



# WOMEN FOR A BETTER LOUISIANA

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## Women for a Better Louisiana Mission

Our mission is to improve the quality of life in Louisiana by working actively to attain honest and efficient government, a clean environment, area beautification (including promoting and assisting in planting and maintenance of trees), quality education, protection of children and other timely concerns.

## WBL General MEETING *Guests Encouraged*

**November 16, 2011**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
**11 AM**

**300 Lake Marina Dr. NOLA 70124**

Parking in the rear (unmarked spaces only) guard will admit you

## Light Lunch ~~~~ No Charge

*Reservations required for lunch.*

*Call: Verse @ 504 834-9410 ~~ by Sat. Nov.12*

*Please speak slowly & leave your name & phone #*

## Discussion Topics for November Meeting

- Projects in which WBL can be actively involved, preferably legislative issues. Bring your Ideas.
  - Next Legislative Session for Louisiana State government is in April. Members agreed we should start attending these sessions again. We will discuss further at the January meeting.
  - Donations for the raffle at our December Tea---  
Linda has requested that each member attempt to get a donation from the restaurant(s) that they frequent. Linda also suggested that members make a centerpiece for each table at our December Tea which can be raffled at the end of the Tea.  
**If you can't attend the meeting, but are interested in helping with our fundraiser  
contact the Chairlady Linda Kraus @ 594 456 9899**
  - Christine will make copies of WBL's By-Laws and bring them to the November meeting.
  - Nancy advised that Josh Long with NOCAC has a one hour presentation called "Darkness to Light". At the November meeting we will coordinate a date for members to attend this presentation at NOCAC.
- BRING YOUR IDEAS~~~~~**

*See the enclosed Minutes of our September Meeting for a complete list of Discussions and  
planned Calendar for the next year.*

Many, many thanks to Rose Mogabgab for accepting the position of Membership Chair. Nancy Simoneaux, our long term Chair, will continue to help with membership, but will certainly appreciate the lightening of her many duties.

Margaret Ransone is recuperating from surgery. Please keep her speedy recovery in your prayers and thoughts.

Our Sincerest Sympathy  
to  
our Member and Friend  
Betty Van Norman  
on the death  
of her husband, Gene,  
who was also a friend and  
often helped  
with WBL Projects.

CASA Representative presents  
WBL President, Christine, a  
Cottages for CASA Poster for our  
Sponsorship of their Annual Raffle



WBL Officers Installed for 2011-12  
Christine Trevett, President, Pamela Rogers 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,  
Lois Lanier 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Myrtle Dubea, Treasurer



Members in a  
attendance enjoyed  
a lovely lunch, the  
WBL Historical power point  
presentation by Pres.Christine,  
and had a lot of fun with the  
auction of the table  
arrangements made by the  
Luncheon Committee



## *Upcoming Events*

**February 28, 29, March 1, 2012**

**WBL'ers will:**

**Volunteer at the Greater New Orleans Science  
and Engineering Fair, Inc.  
At HPC Building on UNO CAMPUS  
corner of Elysian Fields Ave. and Leon C.  
Simon Blvd. Friends and Family welcome-----**

**If you would like to join us as a volunteer----  
If you would like to visit and see what we do  
Call Harriet at 733 0925 or Barbara @ 283 1129**

### **Mark Your Calendars**

November 16, 2011 – 11:00 am –  
General Meeting Lake Marina Towers  
December 4, 2011 – WBL Tea  
Chateau Country Club  
January 18, 2012 – 11:00 am –  
Lake Marina Towers –  
Nominate and Elect Officers  
April 18, 2012 – 11:00 am –  
Lake Marina Towers  
May 23, 2012 – WBL Luncheon  
Southern Yacht Club

**HOPE YOU can join us on NOV. 16 --- Remember Guests Welcome  
Meeting UPDATE: \***

**\*Allen Dejan**, an Instructor at The Roots of Music (a free music education program for middle-school students in New Orleans area) has agreed to be our **SPEAKER** for our November Meeting. Please come and help us get acquainted with one of our most recent project.

Thanks to Pres. Christine for preparing a wonderful lunch for us at our last meeting. We are asking for helpers to be part of a committee for the November 16 meeting. Please call Barbara, 283-1129 if you can help in any small way. Bring a dish- drinks- desert- supplies, help set up or clean up! We need your help!

