



## President's Message

Dear ARW Members,

Now more than ever we need your help and I urge you to do so by renewing your membership and by volunteering in the many different areas available with ARW, TFRW, TCRP, RPT and for GOP candidates. Be part of the WIN in 2016!

In this month's newsletter, on page 3 we have included several links to information where you could volunteer. There are many opportunities to get involved that will make you proud to be part of the WIN of the White House in 2016.

Please remember how important it is to always report your volunteer hours to us by the end of each month by emailing our Campaign Activities VP, Sharon Edwards at: [campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

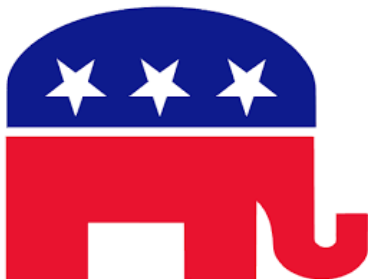
Membership for 2016 is now due and we need you to renew in March. Please see additional information on the ARW Membership at the ARW website: <http://austinrepublicanwomen.org>

Thank you for your involvement and continued support of ARW!

**ONWARD TO VICTORY IN 2016!**

**Rossy Fariña-Strauss, President**

**Austin Republican Women**



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Newsletter comments, questions & suggestions are welcomed,

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

## ARW UPCOMING EVENTS

**April Luncheon** | Thursday, April 7 | Austin Country Club.

**April New Member Social** | Thursday, April 21 | Home of Cindy Wilson.

**April Troop Packing Party** | Saturday April. 30 | Office of Linda and Dr. VanDeWalle.

**May Luncheon** | Thursday, May 5th | Austin Country Club.

**June Social** | TBD

**July Social** | TBD

**August Luncheon** | Austin Country Club.

**September OKTOBERFEST** | Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

**October Luncheon** | Thursday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> | Austin Country Club.

**November Luncheon** | Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> | Austin Country Club.

**December Christmas Party** | Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Formal events announcement and RSVP can be found at: <http://austinrepublicanwomen.org>



ARW February Luncheon

## 2016 ELECTION DATES and INFORMATION

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

### 2016 Election Dates

#### Primary Runoff

25-Apr Last day to register to vote  
16-May 1<sup>st</sup> day early voting  
20-May Last day early voting  
24-May VOTE

#### Election

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

### Information on the Upcoming Conventions and Candidates

The [Travis County Republican](#) website includes information on the convention process and Senate District information.

<https://sites.google.com/site/tcrpcon/system/app/pages/sitemap/hierarchy>

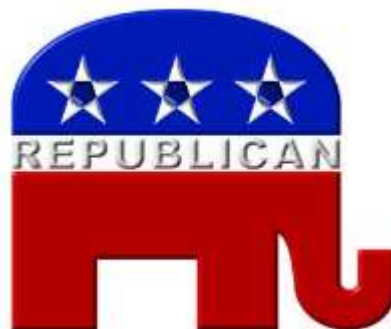
The [Republican Party of Texas](#) website has information on the candidates running for office. <http://www.texasgop.org/elections/>

The [Texas Secretary of State](#) website has everything you want to know from registering to vote to the candidates running for office.

<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/candidate-filing/cf-report.aspx>

The [Travis County Clerk's](#) website has information from what is on the ballot to polling locations.

<http://traviscountyclerk.org/eclerk/Content.do?code=Elections>



## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

**Travis County Republican Party** - Contact Elections Recruiter Michael Morris at 512-302-1776.

The Travis GOP Job Bank: <https://sites.google.com/site/travisgop/job-bank>

**The Texas GOP** also has volunteering information at: <http://www.texasgop.org/take-action/>

The Mighty Texas Strike Force at: <http://www.texasgop.org/strikeforce/>

**TFRW** is looking for volunteers for the **TRIBUTE TO WOMEN LUNCHEON** that will take place on **MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>** in **DALLAS** in at the RPT convention. If you plan to volunteer email Karen Newton at: [vpfinance@tfrw.org](mailto:vpfinance@tfrw.org)

