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Dear ARW Members,

While we're all getting excited about the upcoming primary election and the convention in Fort Worth, I want to encourage everyone to get involved in the upcoming City of Austin elections on May 12th.

It is said that as little as 7% of registered voters participate in electing our mayor and city council members. While it's a shame that so few people participate in electing our leaders, it also means that **YOUR VOTE** really can make a difference.

As you may know, this is a non-partisan election, so candidates do not run as an "R" or a "D." However, the following candidates are widely considered the conservatives in the campaign:

Laura Pressley www.pressleyforaustin.com/home

Dom Chavez DomChavez4Austin@gmail.com

Shaun Ireland <http://irelandforaustin.com/index.php>

Clay Dafoe <http://www.claydafoeformayor.com/>



I encourage you to study all the candidates in the race and cast your vote for those who you feel will best represent our city! Early voting is now open and runs through May 8th.

Courtney Forsell

ARW President

View a sample ballot here: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election/20120512/sample_ballot.pdf

Join us for our May Luncheon!

Note: Our May meeting will be the second Thursday, not the first. It is very important that everyone checks in at the sign-in desk before entering the luncheon. We are also offering on-line payment for the May luncheon.

May's speaker, **Mario Loyola**, has appeared on numerous shows, including Glenn Beck, and written extensively about energy & the environment and the Tenth Amendment.



Mario Loyola joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation in July 2010 as Director of the Center for Tenth Amendment Studies and an in-house policy expert within the Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment. Mario began his career in corporate finance law. Since 2003, he has focused on public policy, dividing his time between government service and research and writing at prominent policy institutes. He served in the Pentagon as a special assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and on Capitol Hill as counsel for foreign and defense affairs to the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee. Mario has also worked as a state policy advisor for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. Mario has written extensively for national and international publications, including features for National Review and The Weekly Standard, and op-eds in The Wall Street Journal. He has appeared on The Glenn Beck Show, CNN International, BBC Television, Radio America, and more. Mario received a B.A. in European history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a J.D. from Washington University School of Law.

Thursday, May 10th

(note: 2nd Thursday)

11:30am - 1:00 pm

Austin Country Club

4408 Longchamp Drive

(off Westlake Drive at 360)

\$25

RSVP by Monday, May 7 at 4:00 pm to:

meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org

To make a reservation and pay on line: <http://do.nr/FHY>

*You do not have a reservation unless
you have received a confirmation.*



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Upcoming Events

Now – May 8 – City Council/Mayoral Early Voting

May 10 – Luncheon at Austin Country Club

May 12 – Troop Packing Party

City Council/Mayoral Elections

May 14-25 – Early Voting, Primary Election

May 17 – New Member Social

May 29 – Primary Election Day

June 7-9 – Convention in Fort Worth

(<http://convention.texasgop.org/>)



Photos & Social Media

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/> to view our Flickr photos.



You can also reach this page by clicking the  icon on the www.AustinRepublicanWomen.org home page.

Do you have pictures from an ARW event you would like to share? Please send them to historian@austinrepublicanwomen.org.

We also have a Facebook page where we share announcements and photos. Search: "Austin Republican Women" AND – we are now on Twitter! Follow @austinrepwomen !

ARW Supports our Troops Around the World!

**Save the Date: Troop Packing Party
Saturday, May 12th**

Donations will be accepted at our upcoming luncheon.

Needed items are similar to those we have sent to Afghanistan & Iraq in the past. Specific requests include: chewy granola bars (no chocolate, its hot there!), gum, tic tacs, movies, chocolate milk and protein powder mixes.



Task Force Raptor is currently deployed to the Horn of Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Based at Camp Lemonnier in the small East African country of Djibouti, the Task Force provides a Security Force (SECFOR) for the larger Combined Joint Task Force whose overall mission is to promote partnerships, security and stability in the East African region. As part of their job, these Texas Soldiers and Airmen are taking part in various military to military (Mil2Mil) missions that allow partner countries from the area and U.S. military members to share best practices. The Task Force will be the only Texas unit to conduct Airborne Operations in a combat zone. The Texas National Guard is standing guard,

contributing to foreign national military relations, or jumping out of aircraft and working hard to represent the great State of Texas.

ARW Membership Update

Thank you to all the ladies who have joined Austin Republican Women in 2012. Our goal is to have 200 members and we are currently at 135 members and 29 associate members.

We just need 65 more members to reach our goal! Please encourage a friend to attend an upcoming event and join our club. This is such an important election year and we need to get more Republican women involved! Thanks for everything you do!

New Member Social

Mark your calendars for May 17th from 6:00 –8:00pm. We will be having an ARW New Member Social in honor of all our new 2012 members. This event is FREE for all new 2012 ARW members and it's FREE to all members who bring a guest!

We are also very honored to announce that Texas Federation of Republican Women President, Carolyn Hodges, and National Federation of Republican Women 2nd Vice President, Kathy Brugger, will be in attendance. This is a rare treat for us!

Come and meet your Republican Women's club leadership, from the local level to the national level. Learn how to get involved and let us know how we can help you be more effective in this important election year.

The party will be at Scott and Cindy Wilson's home (4601 Mirador Dr). Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Please bring friends and spouses. Whether you just joined ARW or you've been involved for decades, we'd love to have you celebrate with us!



Congrats to our TFRW Tribute to Women Honorees!

Members Kim Chambers, Genie Sorensen and Carol Cates will be honored at the upcoming TFRW Tribute to Women luncheon during the GOP state convention in Fort Worth. Thanks for all you do, ladies!

Congratulations!



ARW in the Community



ARW members Genie Sorensen and Diane Fulton recently had lunch with Army nurse Major Nancy Emma from the trauma hospital in Afghanistan where ARW sent packages. ARW was also involved in raising funds to help her bring dogs back from the base.

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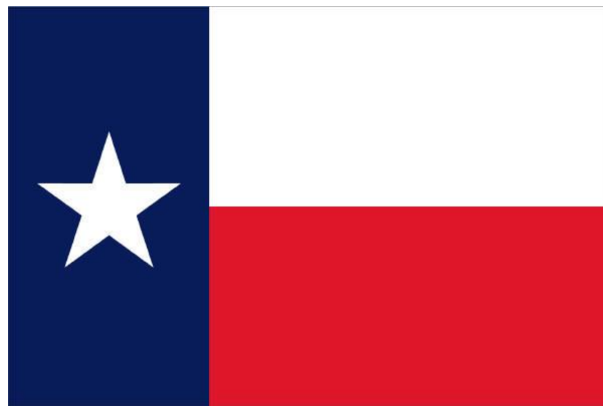
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