Women's Republican Club

of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

Annual Meeting

2018

Our Past Presidents

Margaret "Peggy" Siebert, 2016-2017
Jennifer Neubauer 2014-2015
Mrs. William Madden (Kim) 2012-2013
Mrs. Walter Falkowski (Pat) 2010-2011
Mrs. Jan Gibson 2008-2009
Mrs. John Kammerer (Pat) 2006-2007
Mrs. John Gram (Mary) 2004-2005
Mrs. Robert Price (Cesilie) 2002-2004
Mrs. Richard Mandahl (Ruth) 2000-2002
Mrs. David Crouse (Terese) 1999-2000
Mrs. James Bauer (Jill) 1997-1999
Mrs. Stacy Ball 1994-1996
Mrs. Corinne (Paul) Wood 1992-1994
Mrs. Orville C. Beattie (Mary) 1989-1991
Mrs. Daniel Yomine (Jeanne) 1988-1989
Mrs. Richard Gnospelius (Sue) 1986-1987
Mrs. John Sandner (Carole) 1985-1986
Mrs. Virginia M. McGeehee (Ginni) 1983-1984
Mrs. Benjamin J. Masters (Jean) 1981-1982
Mrs. Charles David Maley (Mildred) 1979-1980
Mrs. John Smith (JoAnn) 1977-1978
Mrs. George Lambert (Mary) 1976-1977
Mrs. Barbara Berg 1975-1976
Mrs. Shirley Neal 1974-1975
Mrs. Gordon H. Smith (Ruddy) 1972-1973
Mrs. Paul Brown (Elizabeth) 1969-1971
Mrs. Albert Gravenhorst (Sue) 1966-1968
Mrs. Thomas C. Bailey (Verna) 1965-1966
Mrs. Harmon Woodworth (Betty) 1962-1964
Mrs. Rhoades V. Newbell (Ruth) 1960-1961
Mrs. Hempstead Washburn, Jr. (Scott) 1958-1959
Mrs. John Trussell (Mary) 1956-1957
Mrs. Stewart Griffith (Bea) 1955-1956
Mrs. Robert Coghill (Marjorie) 1954-1955
Mrs. Otis Carney (Frederika) 1953-1954
Mrs. Garritt Rutgers (Fran) 1951-1952
Mrs. Wesley Dixon Sr. (Kitty) 1949-1950
Mrs. Hempstead Washburn, Sr. (Mary) 1947-1948
Mrs. Edward K. Welles (Betty) 1946-1947
Mrs. Arthur Dixon (Anita) 1944-1945
Mrs. Charles Haffner (Mary) 1943-1944
Mrs. William Gourley 1941-1942

WRC 2018 Annual Meeting

January 27, 2018

Agenda

8:45 am-- Doors Open

9:00 am-- Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

9:05 am-- New Bylaws Proposed, Members vote

9:10 am-- New Officer Slate Presented, Members vote

Proposed 2018 Officer Slate:

Hilary Till, President

Michelle Parnell, 1st Vice President

Lisa Roti, 2nd Vice President

Angie Sage, Recording Secretary

Susan Somberg, Treasurer

9:25 am—Adjourn

9:30 am—Community Presentation

Introduction and remarks by GOP Candidates Doug Bennett, Sapan Shah and Jeremy Wynes, running in the March 20, 2018 primary for US House (IL 10th)

11:30 am—Conclusion

Bylaws of the Club

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be "Women's Republican Club of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff".

Article II. Object

The object of the organization shall be to encourage residents in Lake County Illinois, with a particular emphasis on residents in the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff area, to participate in the political activities of the Republican Party by:

(a) Co-operating with official Republican Party committees in stimulating participation at all elections,
(b) Encouraging worthy Republican candidates for public office,
(c) Disseminating information concerning governmental and political affairs, and
(d) Promoting U.S. Constitutional principles, including but not limited to free speech, individual liberty, limited government, personal responsibility and equal justice on which the government of this country is founded.

Article III. Membership

Section 1—Membership shall be open to all Republicans who are in sympathy with the object of this Club as stated in Article II.

Section 2—Membership shall be of three classes: Active, Associate, and Life. All Membership classes require that members' dues be current.

(a) Active Members shall be female and entitled to vote and hold office in accord with these Bylaws. They may also be simultaneously Life Members.
(b) Associate members shall be male.
(c) Life Members shall be male or female who make a one-time contribution, amount to be determined by the Board.

