



RWBR NEWS

Republican Women of Baton Rouge Newsletter

April 2018

President's Message

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a safe and blessed Easter Holiday.

We had a great meeting in March. **Scott McKay** of the Hayride and **Melissa Landry** of Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch came and spoke to us. As always both were informative and entertaining.

In April, **Pat Cabral**, **Wanda Aizpurua** and I will be going to West Monroe for the LFRW Spring Conference. I hope to bring back some new information and ways to improved our club,

Haydee Alvarez spoke to us about our new Community Service Project with IRIS House. They would like us to do "Mock" Employment Interviews with the residents. The date is yet to be determined. They have also said that the ladies will need business type attire, So let's start our Spring Cleaning and find some clothing and costume jewelry.

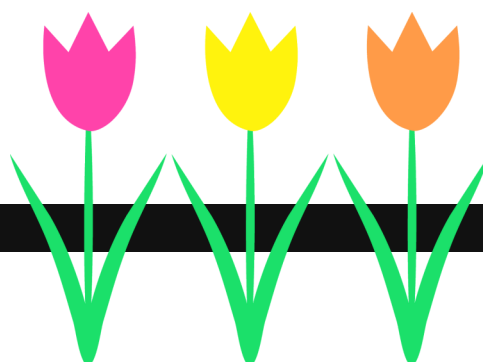
This month our speaker will be Linda Vinsanau. She is currently the President of the Metropolitan Republican Women and has a resume with the LFRW that you won't believe. She is going to speak to us about the history of the LFRW and how to attract more members.

REMEMBER, if you bring a guest and they join, **you will be placed in a special drawing for a \$50.00 VISA gift card**. They can be a new member or associate. No one won this past meeting.

Cathy M. Craddock

RWBR 2017-2018

President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gina McBride 4/8

Verna Fletcher 4/23

Gayle Landry 4/24

REMEMBER: Our Luncheon/Meetings have been moved to

DRUSILLA SEAFOOD

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Important Dates!

April 25th—Monthly Luncheon/Meeting

May 21rd—Elephant Stomp


May 22nd—LFRW Day at the Legislature

June 27th—Monthly Luncheon/Meeting

**July—Stuff the Bus & Magnolia Home Fish Fry
(Dates to be announced at a later date)**

August 22nd—Monthly Luncheon/Meeting

The **Republican Women of Baton Rouge** meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. Meetings are at **Drusilla Seafood** on Drusilla Lane at Jefferson Highway. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. for a “meet and greet”, and meeting will be called to order at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 and includes your meal and drink.

Please RSVP to dinal@performance-br.com if you plan to attend. We accept cash, checks and credit cards through 

2018 Officers

Cathy Craddock, President

Ute' Cress, 1st Vice President

Linda Hull, 2nd Vice Pres.

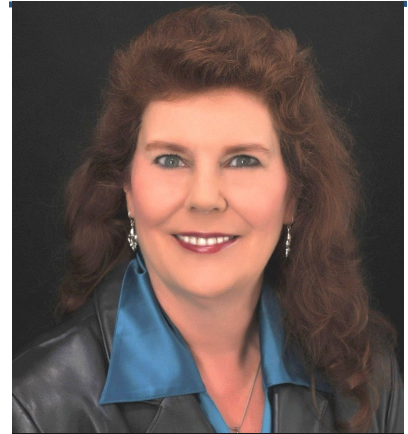
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Cathy Childers, Corresp. Sec.

Sandra Winn, Rec. Secretary

Pam Myers, Chaplain

Lynda Clune, Bd. Mem. At Large



Cathy Craddock, President



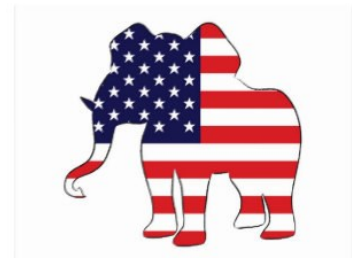
**JOIN US on
April 25th with
LINDA VINSANAU
On the History of
LFRW**

IMPORTANT NOTES

Our Club will not be having a meeting in May due to the Republican Elephant Stomp & LFRW Day at the Legislature. Visit LFRW's website for more information on these events. Thank you.

ELEPHANT STOMP—May 21, 2018

LFRW DAY at the LEGISLATURE—May 22, 2018



MARCH MEETING



***Thank You to Scott
McKay & Melissa
Landry!***





AMERICAN HERITAGE

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

On the 30th of April 1803 one of (if not *the*) biggest real estate deals in the history of the world went to closing, the final papers not being signed for another two days. A tract of primarily undeveloped land consisting of approximately 828,000 acres was sold for the unbelievable sum of less than 3 cents per acre, which added up to a tidy sum of \$15,000,000.00, to a fledgling nation that lacked the funds in its coffers to cover the agreed upon sum.

