



## President's Message

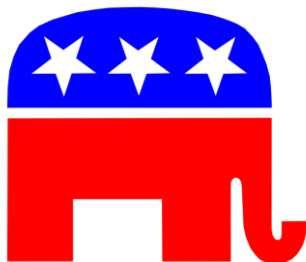
The children are heading back to schools, college campuses are a buzz once again, and the women of Austin Republican Women were honored to hear recaps from the Texas Republican Chairman, Tom Mechler, and top GOG strategist, Ted Delisi at our September luncheon meeting. What a fantastic kickoff to our fall season!

And later this month, we'll have Austin's legendary band, The Swingsters, helping us kick up our heels as we help raise money at our Annual Oktoberfest, this year held on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, at Austin's famous, Saengerrunde Hall by Scholz Garden. More details under ARW Upcoming Events.

Most of all, thanks for getting involved and for sharing your time and your money as we give back to our most important cause for our state....keeping Texas a Republican RED state with fiscally conservative values! I look forward to our members stepping up to the plate!

To a RED Texas!

**Carol Neal, 2015 ARW President**  
Sept. 6, 2015



"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." **Ronald Reagan**

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Newsletter comments, questions & suggestions are welcome.

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Thanks!



**OKTOBERFEST | Thursday, Sept 24 | Saengerrunde Hall | Live and Silent Auctions | Food, Beer, Wine and Music by The Swingsters.**

Register for tickets and Sponsorships at: <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org>.

## UPCOMING ARW EVENTS

**OCTOBER CLUB LUNCHEON | Thursday, Oct 15 | Austin Country Club | Congressman Michael McCaul**

### ARW LUNCHEON AND EVENING EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2015

Save The Following Dates! More Details will be Available Soon.

**November 12** .....Luncheon honoring our Veterans and Military

**December**.....Luncheon and 2016 Board Swearing in Ceremony

## OTHER IMPORTANT 2015 EVENTS

### NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**SEPTEMBER 10-13 | 38th Biennial Convention | Phoenix, AZ**

ARW will be represented by Carol Neal, President and Patty Wimberley, 4<sup>th</sup> VP Membership at the Convention.

### TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**November 5 –7 | TFRW Convention | Lubbock, TX**

**ARW CLUB DELEGATES/ALTERNATES** If you would like to attend and represent our club as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, please let President, Carol Neal know by **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Want more information regarding details of the Convention; please see the convention link from the home page of the TFRW website: [www.tfrw.org](http://www.tfrw.org)

**VENDOR and CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION.** The 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial State Convention of the Texas Federation of Republican Women will be the largest gathering of Republican Women and Republican grass roots leaders this year in our great state. It is a 3-day convention and provides the biggest, most sought after forum in the off-election year for local, state and federal candidates, as well as our current elected officials, to speak directly with the leaders they hope to represent and/or continue to represent. Holding a convention for the largest federated women's group in the United States is quite an undertaking, requiring hundreds of volunteers and substantial funds. TFRW needs help from all clubs, and if you would like to show your support, please ask President Carol Neal, for a sponsorship form. Email: [president@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:president@austinrepublicanwomen.org) or call Carol Neal at: [512.431.5746](tel:512.431.5746).

## 2016 ARW BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS NOMINATIONS

Do you want to step up your involvement in our club? Are you ready to give back to help drive our success as a RED state and nation? For those feeling a desire to get more involved, please reach out to our Nominations Committee – the Chair will be selected by the 5 members of the elected Nominating Committee who were nominated at our September Club luncheon. Contact Carol Neal to get your name to the Nominating Committee for consideration of the positions for the Executive Board, or as a Committee Chair, which is a member of the larger board. The Nominations Committee will announce the nominated board. Contact: [president@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:president@austinrepublicanwomen.org) or call Carol Neal at [512.431.5746](tel:512.431.5746).

Thank you to the following volunteers who have been elected at our September general meeting as members of the Nominations Committee: Robbi Hull, Diane Fulton, Jan Graham, Suzy Morrison, & Rossy Farina-Strauss. Per our club bylaws, these ladies will report in writing at least one (1) nominee for each office at the October general membership meeting.

## MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS COUNT!

*By Sharon Edwards, Chairman, Campaign Activities*  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS TO BE REPORTED ON SEPT 10<sup>th</sup>**

The hours you volunteer each month towards getting Republicans elected 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].

So what constitutes campaign activities? They include: fundraisers, leadership events such as Get Out the Vote, workshops, 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. June, July and August have come to an end so now is a good time to report those volunteer hours! Fill out the **Monthly ARW Individual Campaign Hours Reporting Form** available at: <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org>.

Download; complete the form and e-mail – **by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month** – directly to me at: [campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org). ARW must report volunteer hours to TFRW.

**Volunteer hours for July and August are now due.**

## POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS by AUSTIN REPUBLICAN WOMEN PAC

As part of the Federated Republican Women's clubs, we, as a club must adhere to Political Action Committee (PAC) regulations. Our club is allowed to make political contributions to candidates after the PRIMARY election. We are not able to contribute to federal candidates since we are not a Federal PAC, but a State PAC. We, as a club, align with the TFRW PAC Guidelines, as do all Federated Republican Women's clubs. Please see ARW PAC Treasurer, Maureen Metteauer, or ARW Club President, Carol Neal with any questions.

## THE BARBARA BUSH LITERACY PROGRAM

As part of our club's community involvement through the **Barbara Bush Literacy (BBL) program**, we donate books to a local elementary school library in honor of our speakers who generously share their time with us. The school we share both library books and volunteer time with is **Pecan Springs Elementary School** located at 3100 Rogge Lane, Austin, TX 78723, near 51<sup>st</sup> St. and Hwy. 183, east of I35.

This fall, we will have opportunity for some of our ARW club members to volunteer in the library ~ giving back to literacy in our local community. Would you like to be one of the ARW BBL library volunteers this fall? If so, **contact Raquel Hernandez** [682.472.3828](tel:682.472.3828) **or Carol Neal** [512.431.5746](tel:512.431.5746) and we'll get you involved in this awesome community-building opportunity!

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it.

And if it stops moving, subsidize it." **Ronald Reagan**

## 2015 ARW BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**ARW President** – Carol Neal (512) 431.5746

**Immediate Past President** – Michele Carlquist

**1st Vice President** – Rossy Fariña-Strauss

**2nd VP - Programs** – Diane Fulton

**3rd VP – Fundraising** – Martha Liner, Chair; Gretchen Munday, Co-Chair

**4th VP – Membership** – Patty Wimberley

**5th VP – Campaign Activities** – Sharon Edwards

**6th VP – Legislative** – Robbi Hull

**Recording Secretary** – Linda VanDeWalle

**Corresponding Secretary** – Marijane Smitherman

**Treasurer** – Michele Carlquist

**Assistant Treasurer**– Lisa Elledge

**PAC Treasurer** – Maureen Metteauer

**Hospitality** – Jennifer Zimmerman, Chair

**Barbara Bush Literacy** – Adella Tanner

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

**Awards** – Vickie Bardin

**Newsletter/Social Media** – Rossy Fariña-Strauss, Chair

**Historian** – Rossy Fariña-Strauss

**Parliamentarian** – Anne Barlow