

# ARW'S HEELS ON THE GROUND NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 19TH, 2024

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, 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 March 19th 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 Presidential Election. November 5, 2024**

Did you pay your ARW ANNUAL DUES ? MEMBERS \$45.00 ASSOCIATES \$25.00? DO SO BEFORE MARCH 25TH, 2024 OR YOU WILL BE TAKEN OFF all COMMUNICATIONS! BESIDES WE WOULD MISS YOU!

Join **Cindy**, **Daniel**, and **Hannah** to share in the local buzz! These three community leaders have valuable insights to discuss what's happening in Lafayette! Their perspectives and knowledge are sure to shed light on the latest happenings in our vibrant community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with these influential voices and stay informed about all the exciting developments in Lafayette! **See Page 2 for Flyer on Speakers.**

Speakers for the March 19th Luncheon Meeting @ RIVER OAKS @ 11:30 AM. SEE YOU THERE AND INVITE A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR OR FAMILY MEMBER. rsvp BY THE 17TH. WITH CONNIE BOYER [Conray2023@gmail.com](mailto:Conray2023@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE: LFRW LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2024**

**8AM TO 9:00AM BREAKFAST @ PENTAGON BARRACKS APARTMENT OF LT. GOV NUNGESSER.**

**9:00AM TO 11:30PM, MEETINGS, LUNCH 11:30 TO 1pm, WEAR RED. CHECK YOUR EMAIL INBOX FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT. SENT TO YOU ON MONDAY.**

**LET'S CONGRATULATE OUR WOMAN OF THE YEAR HELEN GRANGER FOR ALL HER HARD WORK & TEAM PLAYER OF SO MANY COMMITTEES!**  
**SINCERLY, MARIAN LAUGHLIN, ARW PRESIDENT**





# March Meeting



**Cindy Randazzo**  
Commission Chairwomen  
Heymann Performing Arts  
Center



**Daniel Kelly**  
President  
Lafayette Parish  
Public Library



**Hannah Smith Mason**  
Vice President  
Lafayette Parish School  
Board

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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

**March**

**19<sup>th</sup>**

Doors Open  
at 11:00am

Please RSVP by Noon on March 17th to  
Conray2023@gmail.com or 337.288.0568



**.Citizens for a New  
Louisiana Luncheon  
3/15/24 ARW Members  
with Congressman Clay  
Higgins .**



**LFRW RGIONS 2,3,4,ARW MEMBER & JUSTIN  
GREEN(LAGOP DATA & ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR)  
JOYCE LINDE WAS THERE BUT LEFT BEFORE PHOTO.**

Disclaimer: campaign information in this newsletter is not an endorsement for any candidate.

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. **Coresponding 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.



**Members and Associates gathered at Marsha's home for planning and suggestions for Committees. Good turnout and food. Found some volunteers for certain Committees but we always need help.**



# MEETINGS for Organizations

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

**March 20th, 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  
March will not be held until  
end of the month .

**I want to recommend that you  
read Page 6 & 7 of this  
newsletter : commentary by  
Roger Kimball of Epoch Times  
on the new book by Peter  
Schweizer. " Blood Money: Why  
the Powerful Turn a Blind Eye  
While China kills Americans"**

**ARW Book Club read Mr.  
Schweizer Book "Profiles in  
Corruption: Abuse of Power by  
American's Progressive Elites"  
in 2020 which was an eye opener  
on Joe Biden and his corrupt  
Family.**

**Happy St. Patrick Day on  
the 17th  
First Day of Spring on the  
19th  
Easter Sunday on the  
#31st..  
Hope you are all enjoying  
Daylight Saving Time!! I  
know I am.**



Spring has Sprung in my yard as  
the Hostas are unfurling leaves in  
their old 20year barrel and the  
Roses are blooming

first day of Spring March 19th

**HOW IS YOUR GARDEN  
DOING?**



## Governor Jeff Landry elected 2024 57th Governor of Louisiana

### About

Jeffrey Martin Landry is an American politician and attorney who has served since 2024 as the 57th governor of Louisiana. A member of the Republican Party, he served as the 45th attorney general of Louisiana from 2016 to 2024 and as the U.S. representative for Louisiana's 3rd congressional district from 2011 to 2013. Wikipedia

