



# News Flash

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The morning of September 11, 2001 began with a beautiful sunrise over Lower Manhattan, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and a quiet field in Shanksville, PA. By the time the sun set that day, we were a nation in shock and in mourning.

In a few days, we will remember that somber day. We must never forget the 3,000 innocent victims who died that day just because they went to work or boarded an air-plane; nor forget the firefighters and rescue workers who entered the buildings not knowing if they would be able to exit alive; nor forget the victims' families who will have to live with the loss of their loved ones for the rest of their lives.

This will be the 17th anniversary of the attacks of 9/11. In lower Manhattan, the Freedom Tower (One World Trade Center) rises 1,776 feet upward to the sky with an observatory for panoramic views of the city. The 9/11 Memorial has two waterfalls and reflecting pools designed to convey a spirit of hope and renewal. Inside the Memorial is the 9/11 Museum which houses images, artifacts, and oral histories of the victims. These memorialize all those who died that day.

The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial is dedicated to the tragic events that occurred on that day. A black granite stone at Memorial Gateway is inscribed with these words: *"We claim this ground in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001, to honor the 184 people whose lives were lost, their families, and all who sacrifice that we may live in freedom. We will never forget."* The Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania will dedicate the Tower of Voices, a ninety-three-foot tall musical wind instrument, this year – providing serenity and nobility to this field of honor. These sites have become testimonials not only for the victims, but also for the courage, strength and resolve that is America!

We are so thankful that we now have a President who understands his #one responsibility is keeping Americans and America SAFE! President Trump respects our military and supports a strong policy for National Defense. He will ensure that America will be safe and strong again! Each September 11<sup>th</sup> is a date we remember that sad day and those we lost; and, we also extend our thanks to our active duty military who continue to risk their lives every day to protect our freedom and to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

*Linda Vinsanau*

*With thanks to Roseann Slonsky-Breault*

## METRO CLUB'S AUGUST MEETING

Metropolitan Republican Women held their August meeting at Ormond Plantation in Destrehan on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The guest speaker was Cynthia Lee-Sheng, Jefferson Parish Chairwoman-at-Large, Division B. Ms. Sheng discussed the state of hurricane preparedness for Jefferson Parish. She explained that the current system is designed to handle a ten-year rain event. She stressed that every family should have a disaster plan in case of a major hurricane. She also discussed important emergency items to be readily available in the home. She addressed questions from the audience regarding hurricane evacuation and drainage/flooding concerns.



Guest speaker Jefferson Parish Councilwoman-at-Large Cynthia Lee-Sheng; Metro 1<sup>st</sup> VP Linda Camnetar; Metro President Linda Vinsanau; and, Jefferson Parish Councilwoman Jennifer Van Vrancken

### October Election Candidates

Several guests who attended the meeting are candidates running in the upcoming October election for Judgeships and Jefferson Parish School Board also spoke briefly.



Amanda Calogero  
Candidate for Judge  
Juvenile Court Section B



Jennifer Womble  
Candidate for Judge  
Juvenile Court Division B



Justice Greg Guidry,  
Re-election to LA Supreme  
Court District 1



Colleen Winkler  
Jefferson Parish School Board  
District 9



Chad Nugent  
Jefferson Parish School Board  
District 9

## SPECIAL GUESTS AND MEMBERS



LFRW President Gina Gore; Metro member Pam Clower; and, President Linda Vinsanau at the August meeting



## **METRO CLUB COMMITTEES**

### Community Service

Ann Malbrough, Metro Community Service Committee Chairman, and fellow committee member Kim Perez are continuing to supply needed items throughout the year to the Veterans Transition Home as part of our "Caring for America" program. Toiletries as well as bedding, throws, and especially kitchen items are always welcomed by residents. Ann will be delivering items to the veterans within the next 2-3 weeks. The veterans are always very appreciative of our visits. Please consider volunteering on this committee with Ann and Kim. If you have items for the Transition Home, contact Ann at (504) 450-1424 (cell).

### STAIR – "Start the Adventure in Reading"

Metro Literacy Committee Chairman Linda Bergeron asked Metro members to support our STAIR site by contributing to the literacy program during the month of September as it is "Literacy Month". Linda asked members to please bring a book or books about the Berenstain Bears to the September meeting. Children love this series of books and each book teaches a lesson. The Berenstain books, written by Stan and Jan Berenstain, cost \$5-\$7 and can be purchased at Barnes and Nobles or on-line. Members can also donate cash in lieu of purchasing the books.

Many thanks to all the Metro members who contributed toward the STAIR program at the last meeting. Metro raised \$110.00, all of which goes toward purchasing books for our STAIR children to start their own personal libraries at home. We would like to add a couple more tutors to our program this year. If anyone is interested in more information about STAIR, contact Linda Bergeron at lindabergeron@yahoo.com.

