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The Conservative Voice



To Members and Associates of ACADIANA REPUBLICAN WOMEN,

Our renewals and new members have been so successful that we have purged our membership to only paid Members and Associates for 2019. Membership Chair, Ursula Anderson, will be making phone calls to the few non-renewals.

To build membership, which helps promote the conservative platform, National Federation of Republican Women has the slogan "EACH ONE BRING ONE". We ask that each one of you refer a friend or family member for membership in our club. We are facing two very important election years, and Women in Numbers can make a difference.

As we are in the process of building our Committees, please let me know if you are interested in a chair or co-chair position of any committee. Many things are already planned for 2019, such as two major fundraisers, which support our scholarship, Armed Services Projects, and any needs that may come up for our Community.

You are encouraged to campaign for your Candidates as your personal choice. Please be sure to keep a log of hours spent on campaigning and send to me monthly. Campaign activity hours carry a lot of weight on our reports to LFRW and NFRW.

The LFRW Biennial will be held on March 29-31, 2019 in Baton Rouge. All registration and Hotel information has been sent out to all members. Please consider attending as a delegate or an alternate. ACADIANA REPUBLICAN WOMEN requires two more Delegates and at least three Alternates. **Please email me if you can attend. My deadline for sumitting Delegates/Alternates is March 2, 2019. These events are informative, fun and always attended by elected representatives and candidates.**

Have a happy and safe Mardi Gras.

Patricia Soulier

President, ACADIANA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

ARW Monthly Luncheon Meetings
are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Next meeting—February 19, 2019
at the
River Oaks Catering Center, Camellia Room
11:00 AM-1:00 PM COST: Buffet Lunch, \$20
(Option to eat buffet \$20 or not eat for tea
and coffee \$5)

ARW has regularly scheduled monthly Executive Committee meetings the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. These meetings are held from 9:30 to 12 noon at the Southside Library.

ATTENTION

Don't forget to RSVP for the ARW monthly meeting by the Sunday evening before the meeting date. RSVP should be sent to Connie Boyer at conray2@cox.net.

“WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID”

Benjamin Franklin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019

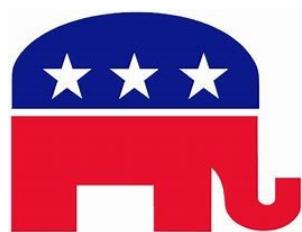
City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM

- SAVE THE DATE**
- February 19, 2019**
ARW Luncheon/Meeting
Annual business meeting
- March 29-31, 2019**
LFRW Biennial, Baton Rouge, LA
Information has been emailed
- March 6, 2019**
Red Shoe Book Club, Alesi's
11:00
Email: caritarose@bellsouth.net
- March 19, 2019**
ARW March Luncheon/Meeting
- June 23, 2019**
Sunday, ARW Fundraiser
Additional Information will be sent out in future
- September 26-29, 2019**
NFRW Biennial, Indianapolis, Indiana

It's Time to Renew Your ARW Membership

Renew your ARW membership now to
Continue receiving newsletters and to retain your
Membership in LFRW and NFRW.

Ursula Anderson is ARW second vice-president and membership chair.
Please fill out and return to her ,your 2019 ARW membership application.
Ursula is here to answer all of your membership
questions. Contact Ursula @ umanderson@yahoo.com
Or email ARW @ acadianarepublicanwomen2018@cox.net



We will be
celebrating the King Cake
at the
February Meeting!!

King
Cake
Season
Is Here!!



HAPPY
MARDI
GRAS!!

Red Shoe Book Club**Book for February 6, 2019**

Dopesick by Beth Macy It is about the Opioid Crisis and surprise, surprise it is not the Drugs from the street that are killing people.

March 6th Book

Alan Dershowitz "Case. Against the Democratic House Impeaching Trump"

There is two books, but we want to read the latest book. Amazon has them both.

The January Meeting was a good discussion of the book, Liars, Leakers, Liberals by Judge Jeanne Pirro. It read exactly as she speaks. Alesia's Italian food great and enjoyed.

We all agreed that it was a pro Trump book because the Author had known him for 33 years; with a good insight into his family life. When Marla Maples, was (the then wife) of President Trump, he had just purchased Mar-a-Lago. Mar-a-Lago was built in 1926 to 1927 by Cereal Heiress Marjorie Post who had given it to the United States Government, with the idea that it would be a second White House, and the Government had just given it back, when the President purchased it. It has 126 rooms, 62,500 square feet house with all the amenities of a hotel. The author talks about visiting at Mar-a-Lago (when it had yet to be renovated) at Thanksgiving and seeing all the China, silver, and crystal with Marla Maples on top of a ladder, with rollers, that took an entire wall from floor to ceiling to see everything. I could just picture them doing that! A funny scene that added an element of history and family as they all sat down to dinner with the bare minimum of furniture and a white tablecloth. Author also talks about the Trump children and grandchildren.

