



# AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Dear ARW Members,

I hope everyone is having a fun and relaxing summer. After the intensity of the 2010 campaign season and the high level of citizen activism during the 2011 Texas legislative session, it was nice to take a bit of a breather. I hope you're enjoying it and resting up for 2012.



Speaking of 2012, the new district maps have been redrawn and now is the time to look at which candidates have announced to run for office in your area. There has been a lot of shuffling around in the candidate list for US Senate and certainly the race for the new Congressional District 25 is shaping up to be an interesting one. And do I even need to mention the long list of Republican presidential nominees? A certain Texas governor seems to be getting quite a bit of attention!

Certainly 2012 will be another game changer and I doubt I need to encourage you to get involved again this year. But there are two things I will highly encourage you to consider doing now.

The nominating committee is looking for members to be on the 2012 ARW Board. Many people I talk with about being on the Board say that they don't have enough experience in politics, or aren't computer savvy, or are working full time, etc. and these are the reasons why they don't think they should volunteer for this. Let me reassure you, while there is some time commitment to being on the board, these positions are very rewarding and you don't need prior experience to apply. Please consider volunteering your time to help out your Austin Republican Women's club.



Another important way you can get involved is attending the Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention in Ft. Worth on November 18 – 20. ARW is the recipient (again!) of the prestigious Diamond Award in recognition of club excellence and there will be many exciting events happening at the Convention. ARW is allowed 14 delegates and 14 alternate delegates to the convention. Please sign up to be one of them!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Kim Chambers  
2011 ARW President

# Join us for our September Luncheon!

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's retirement leaves an open Senate seat in 2012. This is a very important Republican seat, and your vote in the Primary will be critical. Bring friends, neighbors and husbands. Everyone interested in this race will find this forum interesting.

## U.S. Senate Candidate Forum

Featuring 2012 Republican Primary Candidates  
Confirmed attendees as of August 16<sup>th</sup>:

***Ted Cruz***

***Elizabeth Ames Jones***

***Glenn Addison***

***Lela Pittenger***

***Andrew Castanuela***



Thursday, September 8, 2011  
11:30am – 1:00pm  
Austin Country Club  
4408 Longchamp Drive  
(off Westlake Drive at 360)  
\$25 (cash preferred)

*TFRW Convention information will also be available*

**RSVP by Monday, September 5 at noon to:**  
[meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

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

**- ARW does not endorse any candidate in this primary-**

# ARW Legislative Update

## 2011 Proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments

Texans will vote on 10 new proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution this November. Each of the proposed amendments has already been approved by the Texas House and Senate, but must be approved by a majority of voters to be implemented.

Please visit <http://www.texastribune.org/texas-legislature/82nd-legislative-session/tx-voters-will-consider-10-constitutional-changes/> or <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2011/071311.shtml> to learn more about these amendments. See you at the polls!

# TFRW Legislative Update

By Barbara Larson, TFRW VP of Legislation

The Federal Government is discussing two issues that will clearly affect all of us - ending the VISA Lottery for immigration and increasing the debt ceiling. Due to my deadline, I have to write this report before either issue is resolved. No doubt you will be hearing about the debt ceiling negotiations from our media, but there will not be as much information on the VISA Lottery bill. I have given you a web-site where you can check this information.

## VISA Lottery Bill - H.R. 704

This bill would end the practice of randomly selecting 50,000 individuals from countries that are not always necessarily friendly towards us. Please call your House Member and ask them to vote for this bill. A great web site to go to for information on immigration is [www.numbersUSA.com](http://www.numbersUSA.com).

## Debt Ceiling

Currently, the White House and our Congress are engaged in negotiations whether to raise the debt ceiling. In order for Congress to agree to take this course of action, they want spending cuts in order to begin to reduce our horrific, crippling debt. Our liberals in the White House want us to raise taxes. Stay tuned.

## Texas Special Session

CSSB 1 (The Committee Substitute Bill for SB 1). This bill was passed by both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor on June 29, 2011. This bill is a very comprehensive financial bill providing allocations for educational funding and provisions for business taxes.

SB 2 This bill directs how the money for the operation of state will be spent. This bill was sent to the Governor on July 6, 2011.

SB 3 dealing with the Texas Windstorm Insurance was left in committee.

SB 4 changes the Congressional Districts in Texas. TFRW has formed a committee to change our geographical structure as a result of these changes. More information on this will be provided by TFRW.

SB 5 on the Interstate Health Care Compact was left in committee.

