



## President's Message

Dear ARW Members,

Next week, the Republican Party of Texas will hold its State Convention in Dallas and attendees and delegates will have an opportunity to participate in one of the most important and decisive Convention of our times. It promises to be a historical and memorable event for all those that will be part of this 2016 presidential election.

My thanks and gratitude goes out to all the delegates, many of which are ARW members, for dedicating their time to this important election.

I believe now is the time for all of us to unite behind and support the Presumptive Presidential Nominee, Mr. Donald J. Trump. Let us all put forth our efforts into the necessary volunteer work and actions needed in helping elect this Republican candidate to the White House.

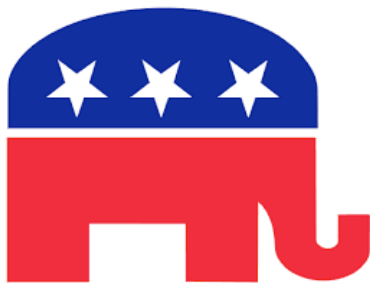
Please join me, and the growing numbers of ARW members, to continue working diligently in making sure we, the Republicans, take our Country back!

Thank you for your involvement in ARW. We look forward to seeing you at the socials this summer.

**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

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Social** | Location TBD

**July 28<sup>th</sup> Social** | Location TBD

**August Luncheon** | Austin Country Club.

**September OKTOBERFEST** | Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> | Home of Cindy Wilson.

**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>



April luncheon with Nick Adams

## 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

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>



ARW Troop Support Warriors Janie & Sharon with ARW members.

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

**Austin Republican Women** - Contact ARW President, Rossy Fariña-Strauss at: [president@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:president@austinrepublicanwomen.org).

**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/>



Justice Puryear at the ARW 2016 New Member Social.

### GOP MOMENTS IN HISTORY

MAY 1919

**"Republican-controlled 66th Congress passes the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote." Information taken from the GOP website.**



ARW Hospitality Ladies Denise & Debbie  
with Rossy, 2016 ARW President.



## MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COUNT!

### April Volunteer Hours are Now Due

*By Sharon Edwards, Chairman, Campaign Chair*

Recording Your Volunteer Campaign Hours!

DID YOU REMEMBER?

It is the first of another month and time to report your volunteer hours for April. That means those hours you spent on a political campaign calling and licking envelopes. Or perhaps you attended a political workshop, traveled to an ARW or TFRW meeting, or helped with *Get Out The Vote*.

Your volunteer hours count with ARW as well as TFRW [Texas Federation of Republican Women] and help us compete for some coveted awards! If you have a question about what constitutes volunteer time, don't hesitate to contact me. Please make a note to send those volunteer hours to me on the first day of each month - mark it on your calendar now.

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).



Candidate Forum with Wayne Christian & Gary Gates for Railroad Commissioner and Dr. Dawn Buckingham & Rep Susan King for SD 24, moderated by RNC National Committeewoman Toni Anne Dashiell.

## CARING FOR AMERICA TROOP SUPPORT

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

This Saturday we held our Troop Packing Party. We are happy to report that we were able to complete twenty one (21) packages with all the requested items for our Marines in harms way.

Thank you to all for your donations and for those ARW members that attend and helped us with this worthy program!

The Caring for America Team.



Fun & more fun at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Troop Packing Party.

## APRIL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING

Many of us, besides volunteering for a political event, also volunteer at schools, hospital, food banks, churches, wounded warrior, veteran and troop support groups or other community events or entities. The hours that are spent doing these activities are important and count towards awards that are given by The Texas Federation of Republican Women.

Please let us know at the end of each month where and how many hours you volunteer for community entities by emailing Sharon Dismore and Jeanie McClam at: [caring@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:caring@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

## 2016 ARW MEMBERSHIP

It is now time for the annual ARW Membership renewal! Now more than ever it is important to come together and continue our commitment to the GOP by becoming members of ARW!

Please print the ARW Membership Application at: <http://austinrepublicanwomen.org/membership/>

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

As we reviewed the news for things of interest to write about this month, we clearly saw that nothing much is going on in the legislative world. The Texas Legislature is not in session, and the federal government, embroiled in election year chaos, appears to be getting very little accomplished. Indeed, among the Top 10 most reviewed pieces of legislation from last week, this resolution shows how very little our elected officials are accomplishing:

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. DENT, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. BUCK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

### RESOLUTION

Recognizing magic as a rare and valuable art form and

National treasure.

Whereas magic is an art form with the unique power and potential to impact the lives of all people;

Whereas magic enables people to experience the impossible;

Whereas magic is used to inspire and bring wonder and happiness to others;

Whereas magic has had a significant impact on other art forms;

Whereas magic, like the great art forms of dance, literature, theater, film, and the visual arts, allows people to experience something that transcends the written word;

(View full text of H. Res. 642 at <http://www.congress.gov/114/bills/hres642/BILLS-114hres642ih.pdf>). Now, we are all for enjoying a good magic show, but we also are sure there are more important matters to be addressed. Take a look for yourself and follow the Top 10 Most-Viewed Bills at <https://www.congress.gov/resources/display/content/Most-Viewed+Bills>. Have a good laugh or a good cry and then contact your Representatives to let them know you're watching. They don't want us to have to wave our magic wands!

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

## 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

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**Corresponding Secretary** – Sharri Seigwarth

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**PAC Treasurer** – Robbi Hull

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**Parliamentarian** – Tammy Beaver

**Historian**-Irma Gonzalez

