



# The Trumpet

February 2020

A monthly newsletter from the Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club

Misti S. Cordell, President  
1600 Hudson Lane, Suite 10, Monroe La 71201

OPWRCrepublicans2020@gmail.com  
LFRW – [www.lfrw.org/opwrc](http://www.lfrw.org/opwrc)

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Monday, February 3**

### **OPWRC Monthly Meeting!**

*West Monroe, Convention Center.  
Buffet opens at 11:30 with meeting  
starting promptly at 12:00 and ad-  
journing at 1:00.*

**Lenar Whitney, RNC  
National Committeewoman  
for Louisiana**



- **Friday, February 14th**  
***Valentine's Day!***
- **Monday, February 17th**  
***President's Day***
- **Monday, March 2**  
***OPWRC Monthly Meeting***
- **Monday, March 9**  
***Legislative Session Begins***

***\*Special Projects on Deck***

***ULM Foundation Scholarship,***

***Flags for Veterans Cemetery.***

*Please contact one of our executive  
members if you would like to help!*

## January Meeting Draws a Stand-Out Crowd

After a rigorous past year full of elections and candidates, our board fully expected membership to be more of a challenge to maintain. January 6 brought an attendance that was well beyond our expectation, with over 120 members and guests in attendance, and new members joining each month. As the time got closer to noon, the convention center staff was steadily adding tables in order to accommodate everyone. The robust attendance could largely be attributed to those who supported our guest speaker, the first lady of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Mrs. Dianne Abraham.

Dianne is always a welcome speaker and a gracious one as well. She started her talk by thanking our club for the overwhelming support that was shown for her husband, Congressman Ralph Abraham, during his gubernatorial race. We are all very proud of the Abraham family, their accomplishments, and their support of our club and state. Dianne stated that since Congressman Abraham took office, the 5<sup>th</sup> district has gained more Republicans and fewer Democrats. This is great news, but will be a point to watch during congressional re-districting this year.

Mrs. Abraham also entertained us with stories from DC and the Republican Congressional Club for spouses. Each year, they sing Christmas carols in the Capitol. This year, Pelosi would not let them into Statuary Hall, so they ended up singing in the Senate Rotunda. Republicans are resourceful...we always seem to find a way.

*Misti Cordell*



*People often say, with pride, "I'm not interested in Politics." They might as well say, "I'm not interested in my standard of living, my health, my job, my rights, my freedoms, my future or any future."...If we mean to keep any control over our world and lives, we must be interested in politics. ~ Martha Gellhorn*

## **State Legislators are Sworn in for 2020-2014**



On Monday, January 13th, our newest and brightest elected officials all congregated in Baton Rouge to be sworn in for their new term. In the House of 105 seats, 68 are Republican, 35 are Democrat and 2 are independent. We were just 2 Republican seats shy of a super majority.



House Dist. 15, Foy Gadberry



House Dist. 14, Michael Echols



House Dist. 13, Jack McFarland

In a controversial vote of 68 to 45, Clay Schexnayder was elected Speaker of the House. 23 of the votes cast were by Republicans. On the Senate side, the GOP won 26 of the 39 seats, giving the Republicans the Super Majority. The Louisiana Senate President will be Republican Patrick Page Cortez.

Two of the hot items of contention will be Tort Reform and, as always...Healthcare.



State Senate D33, Stewart Cathey



St. Senate D32, Glen Womack



State Senate Dist. 35, Jay Morris,

### **Committee Assignments have been made for the Senate. Our local leadership will serve as follows...**

Senator Cathey: Chair of Agriculture. Member of Insurance, Labor & Industrial Relations, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

Senator Womack: Vice Chair of Agriculture. Member of Finance, Labor & Industrial Relations and Senate & Gov Affairs Committees.

Senator Morris: Member of Agriculture, Commerce, Consumer Protection & Internal Affairs, and Labor & Ind. Relations Committees.

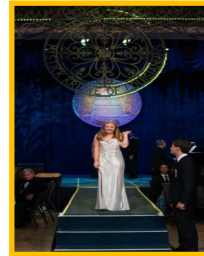


## Washington DC Mardi Gras!

DC Mardi Gras was in full swing this year. The chairman this year was U.S. Congressman Clay Higgins. The Mystick Krewe of Louisiana celebrated in style with the Red, White & Bayou theme. It is expected that over 5,000 patrons participated in the three day event. We had one of our own from Ouachita parish as a princess this year. Jane Campbell was one of the 3 princesses chosen from Congressman Ralph Abraham's district. Jane is a Senior at Neville High School where she is an involved honors student and cheerleader. Her parents are Charlen and Guy Campbell of Monroe.



Congressman Abraham and First Lady, Dianne are pictured with the princesses from the 5th Congressional District. They are Elizabeth Shelton (Pineville), Delia Chaisson (Baton Rouge), Katelyn Singley (Bogalusa Paper Queen), and Jane Campbell (Monroe). These lovely ladies were stunning in their gowns Saturday night after a full four days of princess duties, media visits, tours and many practices. This is truly an opportunity of a lifetime and we are so proud to have had Jane there to represent our parish.



