



# AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Dear ARW Member,

Thank you for allowing me to be the Austin Republican Women's delegate to the National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Kansas City. This three-day biennial Convention honored the women of this great organization and elected our national board for the next two-year term. It's been so great to meet Republican Women from all over the nation and hear their viewpoints on issues and candidates.

Just when I think it's tough being a Republican in Austin, I meet a club president from Washington D.C. and realize that we have it pretty good!

I also had the opportunity to go to the Fox News Presidential Debate in Orlando last week. Two other ARW members also attended and it was great to take part in such a pivotal debate.

From the convention in Kansas City to the debate in Orlando to our meetings in Austin, one thing is clear. Americans are ready to elect a new president!

Thank you again for all your hard work to help elect our Republican candidates and further conservative causes. And a special thank you for all your assistance and donations to help the wildfire victims. As a club, we donated over \$3,050 to our neighbors who were affected. You guys are great!

Keep up the hard work and I hope to see you at ARW's October 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting.

Kim  
2011 ARW President



During a commercial break at the debate.



From L - R Chris and Holly Turner, Chelsea Hawker and Kim Chambers at the debate.

# Join us for our October Luncheon!

Austin Republican Women are privileged to have Michael Zak from Washington, D.C. as our October speaker. He will give you valuable information and facts regarding the Republican Party to counter liberal misinformation.

**Thursday, October 6, 2011**

11:30am - 1:00pm

Austin Country Club

4408 Longchamp Drive  
(off Westlake Drive at 360)

**\$25 (cash preferred)**



Michael Zak is the author of *Back to Basics for the Republican Party*, the acclaimed history of the GOP cited by Clarence Thomas in a Supreme Court decision. Mr. Zak is a popular speaker to Republican organizations around the country. His message is that Republicans would benefit tremendously from appreciating the heritage of our Grand Old Party. See [www.grandoldpartisan.com](http://www.grandoldpartisan.com) for more information.

His book will be available for purchase and autograph before and after the meeting. Comment from a previous speaking engagement:

*"Michael Zak takes a novel approach to the culture wars by boldly boasting the historical record of the Republican Party. Rather than sheepishly bow to the Democrat's ongoing myths (and frequently, outright lies) about the GOP, he brings the history and heroes of the Republican Party into the fray."*

**RSVP by Monday, October 3 at noon to:**

[meetingrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:meetingrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

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

ARW's **Tribute to Veterans** is coming up in November. Please begin to invite veterans and send their information (name and service) to: [programs@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:programs@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

# Thanks to Our September Luncheon Speakers!

A special thank you to the Republican US Senate candidates who spoke at the September 8<sup>th</sup> ARW luncheon. From left to right: Lela Pittenger, Tom Leppert, Elizabeth Ames Jones, Ted Cruz, Curt Cleaver, Andrew Castanuela, Glenn Addison.



## Upcoming Events



Oct 6: ARW General Meeting (Austin Country Club)

Oct 15: Deadline to turn in application to be a 2011 ARW Member!

October 29: TFRW Campaign Management School (San Antonio, TX)

November 3: ARW General Meeting (Austin Country Club)

November 5: Troop Packing Party (Time, Place TBD)

November 17 - 20: TFRW Convention (Ft. Worth, TX)

# Community Outreach Update

ARW's Community Outreach Committee, composed of Jan Graham, Diane Fulton, Suzy Morrison, Genie Sorenson, Carol Lyle and Robin Dahlheim, collected items and monetary donations to help the victims of the Austin-area wildfires. At the September 8th luncheon ARW members donated two carloads of items and \$3,050 to benefit local charities and relief funds!

A special thank you to everyone who donated to this effort and for all the ways you help assist our neighbors in need. For more information about getting involved with the Community Outreach Committee, please contact Jan Graham ([jancgraham@gmail.com](mailto:jancgraham@gmail.com)).

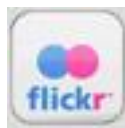


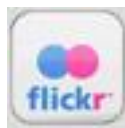
L to R: Jan Graham (Community Outreach Chairman), Suzy Morrison (former ARW President), Genie Sorenson (Caring for America Chairman) and Carl Lyle (former ARW president)

## Photos

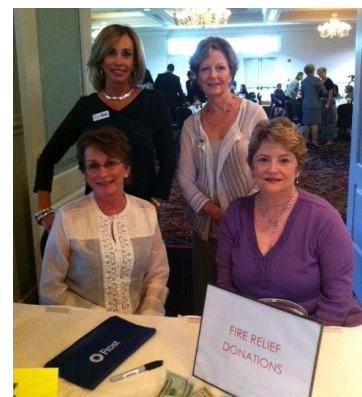
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Please visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/> to view our photos.



You can also reach this page by clicking the  icon on the [www.AustinRepublicanWomen.org](http://www.AustinRepublicanWomen.org) home page.

Do you have pictures from an ARW event you would like to share? Please send them to [historian@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:historian@austinrepublicanwomen.org).



# ARW New Member Social a Big Success!

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, ARW hosted a New Member Social honoring our new 2011 members. The night was a big success and we added several new members to our club. Welcome!



The event was hosted by Jim and Gina Hansen and catered by Ronda Karam. Several Republican candidates attended including Dianne Costa (running for US Congress, CD 25), Jeff Rose (Justice on the Third Court of Appeals), Jim Strickland (running for Travis County Commissioner Pct. 3) and Mike McNamara (exploratory committee to run for Travis County Commissioner Pct. 1).