SB 6 was sent to the Governor on June 28, 2011. This bill provides for the educational materials in our schools.

SB 7 provides changes on the manner in which the Texas Medicaid program will operate. This bill was sent to the Governor on June 28, 2011.

SB 8 provides flexibility for the Board of Trustees to operate a school district. Proponents of local control are very supportive of this bill. The bill was sent to the Governor on June 28, 2011.

SB 9 was left pending in committee to the great disappointment of many. If passed, this bill would have put an end to sanctuary cities.

Governor Signs Bills Important to Barnett Shale Governor Rick Perry signed HB 3328 which was passed in the regular session. This legislation co-sponsored by State Senator Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, requires public disclosure of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing.

## Upcoming Events



August 23: ARW Board Meeting, 5:30pm (Jan Graham's Home)

September 8: ARW General Meeting (Westwood Country Club)

September 29 – October 2: NFRW Convention (Kansas City, MO)

October 6: ARW General Meeting (Westwood Country Club)

November 3: ARW General Meeting (Westwood Country Club)

November 17 – 20: TFRW Convention (Ft. Worth, TX)

# Fred Burton Event a Big Success!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the June 7<sup>th</sup>, Fred Burton event. Mr. Burton shared his experience and knowledge as a former Special Agent and current VP of Intelligence for Stratfor.

And a special thank you to our generous event sponsors:

**Old Glory** - \$500

James Frinzi

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**Grand Old Flag Sponsors** - \$150

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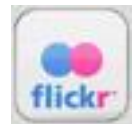
Our hosts, Scott and Cindy Wilson  
and Ronda Karam for catering



## 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).

# We Need YOU... to Serve on the 2012 ARW Board!



**WE NEED  
YOU!**

Please contact Kim Chambers,  
[president@AustinRepublicanWomen.org](mailto:president@AustinRepublicanWomen.org), if you have  
any questions about these positions and their  
responsibilities. No experience required!

This fall we will be electing a new ARW Board. Would you like to be on it? The board is comprised of the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as well as VPs of Programs, Fundraising, Membership, Campaigns, Legislative and a PAC Treasurer, Club Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.



Thank you so much for your continued support of *your* Austin Republican Women club.

## " Blazing Trails to Victory "

ARW is entitled to 14 delegate and 14 alternate delegates to the TFRW 28<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention based on our membership numbers. We will be electing delegates soon. The early registration deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup> so we will elect delegates before then. You can attend the convention as a delegate or a guest and are highly encouraged to come!

Date: November 17 – 20, 2011

Where: Fort Worth, Texas

Hotel: Fort Worth Omni Hotel (for reservations call 800-843-6664)

Room rate: \$159 per night

Early registration fee: \$165 (through September 15)

Regular registration fee: \$190 (through October 18)

Highlights include an opening night (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>) reception with Donald Rumsfeld, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Secretary of Defense, as well as a campaign management school on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see the included flyers for each event. Can't wait to see you there!

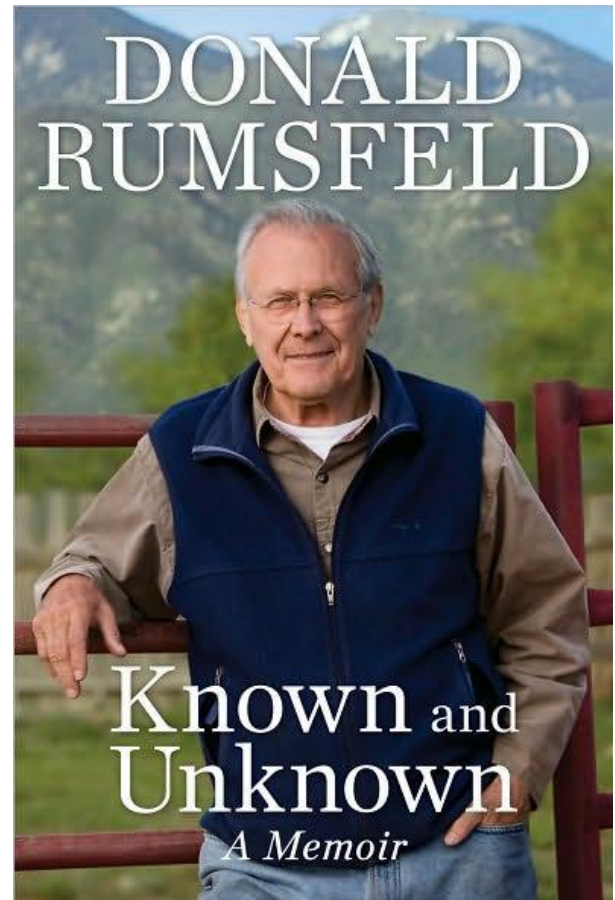
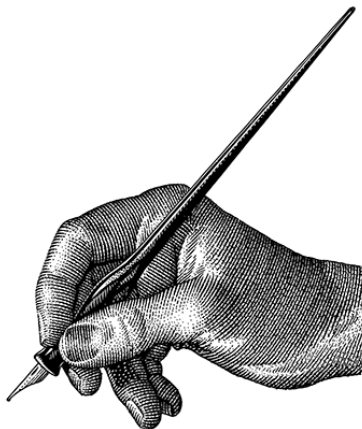
Visit [TFRW.org](http://TFRW.org) for more information about the convention. We will have registration forms at ARW's September meeting!

