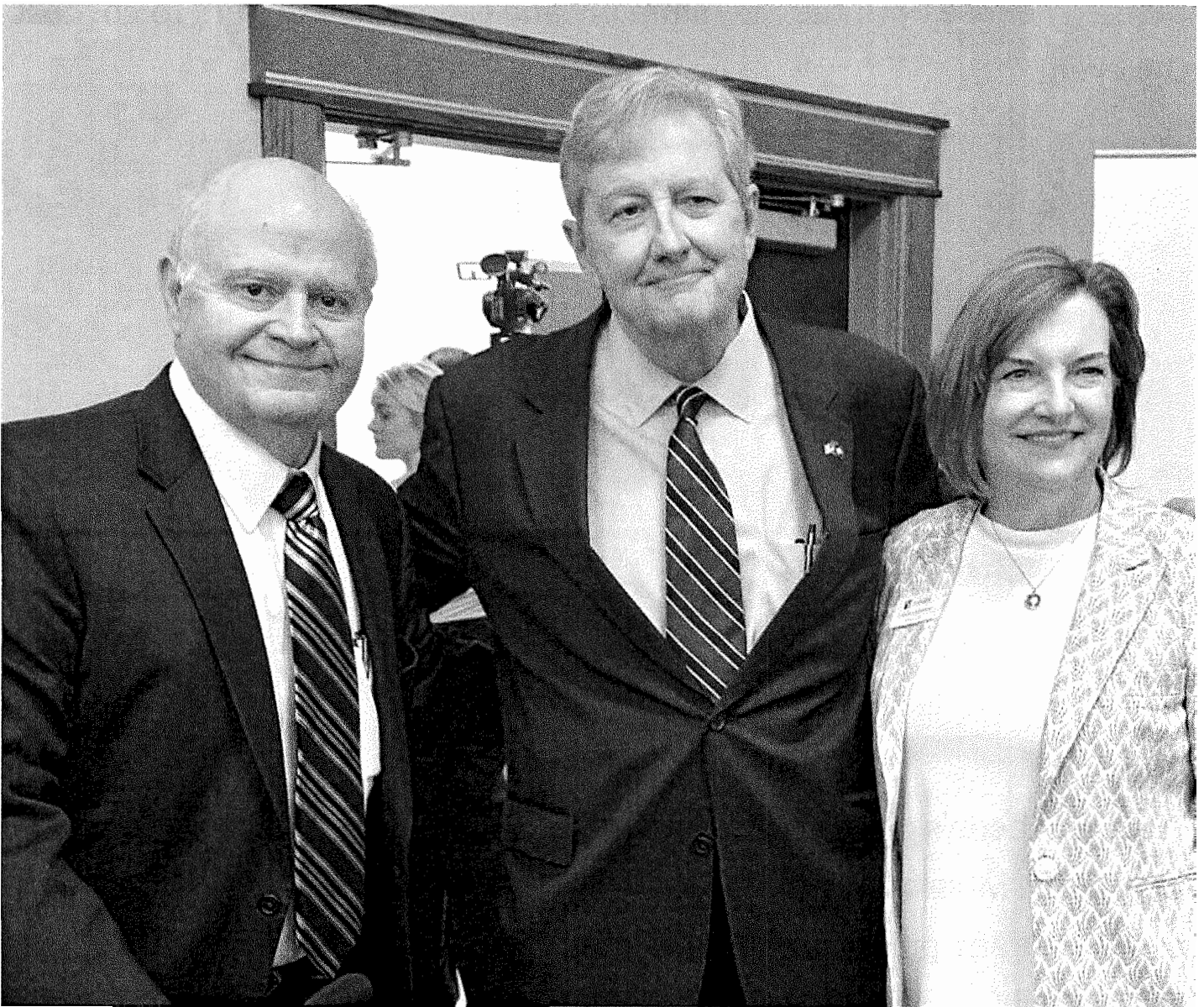


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St. Tammany Chamber's work is big win for Boys & Girls Club

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Monroe Chamber of Commerce CEO Roy Heatherly, Sen. John Kennedy and St. Tammany Chamber CEO Lacey Osborne.

St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce CEO Lacey Osborne attended a recent meeting of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce where she participated in the presentation of a \$182,425 check to officials from the Boys and Girls Club in Louisiana.

The funds were raised from proceeds from the annual Economic Development Luncheon at Washington, D.C., Mardi Gras. Sen. John Kennedy chose both the St. Tammany and Monroe chambers to co-host the event.

“The luncheon’s goal is to celebrate business in Louisiana,” said Roy Heatherly, Monroe Chamber CEO. “A tradition that began a few years ago is that any proceeds from the lunch, anything we have left over, go to the chair’s charity of choice.”

Kennedy, chair of the 2024 Washington Mardi Gras party, selected the Boys & Girls Club in Louisiana as his nonprofit.

Osborne said co-hosting the luncheon allowed it to be made bigger and better, which helped raise more money for charity than the event had previously.

“We made a lot of changes and were able to seat about 200 more people than any previous year for a total of nearly 900,” Osborne said. “It was a great experience, and we were happy to hear that Sen. Kennedy had chosen the Boys and Girls Club as his charity. As part of most Chambers’ and economic development organizations’ missions, supporting our youth is part of workforce development.”