



News Flash

SEPTEMBER 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was September 1938 in Chicago when the first meeting of the National Federation of Republican Women took place. "Your presence here today is one of the most encouraging signs of the vitality of the Republican Party," said our Founder, **Marion Martin**. Eighty years later, these words still ring true.

This September, more than 120 Federation leaders from across the country celebrated NFRW's 80th anniversary at a reception at NFRW Headquarters in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The NFRW Fall Board Meeting was held the same weekend. "Due to your perseverance and dedication, this organization remains vital and active in Republican politics," President Jody Rushton noted, adding "We honor our past, but look forward to our future, continuing to work for a government and a country which we can be proud of."



Pictured above is NFRW President Jody Rushton, proudly showing the cake for the anniversary celebration. On the right, Metro Club President Linda Vinsanau and LFRW Executive VP Wanda Aizpurua are standing in the doorway of the "Louisiana" room at NFRW Headquarters.



The building and its contents were purchased for \$860,000. In 1993, just 367 days after going to settlement on the national headquarters, the NFRW paid the mortgage in full with contributions from state federations, local clubs and individuals. The conference room bears our state's name because Louisiana Federation of Louisiana was the first to donate \$25,000 towards the mortgage fund. The headquarters was constructed in 1829 for a doctor and his family and is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Linda Vinsanau

2018 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

The November 6th election has a statewide race for Secretary of State, two U.S. Representative congressional district races, a Judge Juvenile Court - Section B race, and multiple School Board races in Jefferson Parish, and a variety of City of Harahan races. Please record your volunteer campaign hours and report them to Pam Clower. The Metro Club will report these hours to LFRW and NFRW at the end of the year. Questions? Call Pam at (504) 571-5070.

2018 OPEN GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

Deadline to Register in Person/by Mail	10/09/2018
Deadline to Register Online	10/16/2018
Early Voting Begins	10/23/2018
Early Voting Ends	10/30/2018
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	11/02/2018
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	11/05/2018
Election Day	11/06/2018

METRO CLUB COMMITTEES

Community Service

Ann Malbrough, Chairman of Metro's Community Service committee and "Caring for America" program, and fellow committee member Kim Perez continue to supply needed items throughout the year to the Veterans Transition Home. The veterans are always appreciative of our visits and welcome items such as toiletries, bedding, throws, and especially kitchen items. If you would like to volunteer on this committee, please contact Ann at (504) 450-1424 (cell).

STAIR – "Start the Adventure in Reading"

Metro Literacy Committee Chairman, Linda Bergeron, asked members to support our STAIR site by contributing to the literacy program during the month of September as it is "Literacy Month". Linda asked members to please bring a book or books about the Berenstain Bears to the September meeting, but since the September meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, Metro will continue to collect the Berenstain Bears books at the October meeting. The Berenstain books, written by Stan and Jan Berenstain, can be purchased at Barnes and Nobles or online. Members can also donate cash in lieu of purchasing the books.

Many thanks to all the Metro members who have contributed to the STAIR program this year. Our STAIR site located at Grace Presbyterian Church opened September 20th with five students. Anyone interested in more information about STAIR or tutoring, please contact Linda Bergeron at lindabergeron@yahoo.com.



Membership

Please note that the 2018 METRO membership dues for "Active members" who are full members with voting privileges is \$30.00. New members who sign up in September or October is only \$18. The membership fee for "Associate members" (members of another LFRW club or Republican men) is \$20.00. A membership application is attached to this newsletter.



