



President's Message

Dear, ARW Members:

Thank you dear members for your participation in Oktoberfest!

From all accounts Oktoberfest was a successful and fun event for all, thanks to our ARW Board and member volunteers that helped at the event. It could not have been done without them!

Thanks must also go to our Sponsor and Auction Donors for their continued support of ARW. Your commitment to our Club and the Republican cause is very much appreciated.

We must now turn our attention to the election work that we have started and continue to work until we elect Donald Trump as President of our great nation. The Trump Campaign and the GOP can use all hands on deck!

Please join me by volunteering from your home with your family and friends in helping the Trump Campaign by joining the Trump Talk at; talk.donaldjtrump.com. If you decide to participate, please, **let me know how many calls you make because this will count towards a special award from TFRW.**

You can also help the Trump Campaign in various other ways: by joining the campaign Facebook page at: facebook.com/TexasForTrump to have up to the minute information on the campaign and sharing the postings to your Facebook page. Also, if you have a Twitter account you can join the Trump Twitter page at; twitter.com/TexasForTrump if you really want to know what is going on by the second and re-tweet to the people that follow you.

Please get involved and do all you can during this last month of the campaign in helping us win the White House!

ONWARD TO VICTORY IN 2016!

Rossy Fariña-Strauss, President



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Newsletter comments, questions & suggestions are welcomed,

newsletter@austinrepublicanwomen.org

2017 BOARD NOMINATIONS

The 2017 Nominating Committee nominations were given at the October 6th ARW Luncheon and includes:

President-Robbi Hull
Immediate Past President- Rossy Fariña-Strauss
1st VP- Sharri Siegwarth
2nd VP-Programs-Diane Fulton
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Corresponding Secretary – Denise Lackey
Treasurer – Connie Rorie
Assistant Treasurer- Anne Bierschbach
PAC Treasurer – Robbi Hull

If you are interested in serving in a Standing Committee, please contact Robbi Hull at; 1stvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

November | TRIBUTE TO VETERANS | Luncheon | Thursday, Nov. 3rd | [4408 Long Champ Drive Austin, Texas 78746](#). Please invite your veteran family members and friends to be honored at this luncheon and they will eat for free courtesy of the Austin Republican Women Club.

November | Troop Packing Party | Saturday, Nov 5th | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm | [1360 Patterson Rd. Austin, TX 78733](#)

December | CHRISTMAS PARTY & 2017 BOARD INSTALLATION | Luncheon | Thursday, Dec 1st | [4601 Mirador Dr., Austin, TX 78735](#) Formal events announcement and RSVP can be found at: <http://austinrepublicanwomen.org>



October Luncheon with Congressman McCaul and Honoring Gretchen Munday

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

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>



Oktoberfest with Professor Jeffrey Addicott

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: <http://www.texasgop.org/take-action/> and <https://www.texasgop.org/victory/>

The Mighty Texas Strike Force: <http://www.texasgop.org/strikeforce/>

SEPTEMBER 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, and all other work described below.

Work at home, mailings, phoning, posters, clerical, cooking for an ARW event, etc.

Work at or for a special event (but not as a guest)

Attendance at (travel to) Federation Board Meetings/Conventions, as well as committee work in preparation

Political work while at ARW/Federation meetings

Travel time between events, except stopping

Volunteering at any county, state or Federation HQ

Volunteering for a Republican candidate for a non-partisan office as school board or City Council

Presenting political programs or speeches at local civic clubs Running for office – all time spent campaigning

Campaign sign preparation, distribution and removal

Volunteering for a Republican candidate in any capacity

Voter Registrar

GOTV (“Get Out The Vote”) participant

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>.

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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 2nd! It is much appreciated! We will continue collecting items and monetary donations for Texas troops from Fort Hood. Our fall troop packing party will be held on November. 5th from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

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

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER HOURS

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

Ladies! By the time of the next Legislative Update, the 2016 Election will be upon us. Let's all do our part by making sure that we help get people to the polls on Election Day. There are many volunteer opportunities out there, so please get involved so that Austin Republican Women can help make a difference.

This month we focus on legislation introduced by our own Congressman Michael McCaul. Rep. McCaul co-sponsored H.R. 5418, the Protecting Internet Freedom Act. This bill would prevent the Obama Administration from handing control of the Internet to a global organization without prior Congressional approval. The bill also would ensure that the U.S. maintains control of the "gov" Internet domain, which is vital to national security. Rep. McCaul also sponsored H.R. 5859, the Community Counterterrorism Preparedness Act, which has passed out of the House to the Senate. This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to carry out a grant program for emergency response providers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the most likely terrorist attack scenarios, including active shooters against major metropolitan areas. Use the link below to find your representative and contact him or her to let them know how you feel about this important pending legislation. The text of both bills also may be found at the links below. You may need to copy the link to your own browser to open the document.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR VICTORY IN NOVEMBER AND BEYOND. REPUBLICAN WOMEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5418>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5859>

Party of the Future

"Drawing inspiration from our Party's history, today's Republicans believe individuals, not government, make the best decisions; all people are entitled to equal rights; and decisions are best made close to home.

At the state level, the nation's thirty Republican governors are making government more effective and efficient, spurring economic growth and striving to put more power in the hands of the people.

Nationally, Republicans recognize that the slow, bloated, top-down Washington bureaucracy is out-of-date in the 21st century. Our Party works to give Americans more choices—in healthcare, in education, in energy, and in the economy—and to free individuals and families from the intrusive overreach of federal bureaucrats.

The Party's core principles of freedom and equal opportunity are as relevant today as at our founding, and they are the roadmap for American renewal in a new and interconnected world."

Taken from: www.gop.com/history/

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Hospitality – Denis Lackey, Chair

Debbie Holzheaser, Co Chair

Gretchen Munday, Co Chair

Barbara Bush Literacy – Kelly Lux

Caring for America – Sharon Dismore, Chair

Janie McClam, Co Chair

Awards – Rossy Fariña-Strauss

Newsletter/Social Media – Tammy Beaver, Chair

Parliamentarian – Tammy Beaver

Historian-Rossy Fariña-Strauss

Outreach-Jaime Anderson

