



News Flash

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 20, 2018 marked the end of President Trump's first year as President of the United States of America. The nomination - and confirmation - of originalist Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, 23 federal judges, 12 appellate judges, and 10 district court judges were the hallmark of his first year.

America's trust in Trump's business know-how and pro-business stance resulted in economic growth, lower unemployment, and record-setting stock market gains. His leadership in getting the tax reform bill passed has resulted in bonuses for some workers, pay increases for others, and will lower taxes for many more and is bringing manufacturing jobs back to the U.S.

Reversing and amending harmful Obama Executive Orders are among the 58 EOs Trump signed. And then there's the removal of ISIS from Iraq and Syria, pulling out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Paris Climate agreements, slowing the influx of illegal immigrants across our southern border, reducing business regulations, and repealing Net Neutrality rules.

These are all stellar accomplishments. Looking forward to his second year.

Linda Vinsanau

METRO CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of Metropolitan Republican Women will be held at Andrea's Restaurant on Wednesday, February 7th. Registration and networking begins at 11:00 AM; the meeting and lunch will start at 12 noon. Menu choices are *Fresh Catch of the Day* or *Eggplant Parmigiana with Fettuccine*. For reservations, contact Pam Clower via email at pamclower@gmail.com or phone at (504) 571-5070 by Friday, February 2nd.

The program features a "Meet and Greet" with Jefferson Parish Sheriff Republican candidates John Fortunato and Joe Lapinto. This primary election is scheduled for March 2018.

March 2018 Municipal Primary Election Schedule

In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	02/21/2018
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 JANUARY MEETING

Metropolitan Republican Women's club held their January meeting at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans on Wednesday, January 3rd. The guest speaker was Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser who spoke passionately about Louisiana tourism. He encouraged all Louisiana residents to become a Louisiana Ambassador to help show the world why they should visit the "Sportsman's Paradise". And, Lt. Governor Nungesser installed the 2018 Metro Club officers at the meeting.



Luncheon guest speaker
Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser.



Pictured above are Clem and Linda Vinsanau, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, & Jefferson Parish Sheriff Joe Lapinto.



Special guests attending the January meeting included incoming Metro Club President Linda Vinsanau, LFRW President Gena Gore, outgoing Metro Club President Constance Albert, St. Bernard Republican Women President Joan Garofalo, and Louisiana State Rep. District 103 Ray Garofalo.

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Pictured above (left to right) are Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser, Linda Vinsanau, Linda Camnetar, Linda Bergeron, Linda Daigle, Yvette Ragas, Debbie Bush, and Brenda Higgins.

Metro Club President Linda Vinsanau is an Associate member and former President of St. Bernard Republican Women. St. Bernard Republican Women President Joan Garofalo and her husband State Representative District 103 Ray Garofalo attended the installation.



HOLIDAY SOCIALS



Metro Club members Linda Bergeron, Pam Clower and Linda Vinsanau attended a Christmas Social in Destrehan sponsored by the Republican Women of St. Charles Parish.



Pictured left to right, are RWSCP 2018 President Katina Summers, Linda Vinsanau, "Santa", and RWSCP 2017 President and hostess Debbie Deal.



Eric and Debbie Skrmetta, Public Service Commissioner and Metro Club member, hosted a Twelfth Night party providing a festive event for so many Republicans to network. Pictured below are some of the Louisiana Federation Republican Women (LFRW) members in attendance.



Left to right:
Linda Vinsanau, Metro RW;
Pam Clower, Metro RW;
Joan Garofalo, Chalmette RW;
Debbie Deal, St. Charles RW;
Rita Bezou, Reg. 1 VP, River Region RW;
Joyce LaCour, Ascension RW;
Carol Ludwig, Chalmette RW;
Darla Terlecki, Ascension RW;
Linda Bergeron, Metro RW.

METRO COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: "CARING FOR AMERICA"

Ann Malbrough is the 2018 Chairman of the Metro Club Community Service Committee. She has planned a variety of activities to support the Veterans Transition Home and events to celebrate holidays such as Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, and Veterans Day. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Ann via email at ann.malbrough@yahoo.com or by phone at (504) 450-1424.

Members of Metro Club brought cookies to the Veterans Transition Home on Napoleon Ave. in New Orleans for the residents to enjoy during the Christmas holidays. The residents and staff were very appreciative for the sweets. Kudos to our Community Service Committee for all that they do.



Pictured left to right are Case Manager for HVRP Tanya Lafayette; Pam Clower; Assistant Director of the Veterans Home Chris Randall; and Linda Vinsanau.

LITERACY COMMITTEE

Metro Club members donated funds at the Christmas luncheon to purchase books for the students of the Start The Adventure in Reading (STAIR) literacy program. Metro Club Literacy Chairman Linda Bergeron thanked Metro Club members for their continuing support of our STAIR site at Grace Church in Metairie. Your donations made it possible to purchase books for the students to add to their own personal libraries to read now and enjoy for years to come.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Reminder that the 2018 Metro Club 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 membership fee is \$20.00. There is a 2018 membership application attached to this newsletter and we would like to have all applications returned by our February meeting. If you cannot attend the February meeting, please send your check and application via mail as soon as possible. The 2018 membership books will go to press soon.

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 ___ <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 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. |

Mail to:

Linda Bergeron, Membership Chairman
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Kenner, Louisiana 70065
504-888-1224

Signature: _____ Date: _____