

The Trumpet

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Monthly newsletter of the Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, December 2

OPWRC members, associates, and guests will meet at the Ouachita Parish RIFLE RANGE located in West Monroe. (Directions: See page 4.) **No charge** for this annual holiday luncheon to be served at noon. Thanks to "volunteer cooks" who are providing the delicious meal.

Installation Officers for 2020-2021

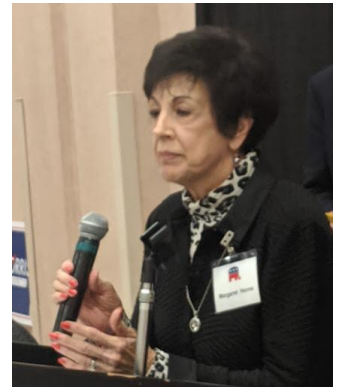
Misti Cordell	President
Angie Robert	1st Vice President
Sherra Fertitta	2nd Vice President
Kathy Ray	Treasurer
Janet Knott	Recording Secretary
Katie May	Corresponding Secretary

Homeless Shelter

During the holiday season, OUR hearts break for the homeless within our community. The OPWRC - Caring for America project focuses on the local shelter administered by the Salvation Army in Monroe. Captain Jerome Casey will bring the Red Kettle and bells will be ringing on MONDAY, DEC. 2. Since lunch is free - WHY NOT drop a small donation into the Kettle? Your heart will be lighter.

Chairs for OUR VETERANS

At the November meeting, club president, Mickey Jackson proposed that members might want to help with a project initiated by longtime member, *Margaret Horne*. (photo at right) Her husband, Ray Horne, is a resident at the Northeast Louisiana Veterans' Home in Monroe where she observed the need for additional lounge chairs for the veterans. "Many of these men sit in wheelchairs for most of the day, but after lunch, they enjoy moving to a comfortable leather chair for a while. Sadly, there are not enough chairs for everyone," she explained. Margaret contacted some of her friends and together they raised funds to purchase seven chairs.



Members exchanged ideas about ways to help provide more chairs for the NELA Veterans' Home. As a result, the decision was made to "pass the hat to purchase CHAIRS for VETS."



The result was - \$3,025.

Daniel Appliance and Furniture owners, *Charlotte Mears and Linda Tettleton*, offered to sell the leather lounging chairs for veterans at cost. In the photo (at left) is *Allen Eason*, manager of the furniture department at Daniels' who worked with us to purchase four of the comfortable recliners. Included in the purchase price was one Lift Recliner which was more expensive. Allen assured us "These chairs will be delivered well before Christmas!"

Moving Toward 2020 Election

There's always the next election – so, we move forward!

There are other races to be run. Candidates for Municipal Races and Republican State Central Committee will *qualify during January 8-10.* So far, no Republican has announced plans to run for mayor in the City of Monroe. However, FRIDAY ELLIS, a prominent businessman, has announced plans to run as an Independent.

"You cannot move forward IF you are looking backward". This adage offers sound advice for *candidates and supporters* who lost out in the fall elections. None of us like to lose; but we have to graciously accept the decision of the electorate.

There are reasons to celebrate. Many outstanding Republicans offered themselves for public service. These men and women are real heroes among us. These candidates displayed courage and commitment for a noble cause. While Republicans in Louisiana did not win the Governor's post – GOP candidates won every other statewide office, took a super majority in the Senate, and compiled a majority in the House.



We hope all the candidates will remain active in political and governmental affairs of our community, state and nation. *You do not have to hold office to voice your opinion.*

NOV 3 – Presidential Election Aggressive radicals in the Democrat Party would change the fundamental tenets of government in the

United States. They embrace failed socialistic policies that have already taken many countries into bankruptcy, poverty, crime and social unrest. Some want NO borders. Major campaign issues in 2020 include:

- free enterprise versus socialism
- sanctuary cities
- immigration policies
- legalized drug use for recreation
- nationalized healthcare for all
- radical prison reforms

We must re-elect DONALD TRUMP if we are to preserve the heritage, culture and values that make AMERICA the greatest nation ever established. SO, roll up your sleeves because Rep Republicans must prevail in order to KEEP America GREAT.

Newly ELECTED Senators

Senator-elect Stewart Cathey (R) ran for the Senate seat (District 33) vacated by the retirement of Mike Walsworth. He defeated Wade Bishop in the primary. District 33 includes portions of Ouachita, Morehouse, Union, Lincoln and Claiborne Parishes.



