



## President's Message

Election Day is almost upon us and early voting begins in just a few days. Your vote MATTERS! Every Republican candidate needs your support. Don't forget those candidates who are far down the ballot. Please VOTE REPUBLICAN for every office that has a Republican candidate.

Don't be concerned if a Republican candidate is not your perfect choice because any spot not won by a Republican allows the Democrats a foothold in Texas. To **KEEP TEXAS RED**, we need to back each and every Republican candidate, period. As **Rafael Cruz** cautioned at our August luncheon, "If you don't vote for a Republican you don't know, you'll get a Democrat you don't like." A true statement and one to remember when voting.

We, as Republican women, have a strong voice and a major impact on the outcome of every election. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, get out the vote and let's get every Republican running for office elected.

U.S. Senator **Ted Cruz** voiced these words of hope and inspiration: "People are waking up and it is thanks to the hard work each and every one of you is doing... There's no force in all of politics like Republican women."

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next luncheon.

Regards,

Michele Carlquist, 2014 ARW President

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**Newsletter comments, questions & suggestions are welcomed,**

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

**Thanks!**

## UPCOMING ARW EVENTS

**November 13: Tribute to Veterans Luncheon • December 4: Christmas Party**  
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## A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

ARW Oktoberfest German fare dinner and fundraiser to support Republican candidates and Caring for America, ARW's 2014 project to support our troops, was by all accounts a resounding success. This event was an informative evening thanks to our speaker **Dr. Timothy Roth**, professor and chairman, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas El Paso, Special Guest **Congressman Lamar Smith**, and a fun fest with good food, drink and camaraderie.

A huge Texas-sized THANK YOU goes to our sponsors: Longhorn Sponsor and ARW Member **Robbi Hull**; Mockingbird Sponsors **Congressman Michael McCaul**, chairman, U.S. House Homeland Security Committee; **Chairman Christi Craddick**, Railroad Commission of Texas; **Candice and Richard Snyder**, and to our gracious event hostess **Cindy Wilson**.

This entire event could never have happened without the tremendous and tireless efforts of **Rossy Fariña-Strauss**, ARW 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Fundraising. Her hard work, wonderful enthusiasm and boundless energy made Oktoberfest the great success it was. Thank you very much, Rossy!!!

We want to also thank all our generous ARW members who donated items to the auctions or collected auction donations from others. There are too many to list here but they are greatly appreciated. We also thank those who generously bought items to be auctioned and ARW members and guests who supported the event through their attendance. Oktoberfest would not have been as successful – or fun -- without you!

And we must mention those ARW members who helped during the event: **Suzy Morrison**, **Connie Borcharding**, **Nancy Bernaldo**, **Kelley Lightfoot**, **Mari Cornelius**, **Stephanie Reed** and friends **Allison Lehman** and **August Dannenmaier**.

If you missed this year's Oktoberfest event, you might plan now to attend next year. It's always fun!



## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, November 13 **Tribute to Veterans Luncheon**

Plan now to join us in November for a special **Tribute to Veterans** luncheon and invite the veterans you know to attend free of charge so that we may honor their contributions. Just provide their service information when making reservations for lunch. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 5 at noon. Election of ARW Board positions will also be voted on at this luncheon (see Nominees on page 4).

#### **Luncheon Details:**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Austin Country Club,

4408 Longchamp Drive (off Westlake Dr. @ Loop 360)

Register now at [meetingsvp@austinrepublicwomen.org](mailto:meetingsvp@austinrepublicwomen.org)

#### **Speakers:**

Lieutenant General Brett Dula, USAF Ret.

Major General Mike Butchko, USAF Ret.

### Thursday, December 4 Luncheon Event and Installation of 2015 ARW Board

Save the date and plan now to attend ARW's festive, holiday event and installation of a new board of directors for 2015.

#### **Event Details:**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At the home of ARW member Cindy Wilson,

4601 Mirador Drive, Austin 78735

**Information Available Soon!**

## Nominees for ARW Elected Offices 2015

Elected Offices	Nominees
<b>ARW President</b>	<b>Carol Neal</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> – assists ARW president and represents ARW in president’s absence; chairs Bylaws Committee	<b>Rossy Fariña -Strauss</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Programs</b> – in charge of programs and special events	<b>Diane Fulton</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Fundraising</b> – organizes fundraisers to support ARW activities; PAC regulation compliance	<b>Martha Bell-Liner</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Membership</b> – recruits new members; maintains ARW/TFRW membership records	<b>Michele Carlquist</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Campaign Activities</b> – organizes campaign activity support for Republican candidates; reporting of volunteer hours and special, president-assigned committees	<b>Robbi Hull</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Legislative</b> – reports on pending legislation and activities for involvement	<b>Robbi Hull</b> <b>Co Chair Sharon Edwards</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b> – keeps factual and unbiased record of all meeting proceedings	<b>Linda VanDeWalle</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b> – prepares correspondence of the organization	<b>Marijane Smitherman</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> – custodian of ARW funds, prepares/maintains financial records, proficiency in QuickBooks and Excel required	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b> – receives/deposits funds as directed by ARW treasurer; TEC reporting	<b>Bobbie Kelly</b>

## VOTE ON November 4, 2014

Voting day is November 4 for the Travis County Joint General and Special Elections. Early voting is October 20 through October 31. See [voter information and a sample ballot](#).

### Austin City Council Elections

Now that the City of Austin will elect its City Council by geographic representation, do you know which City of Austin Council District is yours? If not, find it easily with the 10-ONE Districting Map found [here](#). Simply type in your address to identify your District.

**Note:** Since Austin's City Council is nonpartisan, Austin Republican Women does not endorse or support any of the candidates.

## ARW Membership Dues for 2015

ARW membership dues for 2015 are being accepted now. Since membership dues are determined by calendar year, RENEW NOW and get a jump on 2015. Use the NEW 2015 Membership Application on page 6 to renew your own membership or provide it to your friends.



2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required by law for Political Action Committee. If not employed: retired, volunteer, homemaker)

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

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

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

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

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print e-mail and notify us of changes. This is our preferred means of communication.)

Type of Membership NEW: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Active Member - \$35.00 Associate Member - \$15.00

(Spouse, Men, Women with active membership in another Federated Republican Women's Club.)

\$8.00 ARW Nametag: Magnetic \_\_\_\_\_ Pin \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 Directory Sponsor (Help pay for our Annual Directory of Members.)

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

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION/SPECIAL TALENTS (If retired, what was your former job?)  
(graphics design, accounting, website, database, editing, writing, etc.)

Please indicate the Committee or Committees in which you have an interest:

Reporting on Legislation \_\_\_\_\_ Publicity/Media \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Caring for America (Support the Troops) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Drive \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality (check in & welcoming new members) \_\_\_\_\_

I can help where needed \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this application & mail with your check made payable to "ARW PAC Fund" to:

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