



# News Flash

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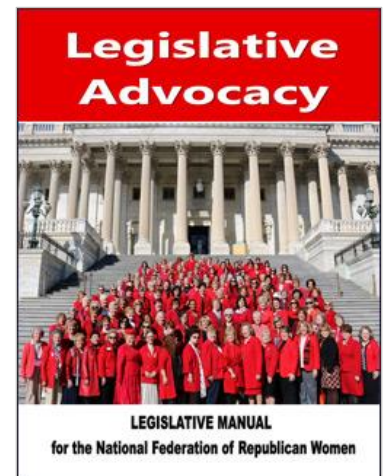
## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The March 24<sup>th</sup> election is behind us with a couple of metropolitan runoffs coming up on April 28. Then put on your campaign running shoes for the 2018 mid-term elections in November. We have lots of candidates we can support to keep the U.S. House and Senate Republican.

Republican victories are only the beginning; we have to ensure our elected officials are held accountable. If you want to brush up on your advocacy skills, NFRW has something to help you. The *NFRW Legislative Advocacy Manual*, published in 2017 by the NFRW Legislation and Research Committee, is a 29-page full-color training manual on how to propose legislation and influence the legislative process at the local, state, and national levels.

This manual is a great advocacy tool for issues of special interest to you. It costs only \$15 and is available at: <http://www.nfrw.org/store-publications-multimedia/BKct/ViewDetails/SKU/NFRNFRPUBLEG>.

After you complete your studies, you will be able to put your skills to good use at LFRW Day at the Legislature on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



*Linda Vinsanau*

## **METRO CLUB APRIL MEETING**

The April meeting of Metropolitan Republican Women will be held at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Darlene Cusanza, President and CEO of Crime Stoppers in the GNO area, will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Ms. Cusanza will be speaking about crime trends and situations in our area, personal safety tips and information especially for women, and specific operatives used to secure everyone's safety. Registration and networking begin at 11:00 AM and the meeting and lunch will start at 12 noon. Menu choices include Fresh Catch of the Day or Paned Veal with Fettucine Alfredo. For reservations, contact Linda Bergeron via email at lindabergeron@yahoo.com or phone at (504) 888-1224.

Members are reminded to bring men's toiletries for the personal hygiene kits to the April meeting for the Veterans Transition Home as part of our community service program.

## METRO CLUB'S MARCH MEETING

The Metropolitan Republican Women's Club held their March meeting at The Rose Garden in River Ridge on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker was Louisiana State Treasurer John Schroder who discussed the state budget and the challenges that the legislature will be dealing with in upcoming sessions.

He reviewed information from a handout that was distributed showing the growth of Louisiana's economy compared to state government expenditures. He also explained how the growth of government should never outpace growth of the economy. Questions and concerns from members and guests were addressed by Mr. Schroder at the conclusion of his talk.

A special note from The Rose Garden: The April 2<sup>nd</sup> planned opening of their lunch café has been rescheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. The coupons are valid in the month of April.



GUEST SPEAKER, STATE TREASURER  
JOHN SCHRODER



GUEST MICHAEL NATION, PRESIDENT  
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CLUB; TREASURER SCHRODER; & METRO  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER JERRY CLOWER



GUEST MARSHA RILEY AND  
NEW MEMBER IVENE THOMPSON



METRO 3RD VP LINDA DAIGLE  
WITH GUESTS RITA LOPINTO  
AND PEGGY STUMPF



CAMERON WESTBROOK, AFP FIELD  
DIRECTOR; LINDA VINSANAU; AND  
JADE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF  
TURNING POINT USA AT TULANE UNIVERSITY



NEW MEMBER BETTY BERGERON WITH  
LENORA DUCO AND PAM CRESSON

## **NFRW SPRING BOARD MEETING**

The NFRW Spring Board Meeting was held in Arlington, Virginia on March 23-24, 2018. President Linda Vinsanau was one of four Louisiana Federation of Republican Women who attended. Details will be in next month's newsletter.



