



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 March General Meeting Wednesday March 25 -- 4th Wed. 11 A.M. - Light lunch--No Charge--Guests Encouraged

300 Lake Marina Dr. NOLA 70124

Limited 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

Reservations requested for lunch----- Call: Nancy at 861 - 8438 or Verse at 834-9410

Please call ASAP---- Please speak slowly & leave your name & phone #

Speakers : Margo Phelps and Janet Bean of One Greater New Orleans will try to help us understand Common Core!

Margo Phelps, Education Chairman, One Greater New Orleans accompanied Ruthie Frierson to our January Meeting.

As their presentation progressed it became obvious that they had done much research into Common Core. We immediately asked Margo if she would be speaker at our March Meeting.

She agreed and will bring another member of the education committee, Janet Bean with her.

President's Message -- February 2015

Our speaker at the January 28th meeting, Ruthie Frierson, was greeted by a very receptive audience as she detailed her founding of [Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans](#). She and other members of that organization have had success advocating a number of notable accomplishments (consolidation of a patchwork system of levee boards into two super-boards, combining seven Orleans Parish property assessors into one single office, etc.). They continue to work toward progress in criminal justice, education, and ethics/good government reform. Accompanying her was their education chairman, Margo Phelps. (It was exciting to realize that I taught Margo chemistry at McGehee's some years ago!) As their presentation progressed it became obvious that they had done much research into Common Core. I immediately asked Margo if she would be speaker on Common Core at our March 25th meeting. She agreed and will bring another member of the education committee, Janet Bean, with her.

Among the many things accomplished at the January meeting it was decided that we would have 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.

I reminded everyone of my personal project to collect Katrina memoirs from WBL members and have them compiled for the May luncheon. I would like to have your story in my hands by the end of March. You can either email it or send it to my home via conventional mail.

Thanks to Judy Fosco for preparing another delicious lunch for us and Joan Policastro for another batch of wonderfully delicious desserts.

I hope most of you will be at the March 25th meeting and that you will consider going to the state legislature with us in April.

~Harriet



*Besides an outstanding meeting January was also an unexpected and wonderful reunion----
Pictured are: President, Harriet Aguiar Netto, Margo Phelps (our March Speaker and a former Student of Harriet's at McGehee School), Ruthie Frierson, our January Speaker and Denise Reinecke, WBL Member and Ruthie Frierson's teacher at McGehee.*

*Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the **GNOSEF** (Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair)! The Fair was very successful. The Projects and were very good to great! The students were outstanding and very well behaved. The only problem I saw was that **more volunteers were needed, especially in the areas where WBL participates and the number of Judges**. Many had to serve long shifts to make up the difference. More info and pictures to be included in next Newsletter.*

HELP US TO CURB LITTER

Avoid doing anything that would desecrate the Natural beauty of our unique State.

Organize community clean-ups and publicize the results.

Encourage your local Media to involve themselves in the fight to have a cleaner State.

Report litter violators by calling 1-888-LITRBUG

Display an "anti-litter" sticker on the rear bumper of your vehicle.

Ask relatives and friends to participate in the effort to clean up Louisiana.

Thanks, Myrtle Dubea.

Don't Forget---

March 25th will be a great meeting for anyone trying to understand **COMMON CORE** and interested in learning more about the subject from a group that has a true interest in making New Orleans a better place to live, and has put a lot of time and intelligent energy into studying the issue ~~~**Citizens for One Greater New Orleans**. Guests Welcome!

Hope to see you and a few friends there. *The Editor*

April will be our Day at the Legislature. Date to be announced. Harriet, Diana and Linda are working on arrangements.