A lot of the book had political issues, questions, and events that have since been resolved; so we're able to see the results because we are now living it. I.E., FBI & its Troubles, etc. etc.. Lots of data and references on topics discussed; so the Author did her homework.

An easy read, and in her style that this is the truth and this is made up BS or as the President says "Fake News"! Group enjoyed the Book and the discussions.

We also discussed the possibility of going to Barnes and Nobles Book Club for the Marie Benedict Book discussion of "Only Woman in the Room" about a Movie Star who was a Scientist and beat the Nazis in WWII at their own game.

February 5th @ 7:00 pm with a podcast from Author.

Discussed the Public Library for future books using their online app. Members submitted ideas and books that they would like to incorporate into the Book List.

Submitted by: Carita Wilson, RED SHOE BOOK CLUB CHAIRMAN call 989-1369 if you would like to join us.

MY ATTENDANCE AT THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN REGION 5 MEETING AND THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Brittney Reed

My name is Brittney Reed. I am 29 years old and am the Legislative Assistant for State Representative, Blake Miguez. I am a graduate of the University of Louisiana Lafayette with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and a Minor in Business. I am a life long Republican who was taught about the values of being a conservative by my parents. As I grew and furthered my education, it was my decision to stay Conservative and be part of the Republican Party. I have always believed in Republican values and what the party stands for. Though, learning what the Republican Party stands for is something I was only truly able to learn by watching the news and following pages on social media. I have only been involved in politics for four years. It was never something I saw myself being involved in and pursuing as a career, but when the opportunity arose for me to become Blakes assistant, I took it and ran with it. I've learned a lot and have grown in my position and in my knowledge of the political world, but attending the Republican Women Region 5 Meeting and the Southern Republican Leadership Conference opened my eyes in a way they've never been opened before towards the Republican Party.

Going into this meeting and conference I had my preconceived notions on what the Republican Party was all about. We're Pro-Life and we believe in the 2nd amendment, are just a couple of examples of what I knew about the RP already. By the time the conference was over, I can truly say as a millennial and someone who truly thought she knew what the RP was all about that I had NO CLUE what we truly stand for. I learned that we stand for the people, the citizens of this great country we have the privilege to call home. We stand for being ONE nation UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, with liberty and justice for all! We stand for the Constitution. We are accepting of ALL people, no matter your race or sexuality. Sure, we may not agree with some lifestyles, view points, etc., and that's ok! That doesn't mean we don't RESPECT you and see you as another fellow citizen of this great country. We don't believe there should be a separation of classes. We don't want division. We want our country to be UNITED! We don't want to raise taxes. We know there is a human trafficking, mental health and opioid crisis that we are taking action to prevent!! We believe God should be in our schools, "Merry Christmas" should be said and that we should be STANDING for our American Flag that those in service past and present have fought so hard to protect!! We stand behind OUR NATIONS President 1000%!! He is doing EXACTLY what we elected him to be! The strong arm of this country who doesn't tip toe around sensitive feelings. We want to BUILD THE WALL to PROTECT our country! We aren't against immigrants coming to this free land, we just want it done the right way! We are truly a party that stands for the United States of America and are so much more than what the media portrays us to be!

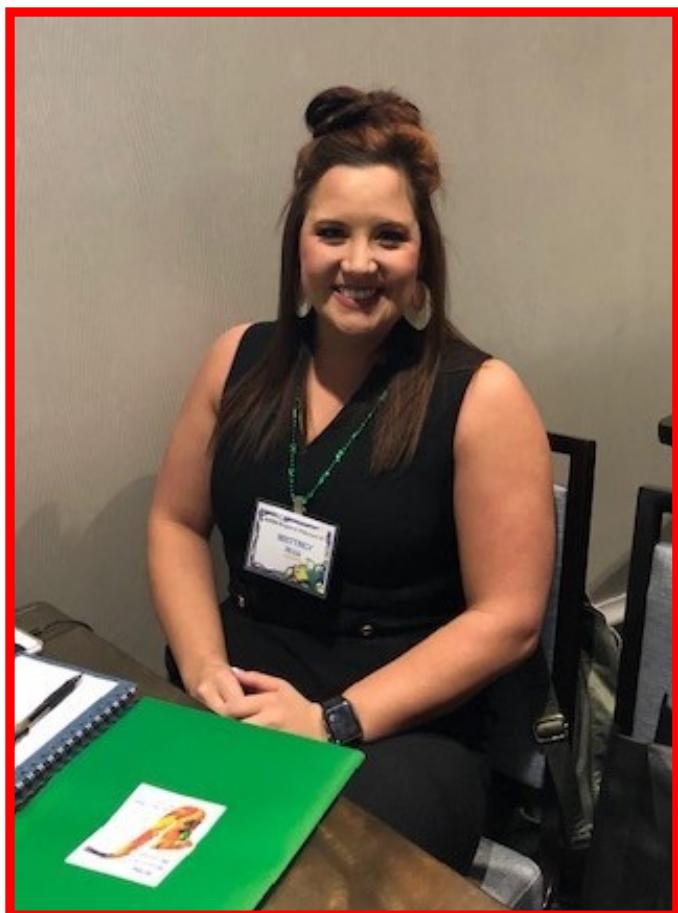
That being said, I was the youngest attendee of the conference aside from the few College Republicans that attended. Why is this? What can we do to better improve ourselves as an entire party and get the millennials and Gen-Z generations to be more involved and understand what we stand for as opposed to what is fed to them in a left sided media? In order to make a difference, there are three things that I believe need to happen. First, we as Republicans need to do a better job in relaying our message. We need these generations to be able to understand not just what we stand for, but what the issues are and how it is affecting them personally. We need to find a better way to communicate and educate. Change our verbiage, reach out more to our school system and get in there first hand to talk to them, answer questions, to let them know what is going on in their city/state/country.

