



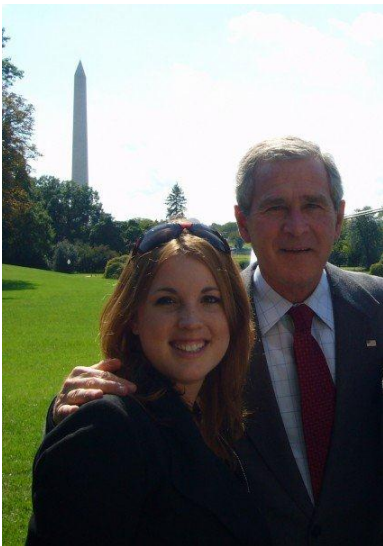
# AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Dear ARW Members,

Happy 2012! I am so honored to serve as your President this year. We have an exciting year ahead, and I look forward to getting to know all of you better at our upcoming events.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little more about me. I have been active in politics since I secretly mailed off my allowance as a child to a political cause I saw on TV.



I went to Baylor University, where I majored in Political Science and volunteered with the McLennan County Republican Party. One of the highlights of my time there was getting to go out to Crawford and volunteer at the Western White House Bush's first year in office!

After college I moved to Washington DC, where I served several years as a Senate Aide and then was appointed to the Bush Administration to serve as Media Coordinator and a Spokesperson at the Treasury Department. Three years ago, I moved back to Texas, where I work at the State Capitol.



I love Austin and am proud of the growing Republican base here. While we may be outnumbered, we have some great candidates running in 2012 and I encourage all of you to get involved in their races.

If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, come introduce yourself at our next meeting. I can't wait to meet you!

**Courtney**  
**ARW President**



# Join us for our February Luncheon!

**Thursday, February 2, 2012**

11:30am – 1:00pm

Austin Country Club

4408 Longchamp Drive

(off Westlake Drive at 360)

\$25 (cash preferred)

## **US Congressional District 25 Candidate Forum**

Our CD 25 Candidate Forum is important to you whether or not you live in the District. Every vote cast in Congress impacts you as well as everyone else in the country. It is vital that each of us is familiar with all the candidates. As ARW women, we must be informed and ready to educate those who are not. Come, hear from each candidate and then pass on what you have learned to friends, family and neighbors.

### **The participating candidates are:**

Dianne Costa

Dave Garrison

Justin Hewlett

Brian Matthews

Wes Riddle

Michael Williams

Again this year at the February luncheon, we will be collecting for the **Women of the Wounded Warrior** event. The wives and mothers of the wounded will be treated to an evening of fashion, food and fun, with makeup artists and hair stylists to help take them away from the harsh realities of their daily lives. You can help by **1) donating money, 2) providing an item or service to be gifted to the women (\$50.00 value - or greater), or 3) providing a goody bag surprise (for 30 women).**

Our goal is for each woman to be treated and feel like a princess for an evening away from the realities they each face on a daily basis. We appreciate your compassion and your generosity!

**RSVP for the February Luncheon by Monday, January 30 at noon to:**

[meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

### **Please be sure to make your reservation!!**

*ACC provides for a 5% number above our reservations..*

*We had 20% more people than reservations at our January luncheon.*

*ACC stated that this does not allow them to service our group with the*

*ACC standards and levels of service that our attendees deserve and expect.*

# Upcoming Events



**February 2** – ARW Luncheon, \$25pp, Austin Country Club, 11:30am check-in, Program from noon – 1:00, RSVP to [MeetingRSVP@AustinRepublicanWomen.org](mailto:MeetingRSVP@AustinRepublicanWomen.org)

**February 3** – Karen Hughes Event (must turn in payment by the 30<sup>th</sup>!)

**February 4** – TFRW Leadership Training

## Thanks to Our January Speakers

Our January meeting was a great start to 2012! Thank you to our panel, the Republican Third Court of Appeals Candidates.





Please Join The  
Texas Federation of Republican Women  
For a Special Evening with  
**Karen Hughes**

Former Counselor to President George W. Bush and Undersecretary of State  
Friday, February 3, 2012

6:00 –7:30 p.m.

The Sheraton at the Capitol

701 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas

Evening will include Remarks from Karen Hughes, Light Appetizers and Cash Bar

PATRONS AND SPONSORS ONLY: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. private meet & greet with Joanne King Herring  
International socialite, global political activist and former Texas television anchor  
Author of Diplomacy and Diamonds that will be available for sale.

