



Dear ARW Member,

An [article in today's Wall Street Journal](#) caught my attention: "A Slow-Growth America Can't Lead the World" by John B. Taylor. The article expounds on the upcoming G-20 meeting later this week:

*"At the most recent meeting a year ago in Seoul, the G-20 rejected the president's pleas for a deficit-increasing Keynesian stimulus and instead urged credible budget-deficit reduction and a return to sound fiscal policy. And on that trip he had to defend the activist monetary policy of the Federal Reserve against widespread criticism that its easy money was damaging to emerging-market countries, causing volatile capital flows and inflationary pressures.*

*With a weak recovery—retarded by new health-care legislation and financial regulations, an exploding debt, and threats of higher taxes—the U.S. is in no position to lead as it has in the past."*



Translation: America's weak fiscal footing has lowered our stature and power among other nations. Our sluggish economic growth, focusing on short-term "gains", coupled with President Obama's "lead from behind" foreign policy have transformed us into an increasingly weak superpower.

Three years into an Obama administration (and an economic roller coaster ride later) I wonder when we'll get back on track. The world depends on America to lead and I hope our present-day leaders and current candidates appreciate this as well.

**Kim**

**2011 ARW President**

# Join us for our November Luncheon!



## ~ Tribute to Veterans ~

WWII thru Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans

*Patriotic songs by Joseph David*

**Thursday, November 3, 2011**

**11:30 - 1:00**

**Austin Country Club**

**Cost: \$25**

*(We will be taking donations to help pay for our Veterans.  
A minimum \$10 is suggested, but all are appreciated.)*

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

Deadline: Monday, October 31

Please send the name, service and time of service of any veterans you have invited.

*NOTE: You do NOT have a reservation unless you receive a confirmation.*

## Upcoming Events



**Nov 3:** ARW's Tribute to Veterans (Austin Country Club)

**Nov 5:** Troop Packing Party at Carol Lyle's Home (2477 Waymaker Way 78746)

**Nov 8:** Election Day - VOTE!

**Nov 17 - 20:** TFRW Convention (Ft. Worth, TX)

*Congrats to ARW for our recent NFRW Club Achievement Award! Diamond level Club & President!*

# Caring for America Troop Packing Party!

*To benefit US Army Soldiers in Forward Operating Bases, Afghanistan*



**Date: Saturday, November 5th**  
**Time: 10am - 2pm**  
**Where: Carol Lyle's house**  
**(2477 Waymaker Way Austin, TX**  
**78746)**

U.S. Army Sgt. David Ward watches over the border crossing between Afghanistan and Pakistan August 27, 2011 at Torkham, Afghanistan. The port of entry is busiest in Afghanistan and the most important for the U.S. military, which imports more than 30 percent of all its supplies and military equipment through Torkham. (Photo by John Moore/Getty)

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- 1. Cash or check donations are appreciated – we will shop for you!**
- 2. Come to the party and help us pack the “care packages” - MAY DROP ITEMS OFF EARLY IF YOU CAN NOT COME TO THE PACKING PARTY**

## **Christmas Wish List 2011**

New Christmas cards for the troops to send home, Strings of Christmas lights, Unbreakable Ornaments. *Also Wonderful to include in Christmas boxes – Christmas letters and cards from children (school classes often send greetings and thank you notes to the troops - so very needed!)*

## **Always needed in winter:**

Fleece throws or twin blankets, Fleece sleeping pants, Fleece or flannel twin sheet sets, Merino wool blend boot socks -- tan, black, neutral colors (synthetic melts into skin in flash fire), Fleece sleeping socks.

## **Other desired items:**

Stainless steel 16 ounce bullet style thermos (fits in pocket, cheap works as well as expensive), Non-bulky knit skull cap for under helmet, Neck gator – soft wool knit (synthetic melts into skin in flash fire), Starbucks VIA or Tasters Choice coffee singles, Hot pot - electric, Model planes/cars with glue and paint.

## **Always welcome:**

Gold Bond foot powder, Swiss Miss hot chocolate packets, Hot cider mix, All the chocolate candy you can send since it can only go in winter/melts in transit in summer, Body wash/bars of non-scented soap (put soap in zip lock to keep smell from food stuff), Shampoo (put containers of liquids in a zip lock bag), Disposable razors, Shave gel, Deodorant, Microwave popcorn, Homemade fudge, Any cookies, Antibiotic ointment, Alka-Seltzer cold tablets, Theraflu, Microwave meals, Snack bars for pocket food on patrol/Fiber bars, Pocket size nut packets, Cans of nuts, Bags of ground gourmet coffee.

***MANY THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR HELPING US SUPPORT THE TROOPS!***

Kelly and Genie, ARW Caring for America Co-Chairs

# Announcing our 2012 Board...

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## Thanks to Our October Speaker!