Second, we need to make it feasible for them to be able to join their local chapters. Most cannot leave for two

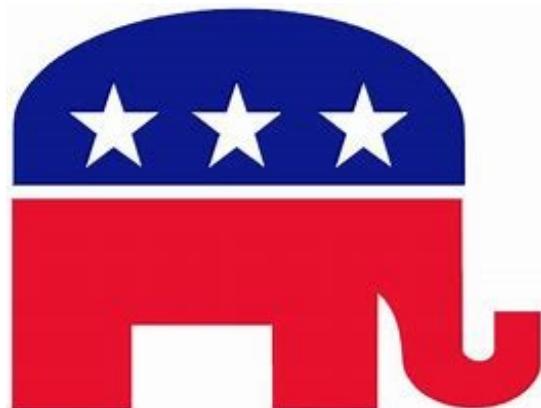
hours during the work day to attend meetings. Some may not be able to afford their membership or the meal provided. There are plenty of ways that I believe chapters can recruit these generations, we just need to tweak some things to make it better suited for them to be able to join.

Lastly, it comes down to holding ourselves accountable individually and at home. Our generation has to educate ourselves and step up! It doesn't matter how big or small your role is. You don't have to be on a board, join a million organizations, etc. We are all volunteers in these organizations. We are not paid!! We truly want to make a difference and help to put those in office that we believe are best for our state and country!! BUT it starts at HOME! Yes, things have changed over time with technology, cost of living, etc. But that doesn't mean this generation of millennials and Gen-Z should be enabled! Pass down your values to your children! Encourage them to be leaders! To be involved! To be bold! To stand up for themselves! To be TRUE TO THEMSELVES! All of this leads to the upbringing of the future leaders of our communities, state and nation!

We have the capability to grow the Republican Party and membership in our chapters, but we must take action! Education and communication are key! I believe in this state and this country! I believe we can be a nation UNITED UNDER GOD once more!! Let's make it happen!



Brittney Reed in New Orleans at the Southern Republican Leadership Conference



"A moment Of Unlimited Potential"

By Marsha Vining

When President Trump gave his annual State of the Union Address on February 5, 2019, he emphasized our unique place in history. So much is at stake, and the division of our nation could cause a calamity of extreme proportions if we mess this up. How do we move forward towards greatness at a time when greatness is possible? How do we unite a society that is irreconcilably divided?

The President offered solutions to our crisis and an opportunity to come together in agreement, compromise and unity. He began by reminding the American people of our past successes and achievements, noting our victories in the American Revolution, our determining role in the Liberation of Europe, and our success in space and landing on the moon. We need to be reminded of our great history, as well as encouraged to overcome our current and future challenges.

Trump offered a perspective on immigration, which all Americans can agree. Legal immigrants are good for America. They "enrich our nation and strengthen our society in countless ways". However, he stressed the need for safety as our southern border becomes a serious national security concern. Both perspectives of immigration are undeniably accurate. As we want to be the beacon of hope for the rest of the world and we want to offer refuge to those in need, we must use wisdom as the world has taken a dangerous turn towards violence and war. As a nation, we must be diligent in protecting our citizens and the beacon in which the world finds refuge.

There is also the issue of dangerous drugs coming across the border that are killing hundreds of thousands of people every year. In addition, he discussed the problem at our southern border involving human trafficking. His solution was clear: build a wall in areas where it is necessary and deploy additional troops for protection. A reasonable solution, but an



answer that cannot be understood by those who don't believe there is a problem.

Trump's inventory of the economy was positive on all accounts. He emphasized how women benefit most from a strong economy. American women hold 58% of the new jobs created, and African American unemployment is the lowest in history.

