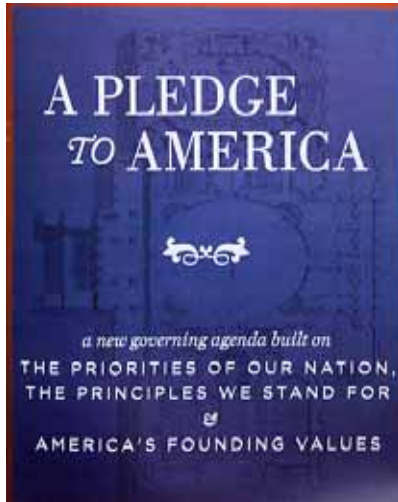




# AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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"Across America, the people see a government in Washington that isn't listening, doesn't get it, and doesn't care. This new governing agenda, built by listening to the people, offers plans to create jobs, cut spending, and put power where it belongs: in the hands of the people."

- House Minority Leader John Boehner  
*Pledge to America, September 2010*

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

The election is sneaking up on us quickly, and it is already less than a month until early voting begins on October 18! Let everyone declare today: "I am fully committed and dedicated to helping every one of our Republican candidates get elected." If you have not already been making calls, block walking, or hosting a "Meet & Greet" at your home, now is the time to get to work. Pick out one activity and go for it. Get yard signs out in your neighborhood. Hand out push cards. Talk to everyone about our candidates. Encourage your family members, friends and neighbors to become more active, and remember to get out the Republican vote—all the way down the ballot. Vote a straight Republican ticket so you don't miss any down-ballot races. We have never had a better opportunity in Travis County to win!

Diane Fulton

## ARW 2011 Board

The Nominations Committee, made up of Chairwoman Gretchen Munday, Juliana Brock, Kim Chambers, Liz Tait, and Kathy Webster, met to determine the nominations for our elected board for 2011. They will be announced at our October luncheon. If you would like to serve on one of the elected or appointed boards, please let them know. Some people have volunteered, but there is certainly room for more. We need your participation however much or little time you can give.

## Join us at our next ARW Luncheon

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

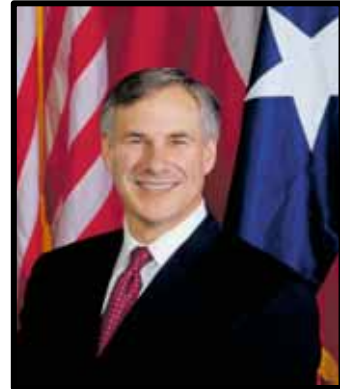
**Date:** Thursday, October 7, 2010

**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Westwood Country Club  
3808 West 35th Street

**Cost:** \$20

**Speaker:** The Honorable Greg Abbott,  
Texas Attorney General



**RSVP:** To Denise Jenkins at [meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:meetingsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org) or 512-750-2442 **by noon on Tuesday, October 5, 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.

We are fortunate to have Attorney General Greg Abbott as our October speaker. We have seen him on Fox News lately and now have an opportunity to hear from him directly. General Abbott will give us an update on the ongoing issues concerning Texas, the Federal Government, and the 10th amendment.

General Abbott was reelected in 2006 as the 50th Attorney General of Texas.

He oversees over 700 attorneys who represent the state of Texas and has personally appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court, where he successfully defended the constitutionality of the Ten Commandments display on the Texas Capitol grounds.

As the state's chief law enforcement official, General Abbott has made protecting children and families the focus of his administration. Shortly after taking office, General Abbott established a Cyber Crimes Unit to arrest criminals who use the Internet to prey upon children; a Fugitive Unit to arrest convicted sex offenders who violate their parole; and an expanded Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to crack down on elder abuse and waste of taxpayer dollars. Since taking office, General Abbott has collected more than \$17 billion in child support for Texas children.

General Abbott is a native Texan with a BBA in finance from the University of Texas and a law degree from Vanderbilt University. He lives in Austin with his wife of 29 years Cecilia, a former teacher and principal, and his daughter Audrey.