## **METRO CLUB SEPTEMBER MEETING**

The September meeting of The Metropolitan Republican Women was cancelled due to weather concerns of Tropical Storm Gordon. The next meeting will be held at Andy's Bistro, 3322 N Turnbull Dr, Metairie, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The guest speaker will be Eric Golub, a nationally known comedian and author who has spoken in all 50 states. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you...and perhaps they will become a Metro member.

## **NOTE-WORTHY EVENTS**

River Region RW had their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Chef Cook-Off on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018** at Jefferson Orleans South. It was a fun event as always.

NFRW Region 6 (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) will hold a region meeting on **Thursday, January 17, 2019** the day before the Southern Republican Leadership Conference begins in Kenner. NFRW President Jody Ruston and our Regional Director, NFRW 4th Vice President Ann Schockett from New York, will host the meeting. Mark your calendars now!

The 2019 Southern Republican Leadership Conference (SRLC) will be held at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner on **Friday & Saturday January 18-19, 2019**. President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, the Trump Family, Secretary Rick Perry, Sean Hannity, Sen. Ted Cruz, Amb. John Bolton, Dana Loesch, Wayne LaPierre, Mark Levin, Eric Bolling, Laura Ingraham, Rush Limbaugh, & many more national figures.

## **2018 PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

Election day is November 6. Early voting begins October 23 and ends October 30. If you will be out of town on election day didn't vote early, mail-in ballots are available from the registrar's office through Nov. 2 and must be received by the registrar's office on or before November 5.

## **NFRW ENDORSEMENT POLICY**

The NFRW has established a policy for endorsements during election cycles. It is recognized that members of our organization are politically active and should be engaged in the support of Republican candidates. It is further recognized that building quality relationships with our elected officials are critical to our mission. The NFRW has adopted a policy to specifically address endorsements of candidates.

- The president and campaign activities chair of NFRW, any state federation or local club shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in any primary, runoff, special or non-partisan race where two or more known Republicans are in the race. No endorsement or evidence of support by any member shall be issued using the NFRW affiliation, logo, or stationery without the approval of NFRW.
- An officer of the organization who is a candidate or whose spouse or family member is a candidate shall be exempt from this rule, however, they may not do so in the name of the organization or by utilizing the logo or stationery of the NFRW, the state federation, or the local club.
- NFRW Bylaws provide for removal of membership for any member, state federation, or local club that advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate who is running on an opposition ticket.

The above is the minimum endorsement policy required by NFRW. State federations and clubs may, in their bylaws, adopt stricter endorsement limitations.

## **NFRW FALL BOARD MEETING**

The NFRW 2018 Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Westin in Old Town on September 13-14-15. After Friday's meeting, NFRW will have an Open House at NFRW headquarters. Later, attendees may enjoy dinner at any one of the many wonderful restaurants in Old Town Alexandria, Va. Following the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, the Regents Event will be an Afternoon Tea at Trump International Hotel. For more info, contact Linda Vinsanau at (504) 909-9927.

## **LFRW FALL BOARD MEETING**

The LFRW 2018 Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center in Kenner on October 12-13 and hosted by the Region 1 clubs. Check with the Hilton Garden Inn for room information at (504) 712-0504.

NFRW President Jody Ruston will attend. We have a Data Training Workshop scheduled for Saturday and a wonderful Reception on Saturday night. The business meeting on Sunday includes the election of our Nominating Committee for our 2020-2021 officers. More details to come.



Metro has volunteered to provide the welcome bags for the event. If you have access to items for the bags, contact Linda Bergeron. Metro will be available for other volunteer tasks. Gena Gore will give an update on the upcoming 2019 Southern Republican Leadership Conference (SRLC). Region 1 club members will participate in planning and event tasks for the SRLC event.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Reminder that outstanding Membership dues are due now. Please note that the 2018 METRO membership dues for "Active members" who are full members with voting privileges is \$30.00 (\$18 if you join in September, October, or November). The membership fee for "Associate members" who are members of another LFRW club or Republican men is \$20.00. A membership application is attached to this newsletter.

# METROPOLITAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Member of Louisiana Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2018

**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 ___ <b>Applicant must be a Registered Republican.</b>		
Are you a <b>Full Member</b> of another Republican Women's Club? Yes ___ No ___ Club _____		

### COMMITTEES OR INTERESTS

*(Please check all that apply)*

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| <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                   | <b>Campaign Activities</b>  |
| <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)*

- ACTIVE \$30** **Active Members** are full members of Metro Club with voting privileges. Dues include membership in Metro Club, LFRW, and NFRW.
- ASSOCIATE \$20** **Associate members** are members of another LFRW Club or Republican men; no voting privileges.

**Mail to:**

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Kenner, Louisiana 70065 504-888-1224

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_