

# MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN



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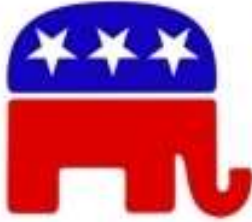
## President's Message February 2024

### NEW YEAR - NEW QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

1. Why is NO one in position to have knowledge reporting on the effect of illegal immigration on our state and our parish? Effects on schools, health care, where are they living? **How much is it costing LA. Taxpayers?** Where do we get the money to pay the extra costs?
2. **Larry Frieman is now Chief Deputy to the new Attorney General** and he resides in St. Tammany Parish. We now have a "Go to person" for our questions on crime in our state. Congratulations, Larry! Good for you and good for us!
3. How long will it take our newly elected Representatives to begin to be effective in the Legislature in Baton Rouge once session begins. Remember, they promised to legislate with a conservative approach. **WE WILL BE WATCHING.**
4. **Is DEI going to DIE** soon as many suggest?--Hope so. Merit based hiring is just and fair to all. DEI insinuates that certain groups are not capable of learning and therefore able to compete. Very destructive.
5. Biden's name is on his failing economic policies -- **Bidenomics**. If you put your name on a policy, you better make sure it is successful as you will be forever identified with it!

I personally do not want Joe Biden to start "fixing" things at the last minute to help get reelected. Even though it hurts my pocketbook and my personal freedoms I will

**Endure to Secure  
Joe Biden's defeat in the upcoming presidential election**



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**Once again, Beau Chene has been forced to raise its prices (Thanks, Joe Biden) and so accordingly, MRW must pass this increase to its members.**

**Beau Chene will begin charging an extra fee for all meals over the number MRW guarantees in our reservations. This cost must be paid by any person who did not make a reservation and just shows up for the meeting.**

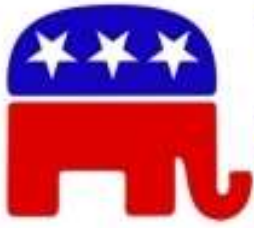
**The price of lunch for all who made reservations and attends is \$33.**

**The price of lunch for all who come without a reservation is \$39.**

**Beau Chene reports that too many show up over the amount MRW guaranteed by reservations.**

**The remedy is: MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TIMELY TO AVOID THIS UP CHARGE!**

**If you are unable to attend after making a reservation, please cancel timely. If MRW guaranteed your reservation and therefore must pay Beau Chene, and you do not show up or cancel your reservation, you will be billed for the cost. MRW cannot pay for this charge.**



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## Our February 2024 Speaker



Mark Wright is a trusted community leader, who has honorably served our community and state as the District 77 Representative in the State House since his election in 2017.

The Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Mark has earned the respect of his colleagues and our state's leading business and conservative organizations. Named a Most Valuable Policymaker by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry - Mark holds a 100% Pro-Life Career Record by the Louisiana Right to Life Federation.

Mark was recently elected by his peers to be the chairman of the Republican legislative delegation in the Jeff Landry administration.

**The next MRW meeting will be Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>  
at Beau Chene Country Club.**

**Social time begins at 11:00 a.m. with the meeting/lunch  
beginning at 11:30 a.m.**

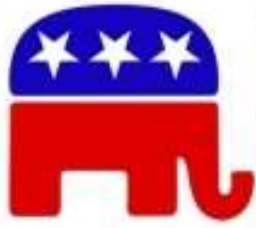


**Reservation Deadline is January 25<sup>th</sup> -FIRM**

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**NEW LUNCHEON PRICE: \$33.00 (\$39)**

**Menu: Broccoli Cheese Soup & Roast Pork Shoulder**



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## **MARCH 2024 ELECTION**

**While all elections are important, the upcoming one includes the special election for a new District Attorney. This election is vitally important, as are the several municipal elections that will be on the ballot.**

