



AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Dear ARW Members,

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your president this past year! It has been one of the most rewarding and educational experiences of my life.

The members of this club are truly the nicest, most giving, hardest working ladies in all of Austin. So many of you have helped me and given advice to me this past year and I can't thank you enough. You've also helped our community – from your generous donations to the Bastrop fire victims to your assistance with our multiple veterans and military outreach activities. Austin Republican Women is making a positive difference in Texas!

I'm very excited for the 2012 ARW officers. I'm confident they will continue the mission of this club and further all of our great works and positive image. Courtney Forsell, your new President, is working hard to ensure that next year is a successful one.

As you know, 2012 is going to be a pivotal year and your commitment to this club is needed more than ever. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the included 2012 ARW Membership application and bring it to the next meeting on January 5th.

Again, thank you SO much for everything you've done for me, for this club, and for the Republican cause. You are the best!

Kim
2011 ARW President



Merry Christmas
from ARW!



Join us for our January Luncheon!

With the two disastrous new Obama appointments to the US Supreme Court and the horrendous San Antonio U.S. District Court decision reversing the Texas Legislature's redistricting plans, we have seen the importance of placing the right people in judicial positions.

The Importance of our Judges and Courts **Featuring The 3rd Court of Appeals Candidates**

Thursday, January 5, 2011

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Austin Country Club

4408 Longchamp Drive

(off Westlake Drive at 360)

\$25 (cash preferred)



ARW 2012 Membership forms will be available at the meeting

RSVP by Monday, January 2 at noon to:
meetingsrsvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org

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

- ARW does not endorse any candidate in this primary-

Upcoming Events



January 5 – ARW Luncheon, \$25pp, Austin Country Club, 11:30am check-in, Program from noon – 1:00,
RSVP to MeetingRSVP@AustinRepublicanWomen.org

January 24 – TCRP Ronald Reagan Gala featuring Greg Abbott, \$75pp, www.traviscountygop.org

December Luncheon

The ARW December Luncheon was festive and fun! Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for the children of our National Guard and to the 2011 board members who catered the luncheon. Justice David Puryear, from the Third Court of Appeals, swore in the 2012 board and gave us all a pep talk about the importance of participating in the political process.



Thank You!

ARW's November Tribute to Veterans highlighted not only our amazing veterans, but also the Hope for Heroes program at the Samaritan Center and Honor Flight Austin. Thank you to all our veterans and active duty military personnel, as well as our wonderful members who frequently show their support for our veterans and active duty military!



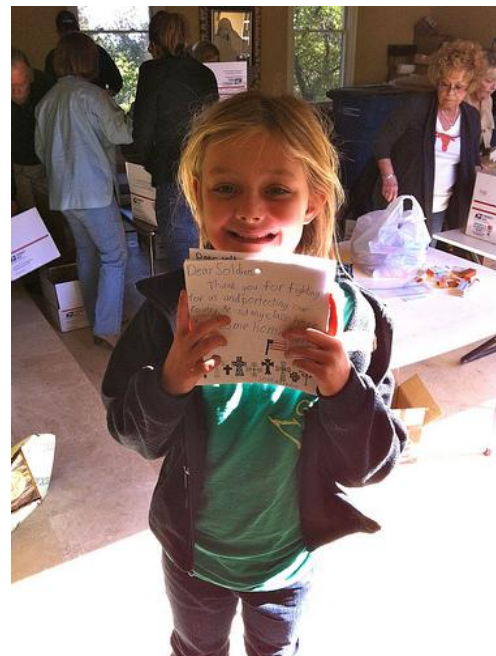
Caring for America Troop Packing Party!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **ARW Troop Packing Party** on November 5th. Below is a picture of ARW volunteers in front of a truck loaded with 90 “care packages” destined for soldiers in Afghanistan. On hearing about another successful ARW troop packing party, our army contact sent a note saying:

“You and your ladies are phenomenal year after year! Please let the ladies know how much this will mean to these 800 men and 20 women...”