Thank you again to our hosts, our speakers, (Justice Jeff Rose and TFRW Region 9 Deputy President Jennifer Lambert) and to all the ARW members – new and old – who attended the party. To see more pictures from the party, visit our Flickr page at [www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/) and click on the ARW New Member Social folder.

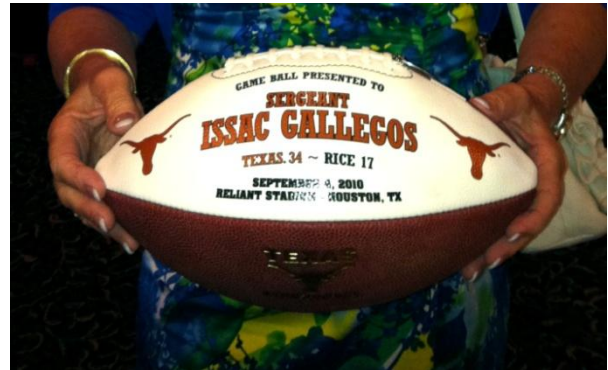
Remember, it's not too late to be a 2011 ARW member. Please invite your friends to our next meeting, October 6<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Austin Country Club.



## Wounded Warriors Attend UT Football Practice

Austin Republican Women's Caring for America Committee, with the help of Dan Neil, took eight Wounded Warrior Marines from BAMC (Brooke Army Medical Center) to a University of Texas football practice on Sept. 21st. This is the second year in a row that ARW has had the privilege of doing this (practice is closed to the public), and, with Dan Neil's help, ARW plans to make this an annual event.

The Marines were very excited as they met the players and coaches personally. They were thanked for their service, and the coaches and players told them how proud they are of them. Several players have a father or brother in the military...some in the Marines. One Marine called his father to tell him that he had just met and talked with Coach Brown and Case McCoy, Colt McCoy's brother. "Imagine talking to a UT quarterback and one whose brother is in the NFL and to Coach Brown and all the others!", he said.



A touching moment was when Coach Brown had the team gather together and had each



Marine introduce himself, tell where he was from (one is originally from Australia, now from Texas) and tell how he was injured. The players interaction and reaction to them was wonderful to see.

The Marines don't know it yet, but each will receive a Game ball inscribed with his name and rank. This was done for the Marines from last year as well.

Our thanks to Dan Neil who arranged our visit and to Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations Arthur Johnson who planned and facilitated the event for the Marines.

By Diane Fulton

# November 8th Constitutional Amendment Election

## *- Please Vote!*

There are 10 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution coming up for your vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to study these proposed amendments and vote!

For a background report containing both pro and con arguments for each amendment, please visit <http://www.hro.house.state.tx.us/pdf/focus/amend82.pdf>. For more information about registering to vote and where you can vote, please visit <http://www.votexas.org/>

## Official Ballot Language and Order for the Nov. 8, 2011 Constitutional Amendment Election

### Proposition 1

SJR 14

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

### Proposition 2

SJR 4

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

### Proposition 3

SJR 50

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

### Proposition 4

HJR 63

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition 5

SJR 26

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition 6

HJR 109

"The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition 7

SJR 28

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition 8

SJR 16

"The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition 9

SJR 9

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition 10

SJR 37

"The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."







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CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL  
Registration 8:30am; Seminar 9:00am until 3:30pm

SAN ANTONIO – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011

The Atonement Academy  
15415 Red Robin Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78255

Off N Loop 1604 W between Babcock Road (southbound) and Kyle Seale Parkway (northbound)

Local Contact Person is Marian Stanko  
210-824-9445 or 210-602-6550 or [Marian@bexargop.org](mailto:Marian@bexargop.org)

The fee is \$60 a person & \$95 for a couple, Lunch & Handbook Included

CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BCRW-PAC (include occupation on check);  
MAIL THIS FORM TO: Betty J. Hill, 8403 Timberfair, San Antonio TX 78250

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# 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required by law for Political Action Committee. If not "employed": Homemaker, retired, private tutor, volunteer)

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct# \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_  
(On Voter Registration Form)

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print e-mail and notify us with changes. This is our preferred means of communications.)

\_\_\_ Active Member - \$25.00      \_\_\_ \$5.00 Directory Sponsor (optional and appreciated)

\_\_\_ Associate Member - \$15.00      \_\_\_ \$3.00 Mail directory (select this if you want yearbook material)

(Women with active membership in another Federated RW, Spouse, Republican Men)

\_\_\_ \$6.00 ARW Nametag ( \_\_\_ Magnetic \_\_\_ Pin)

\_\_\_ Donation to ARW

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEES/INTERESTS: Please indicate the area(s) in which you have an interest!

- \_\_\_ Barbara Bush Literacy      \_\_\_ Campaign Activities      \_\_\_ Community Outreach/Service
- \_\_\_ Fundraising      \_\_\_ Caring for America (Support Troops)      \_\_\_ Legislative
- \_\_\_ Hospitality      \_\_\_ Membership      \_\_\_ Publicity/Media
- \_\_\_ I can help where needed

Special talents (graphics design, website, database, editing, writing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Issues that concern you \_\_\_\_\_

Speakers you would recommend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Precinct Chairman? \_\_\_\_\_

*ARW Newsletters will be sent by E-mail. If no email or cannot receive via email, check here* \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this application and return with your check made to "ARW PAC".

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