Below are the volunteering areas:

1. Sponsorship/Donor Chair (2-3 people, not required to be at event)
2. Photography Station Assist Photographer with Honorees 11-2 May 13th (2 people required to be at the event)
3. Honoree Attendants: required to be at the event
4. Event Signage: Once we have our table sponsors I need someone to print and put the signs on the tables that morning (1-2 people required at the event)
5. Table Decorations: Minimal decorations using the cake plate (1-2 People required to be at the event)
6. A/V Liaison: Make sure the A/V equipment is set up and working the day of the event. Contact Omni two times ahead of event (1 Person required to be at event)
7. Bio Booklet: Proof read bios and have booklets printed for honorees (2 people not required to be at the event)



SD 14 Represented at the TFRW Leadership Boot Camp

## MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COUNT!

### February Volunteer Hours are Now Due

*By Sharon Edwards, Chairman, Campaign Chair*

#### Recording Your Volunteer Campaign Hours!

Did you know the time **you** volunteer each quarter to help Republicans get elected are reported to the Texas Federation of Republican Women [TFRW] quarterly? That means hours volunteered by ARW members to the Republican Party of Texas and the Travis County Republican Party at state, local and national levels.

**Types of Campaign Activities** include ARW or political fundraisers, Get Out the Vote, work during the elections, time spent at home doing mailings/phoning/clerical, planning and conducting certain political workshops, travel to ARW/TFRW/NFRW meetings, organizational work, volunteering for a Republican candidate, running for office, presenting political speeches at civic clubs, serving as a precinct chair, and work at political conventions. It even includes cooking for political events!

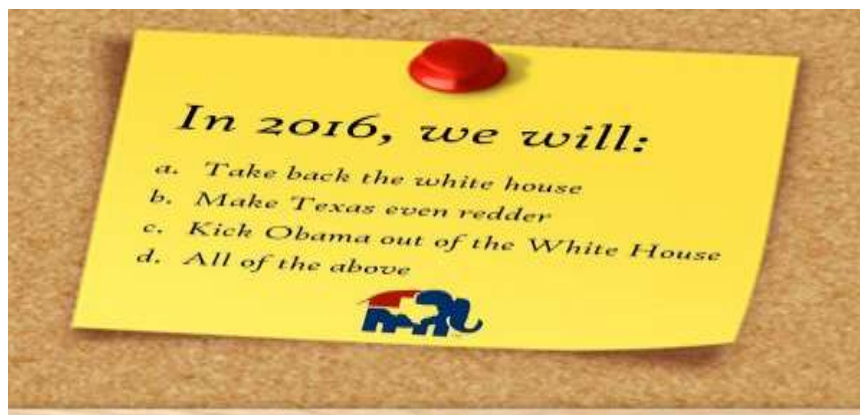
See your ARW Directory for a more complete list under "Volunteer Information". If you are in doubt about an activity or have another question, please contact me via email at: [campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

**Who is eligible to report volunteer hours?** You are if the time volunteered is a campaign activity as defined above. For clarification, male associate members report their hours to their wife's PRIMARY club [this is when she may belong to more than one club and is a candidate or elected official]. She will report her hours to her PRIMARY club also.

This is an exciting year with the flurry of activities surrounding the election of a new president of the United States. There are many opportunities for volunteering in that election as well as many local and state races. I suggest you keep a calendar of your hours volunteered each month along with identification of where/what you did and email them to me per the instructions below.

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](mailto:campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org).





## CARING FOR AMERICA TROOP SUPPORT

*By Sharon Dismore, Chairman, Caring for America Chair*

We are starting to collect items to send our troops at every luncheon and will have the first packing party for 2016 to prepare and send the boxes to our troops in harm's way on **SATURDAY, APRIL 30** at our members Linda and Dr. Mike VanDeWalle's offices.

