



MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Linda Begue

President's Message
November 2023

THANK YOU

The positive response to the proposed bylaws amendment at the MRW meeting on October 5 was very much appreciated. So often members hate anything that includes the word "By-Laws." I have preached for many years that "By-Laws are your friends!" They give us the secure spot on which to stand!

Thank you for your applause of approval. I hope you watched the video from Harmeet Dhillon which gives us a strong legal opinion on the issue addressed in this amendment. Thank you, Harmeet for your guidance.

MRW By-Laws: Article IV - Membership in this club shall be open to any woman who is a registered Republican.

Amendment: Article IV - Membership in this club shall be open to any **biological female** who is a registered Republican.

In accordance with our By-Laws, we will vote to approve this amendment at our meeting on November 2.

I have a lot of "thank yous" to give today. I am surprised at the number of people who read our Newsletter. So many people I have seen at recent gatherings have voiced their appreciation for expressing clearly where we stand on issues. Thank you, Ann Gibbs for the great job you do as editor!

Although I receive the compliments about our meetings, the praise goes to all those who make it a success. **Thank you** to our elected officers; Michelle Pichon, Lynn Pablovich. Dorothy Noriea, Joyce LaPorte, and Judy Hermann; and chairmen: Linda Esquerre, Suzanne Crow, Barbara Doyle, Sharon Bostwick, Susie Baker, Mary Jenks, Mary Jane Becker, and Melanie Saunders who comprise our Board of Directors and produce our meetings.

Thank you to all who attend our meetings and respond to requests for help!

THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR OF BEING YOUR PRESIDENT

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Understanding the guidelines for lunch reservations:

You must make your reservation no later than the Wednesday one week prior to the meeting. For example, the next meeting is Thursday, November 2nd, so you must reserve your place by Wednesday, October 25th.

**Reserve your seat by contacting Linda Esquerre,
renlin92@bellsouth.net, 504-782-2920.**

All reservations made timely (as defined above) will be \$31, payable when checking in at the meeting. Any "No Shows" who did not cancel timely (by the Saturday prior to the meeting) will be charged for the meal, as MRW must pay Beau Chene for all reservations made. Any person who shows up without a reservation (if Beau Chene can accommodate them) will pay **\$37, as that is the amount MRW must pay Beau Chene.**

**As always, MRW does not make money off our members.
All monies collected are passed through to Beau Chene**



Minutes of October 5th Meeting

Linda Begue called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Joyce Laporte led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michelle Pichon introduced the candidates for St. Tammany Sheriff, and Suzanne Crow presided over the forum.

The candidates introduced themselves and explained their platforms, citing facts that they felt made them the best candidate for the position. They then answered questions that were provided to them.

Reports of Officers:

Recording Secretary Joyce Laporte's minutes from September 7th were accepted and filed.

1st VP Michelle Pichon said that Public Service Commissioner Eric Skrmetta would be our November speaker.

2nd VP Lynn Pablovich said there are 78 Active members and 33 Associate members.

Treasurer Dorothy Noriea gave the Year-to-Date Financial statement

Corresponding Secretary Judy Hermann sent sympathy cards to Suzanne Crow and to Barbara Doyle for the passing of their husbands, and Linda Begue extended everyone's sympathies for the passing of Judy Hermann's mother.

Reports of Chairmen:

RPEC: Linda Begue said RPE is funding a big "Get Out the Vote" effort including text messaging to reach those Republicans who fail to get out and vote.

LFRW: Linda Begue is awaiting an official report from LFRW about the NFRW convention. New Officers were elected, and all were nominated from the floor. No slated candidates were elected, due to conflicting beliefs about the definition of what is a woman.

New Business

The Board is proposing a By-Law change to Article IV which currently reads, "Membership in this club shall be open to any woman who is a registered Republican." The changed By-Law is to read, "Membership in this club shall be open to any biological female who is a registered Republican." An important video by Harmeet Dillon will be sent to you to help you understand the importance of this change. Per our By-Laws, we will vote on this change at the November 2nd meeting.

Dee Betz announced that a fundraiser by Free NOLA will be held October 21st at the Fleur De Lis Center in Mandeville. Her report covered the heart-wrenching sex trafficking of children here in Louisiana and she passed out brochures showing pictures of missing children. Dee explained the work that Free LA does in a feverish effort to end sex trafficking in our state.

50/50: Was won by Jerry Rodgers, who donated the winnings to Free NOLA.

Special Door Prize: The book Tucker, donated by Suzanne Crow, was won by Donna Dardar.

Announcements:

November 2nd meeting reservations must be made by October 25. Beau Chene is requiring us to provide a final count by that time. No-shows will have to pay for their missed meeting.

Barbara Doyle gave out brochures for Rotary Club Christmas wreaths that are for sale.

Linda Begue adjourned the meeting at 12:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Laporte

A passionate plea for **FREE NOLA** was presented at the MRW meeting on Oct. 5 by our member Dee Betz to which there was overwhelming interest.

We are happy to include this information in the Newsletter in case you would like to participate.

