



News Flash

February 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first of the eight objectives in the NFRW bylaws is to "increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good Government". As members of the National Federation of Republican Women, Metro Club members have done so since we were established in 2000. We logged and reported 6,681 volunteer campaign hours in 2016-2017.

Campaign opportunities in 2018 include March 24 Municipal Primary, April 18 Municipal General, Nov. 6 Open Primary/Congressional, and Dec. 8 Open General/Congressional elections; and, campaign opportunities in 2019 include March 30 Municipal Primary, May 4 Municipal General, Oct. 12 Gubernatorial Primary, and Nov. 16 Gubernatorial General elections.

Metro Club member Maria DeFrancesch is running for re-election as City of Kenner Councilman-at-Large Div. A. Early voting begins March 10th. Please take an active role in supporting your candidates and help **get out the vote**.

Linda Vinsanau

MARCH 2018 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

Online Registration Deadline	03/03/2018
Early Voting Begins	03/10/2018
Early Voting Ends	03/17/2018
Election Day	03/24/2018

METRO CLUB MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of Metropolitan Republican Women will be held at The Rose Garden in River Ridge on Wednesday, March 7th. La. State Treasurer John Schroder will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Registration and networking begins at 11:00 AM and the meeting and lunch will start at 12 noon. Menu choices include Creole Shrimp and Grits and Oven Roasted Pork Loin. For reservations, contact Linda Bergeron via email at lindabergeron@yahoo.com or phone at (504) 888-1224 by Sunday, March 4th.

METRO CLUB'S FEBRUARY MEETING

The Metropolitan Republican Women's Club held their February meeting at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie on Wednesday, February 7th. The program was a "Meet and Greet" with Republican candidates for Jefferson Parish Sheriff. Current Sheriff Joseph Lopinto and John Fortunato introduced themselves and spoke for 10 minutes each about their plans when elected. Questions and concerns from members were addressed by each of the candidates.



Sheriff Joe Lopinto



John Fortunato

GUEST SPEAKERS



Metro member Nan Cornfield, Rita Lopinto, Bonnie Boyer and Sheriff Joe Lopinto



Chris and John Fortunato, Christy Canella, and JP Councilwoman Dist. 5 Jennifer VanVrancken

MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING



Chef Andrea welcomed the Metro Club to his restaurant.
Left to right: Metro Corresponding Secretary Debbie Bush,
Chef Andrea, Pam Clower, and Metro 3rd VP Linda Daigle.



New member Ivone Thompson won the 50/50 raffle presented by Metro Treasurer Brenda Higgins.



Metro member Pam Schafer, guest from Crime Stoppers Darlene Cusanza, and Metro President Linda Vinsanau

WASHINGTON MARDI GRAS

Metro member Pam Cresson and her family attended the Washington Mardi Gras Ball in Washington, D.C. Pictured below on the left is her granddaughter Hayden. (Hayden was a princess.) The center photo is her son David, his wife Melissa, Hayden and Congressman Garret Graves (6th District). On the right is Congressman Steve Scalise and Pam at the Capital Grille in Washington DC.



METRO CLUB COMMITTEES

Community Service

Nancy Young was the recipient of the 2017 Member of the Year for her outstanding service as the Community Service "Caring for America" Chairman. She was the liaison between the Veterans Transition Home and the Metro Club coordinating the needs of the residents of the home and delivering items to the veterans. Congratulations Nancy!

Ann Malbrough is the 2018 Metro Community Service Committee Chairman. If anyone is interested in volunteering with Ann, please contact her at (504) 450-1424 or via email at ann.malbrough@yahoo.com.

Ann accepted donations from members and guests at the February meeting to fund the purchase of kitchen items for 2 veterans moving into their own apartments. At the March and April meetings, we will collect personal hygiene items (please make sure mouth wash is alcohol free) for the Veterans to the March and April meetings.

Kudos to our Community Service Committee for all they do for the veterans at the VOA Veterans Transition Home



Member of the Year, Nancy Young w/Metro President Linda Vinsanau

Literacy

The information about the 2018 Metro Club Scholarship Award was sent to the counselors at fifteen area high schools in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. The schools' deadline to submit the essays is March 12, 2018.

The student with the winning essay will be invited to The Metro Club's May Meeting to read the essay and be presented the \$1,500.00 scholarship to be used for college expenses. Kellie DiMarco with the Louisiana Department of Education will be at the May meeting to assist with the presentation of the scholarship.

Membership

Please note that the 2018 METRO dues are now due. "Active members" are full members with voting privileges; the membership fee is \$30.00. "Associate members" are members of another LFRW club or Republican men; the fee is \$20.00. A membership application is attached to this newsletter. If you would like to be included in the 2018 directory, send your application and check as soon as possible. The membership books will go to press shortly.



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___		Applicant must be a Registered Republican.
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 full members of Metro Club with voting privileges. Dues include membership in Metro Club, LFRW, and NFRW. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE | \$20 | Associate members are members of another LFRW Club or Republican men; no voting privileges. |

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Signature: _____ Date: _____