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"[Republicans] can't have the keys back. You don't know how to drive!"

- President Barack Obama

Campaign Speech, Summer 2010

"We don't mind the Republicans joining us. They can come for the ride, but they gotta sit in back."

- President Barack Obama

Campaign Speech, October 2010

**IT'S NOT YOUR CAR MR. PRESIDENT.
IT'S OURS.**

President's Message

Dear Friends,

This past week I heard Justice Puryear and Justice Wainwright speak about this election. Justice Puryear mentioned that this may be the most important election in our lifetime if not ever. Justice Wainwright told us that he won his first election by just about 100 votes. I was also told on good authority that many of the Representatives in the Texas House won by approximately 100 votes. As Justice Wainwright said, that means each of us voting and getting a couple of friends, neighbors, and family members out to vote. Make calls for the candidates and to get out the vote. There are plenty of opportunities to do this. Drive someone to the polls and go back and get someone else. Talk up the importance of voting to people in your neighborhood and others with whom you have contact.

On a personal note, Gretchen and I use the same dog groomer. Gretchen asked her if she had voted, and she said she didn't know if she had the time. Well, Gretchen spoke to her about the importance of voting. When the groomer came to me, I asked her the same question. She laughed and said that her husband was going to vote and she'd be going with him—that she now knew of the importance. That's two more conservative votes. Some people just need to be reminded that their vote counts.

There are 200 ladies in ARW plus about 30 associate members. If we each get at least two people to vote, just think what an influence we can be. This election isn't over yet. Even if you have already voted, you must continue to work until Nov 3 gets here—the day after the election. As the young Wounded Warrior told the UT team when asked by Coach Brown what advice he had for the team, the Marine said, "Always empty the magazine," which means work your hardest to the end and then some.

Diane Fulton

Join us at our next ARW Luncheon “Tribute to Veterans”

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

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2010

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Westwood Country Club
3808 West 35th Street

Cost: \$20

Special Guests: Veterans, WWII through Iraq/Afghanistan
**We will be taking donations to help pay for our veterans' lunches.
A minimum \$10 is suggested, but all gifts are appreciated. Please send
the name, service, and time of service of any veterans you have invited.*

Patriotic Songs: Joseph David

RSVP: To Denise Jenkins at meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org
or 512-750-2442 **by noon on Tuesday, November 2, 2010;**
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

October 29, 2010	Early In Person Voting Ends for November Elections
November 2, 2010	ELECTION DAY: Joint General and Special Elections
November 4, 2010	ARW Tribute to Veterans Luncheon
November 6, 2010	ARW Caring for America Troop Packing Party

Help Support Our Troops at ARW's Troop “Packing Party”

Care Packages for the Troops: Christmas is a terrible time to be away from home, and our troops are very far away and in great danger every day. We have been asked to provide some things from home to the soldiers of FOB Blessing, Afghanistan. These infantry guys are **very far forward** and out on patrols most of the time. Let's let them know that we haven't forgotten them!

When & Where: Packing party on **Saturday, November 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at Carol Lyle's house, 2477 Waymaker Way, Austin 78746. **YOU MAY DROP ITEMS OFF EARLY IF YOU CAN NOT COME TO THE PACKING PARTY.**

How You Can Help:

- 1) Cash or Check donations are appreciated—we will be glad to shop for you—or bring items to be donated to the October and November luncheons;
- 2) Ask local elementary schools to write thank you notes and Christmas letters to the troops, which will be included in each box; and
- 3) Join us for our packing party on Saturday, November 6th, location to be announced.

Care Package List from Chaplain Joey (FOB Blessing):

Rule #1: *Many smaller items are better than a few large items.* For example, a package of ten snack-sized bags of chips is better than a single family size bag of chips.

Rule #2: We are thankful for anything you send!

Most common needs:

- good wool sox
- 16 oz bullet thermoses
- fleece throws
- calendars, pocket notepads/retractable pens
- hand/foot warmers
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, Q-Tips
- *Single-serving* drink mixes (Kool-Aid Singles, etc)
- Beef Jerky
- Snack Foods, Microwave Popcorn
- Tobacco products
- Coffee
- Air Fresheners (Plug-in or stick-up type only)
- Greeting cards (card stores will often give you the old ones they are throwing away if you tell them it is for deployed soldiers.)

Items commonly sent that we don't really need:

- Bug Spray, Sunscreen
- Baby wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Items for children – we cannot give them out
- Phone Cards
- Cleaning products
- Bulk anything—large items don't distribute well
- Any kind of food preparation item or food that requires cooking such as canned goods
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes

Children's books: The soldiers recently started a program that allows soldiers to record themselves reading a book for their children and to send it home on a dvd. The soldiers would greatly appreciate your donation of popular children's books for this program. Do not worry about duplicating books; if they have more than one copy of a book, the soldier sends the book home along with the dvd.



Veterans' Tribute:

The CFA Committee is planning our November luncheon to honor veterans of all services who live in central Texas. Please help us reach out to veterans that you might know so that we can invite them to our Veterans' celebration. If you will send the name, branch, rank, years of service, name of foreign war(s) served in (if known) and contact information to Genie Sorensen at g.w.5912@att.net by November 2, we will be sure they are included in our program.

Concealed Handgun Classes

NOTE: Texas requires 9 hours of mandatory classroom instruction and 1 hour for range proficiency test.

Nov. 11th & 12th, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Shooting on Saturday Nov. 13th
Home of Genie Sorenson
5912 Alyford Court, Austin 78739

Nov 18th & 19th, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Shooting on Saturday Nov. 20th
Home of Diane Fulton
6820 Cypress Point North (Lost Creek) Austin 78746

Cost: \$125 per person

Includes range fee, ammo (loaner handguns available for shooting test). Services include instruction, passport photos, and notary services. Upon course completion, applicant will have a TR100 (proof of passing written test and the shooting proficiency test), a passport photo, and three notarized affidavits. These items are sent to DPS. Online application and fingerprint arrangements are responsibility of applicant.



OCTOBER PHOTO GALLERY



Dale and Kathy Webster



Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was the guest speaker at the October luncheon.



Liz Tait and Don Zimmerman



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