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“The Founding Fathers knew a government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they knew when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. So we have come to a time for choosing.”

Ronald Reagan
1964 Speech

President's Message

Dear Friends,

The last two weeks have really been exciting! A large number of ARW ladies went to hear Newt Gingrich speak on April 15 at an event sponsored by the Austin Tea Party. Greg and Judy Holloway were instrumental in arranging this inspiring event. Newt has signed the “Contract From America,” which is included in this newsletter, and urges all Republican candidates running for office this year to use this statement as a basis for their campaign issues. He also called on us to put forth a united front—Republicans, Tea Party supporters, and all conservatives working together to win our country back. Newt emphasized that if we go a third party route or fail to be united behind our Republican candidates, we will be throwing away a great opportunity and handing the win to the Democrats.

On the following Monday, a large group of ARW ladies and some of their husbands went to hear Karl Rove speak at UT at an event sponsored by the College Republicans. What a fantastic person and speaker! Karl handled the protesters and hecklers skillfully and gave us an impressive and detailed critique of Obamacare and the real costs of this shell game. Following his speech, Karl signed copies of his new book and posed for pictures with his “fans.”

It is now time to get to work by supporting and helping our Republican candidates. I have information regarding how to organize events in your own neighborhoods, which I will send out in the near future. We all know how especially important it will be that we spread the word, get conservatives out to vote, and make the Republican victories happen in 2010!

Diane Fulton



Lisa Farrens, Kim Chambers, Karl Rove, Diane Fulton, and Gretchen Munday

Join us at our next ARW Luncheon

Get informed about the situation at the US-Mexico Border with
STRATFOR Tactical Analyst Alex Posey.

- Date:** Thursday, May 6, 2010
- Time:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Location:** Westwood Country Club
3808 West 35th Street
- Cost:** \$20
- Speaker:** Alex Posey, Tactical Analyst for STRATFOR
- RSVP:** To Denise Jenkins at rsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org or 512-750-2442 **by noon on Tuesday, May 4, 2010**; Cancellations after noon on Tuesday will be members' responsibility to reimburse ARW. Persons who make reservations and do not attend will be billed.

Alex Posey is a Tactical Analyst at STRATFOR specializing in border issues. He is responsible for researching and analyzing security issues across the globe, writing reports, and assessing the global

security situation for STRATFOR readers and clients. Mr. Posey specializes in Latin America security issues, with special attention to matters related to Mexico and the current Cartel War. Mr. Posey joined STRATFOR in July of 2008 as a Tactical Analyst covering East and Southeast Asia security issues and has since shifted his attention to Latin America. He has also analyzed topics such as Somali piracy, South Asian terrorism, and arms and narcotics trafficking. He has been instrumental in developing an institutional understanding of Mexico's drug trafficking organizations and guerrilla groups.

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

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| May 6, 2010 | May Luncheon Meeting with Alex Posey, Tactical Analyst for Security Issues for STRATFOR |
| May 12, 2010 | ARW Fundraising Event with Author and Political Humorist Eric Golub |
| June 11-12, 2010 | Republican Party of Texas 2010 State Convention; Delegates and Alternates Register Now at http://register.texasgop.org/ |

Politics in 1946 and 2010: Victory Repeats Itself

by James Crabtree

In 1946 President Harry Truman was about as unpopular as any elected official could be. Thrust into office upon the death of FDR, Truman had been an obscure senator from Missouri in 1944 when FDR tapped him to be his running mate in the place of the Communist-leaning Vice President Henry Wallace. Truman had risen from the depths of the corrupt Pendergast machine in Kansas City after having failed in his haberdashery business. As Vice President he had been relegated to the sidelines and not even been told of the plans to build the atomic bomb. Today, he is little known to most Americans, and those that are familiar with him know him best from the glorified biography that David McCullough crafted in 1992.

In 1946 however, Truman was the loud supporter of government wage and price controls, meat rationing, opposition to labor union reforms, a proponent of socialized medicine, and a believer in higher taxes and more government control of industry. Americans that had just won a war were confronted with housing and food shortages and there were more labor strikes that year than any in America's history before or since. The anger that grew led the electorate to sweep the Democrats out of power for the first time since 1932. Even an unknown young Naval officer that had recently returned from the war in the Pacific shockingly defeated an entrenched liberal incumbent for the Senate. His name was Richard Nixon. It was a landslide election in every respect, was even larger than the Republican victories in 1994, and has some parallels to today, as pointed out by political writer Michael Barone.