Senator-elect Jay Morris(R) served two terms in the House before he challenged incumbent Jim Fannin for the Senate seat in District 35. A third candidate, Matt Parker lost in the primary. The run-off was an extremely close race. District 35 includes portions of Ouachita, Union, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, and Rapides.



Senator-elect Glen Womack (R) is a resident of Harrisonburg. He defeated 3 other candidates, taking over 50 percent of the votes in the primary. Womack won the Senate seat in District 32 vacated by Neil Riser who has served 3 terms. District 32 covers 9 parishes from Feliciana to Ouachita.



Newly ELECTED State Representatives

Elections were held for all 105 seats in the Louisiana House of Representatives during the Fall (October 12 and November 16) of 2019. After the governor's inauguration, lawmakers will convene in January. The 2020 Regular Legislative Session will open on March 9 and close on June 1.



Michael Echols (R) was unopposed in his bid for State Representative in District 14 which includes portions of Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. He is a resident of Monroe where he works for Vantage Health.



Foy Gadberry (R) beat out three others in his race to become State Representative for District 15 which covers West Ouachita Parish. A retired engineer, business owner, and community leader, Foy lives in Calhoun.



Jack McFarland (R) was unopposed for State Representative in District 13. The resident of Winnfield will serve a second term as Representative for areas of Winn, Bienville, Jackson and Ouachita Parishes



Neil Riser (R) won election for State Representative in District 20 which includes Caldwell, Franklin Parishes and southern parts of Ouachita Parish. He beat out three opponents to return to the post he previously occupied in the House prior to his election to the Senate. He is a business owner and banker.

THANK YOU

Some very generous contributions to provide CHAIRS for VETERANS were made spontaneously by members and guests who attended the November meeting. Treasurer Kenda Reed shared with Board Members donors who gave generous checks. Please accept our sincere gratitude. The sum of these donations totaled \$3,025 for the purchase of 4 lounge chairs to be placed at the NELA Veterans' Home on Hwy. 165 in Monroe. Be sure to look for them the next time you visit this wonderful home for our veterans.

Penni Aulds
Dixie Bishop
Stewart Cathey, Jr.
Hardeman and Misti Cordell
Jane and John Ellett
Beverly Fraser
Foy Gadberry
Jean and Carl Gilstrap
Elee Trichell & HET Group
Frank Hoffmann
Dickie Jackson
Cheryl Klopping
Jan Mason
Jay Morris
Larry Rogers
Vicky Sanders
Vanetta Spillers
Betsy Trapp
Edwin Turnage
Mike Walsworth
Patricia Wilhite
Linda Williams



Republicans will celebrate the holidays
on Monday, December 2 at 11:30 – 1:00 at the
Ouachita Parish Sheriff Rifle Range .

Take I – 20 West.
Take the Well Road Exit and TURN LEFT.
Drive SOUTH for 2.6 miles.
At the END of Well Road,
TURN RIGHT onto New Natchitoches Road (LA 3429)
Drive 1.2 mile, then turn LEFT – *note the road sign*
Turn LEFT onto Trade Street and GO .8 mile
Turn slightly RIGHT onto Sheriff Richard Fewell Road – GO .4 mile
ARRIVE at the destination

Special occasions result from careful planning and the work of willing hands. Our Christmas Luncheon is such an event – many hands will endeavor to make this a wonderful celebration for the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether an individual decorates, cooks, gathers, or serves – all efforts are appreciated. Thank YOU!

Janis McDonald, Charlotte Moore, Pam Cason, Vicky Sanders, Kay Kellogg Katz, Grace Kirksey, Mickey Jackson, Beth Correro, Penni Aulds, Linda Willard, Brenda Davis, Anita Harper, Patricia Watt, JoAnn Womack, Joyce Grier, Mickie Douglas, Angela Juneau, Verda Gates, Sharon Marchman, Joanna Massey, LaNell Armstrong, Kandy Soeller, Ruth Milonski, Lynn Ramsey, Charlotte Nugent, Amanda Barry, Kathy Pippin, Sherry Reed, Merelle Brossett, Delores Cooper, Regina Wilson, Sherra Fertitta, Sybil Duffey, Gayle Baldree, Jean Gilstrap, Cheryl Klopping, MaryLinda McCain, and Sondra White will prepare our meal.

If your name is not listed above, please bring a covered dish of your choice. We hope to have a huge crowd.