



President's Message

“Obama fancies his happy talk, debt-denial optimism to be Reagan-esque. It’s more Louis XV. Reagan begat a quarter-century of prosperity; Louis, the deluge. Moreover, unlike Obama, Louis had the decency to admit he was forfeiting the future. He never pretended to be winning it.”

- Charles Krauthammer
Sorry, Mr. President, you’re no Ronald Reagan
February 20, 2011



Dear Friends,

On February 6th we celebrated President Ronald Reagan’s 100th birthday. One hundred years ago this month the namesake of the Reagan Revolution was born in a small apartment in Illinois. In today’s fast-paced society, that much time ago seems like an eternity. What was life like in 1911?

- Mar 8 – first conviction based on fingerprint evidence
- May 15 – US Supreme Court dissolves Standard Oil with the Sherman Antitrust Act
- Apr 12 – first non-stop London to Paris flight
- Aug 15 – Procter & Gamble unveils its Crisco shortening
- Oct 24 – Orville Wright remains in the air 9 mins, 45 secs – new world record
- Nov 19 – New York receives 1st Marconi wireless transmission from Italy
- Dec 14 – South Pole first reached
- Dec 31 – Marie Curie receives her 2nd Nobel Prize

This was a great era of scientific and technological advancements. Clearly, where would the fine art of modern pie making be without Crisco?

Even in a hundred years, one could not write about all the ways Ronald Reagan impacted the world. I surely won’t attempt to encapsulate them here.

I’d just like to wish happy 100th birthday to a truly great man. A man who strived to stimulate the economy by lowering taxes (opposed to redistributing the wealth), to keep this nation safe and secure with a strong national defense (opposed to the Paper Tiger diplomacy we have now) and a man who always sought to have less government interference in people’s lives. After all, more often than not “government is not the solution to our problems, government is the problem.”

-Kim Chambers

ARW Has a New Meeting Location

We know it feels like a game of *Musical Chairs* to see where the next ARW lunch will be held. Many of you will be happy to hear that the music has stopped and **we've now decided on a home for our meetings** – the Austin Country Club (near 360 and Westlake Dr.).

The 2010 ARW board voted to no longer meet at the Westwood Country Club. Some of the reasons were:

Parking – If you didn't arrive early, you had to park far away

Size of room – The dining room only holds 110 people, we need a larger venue for our lunches

Obstructions – There were several seats at Westwood that had columns between you and the speaker

Price – The price of the lunch was going up and the board thought we could find a better meal for the money

The first few months of 2011 we met at Sullivan's restaurant. While the food was excellent, the service and size of the room left much to be desired.

The 2011 ARW board has been hard at work the past 4 weeks scouring central Austin for alternative meeting venues that, among other things, hold over 100+ people comfortably and offer a lunch option (with dessert) for \$25 per person. A vote was taken at the last board meeting and the Austin Country Club was the winner!

Now why is the March meeting at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel Ballroom (7th St. and Congress Ave.) and on a Tuesday (March 8th)?

TFRW Legislative Day is March 3rd, the first Thursday of March. Because of this, we could not have our lunch on this day. Ted Cruz, our speaker in March, said he could speak to our club on Tuesday, March 8th. Perfect, right? Well almost.



The catch is that Mr. Cruz will be at the Texas Supreme Court that day until noon. The only way he could speak to our club is if we have the meeting downtown. The Stephen F. Austin hotel is only 7 blocks away from the Court, so even if he has to walk – he has no excuse not to be there!

We hope this clears things up a bit for you. We try our best to accommodate the needs and suggestions of all our members. This club belongs to you and we're always open to your ideas.

From 2003 to 2008, Ted Cruz served as the Solicitor General of Texas, the chief appellate lawyer for the State. During that time, he gained recognition as an effective, articulate advocate of America's founding principles and Texas values.

11:30am - 1:00pm, \$25 (cash preferred)

RSVP by Friday, March 4 at noon to:

meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org

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

Women of Wounded Warriors Celebration

On February 24th, several ARW ladies participated in the Women of Wounded Warriors Celebration in San Antonio. This celebration of the wives and mothers of Brooks Army Medical Center (BAMC) Marine Corps Wounded Warriors was a night to remember for those who were honored and those fortunate enough to help with the event.

Two dozen wives and mothers plus several sisters and friends were pampered for the evening at the event at Saks Fifth Avenue in San Antonio. The event was coordinated by Stephanie Barnes, wife of LtCol David Barnes, MC Unit Commander. All of the spouses and mothers currently have husbands or sons who are at BAMC for an extended period for treatment following severe injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also recognized was a Gold Star mother and her daughter who lost her son last year at this time.



BAMC is reserved for the worst injuries Marines receive in these wars - from severe burn injuries to severe amputations. When this happens, Marines have to heal and learn how to live with their injuries. This emotional and physical healing and rehabilitation processes can take years to accomplish.

Wives, children and parents suffer alongside their loved ones throughout the process. One family member is afforded the opportunity to stay with each wounded Marine. Parents or wives often lose their jobs during this trying time. Children are often relocated to go to school

locally around BAMC. These family members make sacrifices on a daily basis. LtCol Barnes recognizes the sacrifices made, and also stresses that the families are as important to the injured Marine's recovery as all the healing benefits that the latest medical treatments can provide.

The Women of Wounded Warriors Celebration was a fun, uplifting evening during which all the women were able to forget their difficult situations for a while. They had hair and makeup done by Saks Fifth Avenue stylists. Also, the Saks makeup consultants served a light dinner and poured wine.

While everyone visited, laughed and occasionally shed a tear, LtCol Barnes and Stephanie drew for raffle gifts for all of the honored women. Each of the wives and mothers then received a gift certificate for \$400 and a 'goodie bag', and then went shopping!

The raffle gifts, goodie bag items and gift cards were all donations from generous individuals and organizations. ARW contributed to the gift cards, and our own Marjie Walters and Carol Cates contributed many items to both the raffle and goodie bags. A very big THANK YOU to all of you who contributed and made this an incredible evening.

- Kelly Hoag and Genie Sorensen – ARW Caring for America Committee

ARW Helps Patrol Soldiers in Kharwar, Afghanistan

ARW responded to a request to send items to assist our troops who are suffering from frostbite in Afghanistan. At times, these army soldiers trek through over 3 feet of snow while on patrol to restrict the movement of the Taliban in this remote area.

Thanks to the generosity of Cabela's – through a 50% discount – ARW was able to send 6 boxes of heavy socks, foot and hand warmers, and pocket snacks of jerky and energy bars to these soldiers.

Thank you for your continued support of ARW's Caring for America efforts!

- Genie Sorenson



***If you have not registered yet to be a
2011 member of ARW...***



We miss you and need you back!

2011 is an important year and Austin Republican Women needs you as a member. The saying is true – there is strength in numbers – and having you as a member enhances our image and adds to our strength.

Even if you can't attend every event, please rejoin Austin Republican Women and keep up to date on issues that are important to you.

Perhaps you've been meaning to join, but just forgot to get the application in. You can either mail your application (www.austinrepublicanwomen.org/membership) and a check for \$35 (payable to ARW PAC) to Carla Robinson or join us at one of our upcoming luncheons and renew your membership there.

Republican men can even join as an associate member for just \$15!

The 2011 ARW Membership Directory will be coming out soon and the deadline to have your information printed in the directory is April 14th. Don't procrastinate and miss this opportunity.

We're looking forward to having you with us again. We need you and welcome any input you many have.

Thank you,
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