More pictures from the party can viewed at [ARW's Flickr page](#). There are also pictures of thank you cards that local school kids made to include in the packages. They're adorable!

ARW appreciates your continued help with our Caring for America and veteran outreach activities. Thank you!



Wounded Warrior Christmas Party

Some of the ARW Community Outreach members had a totally inspirational day on Dec. 9. First, a Christmas Party for the Wounded Warrior Marines and their children who are at BAMC. These young warriors are such an example for everyone. One young Marine who has lost both legs and one arm was showing us how he can do "wheelies" in his new wheelchair. His, along with the others' positive attitudes, are something to encourage us all. Two others had lost both legs, two one leg, others with burns and some with not so obvious an injury but ALL with positive attitudes. No victims there!



Later we visited a 94 yr old WWII Naval Aviator. He had prepared snacks for us and showed us all the furniture and instruments he had made throughout his house. He played several tunes for us. In a photo below, ARW member Genie is holding one of these handmade instruments. Again, we spent time with a very positive person ...a very talented WWII veteran with many medals for his service flying in the Pacific Theatre where he was the only one in his squadron to return on seven occasions.



What an inspiring day!



Legislative Update

(National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA.org))

By now, everyone knows that the Super Committee has failed in their mission to cut the deficit. Whether it was partisan wrangling, political posturing, or old-fashioned kryptonite, [the Super Committee was never able to take off](#).



To put their failure in context, remember that the Super Committee was asked to reduce the deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion *over 10 years*. In other words, the Super Committee couldn't find a way to borrow \$1.2 trillion less than originally planned. Keep in mind that Congress has already borrowed \$15 trillion and is borrowing another \$1.3 trillion this year alone. Furthermore, Congress is planning to borrow trillions more over the next 10 years. Cutting \$1.2 trillion from our projected deficits over the next 10 years is like bailing water out of a boat without plugging the hole in the bottom. Bailing water is a great idea, but it is only the first small step if we want to stay afloat.

The good news is that under the law that created the Super Committee, \$1.2 trillion must still be cut from the deficit. A "budget sequester" will automatically impose across-the-board spending cuts, in spite of no Super Committee action. The bad news is that the budget sequester isn't scheduled to happen until January 2013. That gives Congress plenty of time to tinker with the rules. And out-of-control entitlement spending is largely exempt from the budget sequester, which means that comprehensive entitlement reform is unlikely.

To underscore the seriousness of this problem, and the fact that \$1.2 trillion isn't nearly enough to reduce the deficit, [Fitch Ratings](#) said this week that "failure to reach agreement in 2013 on a credible deficit reduction plan and a worsening of the economic and fiscal outlook would likely result in a downgrade of the U.S. sovereign rating." Whether Congress will work between now and 2013 to significantly reduce the deficit-or whether they'll spend the time trying to get around the budget sequester rules-remains to be seen.

Announcing our 2012 Board...

President - Courtney Forsell



1st VP - Suzanne Bellsnyder



VP of Programs - Diane Fulton



VP of Membership - Kim Chambers



VP of Fundraising - Nikole Clarkson



PAC Treasurer - Stacy Odom



VP - Campaign Activities - Peggy Morse Maxwell **VP - Leg. Affairs** - Pat Huntington **Treasurer** - Michele Carlquist



Asst. Treasurer - Jan Graham



Recording Secretary - Kara Belew



Corresponding Secretary - Mary Joseph



Congratulations as well to ARW's new 2012 - 2013 SD 14 District Director, **Michele Samuelson**, and thank you for the continued service of our Region IX TFRW Deputy President, **Jennifer Lambert**.

