



The Trumpet

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

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Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!!!

Monday, January 6

OPWRC Monthly Meeting!

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

**Guest Speaker, Dianne
Abraham**



Wed- Friday, January 8-10

Qualifying for all municipal
elections, Republican State
Central and Republican Parish
Executive Committees.

Monday, January 20

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day!**

January 23-25

**Washington DC Mardi
Gras!!!**

*Our Jan. Outreach project will
focus on Literacy!*

*Please contact one of our execu-
tive members if you would like to
help!*

OPWRC New Officer Installation for 2020-2022

Members and Associates of the Ouachita Parish Republican Club celebrated the holiday season as they installed a *new slate of officers* who will serve for the next two years. Misti Cordell was installed as President to lead the organization along with Angie Robert and Sherra Fertitta who were inaugurated as First Vice-president and Second Vice-president respectively. Other officers for the new term include Kathy Ray, Treasurer; Janet Knott, Recording Secretary; and Katie May, Corresponding Secretary.



Outgoing officers: Mickey Jackson, President; Donna Cathey, First Vice-president; Misti Cordell, Second Vice-president; Kenda Reed, Treasurer; and Beth Correro, Corresponding Secretary and Verda Gates, Past president were recognized for their dedicated service to OPWRC. The club received state and national awards for exemplary projects focused on patriotism and civics education during 2017-2019. The Ouachita Parish chapter includes over 300 members and associates and ranks as the largest club in Louisiana. The prestigious Diamond Award from the National Federation of Republican Women was presented to OPWRC at the National Convention held in October.

Sheriff Jay Russell welcomed the festive group to the Regional Training Facility for area law enforcement officers as he explained the various training opportunities provided within the compound. Guest speaker Captain Jerome Casey presented an update on developing activities at the Salvation Army Shelter. The services to temporarily homeless individuals at the shelter include much more than a bed and food. The audience was amazed by the heartwarming message of hope shared by Captain Casey.

~ Mickey Jackson



OPWRC Supports Community Outreach Activities

During the past year Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club administered multiple service projects to honor current members of the military, veterans who previously served our country, law enforcement officers, and first responders who protect us. In addition, the club supports a local shelter for homeless people that is run by the Salvation Army. The group donates paper products and pantry items throughout the year and Captain Jerome Casey was invited to bring the red kettle to the Christmas event. After members and guests enjoyed a delicious feast, they were encouraged to drop their donations into the kettle. We also had quite a few of our members donate their time to ring the bell this season! Thank you to our members for representing our club and for giving back to our community.



~ Mickey Jackson



Wreaths Across America

The club extended their annual holiday tribute to veterans by participating in the Wreaths Across America event held at the NELA Veterans' Cemetery on Highway 15 south of Rayville. Each year OPWRC provides five wreaths to be placed on the graves of veterans. Attending for the club, this year were Sherra Fertitta, Misti Cordell, Angie Robert and Pam Cason.

~ Mickey Jackson



2019 Welcomed President Donald Trump to Louisiana!!!

Our state was blessed with three visits from our sitting 45th President, Donald Trump. His visits in Lake Charles, Monroe, and Shreveport were all sold out and proved that Louisiana continues to be a very strong RED state. Each rally was sold out, packing each venue to capacity and beyond.

Many Trump supporters came hours in advance to get a seat and some who could not get into the area, chose to sit outside and view the rally on the jumbotron. Most of our Louisiana Legislators and a few local celebrities were in attendance as these events.



Kay Katz was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the opening of the rally.



It was reported that over 10,000 people showed up to this rally. Capacity for the Monroe Civic Center is a little over 7,000.



Our state and national leaders rallied around our president at each of these events. Many took time off from busy schedules in order to show support of Trump and unite behind the conservative cause. ~ Misti Cordell



Membership Form

Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club

Check one: ☐ Regular Member (must be a Registered Republican Woman)
☐ Associate Member (must be a Registered Republican, male membership)

Check one: ☐ Renewing Member ☐ New Member

☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. _____
 (Please check correct title above.) (Name)

Mailing address - Street/PO Box: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers: (Please circle the method in which you prefer to be reached.)

Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email: _____

Name you prefer on your Name Tag: _____

Do you want to be a Friend of our OPWRC Facebook page? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to volunteer on a sub-committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which Committees would you like to work on? _____

My Annual Membership Dues of \$35 is enclosed:

☐ Cash ☐ Check number: _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ CVV _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This membership form and your check for \$35 may be mailed to:

Ouachita Parish Women's Republican Club, 1600 Hudson Lane, Suite 10, Monroe, LA 71201

A Message from our OPWRC executive board:

As we start a new year, we find ourselves hopeful. Although chaos is all around us, our conservative effort is continuing to grow, and our party is seeing the fruits of this growth. As conservatives, we hold dear Christian values, capitalism, and less reliance on government. A society that is self-reliant is a strong society and will sustain itself through many changes in government. "We the People" will be allowed our say and will be in control, as it should be.

As we go into this New Year, we would like to encourage membership to invite friends to join our club and also to find a spot where they can serve on a sub-committee. The more members that we have serving in society, the more society will see that conservatives stand for the growth of the person vs the growth of government.

We wish you many blessings of prosperity and health in this new decade. We also pray for this great nation and for those who serve and protect her. May God's hand ever be on them and may He protect and guide their paths.

Sincerely, Misti, Angie, Sherra, Kathy, Katie, and Janet.



WE NEED YOU!

Our club would like to be more visible in our community this year. With this goal in mind, we have added sub-committees to open up more opportunities for everyone to find their place.

Hospitality

Caring for the Community

Literacy Project

Constitution Project:

Veterans Project

Scholarship Project

Poll Watchers

Campaign Chair

Membership/Outreach

Archivist

Historian

Caucus

Fundraising

If you are interested in helping on any of these committees, please let one of the Executive Board know.

TOGETHER...



WE CAN DO IT!