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"Americans believe with all their heart, the vast majority of them, . . . that the United States of America is simply the single greatest nation in all of human history, a place without equal in the history of all mankind. If only we are willing to do what the Americans that came before us did: to stand up and confront the great challenges of our time. To say as those who came before us said: that we will not leave our problems for our children unresolved. We will not allow them to inherit our debt and our mistakes. But rather that we will do whatever we must do to ensure that for them, life will be better than for us, that for them, our country will be better than the one we inherited, that tomorrow will be greater than today, that our history will surpass our heritage."

-U.S. Senator-Elect Marco Rubio
Victory Speech, November 2, 2010

President's Message

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that 2010 is coming to an end. We Republicans had a great year and now look toward what we can do to make 2012 even better. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the president of ARW for these past two years. My goals were to build our membership, to keep members informed, and to work together helping Republican candidates and causes.

I hope that we [will](#) all continue to work together and remain united. This is the only way that we Republicans can be successful and win again in 2012. Our success will depend on nominating and electing the most "conservative and electable candidates." I cannot say it any better than these excerpts from one of my favorite "Patriot Post" articles:

Purist or Pragmatist?

"The purist will vote for the most conservative candidate on the ballot, regardless of the consequences. The notion here is that if such votes end up seating a liberal (as votes for Ross Perot may have done for Bill Clinton in 1992), this ultimately will be for the good of liberty.

The pragmatist will vote for the candidate most likely to defeat the liberal, even if that candidate does not comport with all, or even most of, the purist's principles. The pragmatist thus believes that the consequences of seating a liberal will be more injurious to freedom and liberty than seating a moderate."

"The consummate conservative protagonist, William F. Buckley, concluded that the best rule was to vote for the most conservative *electable* candidate."

"A case in point would be last month's Delaware senate primary. . . Conservative commentator Charles Krauthammer, a pragmatist, wrote that the election of third-party conservative candidate Christine

O'Donnell 'was a bad day not only for Republicans but for conservatives.' He doubts that O'Donnell can defeat her liberal opponent in the upcoming general election, but believes her moderate Republican opponent Mike Castle would have.

'The very people who have most alerted the country to the perils of President Obama's social democratic agenda may have just made it impossible for Republicans to retake the Senate and definitively stop that agenda,' argues Krauthammer.

'Of course Mike Castle is a liberal Republican,' he says. 'What do you expect from Delaware? A DeMint? Castle voted against Obamacare and the stimulus. Yes, he voted for cap-and-trade. That's batting .667. You'd rather have a Democrat who bats .000 and who might give the Democrats the 50th vote to control the Senate? Castle wasn't only electable. He was unbeatable.'

Patriot Post advice: 'If you can vote for the most conservative candidate without seating a Leftist as a consequence, do so. If not, hold your nose and vote for the most electable conservative on the ticket.'

My very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year for each of you and for this wonderful country, too.

Diane Fulton

Join us at our first luncheon of 2011!

Please save the date and make your reservations promptly. We are typically "SOLD OUT."

<u>Date:</u>	Thursday, January 6, 2011
<u>Time:</u>	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
<u>Location:</u>	Sullivan's Steakhouse 300 Colorado Street, Suite 200
<u>Cost:</u>	\$23 with choice of three entrees
<u>Speaker:</u>	Rafael Cruz, "Deceptive Governments"

Rafael Cruz, father of former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, was born in Cuba. As a young man, he supported the rise of Fidel Castro and "change." He quickly learned what Castro's brand of "change" brought. There will also be a panel of people from other countries to discuss government impact on their lives, including ARW member Francine Webb from France.

RSVP: To Denise Jenkins at meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org or 512-750-2442 **by noon on Tuesday, January 4, 2011;** Cancellations after noon on Tuesday will be members' responsibility to reimburse ARW. Persons who make reservations and do not attend will be billed. *You do not have a reservation until you receive a confirmation email or phone call.

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

January 6, 2011	ARW January Luncheon
January 17, 2011	Travis County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting
January 18, 2011	Governor Perry's Inauguration

Caring for America

Troop Packing: Many thanks to all who participated through your generous donations and the time you spent with this activity. We were able to fill and send 75 boxes of requested items to troops who are serving our country in Afghanistan. These soldiers are very far forward and have no access to a post exchange or store. Among the things we sent were personal items, hand and foot warmers, wool caps and sox, and snacks they will be able to put in their pockets as they go out on patrol. Additionally, we sent several xBox games and children's books that military dads will be able to read and record and then send home to their children. We were able to include many truly heartwarming letters written by school children expressing thanks for the courageous work the soldiers are doing and also many warm holiday greetings.

Remember that Caring for America is a community project chosen by ARW and as such, all hours spent should be counted as volunteer hours at the end of each quarter. You do not need to identify specific jobs done, but only "Caring for America." Please send your hours worked to Sheila Glass, ARW 5th V.P. Campaigns Activities.

Veterans' Day Celebration: Our November luncheon was dedicated to the Veterans who have served our country. We were honored to host 40 veterans from WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, and the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also present were several active duty Marines from San Antonio and Army soldiers representing the Army Reserve. We felt privileged to have 11 WWII veterans with us, and we were spellbound by their stories of the war and time spent as POWs. For the second year, Joseph David entertained us with patriotic songs, including the various service songs during which each veteran stood to honor his service branch.

Our ARW group is proud to have two members who are veterans: Kelly Hoag, United States Marine Corps, and Genie Sorensen, United States Army (Retired).



ARW hosted veterans from World War II to Iraq/Afghanistan at our November luncheon



Standing (L-R): Tim McCoy, a submariner and POW of the Japanese and Everett Fulton, WWII Naval Aviator. Fulton's brother was a POW with McCoy for 2 years; they met for the first time at the luncheon.

Seated: Ted Smith, WWII RAF pilot and author of Spitfire Diary, and Benedict's War, The True Story of an Extraordinary American Hero.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2010

FROM



*Ginger Loeffler's
2010 Patriotic Tree*

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PHOTO GALLERY



ARW Christmas Party



2010 and 2011 ARW Presidents.



Kim Chambers and former Governor Sarah Palin



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and Lila Beard Nelson



Cindy Wilson's Longhorn Tree

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