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“Every time the government attempts to handle our affairs, it costs more and the results are worse than if we had handled them ourselves.”

– Benjamin Constant
Cours de politique constitutionnelle (1818-20)

President's Message

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful meeting to get us back in the swing of things after the summer. We heard from our great candidates, and now we need to get busy doing the work necessary to get them elected. Block walking and phone calls may not be your favorite things to do, but it is imperative that we get out there and help these candidates win. Partnering up for the block walk makes it fun and a lot easier. Making phone calls from home or the campaign offices is a great way to help; you will have a script and a targeted calling list to help guide you. Of course, spreading the word by having a neighborhood “meet and greet” is a really good way of helping our candidates get elected. Knowing what your candidate stands for and the opponent's liberal agenda and/or voting record is also really important in your advocacy. You need to know what would make you vote for this person other than the fact he or she is a Republican. This helps us be influential when talking with others. Make sure you have campaign materials to hand out as well as a yard sign for name recognition and support. We have less than 10 weeks to go!

There are so many volunteer opportunities available during this election season, and I encourage you to do as much as you can for this extremely important election.

WE can keep Texas red and take back Travis County! As many of our Republicans in office say: “When Republican women work, we win!”

Diane Fulton

Join us at our next ARW Luncheon

We are back to our regular meetings for the fall.

Please save the date and make your reservations promptly. We were "SOLD OUT" last time.

Note: Due to Labor Day weekend, we are meeting on the 2nd Thursday.

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Westwood Country Club
3808 West 35th Street

Cost: \$20

Speaker: Suzanna Hupp, Former Member of the Texas House of Representatives, Author, and Radio Talk Show Host

RSVP: To Denise Jenkins at meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org or 512-750-2442 **by noon on Tuesday, September 7, 2010;** Cancellations after noon on Tuesday will be members' responsibility to reimburse ARW. Persons who make reservations and do not attend will be billed. *You do not have a reservation until you receive a confirmation email or phone call.



Suzanna Hupp is a former Republican member of the Texas House of Representatives. Hupp is recognized as a leading advocate of an individual's right to carry a concealed weapon.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1991, Hupp and her parents were having lunch at the Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen. She had left her gun in her car to comply with Texas state law at the time, which forbade carrying a concealed weapon. Her mother and father were killed along with twenty-one other persons, and some twenty others were wounded. As a survivor of the Luby's massacre, she testified across the country in support of concealed-handgun laws. She has also testified before Congress against gun control.

Suzanna has been quoted in such publications as U.S. News & World Report, The Wall Street Journal, Texas Monthly, Time, and People. She has authored a book regarding her experiences, "From Luby's to the Legislature: One Woman's Fight Against Gun Control," published by Privateer Publications, San Antonio, Texas.

Hupp was awarded the Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award by the National Rifle Association. In 1998, Charlton Heston honored Hupp as the first Texan awarded a lifetime NRA membership. Hupp is quoted as having said, "How a politician stands on the Second Amendment tells you how he or she views you as an individual. . . as a trustworthy and productive citizen, or as part of an unruly crowd that needs to be lorded over, controlled, supervised, and taken care of."

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

September 3, 2010	Voter Registrar Begins Accepting Applications to Vote by Mail for November Elections
September 9, 2010	ARW September Luncheon Meeting with Suzanna Hupp
September 13, 2010	Travis County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Norris Conference Center
October 4, 2010	Voter Registration Deadline for November Elections
October 7, 2010	ARW October Luncheon Meeting with Attorney General Greg Abbott
October 11, 2010	Travis County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Norris Conference Center
October 18, 2010	Early In Person Voting Begins for November Elections
October 26, 2010	Deadline to Submit Applications to Vote by Mail for November Elections
October 29, 2010	Early In Person Voting Ends for November Elections
November 2, 2010	ELECTION DAY: Joint General and Special Elections



ARW members with Steve Munisteri, the newly elected Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas.

Hospitality Committee Implements New Procedures for Reservations at ARW Monthly Luncheons and Events

The Hospitality Committee is responsible for conducting all meeting arrangements, taking reservations, providing confirmations, signing in all attendees, and other duties as appropriate to facilitate a gracious welcome to all meetings and events hosted by ARW.

In order to ensure a more effective check in process at the monthly ARW luncheons, the Board has decided to implement a new process to ensure that all confirmed reservations have guaranteed seating at meetings and events. This new process became effective on August 25, 2010.

