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Dear ARW Members,

I recently returned from a trip to London. While there I spoke with several Englishmen about their perspective on America. Many of the comments they made raised my eyebrows, to say the least.

For example, “Why do rich Americans want the poor to die?” (in reference to opposition to ObamaCare) and “If Americans traveled outside the US more often they would be less likely to bomb and attack countries once they had been there and met the people.”



Needless to say the conversation with these self-described English Republicans was sobering. Perhaps the most sobering thing they said was an answer to my question regarding how they felt about President Obama. The response:

“We’re glad Obama was elected because he is slowing America down; which is good for the rest of the world.”



When I heard that I was speechless, angry, scared. But mostly sad. Because I realized he was partly right.

America is not just a superpower; we are The Superpower. This is not something we should apologize for or try to shy away from. Let’s not redistribute our status in the world for any reason, however well intentioned it may be. A rising tide raises all ships and when we as a country “slow down”, the world suffers for it.

Elections have consequences and I look forward to Election Day 2012 when a new President will be elected. One who will realize the greatness of America and who will lead us, without apology and with full confidence in the tenets and beliefs that this country was founded upon.

Kim Chambers
2011 ARW President

Join us for our May Luncheon!

Thursday, May 5, 2011
11:30am - 1:00pm
Austin Country Club
4408 Longchamp Drive
(off Westlake Drive at 360)
\$25 (cash preferred)

Continuing our great lineup of Speakers, Dr. Timothy Roth will join us at the May ARW Meeting to provide us with a timely and spirited discussion of politics, the economy, our welfare society and the Constitution.

Dr. Roth is the A.B. Templeton Professor and Chairman of the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Texas at El Paso. He has served in Washington as Senior Economist for the U.S. Congress, Senior Economic Advisor to Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and as a consultant to President Reagan's Cabinet Counsel on Economic Policy. In Austin Dr. Roth was appointed to the Texas Growth Fund Board of Trustees by Governor Bush and later served for four years on the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. He was admitted to the El Paso Business Hall of Fame and was appointed by Governor Perry to top the Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform.



His academic work includes the publication of eleven books as well as numerous journal articles and technical publications. Dr. Roth's latest book, *Politicians, Economists and the Supreme Court at Work: The Founders Betrayed* was published in June, 2010. The Nobel Laureate James Buchanan describes the book as "A sobering and emphatic reminder of how far we have strayed from the principles on which the Republic was established. In an especially timely comment, he adds, "Diagnostic understanding is a necessary first step. But are we capable, as a body politic, to stop the binge and endure the hangover? Or must we acquiesce in the anarchy of politics beyond constitutional limits."

Several of us have heard Dr. Roth speak before and can guarantee you he is someone whose comments on the current state of our economy and Nation are not ones you will want to miss. Like Dr. Friedman, he has the ability to discuss these weighty topics with a degree of humor.

RSVP by Monday, May 2 at noon to:
meetingrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org

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

Volunteer Hours

Congratulations ARW members for volunteering 3,895 hours this first quarter of 2011! We're well on our way to reaching the 15,000 volunteer hours Campaigns Chairman Peggy Maxwell set for the club. Please don't forget to submit your volunteer hours to Peggy – campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org - each month. Make sure all your hard work gets counted and recognized!

Membership Drive



As the Central Texas temperatures rise, so do the number of 2011 ARW members! The Austin Democrats are mobilizing for the next election cycle and we need your help to ensure this club stays strong and influential. There is strength in numbers, so let's work together to grow this club!

You can either mail your application (www.austinrepublicanwomen.org/membership) and a check for \$35 (payable to ARW PAC) to Carla Robinson or join us at one of our upcoming luncheons and renew your membership there.

Republican men can even join as an associate member for just \$15!

Our 2011 goal is 200 members - we're currently at 125. Let's work together to meet our goal. Invite a friend to join today!