Barone has written *The Almanac of American Politics* every two years since first founding the publication in 1971. He likely knows more about American political history than any person, and he analyses and follows elections to the most minute detail. He has written convincingly that the polls and trends lead him to believe that this November will very likely be another 1946. The smashing

Republican victories in Virginia and New Jersey in November of 2009 and the Scott Brown stunner in Massachusetts in January are a foretaste of what is to come. Republicans have been recruiting stellar candidates, raising a large amount of donations, and have seen a revived and fired-up grass roots base. The Democrats, meanwhile, have withered under fire as many have decided to quit rather than fight for reelection.

All of these similarities between 1946 and 2010 can be likened to the voter's strong displeasure with the president. In the '40s a popular brand of cigarette was Lucky Strike. They printed "LSMFT" on every package that they sold. It stood for, "Lucky Strike Means Fine Tobacco." People soon began to joke that it really meant, "Lord, Save Me From Truman." Today if Lucky Strike were still around the slogan would need to be modified to LSMFO or "Lord, Save Me From Obama."

The Democrats now seem resigned to defeat and their only hope is to cram as much legislation through as quickly as they can. They realize that even liberal pundit Nate Silver, who accurately predicted almost every race in 2008, is now saying they could easily lose over 50 seats in the House. In fact, the Democrats' situation has become so perilous that they are even worried about losing two special elections next month for John Murtha's old seat in Pennsylvania and a district in Hawaii where Obama grew up. Voter opinion and anger seems to be crystallizing now very early, much as it did in tidal wave elections like 1946 and 1994. Let us redouble our efforts to make sure that history repeats itself.

James Crabtree is a former Marine Captain and Iraq War veteran. He is currently director of the Texas Veterans Land Board "Voices of Veterans" Oral History program at the Texas General Land Office in Austin.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Volunteer Opportunities **by Sheila Glass**

This is the time and election cycle when ARW shines in our community by volunteering for the Republican Party. Get involved and be counted! It has never been more important for each ARW member to be a part of promoting Republican candidates and helping our party to be successful. There will be many opportunities between now and the November elections. Your time, talents, and money are needed. Below are several ways you can be involved.

Start close to home and get involved with your precinct chair. If your precinct doesn't have a chair, then become the chair or recruit someone in your neighborhood. Become a Block Captain by helping with candidate block walks, contacting neighbors, and getting yard signs out. You're the best personal contact for candidates in your neighborhoods and among your friends.

Elections do matter! Become involved with the election process by being an election judge, alternate judge, clerk, or working in the election process at the county level. The county provides the training, it's easy to learn, and you are working in your polling location among neighbors. These are paid positions, but you may donate your salary to ARW and receive counted volunteer hours. Republicans working the polls and being involved with the election process gives the Republican Party a presence in every election. If we don't offer Republican workers, the county will appoint Democrats to the positions. We need fair and accountable elections.

Volunteer for your candidate! Travis County has many Republican candidates on the ballot. Check out your local candidates on their websites or the Travis County Republican Party website and volunteer to help by using your time, talents, and money. All are in need of help through making phone calls,

helping with fundraisers, and most of all, donating your money. Big or small, each dollar counts. Elections are won with money for staff, signs, media, and other campaign needs.

Volunteer to help the Travis County Republican Party. TCRP is the foundation supporting all Republican candidates in Travis County. Be a part of the grassroots movement by signing up on the TCRP website at http://www.traviscountygop.org/outside_home.asp and volunteer. TCRP is the central office for party contact information, elections, volunteer training, building the party with precinct chairs, education, and representing us at all levels of the state party.

The Austin Republican Women connection. We keep you informed of volunteer opportunities through our emails, newsletters, website, and meetings. We are a charter club of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Check out TFRW's website at <http://www.tfrw.org/> for conferences that help educate and train, and for opportunities to promote Republican women.

For more information about the Campaign Activities Committee and how you can get involved, please contact Sheila Glass at sheilag18@gmail.com.

