

# Arlington Republican Club Newsletter

January 2012

Serving the Conservative Citizens of the Greater Arlington Area Since 1975

January 26th at 7:00 p.m.

This will be our first meeting and Candidate Forum of 2012! Please make sure that your membership dues for 2012 have been paid! (link below)

**Location:** Rolling Hills Country Club 401 East Lamar Blvd. (N.E. corner of Lamar at Cooper), Arlington.

(click below for map)  
[Map to Rolling Hills](#)

Children and respectful visitors are welcome.



**Meeting:**

**Thursday, January 26**

**5:45pm:** doors open

**6:00pm:** optional dinner at \$15.00/each

**7:00pm:** program begins

**\*9-9:15** programs concludes

**10:00pm:** Doors Close

(\*programs normally conclude 8:15-30pm except forums)

As always, an **Optional Buffet Dinner** will be provided starting at 6:00p.m. at a cost of **\$15 per person** (all inclusive; water, tea, coffee, gratuity). A cash bar is available. The menu has not been received.

RSVPs are 'requested' & by **Tuesday, January 24th**. Please call ARC Voice Mail Center **(817) 740-5700** or by sending an [email](#) to the club address with the number of people eating!

Come join us, the food is good, especially in the company of like minded good Conservatives.

## Membership

The below link takes you directly to the 2012 Membership Application. Please click the below to download the application and return with your membership dues.  
[ARC 2012 Membership Application](#)

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

- February 18:** Political Technology Training School (5-hour course)  
**February 23:** Remaining races from January or regular speaker format  
**March 22:** Candidate Forum for Arlington City Council & AISD  
**April 26:** Pending Activist Court decision, we may conduct 1-2 more forums with new district lines and new(?) candidates

## Quote of the Month

*"A leader, once convinced a particular course of action is the right one, must have the determination to stick with it and be undaunted when the going gets rough."*

~Ronald Reagan

## **Invited Candidates for 1-26-2012 Forum:** **County & State Races**

### **Constable Pct. #2...**

McGinty, Robert J. (i-pct. #2)  
Woodruff, David

### **District Judge District Court #153...** (open seat)

Carey, Kevin  
McCoy, Susan

### **State Rep District #92...**

Smith, Todd (i-dist #92)  
Strickland, Jonathan

### **State Rep District #96...**

Leyman, Mike  
Zedler, Bill (i-dist #96)

### **State Rep District #91...**

Carlson, Pat  
Nash, Barbara (i-dist #93)  
Sapp, Ken  
Scoma, Charles  
Thombs, Lady Teresa

### **Forum Format: Invited Candidates for 1-26-2012 Forum for**

**County & State Races: (no surrogate speakers)**(candidates seated in alphabetical order)(forum is 'timed' to begin at, or near, 7:30pm & conclude between 9-9:15pm if possible) (we may stay until 10:pm when building closes)(grill closes at 8:pm & cash bar at 9:45pm last call)(& R-Hills has a nice golf course [www.Rolling-Hills.net](http://www.Rolling-Hills.net) )

### **Format Information:**

**(a) 3-minute opening statement each...**

**(b) 3-5 questions each at 1-min response...** (quantity of questions to change pending time elements)

**(c) All questions from floor director to moderator and to be answered by each candidate's panel with 1-min to respond and no questions asked of individual candidates (candidates may not 'debate' each other, all comments given directly to audience)**

(candidates invited to forum, but without an opponent present, may participate in another panel, pending time elements & size of panel, or, may give 2-3/min remarks, pending time elements)

**(d) Format may alter due to time elements and/or number of candidates attending...** (errors & omissions to be corrected on night of forum)

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**Final Notes:**

**-1)** At this writing, the story line has changed many times as to when Texas

might be able to hold a state wide primary. Our 2 state parties are in limbo until that primary takes place. We must have a precinct convention that same night and name our delegates to the Senatorial Conventions where we name our delegates to the State Convention.

Added to this non-sense; are possible runoff election dates and if that is not enough, we still have to mix in there somewhere the current May election for City Council & School Board of Trustees & that possible run off schedule.

It is a mess and there is still more; both parties have scheduled their state conventions and made deposits. Bridge Over Troubled Waters if those have to be re-scheduled. It is assumed all deposits will be lost and what hotel is going to have that much room available without 2-4/years notice.

-2) And effective Friday, 1/20/2012, the U.S. Supreme Court sent this case back to the 3-Judge panel in San Antonio with orders to draw new lines. We can see new races with new people. Are we having fun yet? Don't you just love activist Judges? We can also experience having a Presidential primary now, to begin the convention process, and then everything else wayyy later in the year, as both parties apparently intend to go back to court if they do not get what they want. Oh, this is so much fun... and expensive!

## **Political Technology Training School**

By Dale R. Attebery, Sr. Advisor

The below information gives details to the upcoming school. Ladies and Gentlemen, we absolutely must do a better job playing politics inside the world of 'Social-Media' and this school teaches how.

