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Louisiana Attorney General's Race: Shaping Up To Be A GOP Elephant Stomp

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Speaker for this month's luncheon at **12 noon on Tuesday, June 2, 2015** at the Wyndam Garden Hotel (formerly the Clarion Hotel) on E. 70th Street will be **former Congressman, and now candidate for Louisiana Attorney General, Jeff Landry**, who is in a race against fellow Republicans Buddy Caldwell and Marty Maley.

Jeff is a successful attorney, a former lawmaker who fought for Louisiana's conservative values in Congress, a veteran, a former Sheriff's Deputy and local policeman, a father, a husband, and a small businessman. "Louisiana's next Attorney General not only needs to operate the office in a fiscally responsible and professional manner, but our next Attorney General also needs to be an advocate for the citizens of Louisiana," said Jeff Landry. "Time and time again, we are seeing major public policy decisions driven into our

courts both with expensive mandates from Washington bureaucrats to other issues here at home." he added.

Landry has noted the need for change in the Attorney General's office. Landry has written several op-ed pieces regarding the small number of law firms seeking to profit at the expense of jobs and economic growth in the state by using contingency fee contracts approved by the AG.



Landry's campaign has approximately \$1.3 million in the bank, and endorsements from Congressman Fleming and former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum. This race is just getting started, so don't miss this one.

Reservations not required. Eating is \$13, no cost to just listen, and free parking.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Fellow Republicans,

Are you ever so frustrated, observing what is going on in our government, and the increasing number of folks who are seemingly uninterested in the consequences of what is going on, that you just want to shout from the rooftops, "Wake up!" Well, I sure do.

Right now, we have terrorists taking control of cities in Iraq and controlling 50 percent of Syria. Iran is moving ever closer to nuclear capability, and North Korea is building a nuclear arsenal, while testing long-range missiles that could strike the U.S. mainland. Russia has flexed its military muscle, and invaded the Republic of Georgia and Ukraine. China is modernizing its weapons with fighter jets, developing prototypes for hypersonic missiles and building ballistic missile submarines. Our own nation's borders are so porous that even the U.S. Border Patrol admits they don't know who is coming across the border, or whether they wish us well or ill.

Even so, and faced with these threats to peace and freedom around the world, do you know what President Barack Obama identified as the "core" of military service, when he addressed graduating Coast Guard cadets in May? Climate change.

Yep. He said climate change. The world is on fire and Obama is calling upon these cadets to "to start reducing" its carbon emissions now because when he meets with leaders around the world, "[Climate change] is often at the top of our agenda – a core element of our diplomacy." Really? How about the murdering of Christians in Muslim war zones, or the trafficking of children by the millions in China, the manipulation of gas prices by Russia, or the ever increasing national debt

of the United States, which should we default, would threaten currencies worldwide? Does any of this ever come up, in passing or over coffee?

Obama could have reminded the cadets, and their families, of the legacy of the Coast Guard, and how they have served our nation honorably. In World War II, they were among the first casualties of war on the day after Pearl Harbor. He could have inspired them with any number of stories of selflessness and love of country. But he didn't.

And so I am reminded of the expression, "Nero fiddled while Rome burned." It comes to mind because of the obliviousness of the President's remarks to the most pressing threats facing our country, and because not only did Nero "fiddle" while his people suffered, he was a poor leader in a time of crisis, as well. The danger of ignoring what's most important is still as destructive as it was in 11 A.D. when Rome burned. The question for us all, especially to those whom we elect to public office, is simply this: What are you fiddling with, while our "Rome" is burning?

In closing, and as always, please consider making a contribution to the Caddo Republican Parish Executive Committee, or to volunteer your time. Your support helps maintain a local office, publish a monthly newsletter, and conduct important Party-building activities aimed to recruit, as well as support Party members throughout the parish. Contributions of any amount, from \$50 to \$100 to \$200 (and higher) may be made by mailing a check to: **Caddo RPEC, 1941-C East 70th Street, Shreveport, LA 71105** or by clicking the following link to contribute by credit or debit card, <http://bit.ly/CaddoRPEC> (but you don't need a Paypal account to contribute online).

