



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.

REMINDER: WBL Annual Luncheon

Southern Yacht Club~~Grill Room~~Press 1 on Elevator

105 N. Roadway Dr. N. O. LA 70124 (504 288-4200)

Wednesday, MAY 23, 2012 \$25.00/person 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

Cash Bar available for House Brand limited selection drinks ~~~ 11:30 until Lunch is started

House Salad

Choice of Entrée: Catfish Meuniere or Cornbread-Stuffed Chicken Breast

Spinach Souffle', Squash, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea & Coffee: Dessert: Caramel Custard

Please put reservation form and check payable to WBL in the mail

no later than Monday, May 15 to: Myrtle Dubea

1909 Colony Road, Metairie, LA 70003 (70003 is correct zip code for Myrtle)

If you would like to be seated with someone please make a note with your reservations

You should have rec'd a lovely invitation and addressed return card in the mail some time ago

For problems or questions or to confirm your reservation call Nancy@861 8438 or Verse @ 834-9410

For convenient drop off of passengers at covered area with bench go all the way to Yacht Club entrance before parking.

Be Aware of road construction work on Lake Marina. Allow time for slow moving traffic and short delays.

Election of Officers for 2012-2013

The following members have agreed to accept nomination for the 2012-2013 year:

President: Maria Falco

2nd Vice President:

Lois Lanier

Vice President: Pam Rogers

Recording Secretary:

Christine Trevett

These Officers will be voted on at the May 2012 Luncheon.

Nominations from the floor will be in order, provided that the member being nominated has previously given permission to have their name placed in nomination.

Myrtle Dubea has agreed to continue to serve as our Appointed Treasurer.

The following members have graciously agreed to serve as Committees Chairs

Child Advocacy – Nancy Simoneaux and
Linda Kraus
Education – Margaret Ransone
Historian – Lois Lanier
Newsletter – Barbara LaNasa
Hospitality – Judy Fosco
Membership – Rose Mogabgab and
Nancy Simoneaux

Publicity/Fundraiser – Linda Kraus
Science Fair – Harriet Aguiar-Netto
Telephone Committee – Verse Bahle, Nancy
Simoneaux and Margaret Ransone
Area Beautification – open
Legislation – open

Our Sincerest Thanks to all of our Dedicated Members who volunteer their time to keep our programs alive.

*María Falco our Organizer for WBL's Day at the Legislature
Reports:*

The meeting at the State Legislature went very well. Approximately 13 people from our group were present.

Representative Tony Ligi introduced us from the podium of the Governmental Affairs Committee, and visited us again in the lunchroom. He arranged for us to take a tour of the Capitol Building which most of us took. Then we visited the House of Representatives and the Senate during the afternoon sessions before leaving.

I've heard nothing but good reports so far from all those who attended.

Thanks for all of your hard work, Maria

Margaret Ransone would like you to meet her little friend **Gianna Gilberti**:
Gianna is the 3 yr. old granddaughter of Margaret's neighbor Juanita Gilberti.

As Gianna grows she sorts out her younger aged Toys, all in fabulous condition, and sends them to our Child Advocacy Committee via Margaret.

Our Hats Off to Gianna as WBL'ers Salute Gianna as a wonderful citizen; and we want to let her know that the little children are smiling big smiles as they play with her wonderful toys, because of her kindness and generosity.

Members Women for a Better Louisiana



WBL Member
Maria Falco
has asked that the
following invitation be
forwarded to
all of you –



Congratulations Maria
and
Many More

*In Celebration of Her
Eightieth Birthday (July 7, 1932).*

Maria J. Falco, PhD

*Is holding a Fundraiser for
Saint Ann School
Of Metairie, LA*

*On Saturday, June 23rd, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM
At: The Pie Restaurant,
4300 Veterans' Boulevard,
In Metairie.*

*Please Respond to Maria Falco, 504-454-2508,
mefalco2377@yahoo.com*

By June 15th

*And bring a donation for the school
(No personal gifts, please!)*

The 56th Greater New Orleans Science & Engineering Fair, Region IX of Louisiana was a howling success, thanks to superb Directors and Board Members, excellent and dedicated Volunteers and an outstanding group of Teachers and Students.

And we must not forget our wonderful Financial Supporters, without whom we could not have a Fair, and bring this wonderful opportunity to so many students:

Patrick F. Taylor Foundation---Huntington Ingalls---Laitram, L.L.C.---National Assn. of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) International---Society of Petroleum Engineers---Council of Petroleum Accountants Society---Louisiana Science and Engineering Fair (LSEF) Women for a Better Louisiana---Harriet Aguiar-Netto--Danica Benbow---The Bruce J. Heim Foundation---Orleans Medical Society Alliance---New Orleans Geological Society---American Welding Society.

2012 Community Supporters were: Tulane University--- University of New Orleans-- Women for a Better Louisiana---Telephone Pioneers of Metairie.

Thanks so much to our 2012 WBL Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair Volunteers

Harriet Aguiar-Netto, WBL Chairman, Christine Trevett, Margaret Ransone, Barbara LaNasa, Lois Lanier, Pam Rogers, Nancy Simoneaux, Rosemary Clark, Judy Fosco, Diana Bulot, Judy Callaway, Linda Kraus and friend Merilynn Metzger.

We were also assisted by our Friends from the TELEPHONE PIONEERS:

Marie "Weezie" Gaudet, Pat Duplantis, Ruben Reynolds, Aline Reynolds and Gilda Wise, during their usual Thursday Student and Public Visitation, and Project storing times.

We also had excellent help from a new group of 12 students from Holy Cross High School and their teacher, WARREN BERNARD, PHD, Science Dept, Student Research and STEM Coordinator.

They were a spirited group and helped with the visiting students on Thursday morning and storing the Projects for later pickup. Dr. Bernard is also a helpful, new member to the GNOSEF Board.

Thank you Holy Cross High School!

WBL's --- 1st Place Sr. Division Environmental Sciences Award went to **Mitchell Hartley**, *Absorbing Oil with Invasive Species: Kudzu, Kenaf, and Peanut Shells* ----- John Curtis Christian School; Teacher: Cathy Boucvalt

Mitchell also won the **GNOSEF 1st Place Sr. Division Environmental Sciences Award** and many other Awards.

However, **Caleb Gestes**, John Curtis Christian School, Teacher Cathy Boucvalt, and

Kinga Malkinska, Benjamin Franklin High School, Teacher Claire Davis-Wheeler, were the **Senior Grand Award Winners for GNOSEF**

WBL's Junior Division Environmental Award Winners were **Joshua Hartley and Alexis Lang**

Plastic Bottles, the Floating Future?

Joshua and Alexis came with a Modern Day Huck Finn Raft and went home with a bundle of Special Awards.



We think there are many more Science Fair days in these young students' lives.



Barbara LaNasa speaks with Mitchell about his oil cleanup project using all natural absorbents.