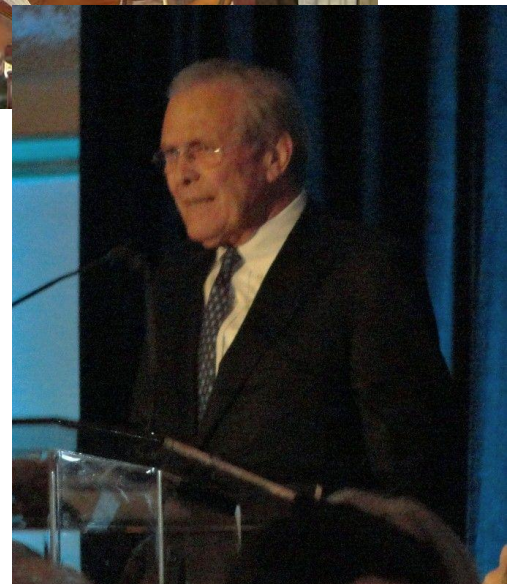
And thank you to the 2011 ARW Board for all your hard work: Kim Chambers, Denise Jenkins, Diane Fulton, Ronda Karam, Carla Robinson, Peggy Maxwell, Suzanne Bellsnyder, Stacy Odom, Michele Carlquist, Gretchen Munday, Kathy Webster, Jeannie Cheung.

All the members of ARW help make this club one of the best Republican Women's club in the state! We especially couldn't do this without the hard work of all our Committee Chairs and members, our Parliamentarian, Juliana Brock, and our outgoing SD 14 District Director, Ellen Harrison.

TFRW Convention

The 28th Biennial Convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women in Fort Worth was a big success! Thank you to all the Convention delegates who attended from ARW: Gretchen Munday, Stacy Odom, Diane Fulton, Juliana Brock, Suzy Morrison, Liz Tait, Rosemary Edwards, Kim Chambers, Pat Huntington, Lela Pittenger and Kara Belew.

TFRW President Rebecca Bradford, along with the TFRW Convention planning committee, put on a fabulous event with great speakers. Highlights were the 2012 - 2013 TFRW officers being elected, Senator John Cornyn honoring TFRW women at the "10 Outstanding" Dinner and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addressing the crowd at the TFRW Gala.



Merry Christmas from the 2012-2013 TFRW Board!



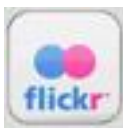
Interested in Being a Precinct Chair?

Precinct Chair applications are available at TCRP Headquarters or online at:
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-2f.pdf>

Photos & Social Media

Did you know that Austin Republican Women has an online photo sharing website featuring pictures from our monthly meetings and events?

Please visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/austinrw/> to view our photos.



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.



We also have a Facebook page where we share announcements and photos. This is also a great way to learn about upcoming political events! Visit http://www.facebook.com/courtney.forsell?ref=tn_tnmn#!/groups/56397513995/ or search: "Austin Republican Women"



2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ NEW: _____ RENEWAL: _____

SPOUSE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

(Required by law for Political Action Committee. If not "employed": Homemaker, retired, private tutor, volunteer)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY & STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Precinct# _____ Subdivision _____
(On Voter Registration Form)

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK: _____ CELL: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____
(Please print e-mail and notify us with changes. This is our preferred means of communications.)

____ Active Member - \$25.00

____ \$5.00 Directory Sponsor (optional and appreciated)

____ Associate Member - \$15.00

____ \$3.00 Mail directory (select this if you want yearbook material)

(Women with active membership in another Federated RW, Spouse, Republican Men)

____ \$6.00 ARW Nametag (____ Magnetic ____ Pin)

____ Donation to ARW

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

COMMITTEES/INTERESTS: Please indicate the area(s) in which you have an interest!

____ Barbara Bush Literacy ____ Campaign Activities ____ Community Outreach/Service
____ Fundraising ____ Caring for America (Support Troops) ____ Legislative
____ Hospitality ____ Membership ____ Publicity/Media
____ I can help where needed

Special talents (graphics design, website, database, editing, writing, etc.) _____

Issues that concern you _____

Speakers you would recommend _____

Are you a registered voter? _____ Are you a Precinct Chairman? _____

ARW Newsletters will be sent by E-mail. If no email or cannot receive via email, check here _____

Please complete this application and return with your check made to "ARW PAC".

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