PICTURED ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT) ARE LINDA VINSANAU, NFRW PRESIDENT JODY RUSHTON, LFRW PRESIDENT GENA GORE, AND NFRW LEGISLATION & RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR KRISTIE THOMAS

## **METRO CLUB COMMITTEES**

### Community Service

Ann Malbrough is the 2018 Metro Community Service Committee Chairman for the "Caring for America" program that the club supports. Ann is the liaison between the Veterans Transition Home and the Metro Club coordinating the needs of the residents of the Veterans Home and delivering items to the veterans. If anyone is interested in volunteering with Ann, please contact her at 504-450-1424 (cell) or 504-288-6969 (home).

Members donated at the February meeting to fund the purchase of kitchen items for vets moving into their own apartments. Ann and Pam Clower brought dishes, silverware and skillets to the veterans' home during the first week in March so that these items will be available to give to these vets. The staff and residents of the home were extremely happy and grateful to receive these items.

Members were also asked to bring personal hygiene items (please make sure mouth wash is alcohol-free) for the veterans to the March and April meetings. Ann also packed up and delivered the toiletries that were collected in March to the veterans' home.

Ann would also like to pass on to all of the Metro members and guests a huge "Thank You" for their generous donations for the veterans.

### Literacy

The 2018 Metro Club Scholarship Award program received the essays in March. Scholarship information was sent to the counselors at fifteen area high schools in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. The schools' deadline to submit the essays was March 12, 2018. The essays have been submitted to four judges to determine the essay winner who will be invited to The Metro Club's May meeting to read their essay and receive the \$1,500.00 scholarship award to be used for college expenses. Kellie DiMarco with the Louisiana Department of Education will be at the May meeting to address the group.

Metro Club members participate in "Start the Adventure in Reading" (S.T.A.I.R) program that provides tutoring in reading skills to Metairie second grade students. The students will be celebrating Easter with a class party and the "Easter Chicken" (our own Konni Albert) during the last week of March. Members who tutor regularly are Yvette Ragas, Pam Clower, Brenda Higgins, and STAIR Site Director Linda Bergeron.



## Membership

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. Membership dues for "Associate members" who are members of another LFRW club or Republican men is \$20.00. A membership application is attached to this newsletter.

## **LFRW SPRING BOARD MEETING**

LFRW 2018 Spring Board Meeting & Membership Conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on 400 Mane St., West Monroe, Louisiana. We will arrive on Friday afternoon for an Executive Committee meeting and a reception highlighting the Duck Dynasty's Robertson Family and other guests. On Saturday, we will start with a Presidents meeting, two workshops, a luncheon with State Treasurer John Schroder and other speakers. We will convene our Board Meeting after the luncheon to hear other speakers and conduct the LFRW business at hand.

## **SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Mark your calendars now! The 2018 Southern Republican Leadership Conference (SRLC) will be in Metro New Orleans! The conference will be held at the Ponchartrain Center in Kenner on October 12-13. The Metro Club has been asked to provide volunteers for this national event.

A promotional poster for the 2018 Southern Republican Leadership Conference. The background features a waving American flag on the left and a red field with a white star pattern on the right. A circular logo in the center contains the year '2018', a street lamp, musical notes, a saxophone, a trumpet, a 'GOP' sign, and an elephant. Below the logo, the text reads 'SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE' in large white serif font. Underneath, it says 'October 12-13, 2018' with a calendar icon and 'Metro New Orleans, La. Ponchartrain Center' with a location pin icon. A white horizontal line separates this from the text 'FEATURING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY' in bold white sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says 'Great Event, Great City, Unforgettable Weekend!' and 'Learn more and purchase tickets at: www.SRLC2018.com' in white sans-serif font.

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# 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"/> 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                   | <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)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTIVE</b>    | <b>\$30</b> | <b>Active Members</b> are full members of Metro Club with voting privileges. Dues include membership in Metro Club, LFRW, and NFRW. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ASSOCIATE</b> | <b>\$20</b> | <b>Associate members</b> are members of another LFRW Club or Republican men; no voting privileges.                                  |

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