Very truly yours,

Louis R. Avallone

THE PROVERBIAL END FOR 3132?

There were additional meeting in May, held by the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), along with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development, regarding the extension of 3132 from Flournoy Lucas Road to the Port. Elliott Stonecipher reports that “there is a good chance that a ‘No Build,’ the only study outcome which fully protects Esplanade, may be the result of this Stage 1 Study. Two additional meetings from and by NLCOG will occur between now and a decision, supposedly early next year.” Stonecipher is the spokesperson for the Finish 3132 Coalition, which has been party to two lawsuits involving 3132, and has alleged that government entities, as well as key public officials, short-circuited that route-selection process as developers encroached on possible corridors. The seven-step process to build a Louisiana highway takes more than 10 years, and considering it’s been nearly 20 years since voters supported the bond initiative to extend 3132 to the Port, this seemingly is another example of why Ronald Reagan said that “the nine most terrifying words in the English language are, ‘I’m from the government and I’m here to help’.”



MEDALLION CLUB (IS GROWING)

Join The Ranks!

The 2015 Medallion Club membership drive well underway. The Medallion Club effort raises the necessary funds to run the office, pay for the newsletter, and conduct other Party activities. Gold Medallion members level is \$200 and above, Medallion membership is \$100-199 and Supporter level membership is up to \$99. You can contribute online by visiting <http://bit.ly/CaddoRPEC> or checks may be dropped off to the office at 1941-C East 70th Street, Shreveport 71105. Contributions are not tax deductible. **Gold Medallion:** William Golden, M.F. Graham, Gary Moore, Austin G. Robertson, Jr., Dee Simpson, Jim and Martha Allen, Harold and Margaret Coates, B.L. “Buddy” Shaw, G.A. Frierson, II, Maudie M. Lawson, **PRWC;** **Medallion:** M.T. Arceneaux, Jack Daniel, **Ted Roberts**, Elmo Norton, George Penfield, Oliver Jenkins, Max Edwards, Barrow Peacock, Mike Thibodeaux, Steve C. Gibson, Women’s Republican Club of Shreveport, **Frances A. Simpson** and **Steve Riall**. **Supporter:** Olive Stuart, Blanca Collins, and Stanley Kolniak.

Thank you

“WAR STORIES” TOLD FIRST HAND

Col. Oliver North, host of Fox New’s “War Stories”, political commentator, and author, will be in Shreveport and Bossier City in September, for an evening of patriotism and reflection. He is the keynote speaker at a fundraiser for Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish Crimestoppers on **September 11, 2015**. You can purchase tickets online, by visiting their websites, or by visiting: www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-col-oliver-north-tickets-16209167055?aff=ehomecard. Event tickets include dinner at Sam’s Town in the main Ballroom.

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The **Women's Republican Club of Shreveport (WRC)** meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:45 a.m. at **East Ridge Country Club**. Lunch is \$18.00. Reservations can be made by emailing rsvp.wrc@gmail.com or calling 795-0870 and leave a message. Men are invited to attend and join as associates.

The **Professional Republican Women (PRWC)** meets at 6:00 p.m. at Savoie's The Catering Place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Email PRWC1989@gmail.com or contact Pam Gutekunst

(pamgutekunst@bellsouth.net, 797-0802) for reservations (menu is fried catfish, unless chef salad is requested in advance). Men are welcome to attend and join as associates. Meals at \$12.00.

The **Republican Women of Bossier (RWB)** meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Azalea Room of Good Eats, 2171 Airline Drive. "Meet and Greet" starts at 5:30 p.m. Meals are \$20.00. Listening is free. Call Robin Rue-Graves (965-5001), robinsbirdnest@yahoo.com for reservations (RSVPs, please, by Wednesdays prior to meeting). Men are welcome as associates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2** - GOP Luncheon, Louisiana AG hopeful
Jeff Landry
- June 14** - *Flag Day*
- June 16** - PRWC dinner
- June 17** - WRC luncheon
- June 18** - PEC meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- July 7** - GOP Luncheon, Lt. Governor hopeful
Billy Nungesser

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