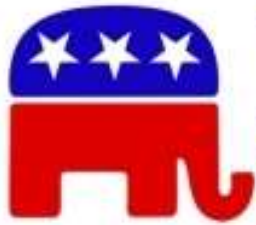
### **Important dates:**

- **The election will be held on March 23, 2024.**
- **Early voting dates are March 9<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Mailed ballot must be requested by March 19<sup>th</sup> and returned by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Please remind your family, friends, and acquaintances to learn about the candidates and the issues and VOTE!**



**Newly-inaugurated Governor Jeff Landry has already issued several Executive Orders, including one specifically targeting illegal immigrants in Louisiana. It is titled, “**Identifying, Quantifying, and Mitigating the Adverse Effects of Illegal Immigration on Louisiana.**” The details of this order can be read online [here](#).**



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## MRW Meeting Minutes January 4, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Linda Begue at 11:30.
- II. Chaplain Susie Baker led the group in the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Linda Begue spoke on the importance of elections coming up in March 2024, then introduced Political Education Chair Suzanne Crow.
- IV. Suzanne introduced speaker Collin Sims, Acting District Attorney for St. Tammany Parish. Sims is a candidate for the position of DA which occurred due to recent death of Warren Montgomery.
- V. Collins Sims delivered an interesting recap of his time with the DA's office, citing numerous statistics showing its continued successes. One such success is increased prosecution of domestic violence cases (from 48% to 80%). Another is that the number of children of suspected child abuse interview rose from 28% to 48%. He noted the need to increase prosecution for murder in drug abuse cases, since only one case was handled this way in the past year. He stated that between \$500K and \$1M was saved in "early intervention court protocols" meaning that arrested individuals were handled more efficiently which contributed to in fewer being released for time served. Another interesting program is their detailed database of drug-related individuals that can be used to connect to future arrests.
- VI. Officer Reports:
  - 2nd VP Lynn Pablovich stated we currently have 42 Full Members and 11 Associate Members, numbers which are similar to previous years.
  - Corresponding Secretary Judy Hermann reported on thank you and sympathy cards that were sent by MRW.

VII. Committee Reports:

- Political Education Committee Chair Suzanne Crow encourage members to use their voices to encourage others to help turn out the vote. Learn who your representatives are and what they stand for.
- Hospitality Committee Chair Judy Hermann thanked everyone who came to the Christmas Social and made it a success: those who bought tickets, bid on auction items, brought books, brought toys, and contributed cash. MRW was able to present a \$1,000 check to the Toys for Tots program.

VIII. Secretary of State Awards: Kyle Ardoin distributed honorary Secretary of State awards to about 10 people in Louisiana, primarily Republican women. President Linda Begue received one of these awards for her work with voting integrity. Another recipient was Melissa Henry, who had not been able to attend the ceremony. Linda presented the award to Melissa, having been given the authority to do so by Ardoin. Melissa is the only Clerk of Court to receive this award; additionally, she is now a Full MRW member.

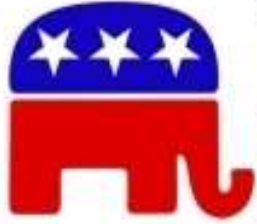
IX. New Business: Meeting price increase was effective this month due to rising costs (thanks Joe Biden). We will meet with Beau Chene to determine menus for the rest of the year.

X. MRW is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 and all members are encouraged to send in ideas for ways to celebrate it.

XI. March Elections: A low turnout is expected for these elections so we need to encourage everyone with interact with to get out and VOTE.

XII. 50/50: Was won by Donna Dardar who immediately tried to present her winnings to Collin Sims for his campaign, but he could not accept cash.

XIII. Linda Begue adjourned the meeting at 1:15.



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## **Membership Report**

by Lynn Pablovich

We have 45 Active members and 11 Associate members reported to LFRW as of January 15. I have listed our 3 NEW members to start the new year. Please welcome them in to our group.

