

# BAYOU LACOMBE REPUBLICAN WOMEN



MAY 2017

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

HELLO TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS.  
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION MEETING IN APRIL.

OUR MEMBERS VOTED THIS YEAR TO PRESENT \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWO YOUNG LADIES.

WE RECOGNIZED THEM AND THEIR PARENTS ON APRIL 25, 2017.

WE CHOSE MADISON COOPER OF LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL AND MARY KATE MISTRETTA OF ST. SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY TO RECEIVE THE FRANCES S. NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIPS. MADISON'S PARENTS AND HER GRANDMOTHER, PATTY COOPER, AND MARY KATE'S PARENTS AS WELL AS HER SCHOOL COUNSELOR ATTENDED OUR MEETING. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE LINDA BEGUE, MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S PRESIDENT, PRESENT THE AWARDS TO THE RECIPIENTS. WE EXPECT TO HEAR GREAT THINGS ABOUT THESE YOUNG LADIES IN THE FUTURE.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, MARSHA HALL, BAKEY HOOVER, AND LAURA LEONARD FOR PROVIDING A LOVELY RECEPTION.

PLEASE JOIN US ON TUESDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AS OUR SPEAKER WILL BE ST. TAMMANY CLERK OF COURT, MELISSA HENRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup>!

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**Next Meeting: MAY 23, 2017,**

**1:00 PM.** THE VFW DAVIS MORAN POST  
8290, 28000 MAIN STREET, LACOMBE.

**Hostesses:** Ann Gniady and Dale Neale

**Speaker:** St Tammany Clerk of Court  
Melissa Henry.

**Future Meetings:** We will not meet in June and July. August 22, September 26, October 17(a week early due to the Women's Health Alliance Luncheon on October 24), November 14(Two weeks early due to Thanksgiving and early December Luncheon), December-TBA.

The BLRW donated two books to the Lacombe Library as part of the Mamie Eisenhower Literary Project. Book names are below.

**Invite friends and neighbors to our next meeting!**

Please continue reading for more important Club and Election Information.

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The Frances S. Newman Scholarship was presented at our April Meeting. Our two recipients were Madison Cooper from Lakeshore High School and Mary Kate Mistretta from St. Scholastica Academy. Pictures above are the Scholarship winners with the Scholarship Committee (Bakey Hoover, Laura Leonard and Marsha Hall), Presenter Linda Begue and President Madelon Nohra, and our recipients with the Congratulatory cake. Our club also presented two books to the Lacombe Library as part of the Maimie Eisenhower Literary Project. Librarians Rhonda Spies and Shelby Schultheis accepted the donation from Dale Neale.

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### CLUB and FEDERATION INFORMATION:

Now is the time to renew your membership and an application is attached for you. Treasurer Donna Vallette asks that you send in your application with your updated information along with your check. Thanks!

In May, the club donated two books to the Lacombe Library as part of MELP. The two books were “Three Days in January” by Brett Baier and “Striker Jones, Elementary Economics For Elementary Detectives” by Maggie M. Larche.

State Representative Paul Hollis has again extended an invitation for members of our club to visit the Louisiana State Capital during the current Legislative session. The date of the visit is tentatively set for Thursday, **June 1st**. This would be an all day adventure. Tentative schedule would be observing committee meetings and possibly touring the capital in the morning, lunch with Representative Hollis, and observing the full House or Senate Session in the afternoon. Please contact Dale if you are interested in attending. Her number is 985-707-3885. Email is [dnealekfsd@aol.com](mailto:dnealekfsd@aol.com).

Representative Paul Hollis has also offered to give members of our club a tour of the new Northshore Technical Community College STEM campus. It is just off Hwy 434 north of the interstate. Dale Neale will be arranging a tour of the campus with Representative Hollis after the legislative session ends on June 8. Further information will be sent out as to date and time.

### POLITIACAL INFORMATION:

The 2017 Regular Legislative Session convened at noon on Monday, April 10, 2017. Final Adjournment is no later than 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

This is a Fiscal Session, which is held in the odd numbered years. According to the rules, no matters shall be introduced or considered unless they relate to fiscal (money) matters or local and special laws. Each member of the Senate and House

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can pre-file up to 5 bills whose subject matter is outside the subject matter restrictions of the fiscal session. If there is a particular bill or general matter that concerns you, please let your legislators know!

## LFRW OUTREACH TO COLLEGE STUDENTS AND TEENAGE REPUBLICANS COMMITTEE

The work of this Committee includes:

- \* to support young conservatives on Louisiana college campuses
- \* to make LFRW known to college students
- \* to work with them to spread the Republican message and to enlist their help during elections

The Committee is charged with contacting the officers of the College Republicans on campuses around the state, distributing the names of these leaders to clubs nearby to their campuses so that LFRW clubs can aid them when needed. The Committee will also publicize any event that the College Republicans are sponsoring, so that our members can assist them whenever needed.

The Committee also encourages LFRW members to attend workshops or meetings of Republican college groups and seeks their help at LFRW meetings and projects. The Committee should also encourage them to apply for scholarships, workshops or internships offered by conservative organizations, LFRW, NFRW, Congressional offices, or the RNC.

The purpose of the Teenage Republicans Committee is to assist existing Teenage Republican clubs and/or provide resources and advice on starting a new club. While there is no state federation in Louisiana, the committee facilitates a statewide event for all of the state clubs. The Committee publicizes any event that the Teenage Republicans are sponsoring and encourages LFRW members to assist them whenever needed. The Committee also encourages LFRW members to seek the assistance and participation of Teenage Republicans in LFRW meetings, events, and projects.

The Chair of the Teenage Republicans Committee for 2015-2017 is Linda Vinsanau, 504-909-9927, from Metropolitan Republican Women. <http://www.teenagerepublicans.org>

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*“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.” Ronald Reagan*