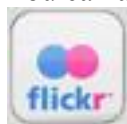
A special thank you to our October luncheon speaker, Michael Zak. In his presentation he outlined many of the ideas in his book Back to Basics for the Republican Party which highlights the grand and diverse history of the GOP. See [www.GrandOldPartisan.com](http://www.GrandOldPartisan.com) for more information.

## Photos

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).



# **2011 Constitutional Amendments - *Please Vote!***

## **Proposition 1 (SJR 14): Property Tax Exemption for the Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

## **Proposition 2 (SJR 4): Provide the Texas Water Development Board Additional Bonding Authority**

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

## **Proposition 3 (SJR 50): Authorize General Obligation Bonds to Finance Higher Education Loans to Students**

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

## **Proposition 4 (HJR 63): Allow Counties to Implement Tax Increment Financing**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

## **Proposition 5 (SJR 26): Allow for Counties and Cities to Enter into Interlocal Agreements without the Imposition of a Tax**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

## **Proposition 6 (HJR 109): Distribute a Portion of the Permanent School Fund Revenue to the Available School Fund**

"The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

## **Proposition 7 (SJR 28): Allow El Paso County to issue Bonds for Parks and Recreational Facilities**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

**Proposition 8 (SJR 16): Provide a Special Property Tax Appraisal for Open-Space Land Dedicated for Water Stewardship**

"The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

**Proposition 9 (SJR 9): Allow the Governor to Pardon a Person who has Completed Deferred Adjudication**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

**Proposition 10 (SJR 37): Change the Length of the Unexpired Term of Elected Officials who Become Candidates for Another Office**

"The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."



**Early voting is going on now. You can  
vote at any location below! To find  
your election day voting location visit:  
[www.traviscountyelections.org](http://www.traviscountyelections.org)  
or call: (512) 238-VOTE (512) 238-8683  
Polls are open 7am - 7pm**

# Travis County Early Voting Sites

Early Voting Period: Monday, October 24 – Friday, November 4, 2011



## **CENTRAL**

### **Travis County Airport Blvd Offices**

5501 Airport Blvd  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

### **Fiesta Mart Central**

3909 North IH-35 @Delwood Shopping Center  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

### **University of Texas**

2400 Inner Campus Dr  
Flawn Academic Center  
Lobby, West Mall, UT Campus  
Mon–Fri 8 am–6 pm, Sat Closed, Sun Closed

### **Howson Branch Public Library**

2500 Exposition Blvd  
Mon–Wed 10 am–7 pm, Thur Closed, Fri 10 am–6 pm, Sat 10 am–5 pm, Sun Closed

## **NORTH**

### **Ben Hur Shriners Hall**

7811 Rockwood Ln  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

### **Chinatown Center**

10901 N. Lamar Blvd  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

## **NORTHEAST**

### **County Tax Office, Pflugerville (Community Room)**

15822 Foothill Farms Loop  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

## **NORTHWEST**

### **Randalls Research and Braker**

10900-D Research Blvd @ Braker Ln  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

## **SOUTH**

### **HEB South Congress**

2400 S Congress (temp building in parking lot)  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

### **Randalls Ben White and Manchaca**

2025 West Ben White Blvd @ Manchaca Rd  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

## **SOUTHEAST**

### **Dan Ruiz Public Library**

1600 Grove Blvd  
Mon–Thur 10 am–7 pm, Fri Closed, Sat 10 am–5 pm, Sun Closed

## **SOUTHWEST**

### **Randalls South Mopac and William Cannon**

6600 S Mopac @William Cannon  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

### **Randalls Brodie and Slaughter**

9911 Brodie Ln @Slaughter  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

## **EAST**

### **Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center**

2608 Gonzales St @East 7th  
Mon–Fri 10 am–7 pm, Sat 10 am–5 pm, Sun Closed

### **Carver Complex**

1165 Angelina St  
Mon–Thur 10 am–6 pm, Fri–Sat 10 am–4 pm, Sun Closed

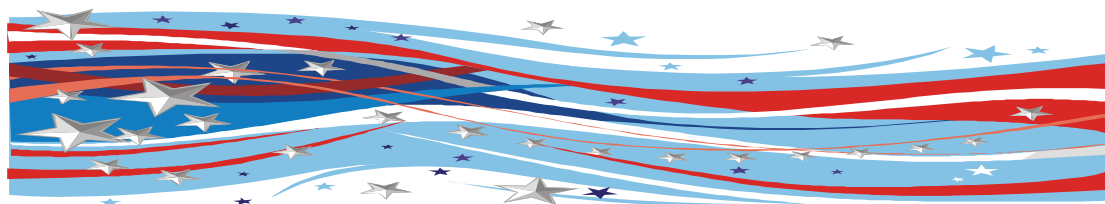
## **WEST**

### **Flagship Randalls at Westlake Hills**

3300 Bee Caves Rd  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm

### **Randalls Lakeway**

2301 RR 620 South  
Mon–Fri 7 am–7 pm, Sat 8 am–6 pm, Sun Noon–6 pm





# 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".

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