



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*

**Wednesday March 26
11 AM**

300 Lake Marina Dr. NOLA 70124

Parking in the rear or front (unmarked spaces only) guard will admit you-
If lot is full it is permissible to park in some places along street

Light Lunch ~~~~ No Charge
Reservations requested for lunch

Call: Margaret at 832-4384 or Verse at 834-9410

Please call by Sat. March 22

Please speak slowly & leave your name & phone #

Speaker

Brad Cousins, Executive Director
Court Watch NOLA

Court Watch NOLA began in 2007 as a grassroots volunteer effort to make New Orleans' felony court more efficient and transparent. Since then, CWN has recruited, trained and supported volunteers in observing and reporting on whether our judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and other public servants are doing their jobs professionally, transparently, and effectively. CWN is supported by the local business and legal communities, which recognize that criminal justice reform is important to New Orleans' citizens, city budget, and national image.

Originally just 15 volunteers watching 37 cases, CWN now boasts a diverse volunteer base tracking hundreds of cases. Their daily and visible presence in the courtroom (they carry bright yellow clipboards) helps identify systemic problems while sending the message that New Orleanians care about making the courts more accountable and just.

Message from the president

This year of my presidency is moving along very quickly. Our Christmas tea was better than ever. The speaker from S.T.A.I.R. at the January meeting, Sara Woodard, was very well received and the day of our donation of a tree at the LaSalle Park was beautiful. Ten WBL members did volunteer work at the 58th annual Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair on February 18-20. At our March 26th meeting, aside from our speaker on court watching, we will prepare for our April 23rd trip to the state legislature in Baton Rouge, discuss the closing luncheon and hear the first report from our new chair of Child Advocacy, Rachel Watts.

I hope you had a wonderful, fun, safe Mardi Gras!!
Harriet Aguiar-Netto

If you can-----

Bring some soap for Sister Vera at Lantern Light Ministries where the homeless can access showers, laundry, phones, legal aid, medical services, hygiene kits and restroom facilities.

Margaret Ransone is our contact with Sister Vera