

# ARW'S HEELS ON THE GROUND NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2024

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Web site: [LFRW.org](http://LFRW.org)

Use your email address & password as listed on ARW Membership form LFRW Webmaster will help you to log in if you cannot.

Facebook: LFRW/NFRW are Facebook groups

#### NFRW

Web site: [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org)

Member Web site:

Facebook: ARW is a [PAGE \(Not group\)](#)

[TWITTER is now called X](#)

[, TRUTH SOCIAL is a social media group](#)

[as is MEWE you need to join as an individual not as a ARW Member](#)

Marian Laughlin, ARW President, term 2024-25



### PRESIDENT Marian Laughlin's February 2024 MESSAGE TO MEMBERSHIP:

WELCOME MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES TO THE ACADIANA REPUBLICAN WOMEN CLUB. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US IN OUR

Community work; as well as our political endeavors as we work towards the 2024 Election.

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2024?

Membership Renewal **(\$45.00):**

**\*New 2024 ARW Meeting schedule:** Starting in January (6) Luncheon Meetings will be **\$25.00 for Members and \$30.00 for non-members.** (6) Dinner Meetings will be \$30.00 for all members and \$35.00 for non-members.

Dates for Tuesday Luncheon Meetings will be January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be on a Wednesday., November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, is a Tuesday.

Dinner Meetings will be on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our February 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon Meeting Speakers are: Robert Benoit, Cydra Wingerter, Josh Guillory, Jamie Angelle and Jonathan Goudeau. {Roundtable Discussion} Don't forget to send in your questions for this discussion.

ARW will be awarding the Woman of the Year Award at this meeting. Will it be YOU?

We are looking forward to a great year for all our projects, Events, and the Election for President! Do hope we can count on you to volunteer not only your time but your talents!

Sincerely, Marian Laughlin, ARW President

Hope to see you at this meeting; as the food is good, and our guests are great so all we need is YOU!



# February Meeting



Robert Benoit, Cydra Wingerter,  
Josh Guillory, Jamie Angelle



Jonathan Goudeau

Acadiana Republican Women cordially invites you to participate in an exciting roundtable discussion with Josh Guillory, Cydra Wingerter, Robert Benoit, and Jamie Angelle. We will also be honoring Jonathan Goudeau for his legislative services. Come prepared to laugh, ask questions, and enjoy a great time with a community of like-minded people!

Lunch costs \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.  
There will be an added fee of \$5 for non-RSVPs

## River Oaks Catering & Events

520 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508

February

20<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open  
at 11:00am

Please RSVP by Noon on February 18th to  
Conray2023@gmail.com or 337.288.0568

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MEMBERSHIP :elected November 2023:

**ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

1. **PRESIDENT: Marian Laughlin**
2. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ruth Gaspard**
3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Marsha Vining**
4. **Treasurer; Connie Boyer**
5. **Recording Secretary Peggy Buckels**
6. **Corresponding Secretary Joyce Linde**
7. **Parliamentian Iris Milligan**

PRESIDENT/appoints and EXCOMMITTEE votes to approve or disapprove:

**APPOINTED BOARD CHAIRMANS**

1. **Chaplin: Anita Johnson**
2. **Treasurer assistant : Betty Myrick**
3. **LFRW and NFRW Awards : Helen Granger**
4. **Newsletter Editor: Carita Wilson**
5. **Veteran Events and Committee: Iris Milligan**
6. **Community Projects : Non-Profit Charities and Fundraisers Volunteers needed**
7. **Elections State and City, Parish, and Federal:  Volunteers needed**
8. **Napoleon Room Decorations and Flag Placements Volunteers needed**
9. **Audio setups for Screen, computer, microphone for Speakers & Club.  Volunteers needed**

**Email sent to all members and Associates of ARW by ARW President.**

Good Morning to All,

This past year has been a very busy one for our club, and we would love for you to help us out in our community and club activities. ARW has several area's we could use your time and talent. Our committee meeting is scheduled for February 22nd at 6:30. The meeting will be held at 206 Copper Ridge Rd, Youngsville, La 70592. Our Associate Male members are invited as we appreciate all they do to support ARW. We look forward seeing you and welcome your suggestions and feedback!

Please RSVP if you plan to attend by responding to this email which was sent to you this past week.



