

ELEPHANTIMES

Louisiana Federation of Republican Women

April

2004

NFRW PRESIDENT DIANE THOMPSON WILL ATTEND SPRING BOARD MEETING

Ladies...we will have an extra added attraction at our *Spring Board Meeting* and *Sweet Potato Queen Fun-raiser* May 14 and 15. **NFRW President Diane Thompson** from Texas (my home state and to some of us God's Country) will be conducting a workshop, ***What NFRW and LFRW Can do for Your Unit Club*** for us while she is here. Diane Thompson is a dynamic, energetic leader. I am sure the workshop will be enjoyed by all that attend.

Diane Thompson was elected NFRW president at the 32nd Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City in September 2003 and assumed the Position in January 2004.

During the 2002-2003 term, she served as NFRW first vice president and RNC coordinator for the Team Leader Program. In addition, she was instrumental in composing policies and procedures for the NFRW Executive Committee.

Thompson also has served as NFRW fourth vice president, as NFRW liaison for the 31st Biennial Convention in San Antonio, and as chair of the NFRW Campaign Committee, for which she organized and led several Train the Trainer seminars to help Federation women acquire the tools necessary to train women in their home states in campaign skills and techniques.

Past president of the Texas FRW, Thompson has held many TFRW positions over the years, including first vice president, vice president of Bylaws, vice president of Campaign Activities, director of Senate District 25, chair of TFRW Cleo Bohls PAC, Caucus Committee chair, Convention Workshop chair, Nominating Committee chair, and past president of Kendall County Republican Women. She is currently a member of the Lubbock Area Republican Women.

She also served on the 1997 NFRW Nominating Committee. Her many accomplishments include implementing the TFRW Campaign Management Schools, serving as delegate to TFRW and NFRW conventions since the early 1980's, and receiving the TFRW Tribute to Women and 10 Outstanding Republican Women awards. She also has been a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Conventions.

Thompson has held leadership positions in more than 25 statewide and national campaigns, including state director for the Victory '98 Phone Bank in Texas; Victory 2000 state political director; state Get-Out-the-Vote chairman for the Bush/Quayle campaign; political director for the George W. Bush gubernatorial, Rob Mosbacher lieutenant governor and state agriculture commissioner Susan Combs campaigns; state director of Texans for Term Limitations; special projects coordinator for the Republican Party of Texas; and, member of the State Phone Bank Advisory Committee, State Platform Committee, State Rules Committees, State Executive Campaign Committee and the Congressional Delegate Nominating committee.

She is married to James F. Thompson, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Christina. We are being given a wonderful opportunity to learn and to question someone who knows the answers. Start today jotting down the questions that you have wanted answered. Then spread the word to your fellow members, and discuss this opportunity for each of us to learn, and to have a show of support for our national president and the NFRW. Let us do our part to make her feel welcome in Louisiana. Please make every effort to have your club represented at this important meeting.



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President's Message

Good news, our LFRW office is open in Baton Rouge. Pat Harris is the Office Administrator. She can be reached at (225) 939-9941. She has been a great help to Jodie with the upcoming Fundraiser by doing emails, phone calls, press releases, etc. Pat is a member of the RW of Baker/Zachary and will be at the Board of Directors meeting in May. NFRW President, Dianne Thompson will be our guest at the Spring Board of Directors meeting and will assist with a Workshop entitled "What NFRW & LFRW Does For Your Unit Club". Please make every attempt to be at the workshop on Friday, May 14th at 2 PM at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in Baton Rouge.

I was privileged to attend the NFRW Spring Board of Directors meeting in Washington D.C. in March and received some great materials to share with you at our meeting in May. One of the important things we were provided was information on what we can and cannot do in Federal elections. The election laws have changed drastically and many of you have been asking about helping our candidates, so this will be very helpful to you. We were also treated to Tea at the White House with Laura Bush. It was a wonderful experience to meet Mrs. Bush and get to chat with her.

By the way, there will be some LFRW Bylaws changes proposed at the meeting in May. This is another reason for you to attend so you can participate in the process. Don't forget to purchase your Sweet Potato Queen ticket!

Donna



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by Best
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- May 15**



State Central Committee Election

Congratulations to the following Federation members who now have a seat on the State Central Committee. The LFRW Executive Board and members extend their congratulations. We are very proud to have 27 of our members on this important committee.

Kimberly Allen (Mandeville RW); Shirley Bowler (MRW); Louise A. Broach (RWSt. Charles); Rosy W. Bromell (Ruston RWC); Suzanne Crow (Mandeville RW); June W. Erickson (Slidell RWC); Tricia B. Firth (RW Bossier); Marti Livaudais (Slidell RWC); Jacqueline Heath(RW Bossier); Marie Hymel(RWCJP); Kay Kellogg Katz(OPWRC); Lynne V. Loyola (Westbank RW); Marie Key Martin (RWSWLA); Susie Morris (Slidell RWC); Jessie Morton (FRW); Sally A. Nungesser (RWBR); Alicia Ohlmeyer (WRCNO); Debbie M. Setton (MRW); Sadie Shamsie (Acadiana RW); Sandra B.Simmons (Hammond ARW); Frances M. Smith (RW Kenner); Sacha A. St. Amant (EBRPRW); Suzanne Haik Terrell (WRCNO) ; Dr. Polly Thomas (EJRWC); Betty Viener (RPW St. Tammany); and Stacie Wicker (RWBaker & Zachary); Suzan Wilson (Slidell RWC).

