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FEBRUARY 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with tens of thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation. The NFRW unites women as a 'collective force' to positively impact the direction of our nation while also advancing the power of women through political access and participation.

It's time for us to ratchet up our force for the Gubernatorial Primary Election on Oct. 12, 2019. Now is the time to be active in grassroots efforts in electing Republicans; get informed on legislative and election news and other key issues; participate in campaigns, communications, issue advocacy, and fundraising.

We have an immediate opportunity to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government. Krista Pittman, LAGOP Political Director, is looking for volunteer help to elect Republican candidate Tammi Fabre to the State Legislature, by flipping House District 18, held by Jeremy LaCombe, from Liberal Democrat to Republican. If you are interested in volunteering for this March 30th race, please contact Krista Pittman via e-mail krista@lagop.com or phone at 951-533-5418 (cell) or 225-389-4495 (office). This is a critical seat for the Republicans.

Linda Vinsanau

METRO CLUB MARCH 2019 MEETING

The March meeting of The Metropolitan Republican Women will be held at Andrea's Restaurant, 3100 19th Street in Metairie on Wednesday, March 13th. The guest speaker will be the Honorable Sharon Hewitt, Louisiana State Senator, District 1.

Registration and networking for the March meeting will begin at 11:00 AM and the meeting and lunch will start at 12 noon. The luncheon fee is \$30.00 and the menu includes a salad, entrée choice of Chicken Parmigiana or Fresh Catch Lemon Caper, and dessert. For reservations, contact Linda Bergeron via e-mail at lindabergeron@yahoo.com or phone at (504) 888-1224 **by Friday, March 8th**.

We ask all those attending the luncheon to please make reservations by the deadline date noted to ensure the luncheon meeting venue can accommodate all who attend.

METRO CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of The Metropolitan Republican Women was held at Tony Mandina's Restaurant, 1915 Pratt St. in Gretna on Wednesday, February 6th. The Guest speaker was the Honorable Scott Schlegel, Judge, 24th Judicial District Court, Division D. Judge Schlegel is a former prosecutor and is the Chair for the Specialty Treatment Court. He discussed a number of crime statistics and describes how these statistics along with seeing the huge number of repeat offenders led him to start the Reentry Court and the Swift and Certain Program. The Reentry Court is for non-violent and non-sex offenders. The participants are sent to Angola and mentored by lifers for two years and learn a trade so that they can get a job upon release. The program was started in 2010 and there are similar programs in other parishes. In the Swift and Certain Program, each time a person violates their probation, it is revoked. Seven areas of the justice system work together for immediate response to the issues as it is evident that these individuals will re-offend unless the courts quickly intervene.



METRO PRESIDENT LINDA VINSANAU, JUDGE SCOTT SCHLEGEL, AND METRO 1ST VP PAM CLOWER

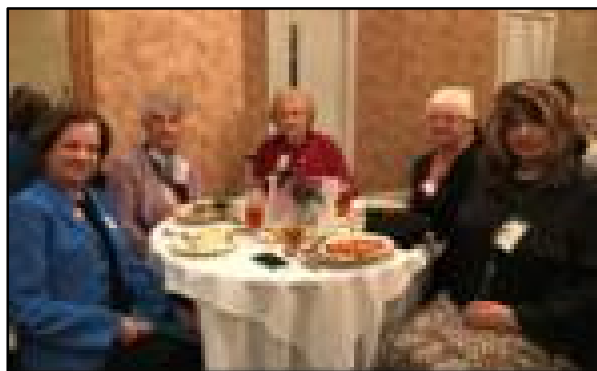
Metro Guests and Members



L-R: METRO MEMBERS MARGARET WAGNER, YVETTE RAGAS, LINDA DAIGLE, BRENDA HIGGINS, AND CAROLE McGinity



L-R: METRO MEMBERS DEBBIE BUSH, LINDA CAMNETAR, ROYLENE KORNOVICH, ELLEN KIMBLE, AND GUEST Laurie Schlegel, Judge Schlegel's wife



L-R: WANDA AIZPURUA, LFRW EXECUTIVE VP; LINDA BEGUE, ST. TAMMANY RW; PAT CABRAL, BATON ROUGE, RW; BEVERLY LANGRIDGE, ALGIERS RW MEMBER; AND ROSE MARIE MEEHAN, PRESIDENT OF ALGIERS RW



METRO EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH WANDA AIZPURUA WANDA SPOKE ABOUT HER YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN LFRW AND ANNOUNCED HER CANDIDACY FOR LFRW PRESIDENT

METRO CLUB COMMITTEES

Community Service Committee

Ann Malbrough, Chairman of Metro's Community Service committee, continues to work with the Veterans Transition Home. 'One Touch' pillows were given to the veterans living at the transition home on Pitt Street. This completes the delivery of 75 'One Touch' pillows with the phrase "One touch from God is greater than all the world can offer" to the residents of both transition homes as part of Metropolitan Republican Women's role in the NFRW Caring for America "One Pillow at a Time" project. Plus, a cancer survivor 'One



PITT ST. HOME: ANN MALBROUGH, CASE MANAGER ROBIN GRAY, VETERAN IAN FOGG, AND MONITOR ROBERT TAYLOR

Touch' pillow was given to the Napoleon Street home's Executive Assistant Evie Simmons as an expression of our love and appreciation to her. If anyone has items for donation or would be interested in joining the Community Service committee, please contact Ann at (504) 450-1424



ANN MALBROUGH, EVIE SIMMONS, AND LINDA VINSANAU

Literacy Committee

Linda Bergeron, Chairman of The Metro Club's Literacy committee, is director at the local reading literacy program Start The Adventure in Reading (STAIR). The program consists of bi-weekly one-on-one tutoring in reading for nine second grade students. A rise in the reading grade level of the students and an overall increase in school achievement has resulted from the efforts of this tutoring program.