Marian D. Laughlin, ARW President

# MEETINGS for Organizations

**\*See 2024 ARW Luncheon and Dinner Meetings Schedule.**

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024: ARW TUESDAY MEETING

**Please remember to make your reservation: RSVP**

**contact: Connie Boyer: [Conray2023@mail.com](mailto:Conray2023@mail.com)**

**Text 337-2880568 - Meetings are from 5:30PM**

**{Doors open} starts @ 6:00 PM at River Oaks**

**Catering Center and Dinner is \$30.00( extra**

**\$5.00 if you did not RSVP) before Meeting)**

**Luncheon Meetings @ 11:30am Cost is \$25.00**

**CALENDAR EVENTS: A 2024 1.) City**

**Council meetings 1st, & 3rd Tuesday of  
each month at 5:30 PM @ City Hall.**

**2.) Lafayette Parish Executive Committee (PEC) 2nd**

**Monday of month /NOON @ Pizza Village on Kaliste  
Saloom.**

**3.) Republican State Central Committee (RSCC) is**

**10:00 Am Saturday .TBA**

**4.) ARW Monthly Executive Committee 2nd Wednesday**

**/month**

**9:30am/12pm: Board Meeting Last Wednesday of the Month.**

**5.) ARW monthly luncheon meetings on the 3rd**

**Tuesday of each month - Meetings 10:30AM (Doors**

**open) 11:00 AM Starts @ River Oaks Catering Center,**

**Cost: \$25.00 Buffet Dinner (with RSVP) if not \$30.00**

**&for non-members. Reservations are required.**

**RSVP: Connie Boyer, [conray2023@gmail.com](mailto:conray2023@gmail.com), Text**

**337-288- 0568.**

Red Shoe Book Club Carita Wilson,  
Chairman:

[76theresa@gmail.com](mailto:76theresa@gmail.com) Book Club for

February. Went to the new  
Chimes Restaurant for Lunch.

Empire of the Summer Moon

Quanah Parker and the Rise and  
Fall of the Comanches, the  
most powerful Indian Tribe in  
American history. by S.C.

Gwynne. Helen Granger read

Lisa See's book" Lady Tan's

Circle of Women"A true story of  
a woman physician in 15<sup>th</sup>

century China. According to  
Confucius. "an educated woman  
is a worthless woman".Carita

Wilson read The Charm School

by Nelson Demille, After the  
Vietnam War and the MIA's

plight there was a conspiracy

theory that Russia had taken

American pilots held prisoners

by the Viet Cong and used them

as teachers to teach Russian men

and women how to become an

American in all ways and then

these Russian/Americans

became spies in America, and

later how the plot was

discovered by the CIA.

The food was good, but the

restaurant was very noisy due to

the high ceilings with brick and

cement walls. Not good for book

discussions.

## 2024 Membership Form



DATE:\_\_\_\_\_ Are you a registered Republican? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Renewing Member\_\_\_\_\_

New Member\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Other phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our club? \_\_\_\_\_

### DUES FOR 2024 MEMBERSHIP

( ) Active Member: \$45 includes membership in ARW, LFRW and NFRW

( ) Associate Members: \$25 for male Republicans and chartered members

( ) Student: \$28 (Must be attending School)

Membership Chair Marsha Vining-Clooney

337-849-5234

Mail Membership Form to:

Cash\_\_\_\_\_ Check\_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box 51937

Lafayette, LA 70505

## **Senators pull back on Gov. Landry's closed party primaries proposal**

### **Senators pull back on Gov. Landry's closed party primaries proposal; Take effect 2026**



**East Baton Rouge Parish Voters stand in line at**

**Louisiana lawmakers have curtailed Gov. Jeff Landry's plans to move the state to closed party primary elections. Based on the amended proposal a state Senate committee advanced Thursday, only congressional and state Supreme Court races would use closed party-only primaries, and the changes would take effect **two years** later than the governor wants. Still, the ... Continue reading****Senators pull back on Gov. Landry's closed party primaries proposal**

## **Louisiana Illuminator**

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**Louisiana Illuminator (click to follow link.)**

**<https://lailluminator.com/briefs/i-10-bridge/>**

Read the Legislative News by Susie Labry [lasunshinebr@yahoo.com](mailto:lasunshinebr@yahoo.com) sent to you by ARW President Marian Laughlin

This update will give you all the happenings in Baton Rouge on Life, Guns, Health Freedom, Election Integrity, Carbon Capture and more. See all the House Bills and the Votes and activities surrounding "How you can help pass a vote or defeat a vote." You the Voter can be involved now before an election.

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