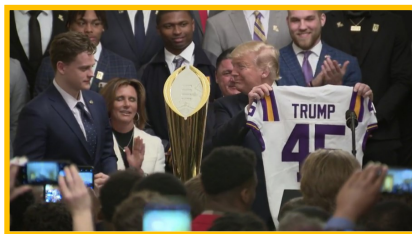
## Trump cheers on the Tigers!

On the night of January 13, 2020, we all got to watch a little magic take place. A Tiger team, with a coach that was initially rejected, won a National Championship



with a 15-0 record. The star player, that led The Tigers on to victory, was also initially rejected as a starting quarterback. These two, soon to be legends, showed a nation what a little Louisiana "grit" and work ethic can accomplish when everyone comes together for a common cause. Coach Ed Ogeron, Joe Burrow, and a unrelenting Tiger team left it all on the field that night and beat Clemson 42-25.

True to his word, our 45th president Donald J. Trump and wife Melania attended the National Championship game in New Orleans. He was greeted by a cheering crowd and great support. He later hosted the entire LSU team at the White House, where he was presented an LSU team jersey by QB Joe Burrow.



## Republicans stand up for Life!

On Sunday, Jan 27th, Louisiana Right To Life assembled a march that started on the church grounds of First West and ended at the park by the front entrance of St. Francis hospital.

Hundreds of people gathered together to stand for Life. It is estimated that over 3,000 abortions take place in our country daily. As conservatives, we believe and stand for the rights of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Justice." This past week, our small community and communities all around the nation stood for the same rights.

On November 3, there will be an opportunity to VOTE for Life by supporting the "Love Life" Amendment. This will amend the state constitution to clarify that there is no right to privacy that covers abortion in the state constitution.



## April 4th Election—Positions and Candidates:

### Republican Presidential Nominees:

- \* Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente—San Diego, Ca
- \* "Bob" Ely—Vernon Hills, Il
- \* Matthew John Matern, Manhattan Beach, Ca.
- \* Donald J. Trump\*—Arlington, Va
- \* Bill Weld—Boston, Ma

### Republican Parish Exec. Council:

(Members "At Large". 5 will be elected)

- \* Wade Bishop, West Monroe
- \* Stewart Cathey, Sr, Monroe
- \* Michael Echols\*, Monroe
- \* Sherra Fertitta\*, Monroe
- \* Kristi Jones, Monroe
- \* Derek S. Kennedy, Monroe

### RPEC, District A:

- \* Luke Hodnett
- \* Dickie Jackson\*

### RPEC, District B:

- \* Kenda Reed\*
- \* Scotty Waggoner

### RPEC, District C:

- \* Misti Cordell
- \* George Gladney

### RPEC, District D:

- \* Ambia Baker\*

### RPEC, District E:

- \* Shane Smiley

### RPEC, District F:

- \* Kay Katz\*

(\* behind the name denotes the incumbent)

### Monroe City Mayor:

- \* L. Marie Brown (Democrat)
- \* "Friday" Ellis (Independent)
- \* Jamie Mayo\* (Democrat)
- \* Ronnie Scott (Libertarian)

### Monroe City Council:

#### District 1:

- \* Doug Harvey (Republican)

#### District 2:

- \* Gretchen Ezernak\* (Republican)
- \* Jackie Slack (Democrat)

#### District 3:

- \* Alicia "CoCo" Calvin (Democrat)
- \* Juanita Woods\* (Democrat)

#### District 4:

- \* Carday Marshall, Sr. (Democrat)
- \* Jesse Smith (Democrat)
- \* Jesse Walker (Democrat)
- \* Trandon Welch (Democrat)

#### District 5:

- \* Kema Dawson (Democrat)
- \* "Chee-Chee" Jackson (Democrat)
- \* Kevin Johnson (Democrat)
- \* Dewayne Wooten (Democrat)



**Early Voting will begin Saturday, March 21 and run through Saturday, March 28!**

**Deadline for registration "in person" is March 4. Online Registration closes on March 14**

## Republicans on the Move!



On Jan. 10, our informative Kay Katz spoke to the Bexar County Republican Women about the electoral college. Bexar County is in San Antonio, Texas. Their club is the second oldest club in the nation and will be turning 100 this year. Kay's daughter, Kris Coons, is the club president and just as active as her mom in supporting the Conservative cause.

Kay will be doing this same presentation for 5 other clubs throughout the state.

### Election Dates to Remember!

March 4: *Deadline to register to vote by mail or in person.*

March 12: *Deadline to register to vote online via the "Geaux Vote" app.*

March 31: *Deadline to request a Mail ballot from the registrar.*

April 3: *Deadline for Registrar to receive a voted mail ballot.*

March 21-28: *Week of early voting.*

**APRIL 4: ELECTION DAY!!!**

