Legion - Post 397
1225 Hickory Avenue
Harahan, LA 70123

RAFFLE

Proceeds will be used for Metropolitan community service projects:

- S.T.A.I.R. literacy project
- Local high-school student scholarship program
- Support of the VOA Veterans Transition Home in New Orleans

NO OUTSIDE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION PERMITTED

REPUBLICAN MARCH CAUCUS

The Republican Caucus was held on March 1 in Kenner at the Crossroads. The purpose of the Caucus is to elect 3 District delegates and 3 District alternates for each of the presidential candidates. Metro Club 1st Vice President Linda Vinsanau and associate member Gisela Chevalier were elected as District alternates.

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The Louisiana Republican Presidential Preference Primary was held on March 5 at voting precincts throughout the state. With 14 candidates on the ballot, only two candidates received more than 20% of the votes: Donald Trump (41%) and Ted Cruz (38%). In The Metro Club's area we also elected Republican Parish Executive Committee (RPEC) members and Republican State Central Committee (RSCC) members. Metro Club member Marie Clesi was elected as RPEC member At-Large and RSCC member 10th SD, Division B; associate members Betty Bonura, Jon Gegenheimer, and John Treen were elected as RPEC members' At-Large; and, Tim Walker was elected as RPEC member District 2.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

The Republican State Convention was held on March 12 in Baton Rouge at the LABI office. In the morning, prior to the convention, the SCC held its quarterly meeting where 35 delegates to the state convention were elected. At 2 o'clock, the state convention convened. First order of business was to ratify the 18 District delegates based on the March 1 Caucus winners and the March 5 Presidential Preference primary election results.

District delegates were awarded proportionately for presidential candidates based on percentage of vote received per congressional district resulting in the following:

Cruz - 7 delegates; 7 alternates

Trump - 6 delegates; 6 alternates

Rubio - 5 delegates; 5 alternates

Louisiana's 25 At-Large delegates are awarded proportionately for presidential candidates with over 20% of the statewide votes resulting in the following:

Trump - 12 delegates; 12 alternates

Cruz - 11 delegates; 11 alternates

Ex. Committee-nominated (called Bonus At-Large) - 2 delegates; 2 alternates

The state convention delegates elected the 25 At-Large delegates and the 25 At-Large alternates. Metro Club 1st Vice President Linda Vinsanau was elected as an At-Large alternate and will be part of the state delegation going to the 41st Republican Party National Convention in Cleveland on July 18-21, 2016. Associate member Gisela Chevalier was also elected as a District Alternate.

Louisiana has a total of 46 delegates: 18 are District delegates, 25 are At-Large delegates, and 3 are automatic RNC delegates (state chair, state national committeeman, and state national committeewoman). Louisiana has 43 alternates: 18 are District alternates, 25 are At-Large alternates.

REMEMBERING FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN

The National Federation of Republican Women and The Metro Club fondly remember Nancy Reagan. As First Lady from 1981-1988, Mrs. Reagan was the embodiment of grace and style. Her devotion to her husband, her family and her country inspired our nation, and we are deeply saddened to learn of her passing.

"I know I speak for the entire Federation when I say that I have a heavy heart today," NFRW President Carrie Almond said upon learning of her death. "Alongside her unforgettable husband, this wonderful Republican lady served our country during a time when we needed strong leadership."

Mrs. Reagan valued and supported the NFRW and its mission. In turn, the NFRW supported Mrs. Reagan and her priorities, most notably her "Just Say No" campaign, which educated our nation's youth on the dangers of substance abuse. In 1985, the NFRW established the National Pathfinder Scholarship in recognition of the First Lady and her work. This scholarship is still going strong today and is a continuing tribute to Mrs. Reagan and the positive, lasting impact she made on our nation.



LITERACY PROJECT: START THE ADVENTURE IN READING

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday in March, Metro gave each of the children at our STAIR site a book by the beloved children's author. The children were delighted. Pictured below is Literacy Chairman and tutor Yvette Ragas presenting the Dr. Seuss books to the students.



For more information about the Start the Adventure in Reading program or if you would like to volunteer as a tutor or substitute tutor, please contact Linda Bergeron at (504) 888-1224.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: VETERANS TRANSITION HOME

At our March meeting, Metro members donated books, magazines, DVD movies and CD's for the veterans transition home's library. Community Service Committee Chairman Nancy Young delivered the items to the home after the meeting. Pictured on the left is Metro Club 2nd Vice President Linda Bergeron with Nancy and Evie Simmons, Executive Director at VOAGNO.



The Metro Club supports the Veterans Transition Home - a Volunteers of America program - on Napoleon Ave. in New Orleans. Veterans living at the home are taught life skills and interview skills until they are self-sustainable; then, they move to live independently in their own house or apartment.

Metro members hold "theme showers" at our meetings periodically throughout the year, supplying the home and the veterans with kitchen items, bed linens, bath towels and toiletries.

Volunteers of America has invited Metro club members to their Grand Opening of the Oscar J. Tolmas Veterans Services facility located at 3801 Pitt St. in New Orleans to be held Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 11:00 am to noon.

METROPOLITAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN APRIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

NETWORKING at 11:00 AM – Meeting/Lunch at Noon

SPEAKER: John Tobler
Consultant for Governmental Affairs
LOCATION: AUGIE'S RESTAURANT
6005 Jefferson Hwy.
Harahan, LA 70123
LUNCH: \$30.00

Entrée choice: Veal Parmesan, Catfish Pecan or Chicken w/Shrimp Sauce

RSVP to Linda Bergeron at yahoo.com or (504) 888-1224 by Friday, April 1st

Cancellations require 24-hour notice

Our speaker, John Tobler, was born in New Orleans and is a current resident of Jefferson Parish. He has had a lifelong interest in history, government and politics.



Following the 2005 hurricanes, he vowed to take a more active role in state and local politics and became the youngest President of the Elmwood Business Association which led to a five-year appointment to the Board of the Jefferson Economic Development and Port Commission (JEDCO). John currently serves as the Chief of Staff to Public Service Commissioner, Eric Skrmetta.

SAVE-THE-DATES: 2016 METRO MEETINGS

May 4	Chateau Country Club - <i>Scholarship Presentation</i>
August 3	Sheraton Galleria
September 7	Messina's Restaurant
October 5	Southern Yacht Club
November 2	Andrea's Restaurant
December 7	Chateau Country Club

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 | Campaign Activities |
| <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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE | \$30 | Active Members are <u>Full Members of METRO</u> with voting privileges. Dues are paid to LFRW and NFRW on their behalf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE | \$20 | Associate members are non-voting members; this is offered to <u>Members of another LFRW Club</u> and to <u>Republican Men</u> . |

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Signature: _____ Date: _____