Needed items include; disposable razors, wet ones (any personal wipes), soap, lotion, anti-itch cream, toothpaste, shampoo, trail mix, beef jerky, ground coffee, pocket snacks, soup mix, microwave popcorn, and books (to name a few things). Please remember that approximately 5% are women, so personal hygiene products are also needed.

When you arrive at the luncheon we will have a container to collect the items and/or monetary donations which we will use to purchase items or assist with postage.

Look for the packing party date to be announced in March. We hope you can join us!

Thank you for your assistance in this worthwhile endeavor.  
Your Caring for America Team.



Caring for America

## 2016 MEMBERSHIP

### 2016 MEMEBERSHIP DRIVE in PROGRESS!

It is now time for the annual ARW Membership renewal!

Please, print the application from our website at: <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org> and mail it in to arrive by March 15, 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 \$15.00 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; **Rosy Fariña-Strauss** at:  
<http://presidentaustingrepublicanwomen.org>

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

Directory headshots will also be accepted until **MARCH 15**, for inclusion in the 2016 ARW Member Directory.  
Please email your photograph to; [president@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:president@austinrepublicanwomen.org)



February Board Meeting

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*BY Robbi Hull, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Trina Dillard, 6<sup>th</sup> VP Legislative*

Super Tuesday has come and gone, and now we head into the runoff! There are still some very important races out there, so please be sure to vote in the **runoff** on **May 24, 2016**. These races will impact the 2017 Texas Legislative Session, so your vote is very important.

Did you know that there currently are about 8500 bills and resolutions before the United States Congress, and that of those, only about 5% will become law.

While not much is being accomplished in Washington these days, legislatively speaking, there are matters of great importance that impact pending and future legislation. Unless you've been hiding from all sources of media, you've heard that Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia passed away, and the President intends to appoint a successor. Justice Scalia was a brilliant, conservative justice. His successor will be involved in the interpretation of legislation and constitutional matters, among other things, for years to come. It is imperative that Republicans win the Presidential election in November, so that a Republican president can appoint a successor to Justice Scalia. Thus far, Senate Republicans have indicated that they have no intention of going forward with hearings on any President Obama nominee.

**LET THE SENATE KNOW THAT YOU STAND WITH THEM** on this decision by contacting our Senators as provided below.

Senator John Cornyn

Senator Ted Cruz

Central Texas Office: (512) 469-6034

Central Texas Office: (512) 916-5834

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

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

US Senate Leadership at;

[http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/senators/a\\_three\\_sections\\_with\\_teasers/leadership.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/senators/a_three_sections_with_teasers/leadership.htm)

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

### **Party of Freedom**

**Though popularized in a Thomas Nast cartoon, the GOP's elephant symbol originated during the 1860 campaign, as a symbol of Republican strength. Republicans envisioned "free soil, free speech, free labor." Under the leadership of President Abraham Lincoln, the GOP became the Party of the Union as well.**

**President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, but it was the entire Republican Party who freed the slaves. The 1864 Republican National Convention called for the abolition of slavery, and Congressional Republicans passed the 13th Amendment unanimously, with only a few Democrat votes.**

**The early women's rights movement was solidly Republican, as it was a continuation of abolitionism. They were careful not to be overly partisan, but as did Susan B. Anthony, most suffragists favored the GOP. The 19th Amendment was written by a Republican senator and garnered greater support from Republicans than from Democrats. From: <https://www.gop.com/history/>**



## 2016 ARW Board

**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** – Sharri Seigwarth

**Treasurer** – Kelly Lux

**Assistant Treasurer**- Gretchen Munday

**PAC Treasurer** – Robbi Hull

**Hospitality** – Denis Lackey, Chair

Debbie Holzheaser, Co Chair

Gretchen Munday, Co Chair

**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** – Tammy Beaver

**Historian**-Irma Gonzalez



**“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”-  
President Ronald Reagan**