The owner of the land was France, led by a brilliant, but volatile and ambitious man named Napoleon Bonaparte. In order to accomplish his self imposed mission of conquering all of Europe before he died he needed a rapid influx of cash and the troops necessary to occupy France's ports and territories in the New World.

In 1795 the U.S. had signed a treaty with Spain which allowed merchants and farmers sending their goods down river for export to maintain "Right of Deposit." This meant that goods would be stored in New Orleans duty free. In October of 1802 the French revoked the right; a circumstance that sent the Americans into a tailspin of concern and anger. Various proposals for seizing the port and wresting it from the French were proposed, nearly propelling the nation into another war

Jefferson's solution was to offer to purchase New Orleans. He instructed his envoys with several possible negotiations and gave them a limit of \$9.375 million. His choices of agents were Robert Livingston, his ambassador to France, and James Monroe.

Monroe declined at first. He was hoping to retire from his position as governor of Virginia and open a law practice, but Jefferson persisted and Monroe sold many of his own valuable possessions in order to raise money for his passage and maintenance abroad. He never recovered from the debt, despite a \$30,000 congressional appropriation for his sacrifices.



In France Bonaparte refused to take the advice of his brothers, Lucien and Joseph, to rethink the sale proposal and treated them to quite a tantrum. Lucien says in his memoirs that the brothers visited Napoleon at the Tuileries Palace, where they found him in a rose scented bath. Joseph made it known that he would lead the opposition to the plan and Napoleon drenched him by falling backwards in the bath. Joseph, disgusted, left to change and Lucien continued to try to reason with his power mad brother. He says that he stated, "If I were not your brother I would be your enemy." Napoleon's response was to smash a snuffbox onto the floor, ending the encounter.

During negotiation Bonaparte shrewdly saw an opportunity present itself and offered the entire territory, boundaries unspecified, for the total of 11.25 million dollars and the forgiveness of France's \$3.75 million debt. Madison and Livingston agreed and the deal was done, although the U.S. was pressed to borrow from two European banks at a rate of 6 per cent interest. The loan was finally repaid 20 years later at a final cost of \$23 million.

Announcements

WE WANT YOU!!!!!!

PLEASE REJOIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF BATON ROUGE FOR 2018!

PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW APPLICATION SO WE CAN ENSURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT. THANK YOU.

\$35.00



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Republican Women of BR

The Republican Women of Baton Rouge was chartered in 1999 as an affiliate club of the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women (LFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). Our club belongs to Region 6 of the LFRW. Members of our club automatically become members of the state and national clubs. A portion of your membership dues goes to these clubs.

The Republican Women of Baton Rouge is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and to improving the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government.

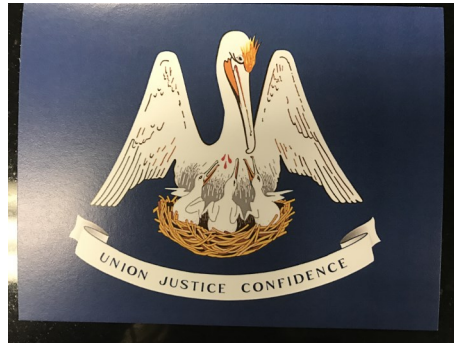
OUR GOALS:

- To elect Republicans to local, state and national offices.
- To recruit women into the Republican Party.
- To bring women together to positively impact our nation, state and community.
- To identify and lobby for Republican initiatives and ideas.
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party.

Our club exclusive Garden Flags & Louisiana Note Cards!

Garden Flags—\$20.00

Louisiana Note Cards—\$10.00 pack of 10



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our club & what we do!

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF BATON ROUGE

Chartered 1999

2018 Membership Application

(Must be Registered Republican - please print and mail)

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____ Registered Republican? _____

Involvement in club memberships, church, school, fraternal, civic activities

Volunteer Interests
(Check your interests.)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Recruitment Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign/Volunteer Hours Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Patriotism Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cap-Alert Committee/Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Interest: _____ |

Dues:

- Renewal \$35.00 New Member \$35.00 T-shirt \$15 S M L Associate Member \$25.00
(circle size)

Referred by: _____

Make checks payable to **RWBR**. Send application and check to the following address:

Dina Leon, Treasurer
1664 Silliman Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

You may also submit your application at a monthly luncheon held each 4th Wednesday.