# Book Signing at TFRW Convention

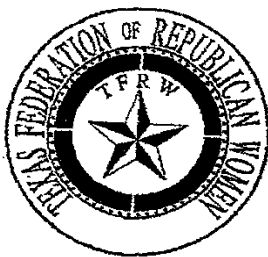
The 2011 TFRW Convention Committee  
invites you to attend a "Haute Down in Cowtown"  
with special guest The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
The 13th and 21st Secretary of Defense

"Saddle Up" for the Opening Night Cocktail  
Reception  
Friday, November 18, 2011  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
The Ashton Depot  
1501 Jones Street  
Fort Worth, Texas

Live Music by Sonny Burgess and Constable  
Clint Burgess



Mr. Rumsfeld's book, Known and Unknown, will be for sale at the event. Proceeds from sales go to the military charities sponsored by the Rumsfeld Foundation.



# TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

PRESENTS

## CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Registration 8:30am; Seminar 9:00am until 3:30pm

FORT WORTH – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Omni Hotel  
1300 Houston Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
(Fort Worth Ball Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Local Contact Person is Judge Bonnie Sudderth for AREA INFORMATION

817-299-7423 or [judgebonniesudderth@prodigy.net](mailto:judgebonniesudderth@prodigy.net)

The fee is \$60 a person & \$95 for a couple, Lunch & Handbook Included

### CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK PAYABLE TO TFRW-PAC (INCLUDE OCCUPATION ON CHECK); MAIL THIS FORM TO: Jeanette L. Sterner; 312 Ox Bow Cove; Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75765

**EVENT CONTACT: Jeanette Sterner, TFRW VP Campaign Activities**  
**903-769-0962; [jeanettehlr@flash.net](mailto:jeanettehlr@flash.net) (Those are two Ls in the address.)**

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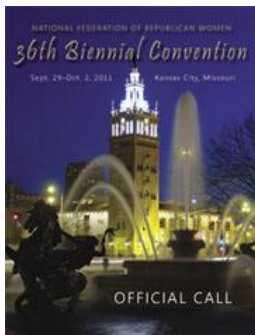
# TFRW in the National Spotlight

Congratulations to TFRW President, Rebecca Bradford, for being one of five finalists for the NFRW Ronald Reagan Leadership Award. This award honors a state president who has provided extraordinary leadership and inspiration to her state and to the NFRW.



Former TFRW president, Toni Anne Dashielle, won this award in 2009. It is an honor and recognition of the great work done in all the TFRW clubs for Texas to be in the finalist list again in 2011! Great job ARW!

## NFRW Convention



The NFRW 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention is in Kansas City, Missouri from September 29 – October 2. ARW is allowed one delegate and one alternate-delegate but any ARW member may attend as a guest. The more the merrier!

Aside from official NFRW business, there will be a presidential straw poll (all GOP presidential nominees are invited to attend), workshops, raffles, a prayer breakfast, campaign management school and fun excursions in Kansas City. Plus TFRW will also have a booth at the convention.

If you would like to attend please let Kim Chambers know at [president@AustinRepublicanWomen.org](mailto:president@AustinRepublicanWomen.org). Early registration ends on August 15<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at [NFRW.org](http://NFRW.org).

## Republican Volunteer Opportunity

The Republican Party of Texas headquarters is in need of volunteers to answer phones, help with data entry and conduct some online research. Volunteers are needed Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm. Any time you can give them is a big help!

The RPT headquarters is located at 1108 Lavaca, Suite 500 Austin, TX 78701. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the RPT Organizational Director, Beth Cubriel, at 512-879-4055.



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