



## President's Message

Hello, ARW Members,

It is almost here! 59 days to go until we elected Donald J. Trump as the President of this great United States!

Are you as excited as I am? Winning is not easy and it takes hard and persistent work; however, I am sure we will prevail if we continue on our course.

For now, let us talk about having FUN too. The 2016 ARW Oktoberfest will be held on September 22 and it will be a FUN event and a great time to listen to Professor Jeffrey Addicott, our great speaker this year, have some good German food, from wiener schnitzel to apple streusel and other delicious bites, and some refreshing libations like German style beer and wine. This year, as in the past, we will also have an auction packed with art pieces, ladies' jewelry, condo stays at beautiful destinations, and an airplane ride over Austin to name a few.

As you know your participation in the ARW Oktoberfest yearly fundraiser helps us generate funds to continue our work in the Literacy program, the Caring for America/Troop Support program, and support of our Republican Candidates with campaign donations. So, please, come have a FUN time while supporting the work we do at ARW.

We look forward to seeing all ARW members and friends at the 2016 Oktoberfest!

**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)



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](http://www.austinrepublicanwomen.org)  
by Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ticket prices increase after September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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
<b>Sponsorships*</b>		
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 13<sup>th</sup>**.

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 13<sup>th</sup> if you will be a sponsor or will make an auction donation by contacting Patty Wimberley, VP Fundraising at: [fundraising@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:fundraising@austinrepublicanwomen.org).**

## 2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2017 Nominating Committee was presented at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> ARW Luncheon and includes:

Robbi Hull, Diane Fulton, Michele Carlquist, Genie Sorensen, and Kathy Webster.

ARW members can be a nominee for the ARW Executive Board, volunteer in a Standing Committee. If you are interested in serving in a Board position or Standing Committee, please contact Robbi Hull at; [1stvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:1stvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

Many thanks to our ARW members for giving their time on the selection of the 2017 ARW Board!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**December | CHRISTMAS PARTY | Luncheon | Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

Formal events announcement and RSVP can be found at: <http://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	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

**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/>

## August 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](mailto: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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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*

**Thank you to all that contributed to the troop support during our luncheon on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>!** It is much appreciated; however, we still **need many more donations** so we will continue collecting items and monetary donations 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

## AUGUST 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

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

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Despite the ongoing heat, it is officially Fall and that means the November election is within sight. Fall also means that the kiddos are back in school. While most of our attention is focused on the November election, we note that the Campus Carry Law, legislation much maligned by liberals, went into effect in Texas on August 1, 2016. One of the most positive effects of the legislation thus far may be the effect it has had on prospective professors and speakers at the University of Texas at Austin. According to a report in the American Statesman, the Campus Carry Law, which enables Texans with state permits to carry concealed guns into classrooms, has already caused prospective faculty, students and even speakers not to come to the Austin campus. Unsurprisingly, the Austin campus has an amazing surplus of those who are unwilling to allow people to exercise their Constitutional rights. Indeed, three UT professors brought suit to try to ban guns in their classrooms after the law took effect. The professors argued that emotionally laden subjects such as reproductive rights are discussed in class, and they would be forced to alter their classroom presentations because of potential gun violence. Federal Judge Lee Yeakel dismissed their motion! You can't make this stuff up!

To sum up, it's important to have a strong voter turnout so that Republicans maintain their control of the Texas Legislature as well as Congress. We ALL need to put a strong effort behind seeing the fall election brings Republican majorities at both the state and federal level, especially the White House. **November 8th is just around the corner. It's time to pull out your comfortable walking shoes or pick up that telephone. We want to get moving and prove once again that Republican women make the difference!**

### Party of Strength

**President Reagan and President George H.W. Bush led western democracies to victory over Soviet tyranny in the Cold War. The George W. Bush administration maintained the military second-to-none and projected that power in the fight against international terrorism.**

**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."**

Taken from: [www.gop.com/history/](http://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

**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

**Outreach**-Jaime Anderson