New RSVP Process:

1. All persons must RSVP by the stated deadline by going to www.austinrepublicanwomen.org and clicking on the link in the luncheon message (meetingsrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org) or by calling the phone number listed. All RSVPs (emailed or called in) must state the name and phone number of person attending.
2. All persons will receive a confirmation via email or voice mail. Once the confirmation is received, a seat will be guaranteed.
3. On the day of the event, all persons with a confirmation must be checked in or in line at the venue no later than 15 minutes after the stated start time. In the event of ARW monthly luncheons, all persons must be in line or checked in by 11:45 a.m. in order to keep their guaranteed seats.
4. All members or guests who show up on the day of the event and who did NOT receive a confirmation will be given a number and placed in a "wait-listed" line. We are glad you are here to support ARW; however, only persons who received a confirmation will be allowed to take a guaranteed seat. At 11:45, any remaining seats will be made available to the "wait-listed" line in the order in which they were listed.

*This process is effective through the deadline of each event.

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Hon. Joe Straus, Texas Speaker of the House

General Election Competition

" PARTY BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAM"

April 14 - November 2, 2010 (After Primary Run-off through General Election)

The Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, has agreed to sponsor a TFRW party building incentive program, focusing on the lead up to the 2010 General Election. Speaker Straus has donated \$15,000 to TFRW for the competition. As we all know, this will be one of the most important elections of our lifetime. We must do all we can to get responsible voters to the polls and produce WINS in November for our Republican candidates.

PURPOSE OF THIS COMPETITION: To encourage, motivate, and reward clubs for members' party building and campaign volunteer hours to achieve victory for Republicans up and down the ballot in the 2010 General Election.

**Monetary winning levels for ARW will be from
\$1750 for 1st Place to \$1000 for 3rd Place
Competition Award will be presented on Legislative Day 2011**

This is the time to get involved and be counted! Listed below are the types of volunteer hours that count toward the competition. Please review the following ways you can get involved and make a plan of action! Watch for follow up emails giving more information on our club's involvement.

PARTY BUILDING WORK: Precinct Chair; State or County Party Official; Local, State, or National Campaign Management School Attendance; Victory 2010 Chairman or Co-Chairman; Election Official; State Convention Delegate; Poll Watcher*; Election Judge*; Alternate Election Judge*; Election Clerk.* (*Indicates paid positions that will NOT count unless payment is returned or donated.)

CAMPAIGN WORK: Phone Bank Chairman, Callers, Coordinators, etc.; Volunteer Coordinator; Work at Campaign Headquarters; Voter ID; Voter Vault updates; Voter Registrar; Voter Registration; GOTV Presenter or Attendee; Online Phone Banking; Block Walking.

FUNDRAISING: County Party Fundraisers; Club Fundraisers; Candidate Fundraisers. (You may only volunteer hours spent working on fundraisers—attending fundraisers does NOT count.)

BONUS HOURS:

- Participation in Victory Texas Phone Banking Program (adds 25 hours per member for every 8 hours worked; call sheets should accompany each individual submission form to be kept by the club, not TFRW).
- Club organized block walking weekend or phone banking as requested by any Republican Candidate (adds 25 hours for each).
- Increasing club membership by 12% from November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 (adds 100 hours).
- Club sends at least 2% of its membership to a 2010 GOTV Seminar (adds 25 hours per person for a maximum of 200 hours per club).
- A-Team Member, travels to other districts to assist incumbent Republican House members (adds 100 hours per member for a maximum of 500 hours per club).

Caring for America: Help ARW Help Our Troops!

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT: Kelly Hoag, Caring for American Committee Chair, has been working closely with the Marine Wounded Warrior Battalion at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio and with Dan Neil, Republican candidate for State Representative in District 48, to facilitate admission for troops into University of Texas football practices and scrimmages. Dan is well known at UT as a former All-American offensive lineman for the Longhorns and subsequent NFL player for the Denver Broncos for eight seasons. This is the first of many opportunities to visit Austin the Committee will offer the Wounded Warriors. Other opportunities may include Performing Arts Center (PAC) programming, ice hockey and other events at Cedar Park Center, the Texas Roller Girls, and similar Austin experiences. We may appeal to our ARW membership for assistance with transportation as the need arises. Please let us know if you can help.

