



Lady Republican

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA



Attorney General Jeff Landry

Jeff Landry became the 45th Louisiana Attorney General or *Procureur general de la Louisiane*, on January 11, 2016.

One of four children raised in a middle-class St. Martinville family, General Landry grew up during Louisiana's oil bust - teaching him personally the effects that a bad economy can have on a family, particularly in a small town. Raised by a school-teacher mother and an architect father, sacrifices were made to ensure their children had the best education possible. General Landry, with hard work and determination, joined the Louisiana National Guard while still in high school.

General Landry worked his way through college as a police officer and a sheriff's deputy. He experienced the necessity of protecting our communities and ensuring the law is faithfully executed by our elected officials, the Attorney General's office, and the courts. As a veteran, General Landry faithfully upheld the oath to protect our civil liberties while keeping our communities safe.

While serving as an aide in the Louisiana State Senate he attained firsthand that many solutions to our problems can be found from listening to the voices of the people and not just to the debates of politicians. In 2010, General Landry was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives where he became known as a ferocious advocate of the Constitution, a leader on the national energy policy, an activist for conservative family values, and a promoter of reductions in wasteful government spending.

General Landry is a veteran of Desert Storm and left the military with the rank of Sergeant. He received the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, a National Defense Ribbon, an Overseas Training Ribbon and the Louisiana War Cross from his eleven years of service as a member of the Louisiana National Guard.

General Landry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Sustainable Resources with a Minor in Biology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now ULL-Lafayette). He and his wife, Sharon, are raising their son, J.T., in Acadiana.



Join us for Lunch

Thursday, June 24, 2021
Buffet Lunch 11:00 AM
Meeting 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Reeves Uptown Catering
1639 Ryan St. Lake Charles,
LA

Guest Speaker:
Attorney General
Jeff Landry

RSVP by Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Sharon Denson- 842-1986
sdgop4life@gmail.com

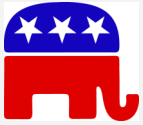
2021 Officers

President Sister Fontenot

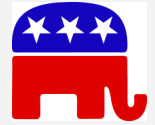
Vice President Donna Gossett

Secretary Debbie Carlin

Interim Treasurer Jonell Wilkinson



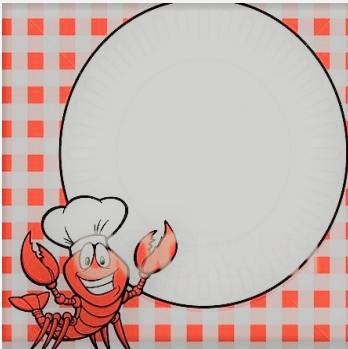
May 2021 Speaker of the Month: Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser



It was such an honor and a privilege to have as our guest speaker, the 54th Lt. Governor of Louisiana, Billy Nungesser. He spoke of the wonderful opportunities that the State of Louisiana has implemented, such as “Staycation”; buy 3 nights and get a 4th “on the house at our beautiful state parks and the many adventures which can be had by all ages.

The “Staycation” is a small portion of the long term “Sunshine Plan” which will provide Louisiana to profit from our seafood industry and improve its financial stability. Louisiana tourism has been traumatized by closures related to Covid-19. Tourism in Louisiana usually attracts about 51.3 million people and generates millions of dollars for our economy.

Lt. Governor Nungesser likes to say, “We will open the doors, fill the plates, and feed the soul”.



“Everyday there’s something new that I find to love about Louisiana,”
Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser quote from his website, billynungesser.com

Lt. Governor Nungesser is also trying to keep the dolphins from becoming extinct in the Barataria Basin; he also launched “Songs of the Survivors’ Program”, which is to aid veterans living with PTSD.

To find out more about the “Staycation” offers, “Glamping” or the many exciting adventures that await you, please go to these websites:

[Louisiana is a Trip!](#)

[Louisiana’s State Parks](#)

Or text from your cellphone: 22828



REPUBLICAN *Women*
of Southwest Louisiana



Republican Roundtable

May 21, 2021

Speaker: U. S. Senator, Bill Cassidy



Senator Cassidy, upon his slightly delayed arrival, faced a nearly packed room filled with mixed emotions. Whether attended by those who came out to hear him speak on the hot button issues; most present were there to hear his explanation, to why he voted to impeach President Donald J. Trump.

He wasted no time and began the Q&A with the inquires being about Medicare, the Retired Teachers of Louisiana Benefits, with a very detailed explanation of how/when the systems were set up; the average life expectancy then, was 62. Now, with the advances in the medical field, many are living past 100 years of age. The retirement system was not designed to sustain the longevity of these retirees. It has even been stated by Senator Cassidy that, “The Social Security System will be bankrupt in 10 years”.

He had talking points, though briefly, on the Asian Hate Crime Bill; he also spoke of Democrats pushing agendas as Defunding the Police, various Covid bills, the border crisis and child care issues evolving from Covid’s “Pay to Stay Home”. The Senator stated that Governor John Bel Edwards, “will not back off on the money”. Governor Edwards is paying extra unemployment benefits though the job market is begging for employees.

Phillip Tarver, La State Rep. 36th District, stated to Senator Cassidy, “The people need to be more accountable”. What he went on the explain is, “those who are collecting Covid Unemployment are given opportunities to return to work.” Many are choosing to remain jobless, because they are paid more on unemployment than from an employer. This is effecting all fields of industry and product availability.