For general information go to:

freenola.org

For more specific information:

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New Orleans, LA 70156

**Photos from
October 5th Meeting**



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Membership Report

by Lynn Pablovich

We have 78 Active members and 33 Associate members as of October 15, 2023. We have 31 new members for 2023; 16 are Actives and 15 are Associates. Please welcome our newest member listed below.

The 2023 Directories are distributed all meetings. If you have not renewed for 2023, you can mail a check (\$30 dues) to:

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Mandeville, LA 70470-8831.

If you are renewing and your info is the same, I do not need another application from you. However, if there are changes, please print the attached application and mail with your check.

We want you to get involved and make this club a satisfying part of your life. Please look through this newsletter to find areas you are interested in: school board, publicity, hospitality, campaigns, fundraising, etc. I know our president, Linda Begue, would love to talk to you about committees. You may even have a new idea. Let us know.

New Active Member:

Jan Hebert-Balough

NOVEMBER 18TH RUNOFF ELECTION

Shown below are the runoff elections for State and Local (St. Tammany area) set for November 18th. All the Republican candidates are shown in red. **IMPORTANT: ALL THREE** statewide races are between a Republican and a Democrat, so be sure to vote on November 18th and encourage everyone in your circle to do so, too.

Secretary of State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Landry (R) "Gwen" Collins-Greenup (D)	19% 19%
Attorney General	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	"Liz" Baker Murrill (R) Lindsey Cheek (D)	45% 23%
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Fleming (R) Dustin Granger (D)	44% 32%
State Rep District 74		Peter Egan (R) Buffie Singletary (R)	47% 31%
State Rep District 89		Kim Carver (R) Joshua "Josh" Allison (R)	44% 27%
Council Member District 2		Larry Rolling (R) David "Dave" Fitzgerald (R)	45% 37%
Council Member District 4		Kathy Seiden (R) Keith Dennis (R)	36% 30%
Council Member District 5		"Pat" Phillips (R) Douglas "Doug" Ferrer (R)	40% 30%
Council Member District 9		David Cogle (R) "Mike" Smith (R)	43% 35%

IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS!!!



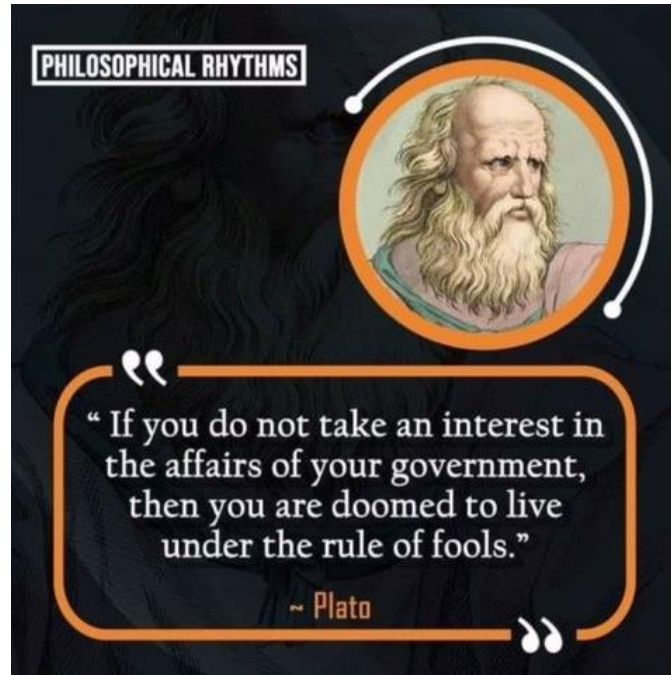
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Christmas Social

Oh what fun
Good friends and good cheer
It's that time of year!
Thursday, December 7
Beau Chene Country Club
2 - 4 PM
Raffle, silent auction, buffet
Non-alcoholic beverages
Alcoholic drinks available at bar
Bring raffle & auction item
donations to Judy Hermann
No later than Thanksgiving Day

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**Please use the MRW Membership Application on the
following page to join us.**

**Bring the completed form to the next MRW meeting or
mail to the address shown on the form.**

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MRW is a member of the Louisiana Federation of Rep Women and the National Federation of Rep Women

***You must be a registered Republican to join.**

Please Print

Are you a registered Republican? _____ Are you already a member of another LFRW/NFRW Club? _____

Date of Application _____

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Do you want to be contacted mainly by phone or the e-mail above? _____

The newsletter is e-mailed to you each month.

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_____ ACTIVE (\$45 Jan - Dec) OR (\$30 Sept-Dec only): Full member with membership in state & national federation included

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METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check# _____ Check Amount: _____ CASH: _____

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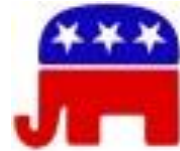
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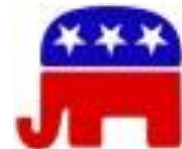


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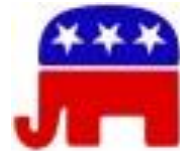
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