

MRW Welcomes Shawn Powers as the Guest Speaker for February.

Shawn Powers is an expert on topics related to Asia, with specific expertise and experience on China and North Korea. Having worked four years in Beijing, during which time he served in a number of companies and boards. In 2015, Powers accepted an invitation from the North Korean Government to visit that nation's capital and consult on a project that has resulted in the DPRK's first children's cerebral palsy rehabilitation center.

Powers has also worked as a close advisor to several American and British companies and non-profits working in Asia.

He has been a guest speaker at many diplomatic events and has also assisted the US Embassy in Beijing with a couple of its initiatives.

Powers remains active on a number of Boards, one of which keeps him active in Asia. In Spring 2017, Powers was a keynote speaker at the China Medical Association's General Practitioners annual conference.

Currently Powers is CEO of a New Orleans based multi-site non-profit community health center that has training relationships with the University of Queensland-Ochsner Medical School and also Beijing Public Health.

“When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice.”

~ President Donald J. Trump

MRW Officers Installed at January Meeting by Senator Jack Donahue



Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Allen; Treasurer, Lynn Pablovich; 2nd V.P., Ann Gibbs; Recording Secretary, Mary Jenks; 1st V.P., Barbara Doyle; President, Michelle Pichon, Senator Jack Donahue



President's Message—Michelle Pichon

As we move into 2018 I think it is important that we keep the Trump Administration successes at the forefront of conversation and readily available to share with every naysayer we come across.

- ✓ The economy is booming
- ✓ Over one million new jobs have been created
- ✓ Consumer confidence is up and unemployment is down
- ✓ We just had the busiest Christmas retail shopping season in history
- ✓ The stock market is at an all time high and hit 84 all time record highs in 2017
- ✓ Historic tax reform has been passed lowering taxes for over 90% of American families
- ✓ Justice Neil Gorsuch was appointed to SCOTUS
- ✓ A dozen new Federal Appellate Court judges have been appointed
- ✓ ISIS is being completely decimated and Raqqa is now liberated
- ✓ The Iran deal was de-certified
- ✓ The great Iranian people are being supported as by the hundreds of thousands they protest against their oppressive dictator
- ✓ Illegal boarder crossings are down over 70%
- ✓ A \$1.6 billion dollar down payment was passed by Congress to build the southern boarder wall
- ✓ MS-13 gangs are being targeted and eliminated
- ✓ 22 regulations have been cut for every new one
- ✓ Obama Executive orders were rolled back
- ✓ The Obamacare individual mandate has been repealed
- ✓ The U.S. trade deficit shrank
- ✓ Coal exports are up 60%
- ✓ American energy independence is being accomplished (drilling in ANWR after 40 years of trying)
- ✓ North Korea was designated as a state-sponsor of terrorism
- ✓ Israel's capital of Jerusalem was put back on the map
- ✓ Helped to put CHRISTmas back into the Christmas holiday
- ✓ Our military is being rebuilt
- ✓ Both NATO and the United Nations have been asked to start paying their fair share, etc.

Truth be told, our President has kept his campaign promises and that bodes well for 2018 and beyond.

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- Crow, Suzanne
- Doyle, Barbara
- Esquerre', Linda
- Geraci, Cindy
- Gibbs, Ann
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- Jenks, Mary
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- Kilgore, Pat
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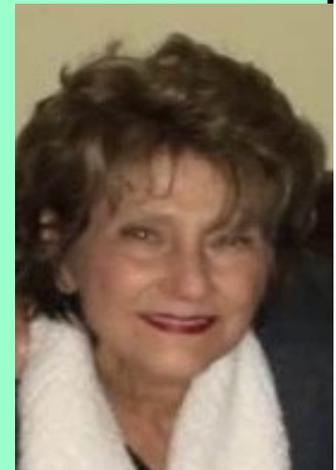
THANK YOU, LINDA ESQUERRE'

Lunch reservation deadline is January 25th.

Contact Linda Esquerre: renlin92@bellsouth.net; 985-845-7392

Reservations must be cancelled by January 25th or you will be charged for your lunch.

- Pablovich, Lynn
- Pichon, Michelle
- Rathman, Loraine
- Richerson, Nan
- Sobolewski, Carol
- Suhren, Carol
- Thibaut, Kiki



Ann Gibbs, 2nd Vice President



I am a relative newcomer to MRW, having joined in 2015. I've served on other non-political boards in the past but I wanted to help MRW grow its membership and increase its success in our community.

Since I have no political experience I decided I could best help the club by recruiting, servicing, and retaining members. I have some ideas to do these things and I am very open to hear your suggestions.

If you have not yet paid your 2018 dues, please do so as soon as you can, preferably by the February meeting, so that you will be included in the 2018 MRW Member Directory. Also, please help your organization by inviting guests (potential members) to our meetings. And remember, men can join MRW as Associate Members for \$15/year and are very welcome at our meetings.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with your requests and suggestions.

MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON/MEETING

The meeting of the **Mandeville Republican Women** was called to order by Outgoing President, Linda Begue, on **Thursday, January 4, 2018** in Mandeville at Beau Chene Country Club. Opening prayer was given by Linda Begue, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Board Members in attendance/ reports: President Michelle Pichon
1st VP Barbara Doyle : February mtg. speaker- Shawn Powers

Topic: China and North Korea

2nd VP Ann Gibbs: Paid 2018- 40 members, 3 associates

Treasurer Lynn Pablovich – see attached report from Norma Richard

Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Allan N/A; Carol Sobolewski thanked Norma Richard for portrait for Christmas fundraiser and restaurant owners' donations. Sympathy card to Pat Brister on husband's death.

Introduction of Guests: Margaret Jolie, Kay St. John and returning member **Joan Hathaway.**

Installation of Officers by Jack Donahue; gavel given to Michelle Pichon

Speaker: Susan Bonnett Bourgeois **Northshore Community Foundation**

Mission Statement: To unite human and financial resources to enhance the quality of life on the Northshore. Nonprofit 501 (c)(3) serving four parishes. Located in Covington. Involved in civic activities.

Business: Approved November 2017 minutes; no corrections/ changes

Val Montgomery introduced her mother from Wyoming.

Trivia: Freddie Bellard

50/50: Cindy Geraci

Adjournment; Thursday, February 1- date for next monthly meeting.

Submitted by Recording Secretary,

Mary Jenks



MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
MRW is a member of the Louisiana Federation of Rep Women and the National Federation of Rep Women

***You must be a registered Republican to join.**
Please Print

Are you a registered Republican? _____ Are you already a member of another LFRW/NFRW Club? _____

Date of Application _____

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Do you want to be contacted mainly by phone or the e-mail above? _____

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT _____ WORK PHONE _____

INTERESTS & HOBBIES _____

Date Paid: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

____ ACTIVE (\$35 Jan - Dec) OR (\$18 Sept - Dec): Full member with membership in state & national federation included

____ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15) Associate members are members of another LFRW/NFRW club or a Republican man.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check# _____ Check Amount: _____ CASH: _____

____ PLEASE CHECK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

ARMED SERVICES _____ CAMPAIGN _____ COMMUNITY SERVICE _____ HOSPITALITY _____

LITERACY _____ PHONE _____ POLITICAL EDUCATION _____ PUBLICITY _____ SPECIAL EVENTS _____

WAYS & MEANS _____ ADD YOUR IDEAS _____

SPECIAL TALENTS/SKILLS (ie., marketing, typing, public speaking, writing, photography, creative arts, computer skills, etc.) _____

MAIL APPLICATION & CHECK PAYABLE TO: MRW
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Menu for February
 Salad
 Fried catfish
 Four cheese cannelloni
 Caramelized veggies
 Apple pie

February 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | 1 MRW Meeting | 2 Ground Day |  |
| | | | | Mandeville Council  | | |
| 4 Super Bowl  | 5 | 6 | 7 N'at Singing Day | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | |  |  | 15 Mandeville City Council | 16 Chinese New Year  | |
| 11 | 12 | Mardi Gras | Valentine Day | | | |
| |  | 20 | 21 | 22 N'at Margarita Day MRW Board |  | 24 |
| 18 Presidents Day | | | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Covington City Council | 28 | | | |



Presents our Inaugural

Women's Choice Awards



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Catherine Wilbert, Big Sky Ranch
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Lisa Condrey Ward, Southern Hotel
Lacey Toledano, St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce
Caitlin Hunter, Chevron

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CONGRATULATIONS to our own
new 1st V.P. Barbara Doyle for this honor!

American Heart Month/National Wear Red Day

The American Heart Association wants to help everyone live longer, healthier lives so they can enjoy all of life's precious moments. And we know that starts with taking care of your health. American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is a great way to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved. Together, we can build a culture of health where making the healthy choice is the easy choice. Why? Because Life is Why.

Did you know?

- The first American Heart Month, which took place in February 1964, was proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson via Proclamation 3566 on December 30, 1963.
- The Congress, by joint resolution on that date, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month.
- At that time, more than half the deaths in the U.S. were caused by cardiovascular disease.
- While American Heart Month is a federally designated month in the United States, it's important to realize that cardiovascular disease knows no borders. Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, remains the leading global cause of death with more than 17.3 million deaths each year.
- That number is expected to rise to more than 23.6 million by 2030.

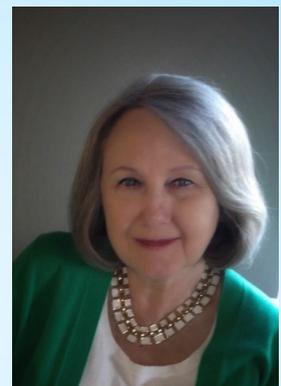
Marilyn Allen

As I am your new Corresponding Secretary at MRW, there are things I will be needing help with from all of you.

Please let me know whenever you feel a note is warranted from our Club. I will need to send thank you notes to elected officials who have cast votes that support our conservative values, etc.

I will also need to know if there is something noteworthy about any of our members or elected officials, job promotions, grandchildren, retirements, new homes, illnesses, etc.

I hope with your help this will be a great year for all of us.



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