



President's Message

Hello, ARW Members,

Now that the conventions are over, and after watching the DNC convention, I am certain that the Democrats are determined to destroy our GOP by all means necessary. Therefore, it is now more important than ever that we gear up and work harder to make sure that all Republicans running in 2016 are elected.

Yes, dear members, this is a great Nation that will be even greater and stronger than in the past eight years if we all pull together to make it happen.

Now, that we have a candidate in Donald J. Trump, this is the time to get on the Trump Train! Please, do not take anything for granted by reading the polls that show Mr. Trump is ahead or behind. I encourage you to continue to work as hard and stay focused to secure the VICTORY that our country deserves. Wouldn't be great if our hard work and efforts secure a LANDSLIDE VICTORY???

As we continue our work, we must also focus and help in other State and local races in 2016. The races for Governor, Rail Road Commissioner; the various judicial branches in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and District Court of Appeals, and the Texas House of Representatives and Senate are all important. There are also several elections for US Congress in 2016 that affect us in the following Congressional Districts: CD 21, CD 25, CD 35, and CD 50. All these races can use our monetary support and our time by volunteering with block walks, and working at their campaign offices. Let us at ARW make it happen in 2016!

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

ARW UPCOMING EVENTS

August | EVENING SOCIAL | August 16th | Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant | 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy. |

September | OKTOBERFEST | The evening of Thursday, Sept. 22st | Home of Cindy Wilson.

October | Luncheon | Thursday, Oct 6th | Austin Country Club.

November | TRIBUTE TO VETERANS | Luncheon | Thursday, Nov. 3rd | Austin Country Club.

December | CHRISTMAS PARTY | Luncheon | Thursday, Dec 8th

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



July Summer Social



You are cordially invited to the ARW Annual Oktoberfest

Thursday, September 22, 2016
6:30 – 10:00 pm

German Fare & More
Wine, Beer, plus Music & Fun!

Home of Cindy Wilson

[4601 Mirador Dr. Austin, TX 78735](http://4601MiradorDr.com)

Between Lost Creek Blvd. and Southwest Pkwy.

Come, have fun and support ARW's mission.

Your participation and support are needed to make this annual fundraiser a success. Oktoberfest is how ARW generates the funds needed for campaign contributions to our Republican candidates, for the support of our other Republican causes and for ARW's work with the military and their families. Your sharing this invitation with your friends, family and neighbors is greatly appreciated.

If you cannot attend, you can donate a ticket to a young Republican students or military who will appreciate it very much...

**RSVP at: www.austinrepublicanwomen.org
by Tuesday, September 13th
Ticket prices increase after September 13th.**

| Individual Tickets | Through 9-13 | After 9-13 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Member | \$60 | \$70 |
| Non-Member | \$75 | \$85 |
| Member + Significant Other | \$90 | \$100 |
| Non-Member + Significant Other | \$120 | \$130 |
| Sponsorships* | | |
| Lone Star (8 VIP tickets) | \$1,500 | |
| Bluebonnet (6 VIP tickets) | \$1,000 | |
| Longhorn (4 VIP tickets) | \$500 | |
| Mockingbird (2 VIP tickets) | \$250 | |

*Sponsorship includes Prominent Event Signage and Recognition at the Event

Paying by Eventbrite or by check is accepted. If paying by check, make check payable to ARW PAC and postmark by: **Sept 13th**.

Send Checks To: Patty Wimberley, VP Fundraising at: 7625 Evening Sky Cir., Austin TX 78735

Please write your occupation on your check.

Please let us know by September 13th if you will be a sponsor or will make an auction donation by contacting Patty Wimberley, VP Fundraising at: fundraising@austinrepublicanwomen.org

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

Election

11-Oct Last day to register to vote
24-Oct 1st 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

Austin Republican Women - Contact ARW President, Rossy Fariña-Strauss at: 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/>

JULY VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE NOW DUE

By Sharon Edwards, Chairman, Campaign Chair

Recording Your Volunteer Campaign Hours!

LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS COUNT!

I am willing to bet you have written some letters or emails and made phone calls that count as campaign volunteer activities this past month. This includes emails and calls to elected officials at the state, local, and federal level. Have you attended any political meetings or helped with a campaign?

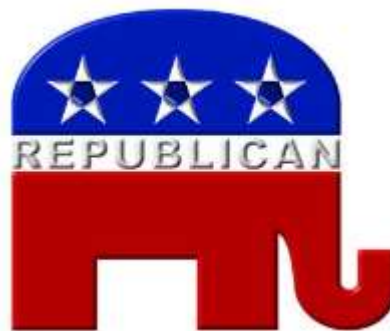
Perhaps you helped plan an ARW event? Did you help register voters? All of these activities count!

