



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.

Upcoming EVENTS~~~

Trip to Legislature April ~~

Wednesday April 22. There are many budget concerns that will have to be hammered out which should be very interesting.

Diana Bulot, Linda Kraus and Harriet Aguiar-Netto, will drive up on Tuesday, April 21 and spend the night at a hotel.

Judy Callaway will be going also, but staying with a friend.

Anyone wanting to join them or drive yourself, may call Linda Kraus at 456 -9899 for more info.

WBL Annual Meeting May ~~~

Wed. May 20 -- to be held at the Southern Yacht Club -- will include -- Luncheon, Election and Installation of new Officers and a mini fund raiser! Full details to follow in a written invitation. Watch your mailbox!

Slate of Elected Officers to be presented by Nominating Committee Chair, Myrtle Dubea -----

Linda Kraus:	President
Harriet Aguiar-Netto:	First VP
Diana Bulot:	Second VP
Judy Callaway:	Recording Sec.
Rose Mogabgab:	Corresponding Sec.

Appointed Officers:

Barbara Ryan: Parliamentarian
Myrtle Dubea will continue as Treasurer, but she'll train Justine Aguiar to take it over.

Thanks to the Committee for taking on this difficult task and to our Members who have accepted the responsibilities.

Anyone wishing to make a nomination from the floor may do so provided the person being nominated has agreed to such nomination.

President's Report ~~~~

So much has happened since my last report! The Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair was a major success. We had over twenty WBL members volunteer at the Fair. The projects were exceptional. The WBL junior award for environmental science went to Matthew Marino of St. Matthew the Apostle School for his project "How Does the Temperature Affect the Efficiency of Solar Cells." Our senior environmental award winner was Trey Stewart of John Curtis School for his project on "Oil-Eating Microbes." For the first time ever, all the major award winners were girls!

We had a delegation of WBL members at the Derby Day fund-raiser at the Fairgrounds on March 8th in support of the Audrey Hepburn Child Care Center. Pam Rogers made the arrangements. We all looked lovely in our hats. Thanks to Judy Callaway our picture as Women for a Better Louisiana was in the Orleans Times Picayune.

Joan White Bean and Carol McCall, past and present education chairs of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, were our speakers at the March 25th meeting. We learned a lot about Common Core. At the heart of the discussion was that Common Core is a set of standards, it is not a curriculum. Louisiana districts choose curriculum, not the state or federal government. A delicious lunch was served by Judy Fosco. This was followed by our actual meeting. *continued p2*

Several of us will be going to the state legislature April 21, 22. There are many budget concerns that will have to be hammered out which should be very interesting Then our closing luncheon will be on May 20th at the Southern Yacht Club. A slate of officers will be presented by Myrtle Dubea's nominating committee and officers elected for the upcoming year. A number of members have shared their Katrina stories with us and I will have copies for everyone at the luncheon.

Harriet



Carol McCall, Dr. Harriet Aguiar-Netto and Janet White Bean.

Carol and Janet, past and Present Chairs of the Education Committee of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, were presenters on Common Core at the March 25th Women for a Better Louisiana meeting. Their emphasis was that Common Core State Standards are indeed standards. There is no Common Core curriculum. Louisiana districts Choose curriculum, not the state or federal government.

Hats Off to Our President Harriet ~~~~~

One of the eight Honorees at East Jefferson General Hospital Auxiliary's Thirty-Ninth Great Lady/Great Gentleman Awards.

Honored for her knowledge in education and science which led her into volunteerism and community activities.

In her professional life she taught math and science at Tulane University, Isadore Newman School, St. Martin Episcopal School, where she was principal of the upper school, and at McGhee School. While teaching in the past thirty years she has presented numerous papers for the betterment of children's lives.

Since 1997 she has volunteered as an education committee member for the Jewish Children's Regional Service Education, served on Habitat for Humanity, League of Women Voters, Louisiana Children's Museum for the building and operation of a physics wing and the Seiko Youth Challenge.

She also served on the Lake Pontchartrain Foundation Education Committee for 6 years and the Christmas Tree Recycling Project for wetland reclamation in charge of high school recruits for 14 years. It was at the Tree recycling project that she met some of our wonderful Women for a Better Louisiana and decided to join our ranks. Since joining WBL she has been a faithful member serving where needed. Currently serving as our President and our Science Fair Committee Chair, and working with us to improve the quality of lives of abused and neglected children and working for a cleaner, better environment in Louisiana through litter campaigns and area beautification, especially the planting of trees. She has also become a Court Watch NOLA volunteer,

A Start the Adventure in Reading tutor, and a Board Member of the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair Inc. since 2007.



Harriet's son flew to New Orleans to be her Escort at the Announcement

Always true to her Volunteer Commitments—Harriet worked a full shift at the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair the day of the Awards Announcement Party!