VETERANS' TRIBUTE: The CFA Committee is planning ARW's November luncheon to honor veterans of all branches of service who live in central Texas. Please help us reach out to veterans that you know so that we can invite them to our veterans' celebration. If you send the veteran's name, branch, rank, years of service, name of foreign war(s) served in (if known), and contact information to Genie Sorensen (g.w.5912@att.net), we will be sure they are included in our program.

CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS: The CFA Committee is planning our second Troop Packing Party for early November so that items will be delivered to the troops before Christmas. Presently, we plan to send boxes to the same unit we shipped to in March—a unit that includes a small hospital but is mostly made up of troops that patrol very far forward in Afghanistan. The hospital Chief Nurse, CPT Nancy Emma, wrote: *"I am the Chief Nurse and the Trauma Nurse for the unit. Tell everyone thank you for their support because it is truly appreciated."* The items we plan to ship include: hygiene items, pocket snacks, single drink mixes, hand and foot warmers, hard candies individually wrapped (for the troops to give to children), wool caps and socks (no nylon), stuffed animals, and popcorn (hospital has a microwave).

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 1) Cash or Check donations are appreciated—we will be glad to shop for you; bring items to be donated to the September and October luncheons.
- 2) Ask local elementary schools to write thank you notes and Christmas cards and letters to the troops, which will be included in each box.
- 3) Join us for our packing party in November—date and location to be announced.



ARW Members Help Bring Rescued Dogs from Afghanistan to New Homes in the United States

by Genie Sorenson

This is a heartwarming story that we wanted to share with you. Nurse Nancy Emma asked if there was anything anyone could do to help get her rescue dog, Sophie, home to the States. The call went out for help, and several of our ARW members sent money to Lois, the wonderful lady in Washington State who coordinates the mailings of support items to the troops. Their money and passion was noticed by Cindy Landon (widow of Michael Landon), resulting in her foundation providing the remainder of the money that was needed to bring Sophie and three other orphan dogs to the States!



One of the other orphaned dogs is Gypsy, who has an interesting story. Gypsy was rescued and adopted by a contract worker at FOB Wright, Asadabad. The worker found Gypsy a home with locals who promised to take good care of her, but a few weeks later Gypsy came back to the base skinny and starving. Nurse Nancy saw her and put her in the pen with Tina the ram and the other rescued dogs she was attempting to get to the US. Read Nancy's caring words: *"If someone can find her a good home, I would truly appreciate it. I just can't see her with someone that may abuse her because she has been through enough just from here. I couldn't let Gypsy be put down when she came back to base by herself. She's a big pup, smart and minds so well and is sweet. She will arrive with all shots/documents, no ailments, not spayed."*

Nurse Nancy's heart is so warm that not only are the wounded soldiers cared for, but also the stray dogs!



As of Thursday, August 19th, all four dogs were heading to new homes in the US. As reported by our friend Lois in Washington, "If nothing goes wrong, right about now they should be hopping in a car to head off the mountains for Kabul on the first leg of their life saving trip. What a sight—four yapping dogs with two nervous Afghans making this precarious journey! I'll have updates going out soon. Pray for no IEDs on the road. Amazingly, each dog is headed to a permanent home! Two with their nurses and the other two have families waiting on pins and needles on Long Island—one is a veteran and the other has a military son."

SUMMER PHOTO GALLERY

What a busy summer our ARW ladies have had!!!



Diane Fulton, Dan Neil (Candidate State Rep HD 48), and Gretchen Munday



Kathy Webster, Liz Tait, Diane Fulton, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, and Sheila Glass at the TCRP Reagan Roundup



Donna Campbell (Candidate, U.S. House, Dist. 25), Mike Barre (JP Candidate, Precinct 3), and Marilyn Jackson (Candidate State Rep HD 51) at the RPT Convention



ARW ladies with Mary Lou Serafine (Candidate State Senate SD 14) at a fundraiser hosted by Dr. Susan Dinges-Burak



ARW members with Paul Workman (Candidate State Rep HD 47) at his Campaign Kickoff



Kim Chambers, Donna Campbell, and Diane Fulton



Kim Chambers with RNC Chairman Michael Steele in Washington, D.C.



Attorney General Greg Abbott and Sheila Glass



ARW ladies with the Honorable Jeff Rose, 353rd District Court Judge.



Ginger Loeffler volunteering at booth for Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson at RPT Convention



Donna Campbell with Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson



ARW ladies with Marilyn Jackson

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