PLEASE SEND THOSE HOURS TO ME TODAY WHILE YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT IT. Look at the designated form below so you know how to designate those hours or fill out the form and send it to campaigns@austinrepublicanwomen.org.

If you have a question about what constitutes volunteer time, don't hesitate to contact me. Fill out the Monthly ARW Individual Campaign Hours Reporting Form available at: <http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org>.

Sharon Edwards, Chair of Campaign Activities

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CARING FOR AMERICA TROOP SUPPORT

By Sharon Dismore, Chairman, Caring for America Chair

We will begin collecting items and monetary donations at the September luncheon for our Fall troop packing party to be held in late October. Our national contact, Lois, has informed us that 500 Santa Sox are being sewn by a group of volunteers. The following list of suggested items to fill the stockings has been provided to us: **Think individual size items to fit in stockings**, 16 ounce bullet stainless steel (aluminum) thermoses (for the guards to have hot coffee in the snow), neck fleece for guards, stocking hat, chocolate candy bars, Christmas candies, chocolate coated snack granola bars, Gatorade Chews, individual size packets of Oreos and other cookies, K-cups coffee, gum, small bags of jerky, dried fruit pocket sized packets of nuts, Swiss Miss hot chocolate mix, Cracker Jacks, microwave popcorn, chips/pretzels in personal packages, small bouncy "super balls" or other little trinket toys, nail and toe nail clippers, emery boards, razors blades and shaving gel, body wash, Chap Stick

Note: Troops have received many boxes of Christmas cards to send and travel size toiletries from hotel stays, so those are not needed at this time.

As always, all monetary donations are welcome and appreciated to help with the purchase of additional items and the cost of postage.

Thank you to all for your donations and support!

The Caring for America Team

JULY 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

2016 ARW MEMBERSHIP

We are continuing to accept membership applications for 2016. Help ARW become bigger and better by asking your friends or family to join the largest and first federated Club in Travis and Williamson County.

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY Robbi Hull, 1st VP and Trina Dillard, 6th VP Legislative

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We hope that everyone is enjoying this long, hot summer, but it's time for us to really get down to work. The election is less than 100 days away, and the DNC Convention, not surprisingly, completely ignored the major issues facing this country. We ALL need to put our effort behind seeing the fall election brings Republican majorities at both the state and federal level, especially the White House.

While we are disappointed in the FBI's failure to hold Hillary Clinton responsible for her actions in connection with her email server, none of us are surprised that once again she will be permitted to operate outside the purview of the law. With this in mind, last month Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX) introduced the *Taking Responsibility Using Secured Technologies (TRUST) Act of 2016* in the House (H.R. 5697). The House legislation mirrors the legislation introduced in the Senate by Senator Cornyn (R-TX) and Senator Gardner (R-CO) (S. 3135). These bills would revoke Clinton's security clearance as well as the security clearances of her State Department colleagues who exhibited "extreme carelessness" in their handling of classified information. A copy of the text of these bills can be found at the links below. You may also copy the link(s) and paste them into your browser to reach the relevant text. Also, find your representative at the link below and contact them about this and any other pending legislation that interests you. Let's get moving and prove once again that Republican women make the difference!

<http://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5697>

<http://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3135/text>

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/City.aspx?CityName=Austin>

Party of Vision

Theodore Roosevelt embodies our Party's traditional concern for the environment, but the Republican commitment to the environment actually goes back much further than that. For example, the world's first national park, Yellowstone, was established during the Ulysses Grant administration.

President Eisenhower advocated groundbreaking civil rights legislation and vigorously enforced the *Brown v Board of Education* decision, sending the 101st Airborne to Little Rock when chaos erupted following integration at Central High.

Ronald Reagan explained the difference between Democrats and Republicans in a way that cannot be improved upon: "Two visions of the future, two fundamentally different ways of governing – their government of pessimism, fear, and limits, or ours of hope, confidence, and growth. Their government sees people only as members of groups. Ours serves all the people of America as individuals.

President George H.W. Bush championed community and volunteer organizations and the tremendous power they have for doing good. He famously described them as "a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky."

In the first decade of the 21st century, President George W. Bush made an unprecedented commitment to helping those in need beyond our shores through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), an aid program for countries devastated by HIV/AIDS. Since its inception, PEPFAR has saved over a million lives and currently provides over 5 million people with life-saving treatments.

Taken from: www.gop.com/history/

2016 ARW Board

ARW President – Rossy Fariña-Strauss

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