Austin Republican Women Fundraising Event

**Guest Speaker - Eric Golub,
Author and Political Humorist**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
7pm ~ 9pm
Hors D'oeuvres & Wine

Home of Susan Dinges Burak, MD & William Burak, MD
527 Beardsley Lane, Austin, TX 78746
(off Bee Caves Rd, west of Barton Creek)

Come for an evening of political humor with Eric Golub, author and humorist, who describes himself as an oxymoron -- a Jewish Republican from New York City. Eric speaks with humor and a satirical look at what is happening in our political arena. Author of "Tygrrrr Express... Ideological Bigotry", he is a favorite of conservative groups across the country and will help LIFT your spirits while also informing and entertaining.

Please join ARW's efforts in supporting Republican candidates and other ARW projects in this crucial election year.

\$35 Individual ~ ~ \$60 couple

We welcome and encourage additional contributions for this fundraiser

RSVP by May 8th to Denise Jenkins at 750-2442 or denise.jenkins@yahoo.com

ARW Ships Over 60 Care Packages to Our Troops by Kelly Hoag



ARW members and supporters gathered at the home of Carol Lyle for another successful Troop Packing Party.

ARW's Troop Packing Party, held on April 17, was a huge success! Thank you to all those who donated items for this great cause and to those who helped put over 60 packages together for three units in Afghanistan. Due to your generous donations, ARW was able to cover the cost of mailing the packages and was able to purchase some additional, much needed items for our soldiers.

Beginning at the upcoming luncheon in May, there will be a "troop donation box" at all of our monthly meetings. Members are encouraged to bring items to donate in the troop donation box whenever possible. Donated items will be packaged at our next Troop Packing Party and sent to our troops who are fighting abroad. Requested items include: t-shirts, boxer shorts, and socks for injured soldiers; children's clothing and stuffed animals for local children; hygiene items such as razors, shaving cream, and soap; beef jerky and other packaged snacks; and most importantly, "thank you" letters to show our support for our brave soldiers.

For more information on how to get involved with ARW's Caring for America Committee, please contact Kelly Hoag at jkhoag@yahoo.com or Genie Sorenson at genie.wayne@earthlink.net.



The Contract from America

We, the citizens of the United States of America, call upon those seeking to represent us in public office to sign the Contract from America and by doing so commit to support each of its agenda items and advocate on behalf of individual liberty, limited government, and economic freedom.

1. Protect the Constitution: Require each bill to identify the specific provision of the Constitution that gives Congress the power to do what the bill does.

2. Reject Cap & Trade: Stop costly new regulations that would increase unemployment, raise consumer prices, and weaken the nation's global competitiveness with virtually no impact on global temperatures.

3. Demand a Balanced Budget: Begin the Constitutional amendment process to require a balanced budget with a two-thirds majority needed for any tax hike.

4. Enact Fundamental Tax Reform: Adopt a simple and fair single-rate tax system by scrapping the internal revenue code and replacing it with one that is no longer than 4,543 words—the length of the original Constitution.

5. Restore Fiscal Responsibility & Constitutionally Limited Government in

Washington: Create a Blue Ribbon taskforce that engages in a complete audit of federal agencies and programs, assessing their Constitutionality, and identifying duplication, waste, ineffectiveness, and agencies and programs better left for the states or local authorities, or ripe for wholesale reform or elimination due to our efforts to restore limited government consistent with the US Constitution's meaning.

6. End Runaway Government Spending: Impose a statutory cap limiting the annual growth in total federal spending to the sum of the inflation rate plus the percentage of population growth.

7. Defund, Repeal, & Replace Government-run Health Care: Defund, repeal and replace the recently passed government-run health care with a system that actually makes health care and insurance more affordable by enabling a competitive, open, and transparent free-market health care and health insurance system that isn't restricted by state boundaries.

8. Pass an 'All-of-the-Above' Energy Policy: Authorize the exploration of proven energy reserves to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources from unstable countries and reduce regulatory barriers to all other forms of energy creation, lowering prices and creating competition and jobs.

9. Stop the Pork: Place a moratorium on all earmarks until the budget is balanced, and then require a 2/3 majority to pass any earmark.

10. Stop the Tax Hikes: Permanently repeal all tax hikes, including those to the income, capital gains, and death taxes, currently scheduled to begin in 2011.

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APRIL PHOTO GALLERY



Diane Fulton, Susan Dinges Burak, Genie Sorenson, and Diane Howe



Care packages ready to be shipped to our troops.



Denise Jenkins packs supplies for our troops.

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