ARW will be taking donations at the October luncheon to help pay for our veterans to attend our November Tribute to Veterans Luncheon. A minimum \$10 is suggested, but all donations are appreciated.

## **Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events**

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| October 4, 2010  | Voter Registration Deadline for November Elections   |
| October 7, 2010  | ARW October Luncheon Meeting with Attorney General Greg Abbott                                       |
| October 11, 2010 | Travis County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Norris Conference Center |
| October 18, 2010 | Early In Person Voting Begins for November Elections   |
| October 26, 2010 | Deadline to Submit Applications to Vote by Mail for November Elections                               |
| 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   |



**ARW members with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.**

## **Campaign Activities—3rd Quarter Volunteer Hours are due Sept. 30th**

Sheila Glass, VP Campaign Activities

**LET'S BEAT THE PAST TWO QUARTERS!!! OUR HOURS ARE DOUBLE COUNTED WHEN REPORTING TO TFRW!!!**

1st Quarter Hours = 2044; 2nd Quarter Hours = 2433

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

The Texas Federation of Republican Women is promoting a contest to give money to clubs that reach the top goals for the highest campaign volunteer hours earned. The competition award will be presented on Legislative Day 2011.

We receive credit for political activities. Political activities include any work done to promote the Republican Party.

Please email your hours to Sheila Glass at [sheilag18@gmail.com](mailto:sheilag18@gmail.com).

### **Defend Yourself: Concealed Carry Classes for ARW Members**



After our September meeting with Suzanna Hupp, many members inquired about concealed handgun licenses (“CHL”). ARW has the opportunity to offer classes to obtain a CHL. Whether you want to obtain a CHL or just learn more about firearms and their use, please sign up and indicate whether you want a South Austin or North Austin class. If we have enough interest, we may be able to offer classes in both locations. More details to follow after we have an idea of the number of interested people.

### **Hospitality Committee Implements New Procedures for Reservations at ARW Monthly Luncheons and Events**

The Hospitality Committee is responsible for conducting all meeting arrangements, taking reservations, providing confirmations, signing in all attendees, and other duties as appropriate to facilitate a gracious welcome to all meetings and events hosted by ARW.

In order to ensure a more effective check in process at the monthly ARW luncheons, the Board has decided to implement a new process to ensure that all confirmed reservations have guaranteed seating at meetings and events. This new process became effective on August 25, 2010.

#### New RSVP Process:

1. All persons must RSVP by the stated deadline by going to [www.austinrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org) and clicking on the link in the luncheon message ([meetingsrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:meetingsrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org)) or by calling the phone number listed. All RSVPs (emailed or called in) must state the name and phone number of person attending.
2. All persons will receive a confirmation via email or voice mail. Once the confirmation is received, a seat will be guaranteed.
3. On the day of the event, all persons with a confirmation must be checked in or in line at the venue no later than 15 minutes after the stated start time. In the event of ARW monthly luncheons, all persons must be in line or checked in by 11:45 a.m. in order to keep their guaranteed seats.
4. All members or guests who show up on the day of the event and who did NOT receive a confirmation will be given a number and placed in a "wait-listed" line. We are glad you are here to support ARW; however, only persons who received a confirmation will be allowed to take a guaranteed seat. At 11:45, any remaining seats will be made available to the "wait-listed" line in the order in which they were listed.

\*This process is effective through the deadline of each event.



ARW ladies at the September 2010 luncheon

## Caring for America

**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!

### 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
- Inserts for boots
- Any kind of food preparation item or food that requires cooking such as canned goods
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes



### 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](mailto:g.w.5912@att.net), we will be sure they are included in our program.**

## SEPTEMBER PHOTO GALLERY



Guest speaker Suzanna Hupp and Diane Fulton at the ARW September luncheon.



Kim Burkhart, Patrick McGuinness (Candidate State Rep HD 50), and Sheila Glass.



Gretchen Munday, Dan Neil (Candidate State Rep HD 48), and Gina Hansen.



Paul Workman (Candidate State Rep HD 47) and his wife and ARW member Sherry.



Denise Jenkins and Lela Pittenger, Candidate for U.S. Senate.



Julie Hoebel and Genie Sorensen.

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