

# ARW'S HEELS ON THE GROUND NEWSLETTER

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**PRESIDENT Marian Laughlin's MAY, 2023 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.**

When you pay your ARW Dues for the year you will also become a member of LFRW (Louisiana Federation of Republican Women and NFRW (National Federation of Republican Women) and you will belong to Region 3 that encompasses these Clubs: ARW, Fleur De Leis, Jefferson Davis RWC Pelican State Republican Women, RW Southwest La. . The Websites: LFRW.Org and NFRW.Org can be used by you for information pertaining to Conventions, Events, By Laws, Awards, and Photos. NFRW will send to you monthly a Newsletter that contains information about Washington DC, other State Clubs and their events and photos. LFRW will send out quarterly Elephantine's Newsletter pertaining to all Louisiana's Clubs and their Events. If you like getting Newsletters, then you can subscribe to La. GOP and many other Republican organizations which are free.

The Executive committee decided that while we are on daylight saving time; our meetings would be Dinner Meetings rather than Luncheons and this will give our working members the chance to attend meetings. We also know that some members do not drive at night; therefore, we have arranged for drivers to pick up and deliver you to these nightly meetings. Just tell Connie Boyer when you RSVP (1 week before Meeting) that you need a Driver. RSVP IS IMPORTANT AS YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY \$5.00 MORE FOR YOUR MEAL IF YOU DO NOT RSVP. River Oaks needs to know to make sure so there is enough food and table/chairs for all our members. I Thank you for following these rules as we want all our members to be comfortable.

Our speakers (who are Candidates or not) will speak on all types of subject matter and we hope if you have something that you would like to hear, please let us know. On the left side of this newsletter, you will see email addresses so just click on them and let us know your preferences by email.

Sincerely, Marian Laughlin, ARW President

# MEETINGS for Organizations

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ARW Tuesday MEETING

**Please remember to make your reservation: RSVP contact: Connie Boyer :[Conray2@cox.net](mailto:Conray2@cox.net) (or) Text 337-2880568 -Meetings are from 5:30PM (Doors open) starts @ 6:00 PM at River Oaks Catering Center and Dinner is \$25.00 (extra \$5.00 **if you did not RSVP**) Tell Connie when you RSVP if you need a Ride to Night Meeting (**1 week before Meeting**)**

**Please come and welcome Our Speaker: Mike Francis, Candidate for Secretary of State Election November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Early Voting is October 14, 2023**

**CALENDAR EVENTS: May 2023 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 July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Baton Rouge. Many hospitality's Suites on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> before Meeting.**

:00 AM

**4.) Mayor/President Josh Guillory Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 2:00PM, City Hall.**

**4.) ARW Monthly Executive Committee 2nd Wednesday /month 9:30am/12pm: Board Meeting Last Wednesday of the Month.**

**5.) ARW monthly Dinner meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month - Meetings 5:30PM (**Doors open**) 6:00 PM Starts @ River Oaks Catering Center, Cost: \$25.00 Buffet Dinner (with **RSVP**) if not \$30.00.....Reservations are required. RSVP: Connie Boyer, [conray2cox.net](mailto:conray2cox.net), Text 337-288-0568.**

**If you need a driver/ride for night meetings tell Connie when you RSVP 1 week before Meeting.**

Red Shoe Book Club last week of Month: May 28<sup>th</sup> We chose to read our own choice of Book. Helen Granger chose "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver is a parallel look at David Copperfield and Demon Copperhead with Appalachia, opioid crisis, abuses and poverty and how a boy can grow into a good man despite it all. Kingsolver's other acclaimed book is "Poisonwood Bible".

Bernie Roberts chose to read "Run Rose Run" by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. A story of a rise to fame by a young woman who was a singer- song writer and on the run to find a future and lose a past whose darkness might just find her and destroy her in the city of Nashville.

Gail Dysart chose to read a historical novel "Grave Danger" Mistress of Death is what the heroine is called by author Ariana Franklin in her 4<sup>th</sup> book of this series.

Sandra Guidroz who is recovering from a foot surgery and confined to her home for 3 months before she can start walking again was the hostess at her home where everyone brown bagged it for Lunch. She watched a series of movies that were made from the books of HARLAN COBEN that we all had previously read and had enjoyed.

Carita Wilson read "Kipper's Game" by Barbara Ehrenreich her first novel: It is a book about a marriage that does not make it, a son (who is a genius but does not rise to his potential (his teachers say about him), and he grows into a nihilistic Computer hacker who has invented an addictive computer game; while his mother is searching for him, others are searching for her. A thriller with science, metaphysics, human love, and the equally human hunger for knowledge.



Book Club is opened to all ARW Members who love to read and enjoy exchanging ideas and food. Carita Wilson, chairman [76theresa@gmail.com](mailto:76theresa@gmail.com)

**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.

Louisiana Education: State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley

**Louisiana Pre-K to 12 grade Education improves Five places in U.S. News & World Report Rankings Best States Rankings for 2023; which evaluates all 50 States improving up to 41<sup>st</sup> from 46<sup>th</sup>. NAEP (Nation's Report Card) ranked Louisiana's 4<sup>th</sup> graders #1 in the Country in reading growth. Other improvements: College Readiness from 42<sup>nd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>., High School graduation went from 45<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup>., Math Scores from 50<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup>., Reading Scores from 48<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup>. And Preschool enrollment: from 15<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Louisiana's overall school performance score returned to its pre-pandemic level. ARW SENDS Congratulations to ALL Louisiana Teachers who remained focused on academic excellence. [TED. Beasley@la.gov](mailto:TED.Beasley@la.gov) Media Contact**

State Treasury: John Schroder weighs in on budget reform ahead of session [BRproud](#).  
Treasurer Schroder says Locals should have a say on industrial tax break. [Louisiana Illuminator](#)  
Treasurer Schroder assures public of state funding's security. [L'Observateur](#)  
Treasurer Schroder on state's finances following Silicon Valley Bank collapse. [KATC](#)  
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RW CLUB'S WEBPAGE**



CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR Secretary of State 2023 ARE:

1. Clay Schexnayder Republican
2. Brandon Trosclair Republican
3. Nancy Landry Republican
4. Mike Francis Republican

★ ACADIANA ★  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

*Invites you!*

**May Meeting**

*Please join us as we listen to  
Commissioner Mike Francis give us  
an update on his plans to run for  
Secretary of State*

Dinner Costs \$25  
Doors Open 5:30pm



River Oaks Catering & Events - Napoleon Room  
520 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508

**MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 6 PM**

Please RSVP by Noon on May 14th to [conray2@cox.net](mailto:conray2@cox.net) or 337.288.0568



**Mike Francis**  
Public Service Commissioner  
District Four  
and  
Candidate for  
Secretary Of State

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