Section 3—The privileges of voting, holding any office, and serving in committees shall be restricted to female Active and female Life members, provided that they have been members for at least three months.

Article IV. Dues

Section 1—The annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board.

Section 2—Dues shall be payable upon application for membership and each year thereafter by December.

Section 3—A member whose annual dues have not been paid by December 31st shall be considered delinquent and ineligible to vote. Voting privileges shall be restored upon payment of current year's dues.

Article V. Officers

Section 1—The officers of the Club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2—These offices shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 3—An officer shall be elected for a term of one year. Each officer shall be eligible to be re-elected to such office for a second term.

Section 4—If any officer resigns, such vacancy shall be filled by the President for the unexpired term of such officer.

Section 5—The office of the President shall require at least one-year membership in the Club and prior service on the Executive Committee, Board of Directors or Advisory Board.

Section 6—Three-fifths of the Executive Board must reside in either Lake Forest or Lake Bluff.

Article VI. Board of Directors

Section 1—The Executive Committee, consisting of five officers together with the Chairmen of all standing committees, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2—Following the annual meeting, the President shall appoint three Directors at Large and up to five Members at Large to serve on an Advisory Board throughout the club year. They may be reappointed at the President's discretion, for succeeding years to provide continuity and guidance.

Section 3—The Board of Directors shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Club between its meetings, fix the hours and place of meetings, authorize the expenditure of funds, make recommendations to the Club, and shall perform such other duties as are specified by these Bylaws.

Section 4—Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as frequently as the President deems necessary in given months for the required and orderly conduct of Club business. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or upon written request of three members of the Board.

Section 5—A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 1—The President shall be the general executive officer of the Club. She shall preside at all meetings. She shall have the power to approve special committees and be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of nominating. In case of the inability of the President to serve, the Vice Presidents (in their order) shall perform the duties of the office.

Section 2—First Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall act as Program Chairman, being responsible for planning and executing arrangements for all programs and special events sponsored by the Club, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3—The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice President. She shall serve as Political Education Chairman. It shall be her duty to keep the Club informed of political activity and legislation.

Section 4—The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and Board of Directors. She shall send the notices of the Board Meetings to all members of the Board at least ten days in advance. She shall furnish the President and Vice President with a copy of the minutes within two weeks after each meeting.

Section 5—The Treasurer shall be custodian of the Club funds and shall pay all bills of the Club when approved by the President. She shall keep an account of all dues, receipts, disbursements of the Club, which record shall be audited annually at the close of the fiscal year by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. She shall give a report, with copies to the President and the recording Secretary, at each meeting of the Board, and a complete report of the annual meeting. She shall be a member of the Budget Committee.

Article VIII. Duties of Committees

Section 1—The Standing Committees shall be:

(a) Candidates--The Candidates Chairman shall be responsible for distributing all literature for all Republican Candidates and for keeping members informed of candidate activities.

(b) Membership--The Membership Chairman and her committee with the members from Lake Forest and Lake Bluff shall send the annual dues notice to the membership, keeping a record of members and dues paid. Any drive for new members approved by the Board of Directors, shall be undertaken by the Membership Committee.

(c) Parliamentary--The Parliamentarian shall advise the President of the Club in matters of parliamentary procedure according to Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. She shall serve as Chairman of a Bylaws Revision Committee when changes are requested by the Board.

(d) Social—The Social Chairman and her committee shall be responsible for all Club events and programs and arrange for all social functions of the Club. They shall secure meeting places, make provisions for refreshments, and prepare and supervise the mailing of invitations

(e) Communications—The Communications Chairman will run the website, and other internet projects such as Mail Chimp and PayPal per the express directives of the President.

(f) Voters' Service—The Voters'| Service Chairman shall be responsible for supervising voter's service activities including census taking, voter registration and election day activities.

(g) Budget—The Budget Chairman and her three-member committee, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, shall meet after the annual meeting and prepare a budget for the coming year. The budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors following the annual meeting to be discussed and voted on. The budget shall serve as a guideline for expenditures, but shall be non-binding.

(h) Historian--The Historian shall maintain the historical records of the Club including the Charter.

Section 2—Each committee chairman shall be responsible for maintaining a record of her activities for a year. She shall deliver this record together with any Club property to the President at the last board meeting prior to the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Article IX. Meetings and Quorums

Section 1—There shall be one or more general membership meetings of the Club each year as determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2—The annual meeting shall be held in January.

Section 3—A majority of Active Members or twenty Active members, whichever is less, constitutes a quorum.