**Special TFRW Patron Offer: Admission to both Special events (Name Recognition, Drink Tickets, 2012 Patron Status)**

Individual Tickets: \$40 each for TFRW members and \$60 for non-members

Sponsorships:

- Special TFRW Patron Offer: \$250 (Name Recognition, 2 Drink Tickets, 2012 TFRW Patron Status)
- Silver: \$250 (Name recognition, Sponsor, plus One Guest, 4 Drink Tickets)
- Gold: \$500 (Name Recognition, Sponsor, plus Two Guests, 6 Drink Tickets)
- Platinum: \$1000 (Name Recognition, Sponsor, plus Three Guests, 8 Drink Tickets)

Please RSVP by mailing your check (must be received by Monday, January 30) and this form to:  
Texas Federation of Republican Women  
515 N. Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite 133  
Austin, Texas 78746

Name (as you wish it to appear): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$40 each = \_\_\_\_\_ **\$250 SPECIAL TFRW PATRON'S OFFER**

\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$60 each = \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Sponsorship

\_\_\_ \$250 Sponsorship \_\_\_ \$1000 Sponsorship

\_\_\_ Sorry I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Photos & Social Media

Did you know that Austin Republican Women has an online photo sharing website featuring pictures from our monthly meetings and events?

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



You can also reach this page by clicking the  icon on the [www.AustinRepublicanWomen.org](http://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](mailto:historian@austinrepublicanwomen.org).

We also have a Facebook page where we share announcements and photos. This is also a great way to learn about upcoming political events! Search: "Austin Republican Women"



## ARW Membership Off to a Great Start!

Thank you to all the ladies who have turned in their 2012 ARW Membership form. Our goal is to have 200 members this important election year. We're currently at **48 ARW members** and **17 associate members** so we need your help to reach our goal. Please fill out the 2012 ARW application (on the next page) if you have not already done so. Thanks!

Kim Chambers  
ARW 2012 Membership Chairman



# 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required by law for Political Action Committee. If not "employed": Homemaker, retired, private tutor, volunteer)

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct# \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_  
(On Voter Registration Form)

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print e-mail and notify us with changes. This is our preferred means of communications.)

\_\_\_ Active Member - \$25.00      \_\_\_ \$5.00 Directory Sponsor (optional and appreciated)

\_\_\_ Associate Member - \$15.00      \_\_\_ \$3.00 Mail directory (select this if you want yearbook material)

(Women with active membership in another Federated RW, Spouse, Republican Men)

\_\_\_ \$6.00 ARW Nametag ( \_\_\_ Magnetic \_\_\_ Pin)

\_\_\_ Donation to ARW

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEES/INTERESTS: Please indicate the area(s) in which you have an interest!

- \_\_\_ Barbara Bush Literacy      \_\_\_ Campaign Activities      \_\_\_ Community Outreach/Service
- \_\_\_ Fundraising      \_\_\_ Caring for America (Support Troops)      \_\_\_ Legislative
- \_\_\_ Hospitality      \_\_\_ Membership      \_\_\_ Publicity/Media
- \_\_\_ I can help where needed

Special talents (graphics design, website, database, editing, writing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Issues that concern you \_\_\_\_\_

Speakers you would recommend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Precinct Chairman? \_\_\_\_\_

*ARW Newsletters will be sent by E-mail. If no email or cannot receive via email, check here \_\_\_\_\_*

Please complete this application and return with your check made to "ARW PAC".

Mail to: Carla Robinson, Membership Chairman  
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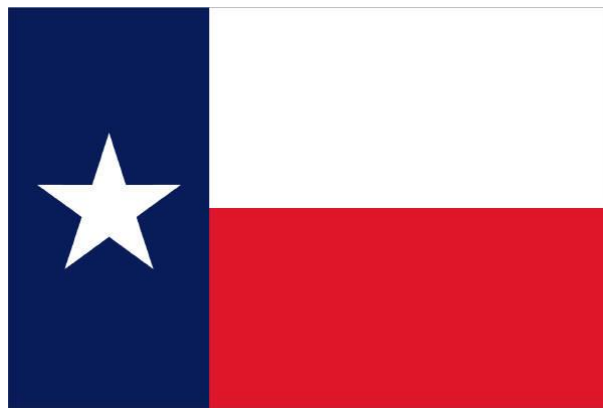
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