



# The Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of the Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club

Mickey Jackson, President

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You are cordially invited for lunch  
at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clemens Soeller  
1510 South Grand Street in Monroe, Louisiana  
at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.  
*Please bring one can or boxed food item as a gift of charity.*

*We need to know if you will attend by December 12.*

*(Please call Beth Correro 396-4914 or Lori Moorhead 953-0000)*

## During the Month of November . . .



**Kay Kellogg Katz** trained Poll Watchers who volunteered on Election Day. Pictured during the orientation conducted for OPWRC members are *Gayle Baldree, Penni Aulds, and Jan McDonald*. Other members, associates, and volunteers who were certified as poll watchers included: *Lois Hoover, Cecilia Francescon, Beth Correro, Jane and John Ellett, Kandy Soeller, Walter and Verda Gates, Alexander Lee, Mickey and Dickie Jackson, Pam Martin, Junnie Gage, Ann Sumlin, JoAnn Womack, Helen Holmes, Edward and Patricia Valentine, Julia Wilhite, Elizabeth and Don Yielding, LaNell Armstrong, and Barbara Bruscato, and Nancy Shlosman, and Beverly Fraser*. Although a few of our certified volunteers did not participate for various reasons, their willingness to engage in the election process is to be commended.



Our regular meeting was held on November 5 with Captain Jerome Casey of the Salvation Army as one of two guest speakers. Members generously filled a table with donations for the homeless shelter which Casey renovated and opened in Monroe. He shared his concerns for those in homeless conditions during this time of the year. Our members will continue to support the mission of the Salvation Army. (Pictured at the podium is Captain Casey.) Kathy Ray and Rep. Frank Hoffmann will collect and deliver items for the shelter. The facilities now include 50 beds.

**Rick Edmonds**, candidate for Secretary of State, was also a guest speaker in November. He and his wife visited with members and guests of OPWRC before and after the meeting. Edmonds currently serves as a state representative from the Baton Rouge area. (From left to right: Representative Jay Morris, Vice-President Misti Cordell, Representative Rick Edmonds).



**Helen and Ted Holmes** presented a *Basket of Books* and other reading materials for the residents at the Northeast Louisiana War Veterans Home on Highway 165 in Monroe. The occasion was the observance of Veterans' Day with a party hosted by local Fort Miro Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Kay Kellogg Katz** thanked our veterans for their service and sacrifice made on our behalf to ensure freedom and to secure our homeland. President of OPWRC, Mickey Jackson, also attended the Veterans' Day event. The DAR members provided a lovely assortment of desserts along with coffee and punch. The veterans expressed their appreciation for such an event held in their honor. The Basket of Books is part of an on-going Literacy Project sponsored by the Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club. If you would like to donate books or magazines for our veterans' library at the NELA War Veterans' Home – please bring them to the December meeting.

. . . *Republicans worked !*

- to preserve conservative values in government.*
- to protect the liberty and freedom of legal citizens.*
- to foster self-reliance rather than socialism, and*
- to keep our homeland safe from all enemies.*



Endorsement of Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin by LAGOP

PRESS RELEASE: November 13, 2018

Today, Louisiana Republican officials across the state joined together to express support for **Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin** in his runoff election scheduled for December 8, 2018. Members of the executive branch of Louisiana, and the Republican members of the Congressional delegation, announced their endorsements of Secretary Ardoin for the December 8 runoff.

"It is vital that we keep a conservative Republican as our Louisiana Secretary of State. We cannot afford a liberal progressive in that office who would weaken our voter ID laws and undermine the integrity of our elections," Republican Party of Louisiana CHAIRMAN LOUIS GURVICH said. "It's critical that all Louisiana Republicans show up to support and vote for Secretary of State Ardoin on December 8. No one should take this election for granted!"

"Look at what's happening in Florida and Georgia, where the incompetence of local election officials is casting serious doubt on the results of the elections in those states. This cannot be allowed to happen in Louisiana. I will continue to ensure the security of our elections, and fight the radicals who wish to change our election laws," declared Secretary of State Ardoin.

Secretary Ardoin placed first in the November 6 primary. Early voting for the runoff election takes place November 24–December 1, and Election Day is Saturday, December 8.

The list of Republican officials who have endorsed Secretary Ardoin are as follows: Republican Party of Louisiana, Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D., Senator John Kennedy, Congressman Steve Scalise, Congressman Ralph Abraham, Congressman Clay Higgins, Congressman Mike Johnson, Attorney General Jeff Landry, Treasurer John Schroder, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain, and Commissioner of Insurance Jim Donelon.

**PLEASE VOTE! When Republicans fail to vote – Democrats win! GEAUX VOTE REPUBLICAN!**

Mark YOUR Calendar

Saturday, November 24 –  
December 1

*Dates for Early Voting*

Monday, December 3

Regular OPWRC meeting at WM  
Convention Center Buffet lunch  
opens at 11:30 am

Guest Speakers:

GOP Chairman Roger Villere (Retired)



Chancellor Dennis Epps of Louisiana  
Delta Community College



Saturday, December 8



Runoff Election for Secretary of  
State and other local races.

Wednesday, December 19

Christmas Luncheon at the Soeller  
House – 1510 South Grand Street  
in Monroe, LA (Please call to  
confirm that you will attend.)

# Election Results

We CAMPAIGNED for Republican candidates at the national, state, and local levels of government. Then we went to the polls and VOTED! Some of our candidates won and some of them lost – but, as Republicans, we supported conservative men and women who truly understand that government exists to serve its citizens.

We worked to elect public officials who are accountable for decisions they make while *serv*ing us. We worked to elect candidates who will protect the rights of all citizens, regardless of their social or economic status. We worked to remove self-serving politicians who abuse political power and thereby corrupt our government. We worked to engage more young Republicans in the 2018 election. **We worked to make America great!**

Voters returned *Congressman Ralph Abraham* to Washington with a huge victory over weak opposition. The country doctor captured the approval of a diverse constituency in the Fifth District which traverses Louisiana. The amiable and intelligent statesman has steadily forged legislative bills to support the needs of those he represents in Congress. Job well-done, Congressman Abraham!

Although they waged strong campaigns, *Vickie Dayton* (Monroe City School Board) and *District Judge Sharon Marchman* (candidate for Second Circuit Appellate Court), lost at the polls. We applaud their strengths and appreciate both women for the vital contributions they have made and will continue to offer our community. Both are stalwarts for community needs and social causes.

Newcomers to the political arena who won posts on the Ouachita Parish School Board are *Shere May*, who joined OPWRC earlier this year, and *Scotty Waggoner*, an Associate member. Congratulations to these fine Republicans with proven leadership experience. *Bill Willson* and *Jerry Hicks* were unopposed for their seats on city and parish school boards where each serves as President for their respective boards.

On the national level, Republicans failed to retain control of the House of Representatives. HOWEVER, the GOP gained seats in the Senate and will hold the reins of leadership on many critical committees. Even after their win, Democrats appear to be divided in their support for would-be Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. There is much uncertainty about their agenda for the next two years. They will likely wage policy wars as they try to move the nation toward socialism.

