



## President's Message

Dear, ARW Members:

We, the GOP are VICTORIOUS! What a great feeling it is to see our Country ready to Make America Great Again!

Now is the time to enjoy and to celebrate our great and hard earned VICTORY; however, as you are aware the battle continues here in Texas with gubernatorial elections just around the corner in 2018.

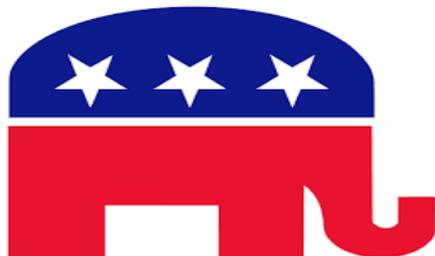
My heart-felt thanks go out to all our members that volunteer at every level this year, your work has been noted and it is very much appreciated. Your efforts have been rewarded!

Let us now look forward to our next time together during the ARW Christmas Party and 2017 Board Installation on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be a great time to continue to celebrate and have an opportunity to thank the ladies of the 2016 board, many of which are also coming back to serve on the 2017 board. What a GREAT group of Republican ARW Troopers!

May you all have a blessed and very happy Thanksgiving time with your families and friends celebrating our successes this year and in thanksgiving to our Lord for all his love for us.

**In Victory yours truly,**

**Rossy Fariña-Strauss, President**  
**Austin Republican Women**



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Newsletter comments, questions & suggestions are welcomed,

[newsletter@austinrepublicanwomen.org](mailto:newsletter@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

## 2017 ELECTED BOARD

President-Robbi Hull  
Immediate Past President- Rossy Fariña-Strauss  
1<sup>st</sup> VP- Sharri Siegwarth  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Programs-Diane Fulton  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP Fundraising-Trina Dillard  
4<sup>th</sup> VP-Membership- Michele Carlquist  
5<sup>th</sup> VP – Campaign Activities – Patty Wimberley  
6<sup>th</sup> VP – Legislative – Sharon Edwards  
Recording Secretary – Linda VanDeWalle  
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](mailto:1stvp@austinrepublicanwomen.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



November Tribute to Veterans Luncheon

## NOVEMBER 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

Working at the Polls

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>.

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## 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](mailto:caring@austinrepublicanwomen.org)**

## CARING FOR AMERICA TROOP SUPPORT PACKING PARTY

*By Sharon Dismore, Chairman, Caring for America Chair*

**Thank you to all that contributed to the troop support and attended the very fun Packing Party.** It is much appreciated! We were able to pack over 30 boxes for our troops Christmas celebration overseas thanks to your donations and help. Those Santa Sox are going to be filled to the rim thanks to our wonderful ARW members!

Thank you to all for your donations and support!

The Caring for America Team



**"They said we could never do it.**

**But last night you showed the world that America will once again be a country of, for, and by the PEOPLE.**

**You fought like a winner, you defied all odds, and history will forever remember the role you played in taking our country back.**

**I never could've done it without you. Your contributions, your sacrifices, and your unyielding commitment to our movement made last night possible!**

**Last night we learned that America is still a beacon of hope where the impossible is possible.**

**For far too long, we've heard Washington politicians give the excuse that "it can't be done." They say we can't balance the budget, we can't stop corruption, we can't control the border, we can't bring jobs back to our country.**

**I REFUSE to accept that it can't be done. This is the country that declared its independence, won two world wars, and landed a man on the moon. This is America. We can and we WILL get it done. Now it's time to start uniting our country and binding the wounds of our divided nation. I promise to be a president for ALL Americans. I will work for you. I will fight for you. And I will win for you. You will soon remember what it's like to win as an American.**

**Thank you and God bless you,**

**Donald J. Trump"**

Taken from: <https://gop.com/we-did-it/>

## 2017 ARW MEMBERSHIP

The 2017 Membership is now due! The Application forms are available at our website for you to fill out and mail to us. Help ARW grow in 2017 by renewing now!

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*

Wow! If this election were a Hollywood script playing out on the screen, no one would believe it. The past couple of weeks of this election cycle have been crazy. With all the recent revelations about Clinton's email scandal, and with legislators making their final bid for constituents' votes, it's no wonder that nothing much is getting done in Washington. We look forward to the beginning of the 2017 Texas Legislative session in January, so we have something to report!

With that said, here's a piece of legislation, proposed by local Congressman Bill Flores, that affects all of us at the gas pump and beyond. It's no secret that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has abused its power through overreaching federal regulations over the past eight years. One of the EPA's more harmful regulations is known as the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The RFS forces more ethanol into the market than it can handle thereby increasing food and fuel costs on us all. These increased ethanol levels also damage small engines as well as recreational vehicle and older vehicle engines. Indeed, studies suggest that the RFS may actually cause higher emissions that negatively impact the environment more than conventional fuels. So, Congressman Flores introduced the *Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act* to limit the negative impacts of the RFS on hardworking American families. The bill limits the RFS mandate by capping the maximum volume of ethanol blended into the transportation fuel supply to a level that our nation's cars, trucks, boats, and other small engines can safely accommodate. The bill remains pending in the House Energy and Power Subcommittee. Make sure that this common sense, money-saving legislation passes by contacting your representatives (use the link below) and letting them know that you are watching. The text of the bill also may be found at the link below. You may need to copy the link to your own browser to open the document.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING REPUBLICAN VICTORIES 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/5180/text>

## 2016 ARW Board

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**Immediate Past President** – Carol Neal

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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