If you have not paid your annual dues for 2024 you should have received a reminder e-mail from me by now. You can mail a check (\$45 dues) to **PO BOX 8831 Mandeville, La 70470-8831** or pay them at the Feb 1st luncheon. 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. I am starting to compile the directory for this year so you need to get your check in ASAP if you want to be included.

If there are NO CHANGES in your information, I do not need an application. IF THERE ARE ANY INFORMATION CHANGES, LIKE EMAIL OR OTHER, I DO NEED AN APPLICATION.

We want you to get involved and make this your club. Please look through this newsletter to find areas you are interested in: hospitality, campaigns, fundraising, etc. I know our president, Linda Begue, would love to talk to you about committees.

**Please let me know if you are not receiving e-mails from LFRW and NFRW.**

To learn more about the state and national Republican Women's Clubs of which you are a member, go to [LFRW](#) and [NFRW](#).

Visit the [St Tammany Parish Republicans](#) website for info about elections and clubs and [MRW](#) on Facebook

Please welcome our 2024 New members:

ACTIVES:           Melissa Henry and Valerie Montgomery

ASSOCIATES:      Abi Licatino

# Photos from January 2024 Meeting





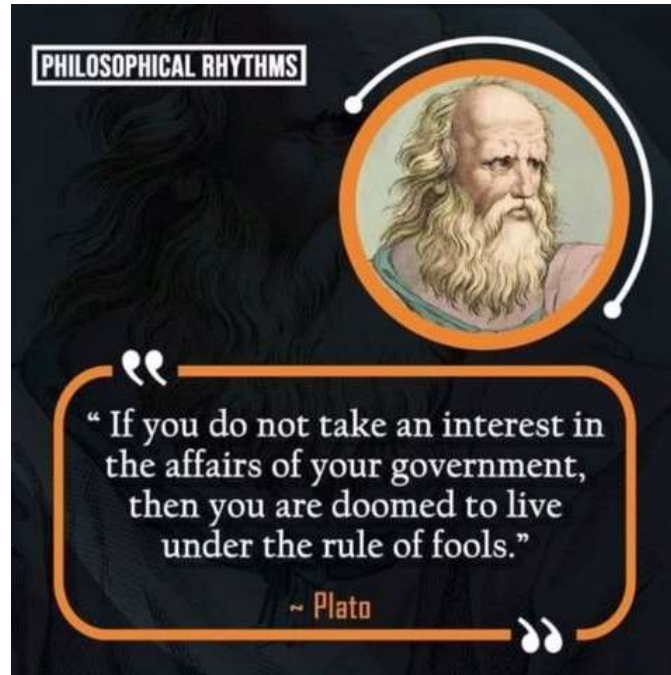
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**Bring the completed form to the next MRW meeting or  
mail to the address shown on the form.**

**MANDEVILLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

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

\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$15) Associate members are members of another LFRW/NFRW club or a Republican man.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ PLEASE CHECK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

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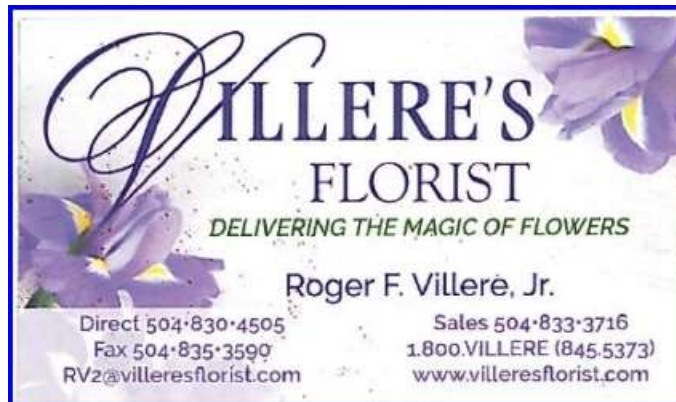
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