Also, we have more women serving in Congress than ever before. Women are making remarkable progress in this day of potential. Even the "white shirts" chanted "USA" in honor of the Women's Suffrage Movement. (One of the few times they clapped.) As Republican women, and Americans, let us never forget that our country is still the best place in the world to be a woman.

President Trump touched on many sensitive and important topics, like medical costs, drug costs, and trade. He has been tough on trade deals, making sure that America gets a fair and beneficial opportunity in the world trade market. Our dealings with China have been unfair, but he blamed the previous leaders for allowing it to get that way. Rest assured, Trump is on the case!

The most profound statement he made was towards the end when he said, "Let's work together to build a culture that cherishes human life!" In a heartfelt concerned demeanor, this statement was made to encompass the tragedy of gun violence, as well as the painful topic of late term abortion. He ended his speech with the statement, "We stand in the resolve that America will never be a socialist country", to which the crowd erupted in a standing ovation. President Trump, we thank you for fighting for us, we appreciate your sacrifice as you work hard to protect our country and build our economy. Let's let everyone know that WE support our President!



Left: US Congressman,
Ralph Abraham; Patricia
Soulier, ARW President;
and Diane Abraham



Right: Roby Dyer, running
for LFRW VP; Patricia
Soulier, ARW President;
and Emily Ashworth, running
for Region 3 VP.

New Orleans NFRW Region 5 Meeting & Southern Republican Leadership Conference



ARW members, Peggy Buckels and Joyce Linde
enjoying the conference



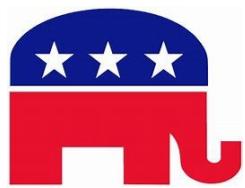


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Brittney Reed
Legislative Assistant for
State Representative,
Blake Miguez



Co-Treasurers, Betty Myrick and Connie
Boyer check members and guests
in at the January meeting

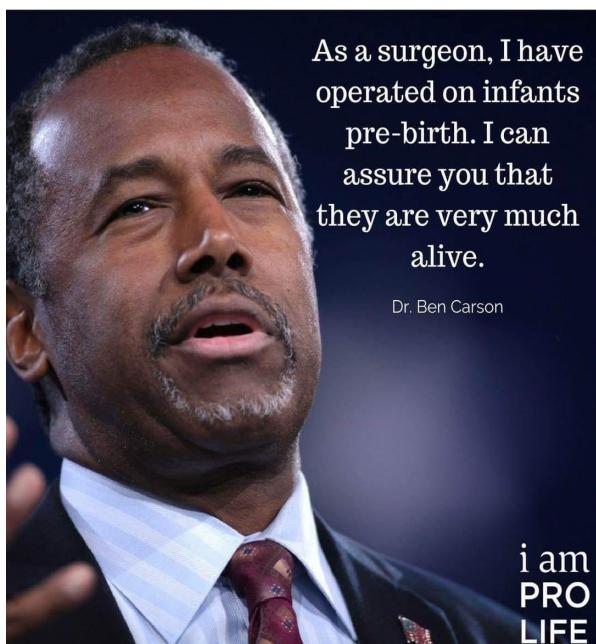


ARW President Patricia Soulier
with speaker Christopher Holton

Postcards for President Trump



Patricia Soulier, ARW President, hands out postcards to members and guests addressed and stamped to President Trump, so that they may send words of encouragement.



Matching Pets with People:

Animal Rescue Foundation of Louisiana's (ARF-LA) mission is to provide care, shelter and medical attention for stray, abandoned and unwanted dogs, and then place them in loving homes through our adoption process.

All animals are fully vetted and temperament tested before adoption. We have one main **ARFanage** kennel and a network of foster homes where our pets are housed until they find their new homes.

If you are looking to adopt or foster a pet, or donate funds or time to a wonderful cause, visit: www.arfla.org

ARW Member, Nancy Tabb Marcantel is Founder/President of Animal Rescue Foundation of LA





Membership Application/ Renewal Form

You must be a registered Republican Woman to join

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT (Renewing members - please check here _____ if any contact information has changed.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

HOME PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

WORKPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

REFERRED BY: _____ **HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ARW:** _____

DUES: (Check one) (Membership Renewal Deadline) — **January 31st of new year**

- Active Member \$35/yr includes membership in ARW as well as LFRW and NFRW
- Associate Members \$20/yr. Male Republicans and Republican Women belonging to other LFRW club
- Student Members \$20/ yr. Must be attending school

COMMITTEE OR ACTIVITY INTEREST

- Membership Campaign Volunteer Work:
- Fundraising Armed Services
- Social Event Planning Voter Registration
- Legislative Issues Calling Committee
- Public Relations (Publicity, Liaison w/Media) Other _____ Community Service/ Outreach

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

URSULA ANDERSON
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Cash _____ Check _____

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