Born: 1970 (age 53 years), Saint Martinville, LA

Party: Republican Party

Previous offices: Louisiana Attorney General (2016–2024), Representative, LA 3rd District (2011–2013)

Spouse: Sharon Landry

Education: Loyola University New Orleans, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Office: Governor of Louisiana since 2024

Previous campaign: Governor of Louisiana primary, 2023



Secretary of State  
Nancy Landry  
2024

Nancy Ruth Landry, also known as Nancy L. Matthews, is an American politician who served as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives for the 31st district from 2008 to 2019. Wikipedia

Born: 1962 (age 61 years), Japan

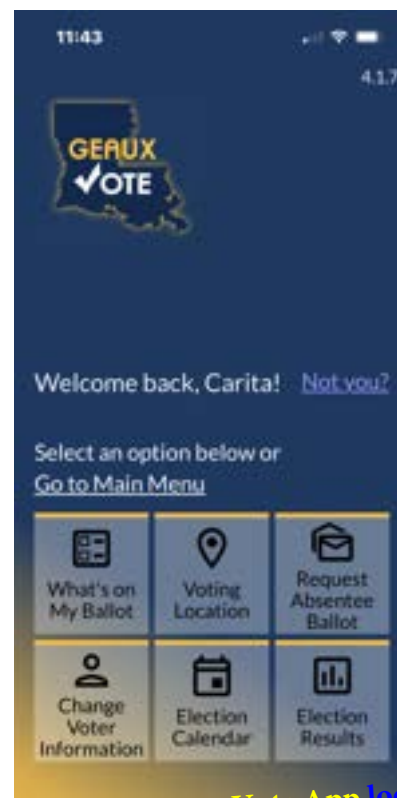
Party: Republican Party

Previous office: Louisiana State Representative (2008–2019)

Office: Secretary of State of Louisiana since 2024

Previous campaign: Louisiana Secretary of State primary, 2023

Education: Louisiana State University, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center



**This what Geaux Vote App looks like when it opens! do you need an Absentee Ballot before March 23,2024 Primary Election?**

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## New Revelations About the Chinese Communist Party and Its War Against the West Epoch Times:

By Roger Kimball Commentary :I do not often recommend new books in this column.

If I make an exception now, it is because Peter Schweizer's new book "Blood Money: Why the Powerful Turn a Blind Eye While China Kills Americans" is so important.

Mr. Schweizer, a former senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford, is the president of the Government Accountability Institute.

He is also the author of a shelf-full of bestselling books. Here are the titles of some of my favorites: "Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China

Win" (2022), "Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends" (2018), "Clinton Cash: The Untold Story of How and Why Foreign Governments and Businesses Helped Make Bill and Hillary Rich" (2016), and "Throw Them All Out: How Politicians and Their Friends Get Rich Off Insider Stock Tips, Land Deals, and Cronyism That Would Send the Rest of Us to Prison" (2011).

The fact that all these books were bestsellers is not incidental.

Mr. Schweizer aims at the broadest possible audience for his books because the corruption he has uncovered affects us all.

Despite the prominence of Democrats in his exposés, it is important to understand that Mr. Schweizer's subject is, as I put it when writing about "Profiles in Corruption: Abuse of Power by America's Progressive Elites" (2020), "not perfidy, corruption, and self-dealing by Democrats, but perfidy, corruption, and self-dealing by politicians regardless of party."

This dispassionate concern for the truth is on conspicuous display in his new book about China's complex if only semi-declared war against the United States and the West generally.

Fully a third of its 309 pages are devoted to source notes.

In order to outline the malign activities of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the United States, he has consulted a mass of material, including restricted Chinese military journals and Chinese corporate records as well as "private emails from key American leaders, leaked documents from the Department of Homeland Security," and many other federal agencies.

The result is that every assertion, every revelation, every charge is meticulously documented.

Together with Mr. Schweizer's understated, methodical prose style, that mountain of carefully culled research makes the story he tells all the more chilling and all the more compelling.

There are essentially two sides to Mr. Schweizer's brief in "Blood Money."

One involves the systematic deployment of strategies by the CCP to weaken America and harm or, indeed, kill its citizens.