The Editor

- Thanks to Joyce Adoue for again shopping for and donating a large number of Children size items of food, drinks, and small toys for use at NOPD Child Abuse Unit.
- Thanks also Gwendolyn LaNasa, Kevin O'Sullivan, Chevron Matching Gift Program, Joyce Adoue and Rose Mogabgab our special donors this year for making it possible for us to help so many needy children's programs in our area, and Pam Rogers for donating her time using some of these funds to shop and keep the pantry at NOCAC filled.
- Bless our Nancy Simoneaux, for coordinating all of these activities and more.
- See the enclosed Thank You Letters for some of our recent activities/donations.

**Remember our Troops and their Families in  
your Thoughts and Prayers and Good Works!**

**Happy Thanksgiving to ALL and  
Thanks for all that you do!**



May 23, 2011

Nancy Simoneaux  
Women for a Better Louisiana  
PO Box 8361  
Metairie, LA 70011

Dear Nancy:

Thank you so much for your contribution to Girls First. We realize how fortunate we are to have such dedicated supporters. Despite a year filled with national disasters and local cutbacks, Girls First continues to flourish. It is our goal to continue to provide underserved girls in the New Orleans area with sport, exercise and movement opportunities.

Girls First summer camp integrates the positive benefit of sports, good health and exercise in a positive, nurturing environment. Girls First participants learn to appreciate and value the resources available to them on a college campus. They learn how to win and lose gracefully. Character building, conflict resolution, respect for one another, and an appreciation of one another's diversity and uniqueness are all a part of the Girls First experience. Girls First stresses healthy eating habits and values and emphasizes academic performance in school. Girls First celebrates young women, exposes them to the skills to achieve success, and supports them as they strive toward healthy and productive futures.

Girls First is committed to continue our mission and to expand our services as directed by the needs of our girls. Thank you for believing in Girls First and helping us to continue developing young girls in the New Orleans area.

I hope to see you this summer during camp! Please call us at 504-553-5382 or email us at [girls1camp@aol.com](mailto:girls1camp@aol.com) if you would like a copy of our camp schedule.

Thanks again!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen Siegel".

Helen Siegel  
President

RECEIVED: \$ 300 Donation (check # 1848; dated, 5/3/2011)  
Girls First Tax ID # - 72-1414614  
Statement: There were no goods or services received from this donation.

201 St Charles Avenue, Suite 4411, New Orleans, LA 70170  
504-553-5382 / 504-585-2605 (fax) / [www.girlsfirst.info](http://www.girlsfirst.info)



Dear Mrs. Simoneaux and the Women for a Better Louisiana,

8-29-11

The New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center and the Audrey Hepburn CARE Center would like to thank you for the donation of Teen and Child Witness pamphlets, as well as the It's OK to Tell activity books. The Women for A Better Louisiana have proved their dedication to the children of Louisiana through their never-ending generosity and bottomless support to our cause that we are better able to serve child victims of abuse.

A special thanks to Nancy Simoneaux whose recent donations of sexual assault activity books, art supplies, and court preparation handouts have truly impacted the lives of our children. Every book that a child in our office receives will give them the encouragement they need to feel safe to disclose abuse. They are empowering and non-shaming and non-blaming advocating for children in the best way possible. Not only are you donating to our center, but you are giving children a head-start on their road to recovery. The Women for a Better Louisiana are greatly bolstered with support from individuals like Mrs. Simoneaux.

*Thank you  
Nancy Simoneaux*

On behalf of the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center, the Audrey Hepburn CARE Center, and the children we serve, we thank you.

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With kindest regards, we remain,

**Stacie LeBlanc, JD, MEd**  
Executive Director  
New Orleans Children Advocacy Center

**Joshua Long**  
Case Manager  
New Orleans Children Advocacy Center



## *The* **ROOTS OF MUSIC**

Women for a Better Louisiana  
P.O. Box 8361  
Metairie, Louisiana 70011-8361

Re: Contribution

October 8, 2011

Dear Women for a Better Louisiana:

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the Roots of Music. Your support is essential in our efforts to provide the children of New Orleans an opportunity to access free music education and academic mentoring. Federal law requires us to inform you that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your gift. Therefore, within the limits prescribed by law, the full amount of your gift is deductible for Federal income tax purposes. To take advantage of this deduction, please use the following information and this letter as a receipt.

Date of Donation: September 21, 2011

Full Amount of Gift: \$565.00

501(c) 3 Tax ID: 26-1160255

Thank you again for your support. Be sure to check out our website for upcoming events, fundraisers and program planning at [www.therootsofmusic.com](http://www.therootsofmusic.com).

Sincerely,

Derrick Tabb, Founder

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