January and February were very busy months for our STAIR site. Linda and the other tutors led lessons on the U.S. flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. Each child was presented with a flag of their own.

The children were also given a Berenstain Bear book to add to their home libraries. These books were kindly donated by Metro members during Literacy month last September. Many, many thanks to all who contributed!



LINDA BERGERON AND THE STAIR STUDENTS DISPLAY THEIR AMERICAN FLAGS AND BOOKS

MEMBERSHIP

The Metro Club is now collecting 2019 dues. ended the year with 53 full members and 28 associate members. We started collecting membership dues for 2019 at the January meeting. Dues are \$30 for full members and \$20 for associate members (women who are members of another Federation club and Republican men). Please use the application at the end of this newsletter and submit it along with your check to Linda Bergeron. The 2019 Directory is currently being updated so please update your information and pay dues by the March meeting to that all our members will be included.

LFRW 33rd BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The LFRW biennial convention will be held in Baton Rouge March 29-30th at the Crown Plaza Baton Rouge. Metro has openings for 5 delegates and 5 alternates to attend the convention. Those interested should contact Linda Vinsanau at vinsanau@cox.net as soon as possible. This will be an exciting meeting with educational workshops, dynamic speakers, proposed bylaws changes and the election of our new LFRW Executive Committee. So far Metro has four members who have committed to attend.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS FOR STATE OFFICIALS

State Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and State Treasurer John Schroder announced fundraisers for their 2019 re-election campaigns. Please see information below pertaining to these events.

TEAM **NUNGESSER**

**Please Join Us
for a Fundraiser in Support of
Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser**

<p>March 11, 2019 Oakland Plantation 18 Oakland Road Kenner, Louisiana 70065 5:30 PM VIP Reception & Photos 6:00 PM Fundraising Reception</p> <p>Hosted by: Pat and Henry Shane</p> <p>Honored Guests Lizisi Gurvich, Chairman LAGOP Gene Gore, President LFRW</p> <p>Executive Sponsor Anton Heine/Antoni, LTD</p> <p>Gold Sponsors Gordon Stevens/Steamboat Natchez Lubella Catering/The Crossing Michael Manns/MM Culinary Michael Holly/The Holly Co. & Benefits Kline Perry/Wildcat Adventures</p> <p>Silver Sponsor Joe Spirato/USA, Ultimate Swamp Adventure</p> <p>Bronze Sponsors Louisiana Seafood Catering/NOA Direct Transportation Eric Skemmetz/Public Service Commission Roger F. Villere, Jr./Villere's Florist Scott Walker/Scott Walker Consulting</p> <p>Wine & Spirits Tasting by: New Orleans Distillers, 12C/Rum, Vodka & Whiskey Tom Thornhill/Coast Blue Wine & Vodka/Thornhill Farms</p>	<p>SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Executive Sponsorship \$5,000.00 includes 6 Tickets, VIP Reception & Photos 12 Raffle Tickets</p> <p>Gold Sponsorship \$2,500.00 includes 4 Tickets, VIP Reception & Photos 8 Raffle Tickets</p> <p>Silver Sponsorship \$1,000.00 includes 2 Tickets, VIP Reception & Photos 4 Raffle Tickets</p> <p>Bronze Sponsorship \$500.00 includes 2 Reception Tickets 2 Raffle Tickets</p> <p>Individual Reception Tickets \$250.00 1 Raffle Ticket</p> <p>For More Information Contact CRV Consulting & Media Roger Villere 225.354.9994 Phil Capitano 504.618.3820</p> <p>Please Make Checks Payable to Friends of Billy Nungesser P.O. Box 641411, Kenner, LA, 70064</p> <p>Door Prize Drawings by: Anton LTD Jewelry</p>
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Join Treasurer John M. Schroder

*And the Who Dat Truck and Band in the
Irish Channel St. Patrick's Day Parade*

March 16, 2019



Be a part of John's team and help support him in his 2019 election.

Age 21 and over; All members must wear t-shirt with Louisiana's State Treasurer.

Please fill out the form and mail. Check must **be received by Friday, March 1** to guarantee shirt size.



\$75 for each entry: Make checks payable to **John Schroder Campaign** and mail to **Ellie Schroder, 601 Bocage Ct. S., Covington, LA 70433.**

Participant(s)- age 21 and over

Shirt size

Women: S, M, L, XL, XXL Men: S, M, L, XL, XXL

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Women: S, M, L, XL, XXL Men: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Women: S, M, L, XL, XXL Men: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Check # _____

Total: \$ _____

Contact: _____ at (email) _____ (phone) _____

(this information will be used to send out more details of when and where as we get closer to event).

METROPOLITAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2019

PLEASE PRINT

[Redacted]	
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_____	
[Redacted]	

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 _____ |

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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 and Republican men. |

Mail to:

Linda Bergeron, Membership Chairman
5328 Craig Avenue
Kenner, Louisiana 70065
504-888-1224

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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