Article X. Nominations and Elections

Section 1—The nominating Committee shall include Active members from either Lake Forest or Lake Bluff or both.

Section 2—The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President, the other members to be selected by the Nominating Committee Chairman.

Section 3—The Nominating Committee shall present its slate of officers to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4—Nominations from the floor shall be permitted and governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Any floor nominee's eligibility for office is governed by the requirements of these Bylaws and the burden of proof for eligibility is on the nominee. Nominations may not be made *in absentia*.

Section 5—When there is only one candidate for office, election may be by voice vote. When there are two candidates, voting will be by secret ballot, in writing, and the votes counted by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and two of her designees.

Article XI. Club Policies

Section 1—It shall be the policy of this Club and its President to remain neutral and uncommitted before and during a primary election or an electoral convention, when two or more Republican candidates are seeking the same office.

Section 2—It shall be the policy of this Club to give its platform or forum only to those who are representatives of the Republican Party, and those individuals and groups espousing positions consonant with Article II of these Bylaws.

Section 3—It shall be the policy of this Club to not disseminate its membership list.

Article XII Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting per Article IX, provided that the notice of the proposed amendments have been given to the Active Members with the call to meeting at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting.

Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern in all cases which are not in conflict or covered by these Bylaws.

Revised January 2018

Get Involved in Your Township Organization!

Lake County is divided into 18 Townships. Many WRC members belong to their local Township organizations and serve as elected GOP committeemen in their precincts. Contact Lake County Chairman, Mark Shaw or your Township Chairman to learn of important events in your area and how you can become more active in helping to elect great Republican leaders!

Lake County GOP Chairman, Mark Shaw: markshawlaw@hotmail.com

Shields Township Chairman: Scott Helton, scott@fmctaxlaw.com

West Deerfield Township Chairman: Hilary Till, hilary_till@yahoo.com

Moraine Township Chairman: Marty Zeidman, martyzm@hotmail.com

Vernon Township Chairman: John Munger, jmunger@janlaw.com

Libertyville Township Chairman: Ray Lester, libdad@comcast.net

Attend the meetings of the
Lake County Republican Central Committee
every third Monday of the month

Go to: www.lakecountyrepublicans.com for more details

I am a Republican because…

I BELIEVE America is exceptional because of our historic role — first as refuge, then as defender, and now as exemplar of liberty for the world to see.

I BELIEVE — as the Declaration of Independence affirmed: that all are created equal, endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I BELIEVE in the Constitution as our founding document and that the Constitution was written not as a flexible document, but as our enduring covenant—a covenant that has not only served Americans, but, in the tradition of the Magna Carta, provided an example for the world.

I BELIEVE our constitutional system — limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the rights of the people — must be preserved uncompromised for future generations.

I BELIEVE political freedom and economic freedom are indivisible. When political freedom and economic freedom are separated — both are in peril; when united, they are invincible, providing the greatest good for the greatest number in addition to justly rewarding individual achievement.

I BELIEVE that as Americans and as Republicans we wish for peace — so we insist on strength. We seek friendship with all peoples and all nations, but we recognize and are prepared to call out, and deal with evil in the world, with courage and without heeding "political correctness".

I BELIEVE that immigration is an integral part of our nation's continued success, but that without a common culture. language and borders, we cease to be America, exceptional, or sustainable as the great experiment in liberty and self-governance our Founders envisioned and for which countless Americans have died.

FINALLY, I BELIEVE the Republican Party is the best vehicle for protecting these ideals and implementing them into positive and successful principles of government.

(Adapted from the Preamble, Republican Party Platform 2016, with WRC additions)

Join us!

The Women's Republican Club of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff was founded in 1941 and is the longest continually operating political organization of its kind in the area. The WRC exists to assist local, state and national Republican candidates win elective office; to assist elected Republican officeholders with constituent interface and to educate all voters on issues important to the maintenance of our Constitutional republic and the social and economic vitality of Illinois and our local communities. All men and women, wherever they reside, are welcome to join WRC and their yearly dues help sustain our efforts.

We understand that good Republicans—both voters and candidates and to sometimes widely varying degrees—do not necessarily agree with everything in the GOP platform. We agree with Ronald Reagan, who famously said that the person who agrees with you 80% of the time is a friend, not a 20% traitor. If you agree with 80% of the GOP platform, you're a friend. What's more, you're a Republican!

Visit us online. Join us. Let's serve our State and Country together!

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