If that last phrase seems hyperbolic, remember that fentanyl poisoning is killing more than 100,000 Americans a year and that the CCP is "involved at every stage of the drug's production and distribution in the United States."

Mr. Schweizer quotes one politician who tartly observed, "Make no mistake—there's no fentanyl crisis without the CCP."

The Chinese influence on U.S. COVID policy was similarly lethal.

Forget about the origins of the virus.

What mattered was the way U.S. leaders followed China in promulgating policies that were far more deadly than the respiratory disease that they were ostensibly combatting.

the American people lived through what Mr. Schweizer rightly describes as “the largest suppression of civil rights during peacetime in U.S. history.”

The economy suffered a self-inflicted body blow.

Why? Largely because “Our health care leaders hid information from us to protect their Chinese colleagues and themselves.”

The CCP are disciples of Sun Tzu and regard his book “The Art of War” as a how-to manual.

Article number one is his declaration that **“the supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.”**

The motto is engraved on various official buildings and is explicitly taught as a matter of military strategy.

**Deception is the key.**

Accordingly, the CCP is going after the “soft underbelly” of the United States, waging “disintegration warfare” that involves everything from drugs to social media to financial corruption.

It is, says Mr. Schweizer, a hydra-headed beast that has deliberately been “contributing to social chaos and killing Americans.”

Mr. Schweizer also devotes many pages to laying out how the CCP has attacked traditional American values through the “soft power” of Hollywood, education, and social media.

There has been a flurry of attention in Congress devoted to TikTok, the Chinese-owned company that spews an agenda of sexual exoticism, infantilization, and anti-American, anti-Western propaganda.

|| this describes one side of Mr. Schweizer’s analysis.

The other side concerns the fecklessness, not to say the outright corruption, of American leaders.

To a breathtaking extent, we have been sold out by our leaders to the CCP.

Is there a way out?

Yes, but it would require “a paradigm shift” in our foreign policy.

Really to counter the semi-covert assault on the soul of America by the CCP would “dramatically disrupt the lives and livelihoods of elites from Silicon Valley to Wall Street.”

That brings me to what is perhaps the most dispiriting revelation in this dispiriting but important book: the fact the deceptive machinations of a foreign power to cripple America by stealth are only possible with the acquiescence of “those who benefit from partnerships with Chinese government-linked companies [who also] very often finance the campaigns of our political leaders.” Let that sink in.

Mr. Schweizer ends on a chilling note that I hope will also be a call to arms.

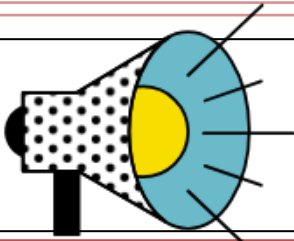
“We are,” writes Mr. Schweizer, “way beyond the 1960s la-la land mantra of **‘Suppose they gave a war and nobody came?’ The only people who haven’t shown up are the ones who should be defending us.**”

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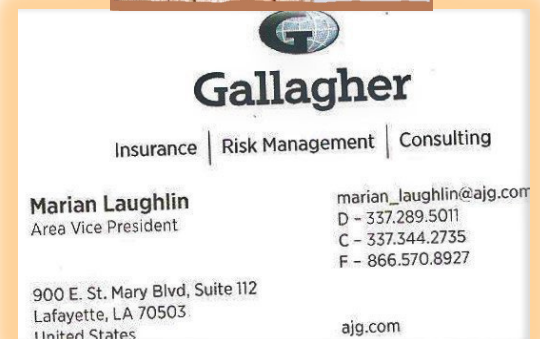
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311 non Emergency information from local government

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**AT KATHERINE DREXEL SCHOOL**

**WAS ATTENDED BY ARW MEMBERS**



**Marian Laughlin,**  
**Helen Granger**  
**Peggy Buckels,**  
**Connie Boyer, &**  
**Barbara Hotz**  
**Iris Milligan**  
**reading to class.**





THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTESS, RUTH GASPARD, FOR THE MEET & GREET WITH PAST MAYOR/PRESIDENT JOSH GUILLORY AND HIS STAFF! FUN MEETING



MARSHA VINING-CLOONEY MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

