



The first meeting of our members was a Meet & Greet held on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Kees Park in Pineville, LA. The event was opened with a prayer led by GoPac Vice Chairman Milton Gordon and the Pledge of Allegiance by GoPac Secretary Chuck Tosten. GoPac Chairman Wayne Ryan then called the meeting to order and introduced GoPac's Board officers and Founding Executive Committee. While the membership dined on a buffet of Roast Beef, Crawfish Fettuccine, Salad, and Dessert Pastry Mr. Ryan welcomed our guest speaker, Louisiana State Republican Party representative Mr. Dan Kyle. Mr. Kyle pressed upon our members the importance of groups such as us to help carry forward the conservative cause. Senator David Vitter and Congressman Rodney Alexander were invited and unable to attend due to prior commitments. Lance Maxwell, Senator Vitter's liaison to Central Louisiana was in attendance and gave the membership the Senator's thanks and best wishes. The event was a resounding success with over 60 members in attendance.



**GoPac's Board of Director's and Founding Executive Committee**

Standing from left: Wayne Ryan, Chairman;  
Chuck Tosten, Secretary

Seated: Milton Gordon, Vice Chairman;  
Brenda Newhouse, Treasurer;  
Quint Carriere, At-Large

Not Pictured: Randy Wiggins, At-Large

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Cenla GoPac provides positive, meaningful outlets for members and volunteers to make a difference in central Louisiana. A future committee organization and action meeting will be held for members. Most members have already volunteered to serve on a committee. Some of the committees will enlist other volunteers in addition to the GoPac members to carry out the committee's purpose. Every Cenla GoPac member will be assigned to a committee. These committees are as follows: (A brief description follows for each current committee)

- Candidate Recruitment/Campaign Training – Identify, contact, enlist and train qualified Republican candidates for local, state and national races.
- Volunteers/Precinct Leaders – Enlist, train and get out the vote during elections as well as register unregistered voters.

- Fundraising –  
Organize, plan and conduct activities to raise money for Cenla GoPac and solicit contributions for Republican candidates
- Communications –  
Keep the membership and public informed through newsletter and news releases; build and maintain contacts with elected officials
- Issues –  
Research legislation and issues affecting local, state and federal government; recommend action for Cenla GoPac
- Platform –  
Develop a position statement for Cenla GoPac dealing with local, state and national issues which will reflect the mission and goals of Cenla GoPac
- Membership –  
Lead in the recruitment of members for all membership levels in the 10 parishes currently served by Cenla GoPac; conduct appropriate membership drives and campaigns to help the organization grow

### **CANDIDATE FORUM COMING**

The four Republican candidates for District 9 Judge will participate in a Cenla GoPac forum held on Thursday, September 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Alexandria City Hall, Convention Hall. Cenla GoPac members are asked to submit questions which will be asked of each of the candidates. The questions used will adhere to the standards required by the State Board of Ethics as it relates to judgeships. You can drop your questions off to Quint Carriere at PJ's Coffee or email the questions to Cenla GoPac at [cenlagopac@bellsouth.net](mailto:cenlagopac@bellsouth.net)

### **MEMBERSHIP PINS**

GoPac lapel pins will be given to the Charter Members attending the 9<sup>th</sup> District Court Judicial Race Forum on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pins are available for \$7.00 to the General and Associate Membership.

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY**

During the "Meet & Greet" of Cenla GoPac at Kees Park on Friday, August 12, the secretary, Chuck Tosten, announced that the membership stood at 80 members. We are asking all members to recruit additional members before the year ends. There are two voting membership levels-----General for \$50 annual fee and Charter for a one time \$150 fee with the annual fee included. The Charter member will have their fee reduced in following years to the \$50 annual fee. The Charter memberships will be closed after December 31, 2005. Charter members receive perks such as lapel pins (given out at the forum) and will be recognized at future functions. Applications for membership can be received from any of the six Founding Executive Members----- Quint Carriere, Brenda Newhouse, Milton Gordon, Wayne Ryan, Chuck Tosten or Randy Wiggins.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 22	Republican Forum for District Judge 5:30 to 7:00 PM Alexandria City Hall
October 15	District 9 Judge's First Primary
October TBA	Moon Griffon Fundraiser at Alexandria City Hall; \$25 per person
November TBA	Cenla GoPac Membership get organized Into Committee's Night

### FYI:

[www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org) is a web site of The Center for Responsive Politics. It is a non-partisan, non-profit research group based in Washington, D.C. that tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy. The Center conducts computer-based research on campaign finance issues for the news media, academics, activists, and the public at large. The Center's work is aimed at creating a more educated voter, an involved citizenry, and a more responsive government.

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According to the website, below is a breakdown of the 2004 campaign cycle funding by party and parish. Below are the Central Louisiana parishes represented by GoPac.

Parish	Democrats	Republicans
Allen	\$4,200	\$4,700
Avoyelles	\$41,015	\$38,275
Catahoula	0	850
Concordia	\$2,250	\$10,350
Evangeline	\$15,560	\$11,706
Grant	750	\$4,750
LaSalle	\$3,500	\$9,000
Natchitoches	\$23,525	\$34,983
Rapides	\$127,351	\$296,934
Vernon	\$31,050	\$20,82

Conservatively yours

Founding Executive Committee  
GoPac