Save the Date – June ARW Fundraiser Featuring Fred Burton

Date: Tuesday, June 7th

Where: Cindy Wilson's House (4601 Mirador Drive)

Cost: \$40 for ARW members (\$70 per couple), and \$50 for non-Republican club members (\$85 per couple)

Please join us the evening of June 7th for an ARW fundraiser featuring Fred Burton, one of the world's foremost authorities on security, terrorists and terrorist organizations. In his capacity as VP of Intelligence, he oversees Stratfor's terrorism intelligence service. Fred Burton's areas of expertise also include the Border and Mexican Cartels.

Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. More information will be available at the May 5th ARW general meeting. Hope to see you there!

Would you like to get your Concealed Handgun License?

Col Rich Ingold USMC (Ret.) is offering Austin Republican Women (and friends) a special CHL class consisting of:

- 9 hours of classroom instruction (2 evening classes of 4 ½ hour duration)
- 1 hour scheduled range proficiency test

Course services include:

- Instruction
- Passport Photos
- Notary Service
- Free Gun Rental
- Basic Marksmanship

(Range and ammo fees not included)



The cost is \$130 per student with a minimum class size of 8 students. Class dates will be set once the student minimum is reached. Prepayment via the class coordinator, Diane Fulton, is necessary.

For more information, visit www.vepchl.com or email Diane Fulton, dsfulton@gmail.com.

ARW Troop Packing Party a Big Success

On Saturday, April 9 the Austin Republican Women packed 46 "care packages" for our US Marines in Afghanistan. We were also joined by several members of the College Republicans at St. Edward's University – Mari Serna, Katie Thompson, Ashley Sobota, Matt Campbell and Diane Durbin.

Thank you to the nearly 30 people who volunteered their time to help with this project and thank you to all the ARW members who donated money and items for the packages. Our next Troop Packing Party will be in the fall and we will keep you updated on details.

To see pictures from the event, visit the club's new online photo sharing website - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/>. Please click on the [Troop Packing Party](#) album to view all the pictures.

Thank you again for all your hard work and help with this valuable project.

Kim



ARW Member in the Spotlight: Carol Cates Partners with Attorney General Abbott to Promote Texas CASA

Earlier this month, long-time Austin Republican Women Member, Carol Cates, was invited by Texas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to take part in a state-wide TV and radio public service announcement (PSA) with Attorney General Greg Abbott to help promote and encourage Texans to become CASA's.

At the press conference with Attorney General Abbott and CASA of Texas, Carol was asked to share about her advocacy work as a CASA in an effort to reach out for more CASA volunteers in Texas. One of the former foster youths whom she successfully advocated for and who is now finishing her freshman year in college, was recognized at the address for her accomplishments.



In Attorney General Abbott's address, he stressed the vital role that CASAs provide to abused and neglected children. Texas CASA, Inc. trains volunteers across the state to objectively advocate for a foster child's best interests in state courts. These volunteers are also taught to help children through the foster care system and help these young victims rebuild their lives.



In coordination with the state address by the Attorney General, Former First Lady Laura Bush recorded a PSA in an effort to help raise awareness about the CASA program and the important role its volunteers play in the larger effort to protect Texas foster children. You can hear her message and learn how to become a CASA in your local community at: <http://www.texascasa.org/>.

Carol has been a CASA volunteer since 2001. In that time she has helped 3 children as they were adopted out of the Texas foster care system into a safe and loving home. She also advocated for another child and successfully reunited her with her biological family members prior to aging out of the foster care system.

For more information on how to become a CASA, click the links above, or just call or email Carol | carolrcates@gmail.com | [512.431.5746](tel:512.431.5746).

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month and ARW applauds the many years of service Carol Cates has volunteered to Texas CASA.



More information and news articles on this story can be found at: <https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagnews/release.php?id=3684> and <http://kut.org/2011/04/volunteer-call-for-foster-care-kids/>.

Photos

Austin Republican Women has a new online photo sharing website. This is where we will post pictures from our monthly meetings and events.

Please visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/> to view the current photo albums from April. You can also reach this page by clicking the



icon on the 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 and we'll be sure to include them.



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