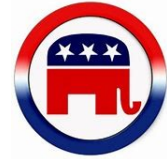
In closing, Senator Cassidy was very adamant that on January 6, 2021 the Capitol was overrun by insurgents, while various Senators remained in constant contact with President Trump. In fact, he even stated that while Vice President Pence was being escorted to safety, Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-Alabama) was asked by the President how the vote certification was going and to make objections to such. Once this matter was broached, the flood gate of questions to Senator Cassidy began, without a reprise in sight. (continue page 4)



Republican Roundtable

May 21, 2021

Speaker: U. S. Senator, Bill Cassidy
(continued from Page 3)



Jackie Hebert (picture at the left) was able to garner the Senator's attention with the one question that was on the minds of all present... "Why did YOU vote to impeach President Trump?" (10 Senators voted to impeach, 2 being Republican)

Senator Cassidy without missing a beat replied, "I have taken an oath, just as those in the military do, and that is to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. It was my duty to honor that oath I took!"

(Pictured above L to R) Janice Areno, Jackie Hebert (standing), Sister Fontenot and Dr. Keith DeSonier



(Above) Senator Cassidy in the 'hot seat' during questions about voting to impeach President Donald J. Trump

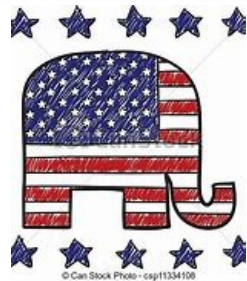
Sharon Denson, immediately stood to impose upon Cassidy this, "So, you're saying that you voted on behalf of the people of Louisiana, is that correct? If the people of Louisiana had asked you to vote NO, would you still have voted to impeach?" The Senator, feeling the heat, answered yet again, "I voted to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Senator Cassidy then went into a very winded explanation as to why he voted to impeach President Trump, and gave a "play by play" of what happened at the Capitol that January 6, 2021. His detailed information did not give way to any reasonable explanation for his vote to impeach, but informed those present, he was "crawfishing due to his actions" and he soon was looking for the exit.



Republican Roundtable

May 21, 2021



Community Service Projects

The RWSWL Board recently had Aaron Ortego with Autism Services of SWLA speak at the June meeting. Aaron was invited after Marcia Dumas and Barbara Andrepont visited one of the homes that is available to those who have Autism but wish to live “independently”. Aaron further explained that there are four homes built; another two homes (housing approximately twelve) and two more are being built, as well as the services provided to the community to those with Autism that may live with their families but need assistance. This is a project the RWSWL wishes to take on, with more information to come.

For more information about Community Services or way we can serve/volunteer, please contact Barbara below.

Barbara Andrepont
Community Services Projects
barbara.andrepont@outlook.com



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED:



The Calcasieu Republican Parish Executive Committee (CRPEC) and the Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana (RWSWL) invite you and your guests to a summer evening social, where we will be recognizing our Southwest Louisiana Republican elected officials.

Place: Bodega Wine Dive 3505 Country Club Road

When: Monday, June 28, 2021

From: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person

Pizza, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine will be provided and a CASH BAR will be available for mixed drinks. The cost will be used to pay the staff. (Bodega is closed to the public on Mondays)

RSVP Sister Fontenot: cell phone (337)304-2089 or email her at sisterf1943@yahoo.com



MAY 2021

LUNCH MEETING



Senator John Kennedy visits Lake Charles

May 21, 2021



Senator John Kennedy stopped in at the emergency shelter at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles on Friday, May 21, 2021 after receiving word of the flooding that inundated Lake Charles and other areas of Louisiana (most of which is located along the I-10 corridor.)

He relayed to the local media present, “We are a people who go to work every-day...pay our taxes and try to do the right thing by our kids. We try to save some money for retirement; our homes are our biggest asset, and people [here] need the help”.

Governor John Bel Edwards was slow to put forth the state of emergency, again. The flooding was the fourth (4th) weather-related emergency in less than twelve months. There was an even longer delay from the President of the United States for the requested assistance approval. FEMA and other agencies cannot help unless a federal emergency declaration is approved. Senator Kennedy stated, “People need the help, this is what government is for, and I’m going to get an answer, if that answer is NO, then I’m going to keep asking until I get a YES!”

The President finally approved the Emergency Assistance, nearly three weeks into the ongoing rain, which NOAA called the “1,000 year rain” brought on by two tornadic systems merging; causing areas to flood which never have, and a price tag for damage yet to be determined.

Republican Women of Southwest Louisiana Membership Application / Renewal Form

YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN TO JOIN

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt.# _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

Cell phone: (_____) _____ Home phone: (_____) _____
Area Code Area Code

Email address: _____

Birthday (month/day): _____ Referred by: _____

Are you a member of another LFRW club? _____ If yes, club name _____

Membership Dues: (Place an X in the blank for your member type)

Full Member (\$40/yr.): New and Renewing (\$40 includes \$8 dues paid to LFRW and \$20 to NFRW)

_____ **New Member** (If you join Oct.1st – Dec.31st, \$40 covers membership through following year)

_____ **Renewing Member** (Renewal Period is Oct.1st – Dec.31st. After Dec 31st, renewal is \$45)

Associate Member (\$15/yr.)

_____ Only for a male Republican or a full member of another LFRW club

Payment type: Check amount: \$ _____ check #: _____ **OR Cash** amount: \$ _____

Make check payable to RWSWL.

You may mail this form with your dues check to: RWSWL, P.O. Box 754 Lake Charles, LA 70602

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Committees/Interests – Check your volunteer preferences

Membership (recruiting, recording, reporting)

CAMPAIGN WORK

_____ Fundraising and Event Planning

_____ Clerical or Accounting

_____ Legislative Issues (pending bills, upcoming elections)

_____ Voter Registration

_____ Information Technology (RWSWL website, social media)

_____ Door-to-Door Campaigning

_____ Community Outreach (organize RWSWL's participation)

_____ Phone Bank

_____ Public Relations and Publicity (liaison w/media)

_____ Yard Signs

_____ Newsletter Production and Photography

_____ Volunteer at Campaign HQ