Our November meeting theme will be ***Each One Bring One: Watch Us Grow!***

Metro Club Nominating Committee

Due to the cancelation of our September meeting, the election of a Nominating Committee for the 2019 Officer slate will be held at the October meeting. Following that meeting, the Nominating Committee will meet to elect its own Chairman and Secretary. The Committee will nominate a slate of 2019 nominees, one for each elective office. Metro members will be notified of the slate by November 1st via e-mail (in lieu of the newsletter). The slate will be presented at the November general meeting and the election of the new 2019 officers will be held at the November meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

The Nominating Committee consists of 5 members: 3 elected from the Board and 2 from the General Membership. Volunteer candidates for the slate are:

Linda Bergeron (Board)
Linda Daigle (Board)
Yvette Ragas (Board)
Nan Cornfield (General Membership)
Margaret Wagner (General Membership)

METRO CLUB OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of The Metropolitan Republican Women will be held at Andy's Bistro at 3322 N. Turnbull Dr. in Metairie on Wednesday, October 3rd. The guest speaker will be Eric Golub, a nationally known politically conservative comedian and author. Eric will entertain you, inform you and make you laugh! He spoke at the 2017 NFRW National Biennial Convention in Philadelphia and was a crowd favorite!

Registration and networking for the October meeting will begin at 11:00 AM and the meeting and lunch will start at 12 noon. The menu includes a salad and choice of "Roasted Shrimp & Andouille Pasta in a Cajun Cream Sauce" or "Pan-Seared Chicken with Lyonnaise Potatoes". For reservations, contact Linda Camnetar via email at lcamnetar@aol.com or phone at (504) 394-6738 **by Sunday, September 30th**. Also, invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

LFRW FALL BOARD MEETING

The LFRW 2018 Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center in Kenner on October 12-13 and hosted by the Region 1 clubs. Metro Club will provide "welcome bags" to all attendees.

NFRW President Jody Ruston and NFRW Region 5 Director Ann Schockett (picture on the right) will attend. A Data Training Workshop scheduled for Saturday and a wonderful Reception on Saturday night. The business meeting on Sunday will include the election of the LFRW Nominating Committee for our 2019-2021 officers.



METRO CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING

Mark your calendar: The November meeting of The Metropolitan Republican Women will be held at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie on Wednesday, November 7th – the day after the mid-term elections. Guest speaker will be Louis Gurvich, State Chairman of the Louisiana Republican Party.

Registration and networking for the November meeting will begin at 11:00 AM and the meeting and lunch will start at 12 noon.

OUT AND ABOUT

Regents Afternoon Tea at Trump International Hotel



Metro President Linda Vinsanau attended the NFRW 2018 Fall Board Meeting at the Westin in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia on September 13-14-15. As NFRW President Jodi Rushton (above) entertained the Regents, you can see Roger Villere, Phil Capitano, and LFRW President Gina Gore seated at the table to her left.

A view of the lobby of the iconic Trump International Hotel Washington, D.C. Before his inauguration, President Trump restored Washington's historic Old Post Office into this magnificent hotel.



Wanda Aizpurua, Gena Gore, and Linda Vinsanau enjoyed the Tea and the Fall Board Meeting.



RRRW Dictionary Project



Linda Vinsanau and Linda Bergeron joined RRRW members at their recent Dictionary Labeling Party held at the home of Kay Davis. It was truly a family affair.

Pelican State Pachyderm 2018 COCHON de LAIT



Associate Member Jerry Clower and Metro Scholarship Chairman Pam Clower met with Dinesh D'Souza at the Pachyderm's sellout fundraiser.

Sunday Matinee Fundraiser



JPAS has the Louisiana Exclusive Premiere of America's longest running non-musical theatre piece, SHEAR MADNESS, coming to their *Teatro Wego!* Dinner Theatre in Westwego. Metro Club will have a Sunday Matinee of comic relief on Sunday, October 28. Tickets are \$35 and will be sold at the October meeting at Andy's Bistro. Contact Linda Bergeron at (504) 888-1224 or Linda Vinsanau at (504) 909-9927 for details.

METROPOLITAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Member of Louisiana Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2018 (signed up in Sept. or Oct.)

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 (For new 2018 members signed up in Sept. or Oct.)

(Please make checks payable to METRO CLUB)

- ACTIVE \$18** **Active Members** are full members of Metro Club with voting privileges. Dues include membership in Metro Club, LFRW, and NFRW.
- ASSOCIATE \$20** **Associate members** are members of another LFRW Club or Republican men; no voting privileges.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____