



President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR ARW MEMBERS!!!

We at ARW hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and other holidays and are now looking forward to a fantastic 2016!

I know you are aware of how important volunteering will be in 2016 for the future of our country and how diligent we must be in our support of GOP candidates during this election year. We want to emphasize to you how many volunteer opportunities are available at ARW.

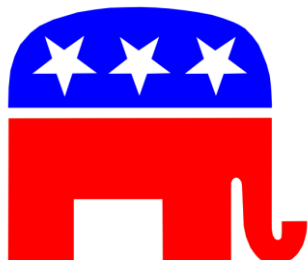
Our Executive Board will continue to be hard at work to help elect Republicans at the Local, State and Federal levels; however, we need your help now more than ever in making this happen.

We have many opportunities for volunteer work at ARW that you will want to participate in, such as; assistance with photography during our events, directory editing, fundraising, hospitality during our events, new member recruiting and Caring for America/Troop Support donation collection. If you have a talent or a desire to help in any of these areas, please let us know by email at: <http://presidentaustinrepublicanwomen.org>.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of ARW and let us hear that you will volunteer with us!

Onward to Victory in 2016!

Rossy Fariña-Strauss, 2016 ARW President



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Newsletter comments, questions & suggestions are welcome.

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Thanks!

2016 ARW EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Rossy Fariña-Strauss, President

The ARW 2016 Executive Board salutes you!

Thank you to all for your trust and support of our new 2016 Executive Board. We are privileged and thankful to serve in our capacities in this important Club.

ARW celebrated 60 years of funding in 2015 receiving illustrious awards from NFRW and TFRW making us commit in 2016 to continuing this tradition of excellence.

Please contact us at: <http://presidentaustinrepublicanwomen.org>.

ARW President – Rossy Fariña-Strauss

Immediate Past President – Carol Neal

1st Vice President – Robbi Hull

2nd VP - Programs – Diane Fulton

3rd VP – Fundraising – Patty Wimberley

4th VP – Membership – Michele Carlquist

5th VP – Campaign Activities – Sharon Edwards

6th VP – Legislative – Trina Dillard

Recording Secretary – Linda VanDeWalle

Corresponding Secretary – Shari Siegwarth

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PAC Treasurer – Robbi Hull

Hospitality – Denis Lackey, Chair, Debbie Holzheaser and Gretchen Munday Co Chairs

Barbara Bush Literacy – Raquel Hernandez

Caring for America – Sharon Dismore, Chair; Janie McClam, Co Chair

Awards – Rossy Fariña-Strauss

Newsletter/Social Media – Tammy Beaver, Chair

Parliamentarian – Trina Dillard

UPCOMING ARW EVENTS

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON | Thursday, Feb 4 | Austin Country Club | additional information to follow.

Save The Following Date!

Feb 18.....Special Luncheon Event with Congressman Lamar Smith | Home of Cindy Wilson.

2016 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Information on the 2016 Elections can also be found at; <http://sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2016-important-election-dates.shtml>

Primaries

- 1-Feb Last day to register to vote
- 16-Feb 1st day early voting
- 26-Feb Last day early voting
- 1-Mar VOTE

Primary Runoff

- 25-Apr Last day to register
- 16-May 1st day early voting
- 20-May Last day early voting
- 24-May VOTE

Election

- 11-Oct Last day to register to vote
- 24-Oct 1st day early voting
- 4-Nov Last day early voting
- 8-Nov VOTE

"Well, one of the worst mistakes anybody can make is to bet against Americans." President Ronald Reagan

January 2016 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Robbi Hull, 1st VP

Happy New Year! This will be a busy and exciting year for ARW members. We know we will be busy working to insure that the Republican Party achieves victory in November. In the meantime, it seems like it is business as usual in the Capitol. We've all heard about President Obama's latest attempt to dictate the law, because he can't get what he wants from Congress. We need to be sure that our representatives hear us loud and clear on how we feel about this and other issues. Below is contact information for Senators Cornyn and Cruz as well as a link for locating your representative in the House.

Also, we are including a link that we hope you will find interesting. It allows you to look at the Top 10 most-viewed bills for the preceding week that are pending before Congress. It's a good way to see what's going on and what interests others. In the event you come across something that you would like us to explore further, let us know, and we'll look into it. For example, several of the most-viewed bills relate to improving national security. See S. 754 (114th Congress), H.R. 158 (114th Congress).

Let's make this a great year for the Republican Party and for ARW!

Robbi Hull, 1st VP

Trina Dillard, 6th VP Legislative

Senator John Cornyn

Central Texas Office: (512) 469-6034

<http://www.cornyn.senate.gov>

Senator Ted Cruz

Central Texas Office: (512) 916-5834

<http://www.cruz.senate.gov>

For a complete list of Congressional Representatives, go to <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/City.aspx?CityName=Austin>

Top ten most-viewed bills list compiled each Monday from the previous week's metrics. <http://www.congress.gov>

"And let me offer lesson number one about America: All great change in America begins at the dinner table." President Ronald Reagan

MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COUNT!

By Sharon Edwards, Chairman, Campaign Activities

The hours you volunteer each month toward getting Republican selected measure the influence of ARW in the election process. These are considered Campaign Activities and are reported to the Texas Federation of Republican Women [TFRW] on a quarterly basis.

So what constitutes campaign activities? They include: fundraisers, leadership events such as Get Out the Vote, workshops, packing for the troops, work on Election Day, NFRW & TFRW meetings, and many other unpaid campaign activities. See your ARW directory for the complete list under "Volunteer Information."

Hours contributed by ARW's members to the Republican Party of Texas and the Travis County Republican Party at the precinct level for Republican office holders and candidates are our greatest contribution and very important. Awards are presented annually by TFRW to local Republican clubs and members spent in political activities.

If YOU volunteer, please make a record of the hours you work or contribute and send them to me monthly. Our deadline for reporting our hours for the quarter ending December 31 is **January 15**. Please send your hours for that quarter to me ASAP.

Fill out the **Monthly ARW Individual Campaign Hours Reporting Form** available at: <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org>.

Download; complete the form and e-mail directly to me at: campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org.

Volunteer hours for December are now due!

2016 MEMBERSHIP

It is now time for the annual ARW Membership renewal!

If you are not yet a 2016 member, please, print the application from our website at: <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org> and mail it in to arrive by Feb 8, 2016.



ARW 2016 DIRECTORY

ADVERTISING and HEADSHOTS DEADLINES

Each year there is an opportunity to further support ARW causes by placing an advertisement in the Member Directory, this year the deadline to receive your advertisement and payment is **MARCH 15**. Various sizes are available starting at a cost of \$5.00 to include your name to the Support Our Troops ad and up to a cost of \$425.00 for a two (2) page color 8x10 centerfold ad.

For additional information and to place your advertisement please contact; **Rossy Fariña-Strauss** at:
<http://presidentaustingrepublicanwomen.org>

Or by calling me at: (512)794-1088

Directory headshots will also be received until **MARCH 15**, members can now send photos for use in the 2016 ARW Member Directory.

Please email your photograph to; **Rossy Fariña-Strauss** at: <http://presidentaustingrepublicanwomen.org>



"A truly successful army is one that, because of its strength and ability and dedication, will not be called upon to fight, for no one will dare to provoke it." President Ronald Reagan