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"I think all the world would gain by setting commerce at perfect liberty."

--Thomas Jefferson



October Luncheon – Thursday, October 1st

Health Care Forum

Speakers:

Susan Dinges Burak M.D.

Jean Pierre Forage M.D.

**Linda McCaul, Board Member | MD Anderson
Hospital**

Time: 11:30am–1:00pm

Location: Westwood Country Club

Cost: \$20 payable at door (cash preferred) \$22 when paying by credit card at Paypal on ARW website

Please consider making a donation at the door or on Paypal to cover meals for veterans at our November 4 Tribute to Veterans Luncheon."

RSVP: meetingRSVP@AustinRepublicanWomen.org
or call Deborah Bily 569-6146

President's Letter

It has been quite a summer. Thanks to all of you who have been acting as Citizen Lobbyists, contacting the Legislators concerning health care, Cap & Trade and other crucial issues, as well as attending the Tea Party rallies. Several of our members have made the news. Kelly Hoag spoke at the 9/12 rally in DC and was interviewed on the Greta van Susteren show. Carlene Denman was interviewed on local news twice at rallies and was shown on Ch. 8 being forcibly thrown out of the church hosting the Doggett rally because her sign was deemed anti-Obamacare while supportive signs were allowed in. Susan Dinges Burak, M.D. was interviewed in the Statesman, on local TV and then on the Sean Hannity radio show regarding health care.

I am amazed that we are being called "racists" by the press, Jimmy Carter and some members of Congress if we disagree with this administration or being called "un-American," or a mob when we speak out. I think you will agree that we have it right. Let's keep it up. I have sent out several e-mails with excellent information regarding the health care proposed bills. If you didn't get them, please let me know and I'll send them to you.

On another note, I attended the National Republican Women's Convention in Orlando where TFRW won the Campaign Award for excellence in donating volunteer time to the benefit of the Republican Party. Thanks to Carol Hanle, TFRW Campaign Chair, and Shelia Glass '09 and Leila Cassidy '08 ARW chairs for working so hard rounding up all those hours to turn in. Austin Republican Women was one of the clubs that won a Diamond Club Achievement Award (the highest level) for demonstrating excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, programs and club functions. Thanks to all and especially to Vickie Bardin and Carol Cates for their work on the report.

Quote of the week, "I didn't know ACORN was getting a lot of federal funds." - Obama on a network news show Sunday.

Membership

Please continue to spread the word about ARW. There are many ladies who are upset about what is happening and want to do something and be active. They just don't know we are here. Many of us meet them everyday. Keep your ARW cards handy. They are available at every meeting. Membership forms are, too, as well as on our website.

It's about the letters!

Hi ladies of ARW! Emails are great, but letters are better...when it comes to contacting your Congressmen and House Representatives. We learned from one of our speakers last year that when it comes down to voting, the offices actually look at the stack of mailed or faxed letters more so than a list of email contacts. I didn't realize that was the case, so thought I would remind everyone of this important lesser known fact.

So, make your time work – phone calls can work for last minute issues, but mailing or faxing the "powers with the vote" provides them with a hard copy record they use.

Submitted by: Carol Cates, ARW Correspondence Sect.

2010 Nominating Committee

The nominating committee finds candidates for ARW's elected offices. Our committee is comprised of 2 board members: Sheila Glass, Chairman, and Gretchen Munday... 3 non-board members: Trisha Keith, Phd., Leila

Cassady, and Carlene Denman, Co-Chair, and 2 alternates: Juliana Brock, and Susan Dinges Burak, MD. Thank you, ladies for the time you've given to this process – we realize it has been a commitment of time and energy.

Thank you to those who have accepted the nominations to serve on the Board of ARW for 2010. The committee will present their nominees to the membership at our regular October luncheon. Officer Election shall be held at the regular November meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be allowed. To be eligible to vote in club elections, a member must have paid her dues at least 30 days prior to the election and must have attended at least one meeting.

Campaign Activities | 3rd Qtr Volunteer Hours | due Oct. 1, 2009

Volunteer hours measure the influence of Republican women in the election process. ARW and TFRW deserve recognition for the tremendous contributions our members make toward getting Republicans elected! To receive the award recognition that clubs and individuals deserve, members must report volunteer hours. Don't hide under a bushel! This accounting demonstrates not only our club's, but also TFRW's, strength and influence in the Republican Party.

How to get started? There are many places to volunteer; serving on ARW committees/board, your neighborhood and precinct, working for candidates, your county Republican party, being a Citizen lobbyist (one who tries to influence legislators by promoting Republican platform by calls, visiting legislator, emails, fax, etc at County, State, and National level), helping with fundraisers, etc. **First**, know your precinct number and voting district for Senatorial, Congressional, and TX Representative. This information can be found easily at Travis County Republican Party (traviscountygop.org) or by contacting their office.

Second, use ARW website to 1) contact our Board and Committee members to serve with us to build a strong club, 2) contact Travis County Republican Party (TCRP) and candidates for volunteering, 3) attend training opportunities by TFRW and TCRP. ARW will send out emails asking for volunteers as candidates contact us with their needs.

Third, a good place to start is in your neighborhood. Contact your Precinct Chair and offer to help and possibly be a Block Captain. If the position is open, this is a great time to apply for Precinct Chair position. This is grassroots at its best. You know your neighbors and the area, this makes for easy contacts, especially when elections roll around. Travis County Republican Party (TCRP) offers training for precinct chairs, block captains, phone calling, and other training to meet the needs of elections and candidates.

Fourth, we encourage you to get involved, use your talents, and serve your community. Still not sure, got questions, just ask any ARW Board or Committee member. We want to help you get connected!

We report at the end of every quarter, **3rd Quarter includes July through September. Volunteer hours are turned in Oct. 1.** If you did not turn in hours for the previous quarters, please include them in this third quarter reporting.

Sheila Glass, Campaign Activities

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Community Outreach

ARW participated in a Liberty Day project and distributed over 300 copies of the Constitution along with flash cards and teachers' guides to 5th graders for Constitution Day, Sept 17th. Thank you to **Jeannie Cheung** for her contribution and to **Congressman McCaul** for donating Constitution booklets as well.

Constitutional Amendments

See amendment details on separate email attachment accompanying this newsletter.

Websites

Check out our website for up to the date information: www.austinrepublicanwomen.org

Travis County Republican Party: www.Traviscountyqop.org

Travis Republican Advisory Committee PAC: www.qopTRACPAC.org

Texas Federation of Republican Women: www.TFRW.org

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