Louisiana Republican Party Executive Members



Standing left to right are: Suzanne Crow LFRW Representative, Charlie Buckles Treasurer, Dr. Polly Thomas Vice Chairman, Roger Villere Chairman, Lilly Brady Secretary, Ross Little National Committeeman, and Kay Kellogg Katz National Committeewoman

THE SWEET POTATO QUEEN IS COMING TO BATON ROUGE, LA!

The Sweet Potato Queen is coming to Baton Rouge, LA for a fundraiser for the Louisiana Federation of Republican Women (LFRW) and we would love for you to be there! Details listed below...

Sweet Potato Queen Luncheon
May 15, 2004
Sheraton Convention Center Hotel
Baton Rouge, LA
Doors open @ 11am Lunch begins @ 12pm
\$50.00 per person or
\$500.00 for table of ten

For reservations, mail check or credit card information to:

LFRW
C/O Jodie Johnson
11532 Hwy 182 West
Franklin, LA 70538

Or

Call toll free (877) 880-7462
(225) 939-9941

Deadline for Reservations is May 1, 2004

****A ticketless event, admission by name only***

Mail to: LFRW
C/O Jodie Johnson
11532 Hwy. 182 West
Franklin, Louisiana 70538

**Make check or credit card payable to LFRW*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Names Attending (please attach list of extra names)

Circle One: Visa MasterCard AmExp Discover Amount

Enclosed _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date (Month) _____ (Year) _____

Print Name on Credit Card _____

Signature (required for processing) _____

ROOM RESERVATIONS
LFRW SPRING BOARD MEETING

Baton Rouge Sheraton
Convention Center Hotel
May 14 and 15
Room Rate:
\$89 Double Occupancy
\$10 per 3rd or 4th person
Reservations must be made
by April 25.
225-2422600



Remember!

Send completed ticket form (**page 3**) to Jodie Johnson, so you will see ME!!! The original

Sweet Potato Queen

On Saturday
May 15.

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Unit Club Treasurers if you have not sent in your 2004 membership dues ...

They're LATE!

Please submit membership dues, service charge, and complete list of members to:

Charlotte Ruiz
LFRW Treasure
4612 Richland Avenue
Metairie, Louisiana 70002-1340
504-887-8992
aruiz@bellsouth.net

MARK YOUR CALANDER!

Sweet Potato Queen

“Fun”– Raising Meeting

April 24, 11:30AM
Sheraton Convention Center
103 France Street
Lunch is “Dutch treat”

We will be eating from the buffet
There will be a reserved section near the buffet area

Republican Women Hard at Work

Congratulations are extended to the following federation members:

Jessie Morton LFRW Past President (FRW) appointment as NFRW Fund Raising Chairman; Argiro Morgan (MRW) appointment to the NFRW Leadership Committee; and Katie Sims (RWSEL) election as Vice Chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Zoning Board.

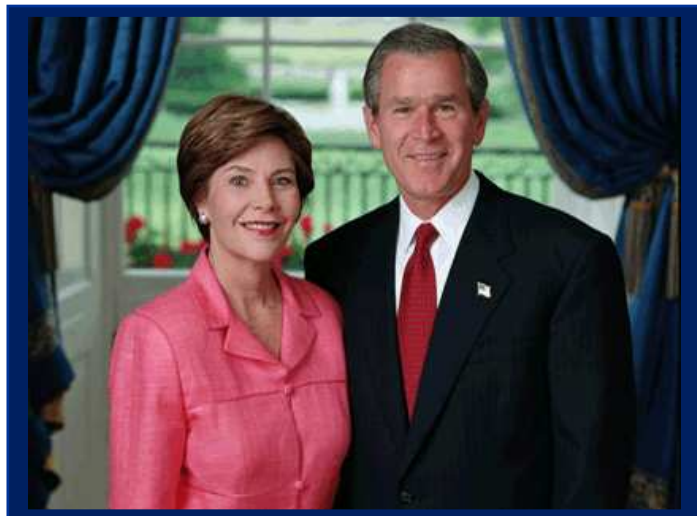
Ladies thank you for your NFRW, LFRW, and Community involvement.

Participate in the Political Process

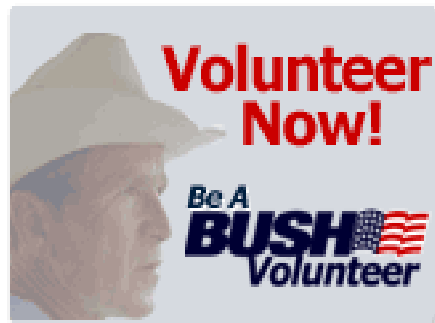
Join the LFRW

The Louisiana Federation of Republican Women is open to all women who are registered Republicans. Associate memberships are available for Republican men. If you are not already a member. Contact LFRW at:

Steph Judice
Membership Chairman
700 Ronson Drive
Kenner, Louisiana 70065-2634
504-464-6358
RepSteph@aol.com



We must keep this couple in the
White House.
Contact your Parish Chairman and Volunteer!



**Volunteer for the Re-election of
President George W. Bush**

LFRW Program/Protocol Chairman, Bobby Bonnoitt is the Bush/Cheney Volunteers Chairman for Louisiana. **She needs our help!** Ask your husband, family members, friends, and etc. to become volunteers. Then compile a list with name, address, phone number, and their e-mail address and send it to Bobby at the following address ASAP:
Bobby Bonnoitt, 789 Beau Chene Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471-1603.
You may contact Bobby at (985) 845-3081



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