Please read the below and signup to learn with the rest of us. The fee is \$35.00 and that includes lunch. To keep this charge down, we are asking for a select few **\$200.00 underwriters/sponsors** to step forward and volunteer to help defray those costs. If you can, please let me know.

**Who:** Paid dues members from all 17 Republican Clubs inside Tarrant County plus Tarrant County Republican Assembly

**What:** 5-hour Political Technology Training School

**When:** February 18th...Saturday

**Where:** Admiral Hotel (formally Holiday Inn) 1507 N. Watson Rd.  
(Hwy. 360 at Brown Blvd. S.W. Corner) Arlington, 817-640-7712

**Why:** See Below...

**Time:** 9:30am arrive & register  
10:am class begins

12:noon 30-min. break for lunch (provided)  
3:30pm conclusion

**Cost:** \$35.00/each & must RSVP & mail check in advance to:

**ARC**

**P.O. Box 14095**

**Arlington, TX. 76094-1095**

**(& mark check ARC School)**

**RSVP TO:** [ARCschool@att.net](mailto:ARCschool@att.net) (& for questions)

### **And the Why...**

To win in November, of course... (& maybe pick solid Conservatives in the primaries as well, which will take place in March or April or May or June or maybe next Sept)

This is a specifically designed training session on how to use the following 'Social-Media' in the world of Conservative Politics:

Facebook Flickr Twitter YouTube Linked-in Google+ Google Bookmarks and the list continues...

We will also discuss how to set up a BLOG, then how to use it in a proper political manner and the same for WebSites and if we have time, maybe message boards.

(should be fun and informative)

### **Legislative Alert** by O.K. Carter

**Sloppy, sloppy, sloppy.** It's difficult to see it any other way in Iowa where first Mitt Romney had originally been declared the winner of the caucus by a narrow eight-vote margin, but on January 18, eight voting precincts realized their results had not been reported.

With the new votes counted, Santorum led by 34 votes, causing the Iowa Republicans to first attempt to call it a "statistical tie" before eventually dealing a blow to Romney on the virtual eve of the South Carolina primary. What happened was clearly not fair to Santorum at the end of the caucus, nor fair to Romney as he struggled in South Carolina. There are a couple of additional messages to be drawn as well. **The first is that every vote really does matter!** See Iowa. The second is that sloppy management and bookkeeping of caucuses and primaries is simply not acceptable. Eight precincts not counted? How does that happen?

**To virtually nobody's surprise,** the Supreme Court took little time in bouncing Texas redistricting maps back to a San Antonio federal court, basically telling the lower court that the districts had to more closely reflect the Legislature's intentions. So what now? Since there's little likelihood of a special session by lawmakers to redraw maps, the three-panel court will have to confer and draw, confer and draw. Meanwhile, scores of Republicans and Democrats are waiting. And waiting even more because they don't know the geographic configuration or the demographics of their districts. Nobody

knows when primary elections will be held. And there's also this: **More litigation can be anticipated.** In short, it's a mess, all because the courts seem to keep forgetting about a critical concept of democracy: Separation of powers.

**Sorry for mentioning** Bill Clinton in this sacred GOP space, but we're reminded that his campaign motto was "It's the economy, stupid." Republican presidential aspirants might do well to remember that instead of indulging in what Republican strategist Terry Hinstead refers to as a "blizzard of buzz words" in primary and caucus battles as candidates try to find something, anything, that will catch voter fancy. "Vulture capitalism" was in, then out. Insurance companies were fired, then feted.

Speaking French gets a sneer. It remains popular to beat up the press. Food stamps, felons, entitlements, European debt, grandiosity, right-to-life and the moral right all got their turn. It remains to be seen which buzz phrases will, as the saying goes, "grow legs," which translates to primary victories. But in the end the suspicion is that it'll be another version of "It's the economy, stupid."

## **President's Remarks**

By Anne Coker

### **What is in Store for The Arlington Republican Club in 2012**

On behalf of myself and the other officers of the Arlington Republican Club, we look forward to serving you in the coming year. We have assembled an outstanding board of officers to serve the club and its membership in order to promote Republican and conservative principles.

Our plans for the year are to conduct several candidate forums in the months of January, March and April so you will be able to meet and ask questions of your of candidates for both local and state offices. I feel the Arlington Republican Club conducts some of the most informative and organized candidate forums in the area. At most of our forums we usually have over 100 attendees and they are usually covered by the local media. Some of the offices we will be featuring in our candidate forums are: Texas State Senate, Texas State Representative, countywide offices such as judges and local races for Arlington School Board and City Council.

In addition, to our forums, Joe Barnett, our Vice President or Programs, will be putting together informative and interesting programs to speak on a wide range of subjects. For instance, one of the speakers we will be having at our club is the new Tarrant County GOP Chairwoman, Jennifer Hall. Since this is a very important election year, we will put an emphasis on speakers who are involved in elections.

On February 18th, Dale Attebery, our Senior Advisor, will be hosting a Political Technology Training School. It is a 5-hour course for \$35.00 & includes lunch.

There are will be committees formed throughout the year to assist in several areas. For instance, we will be asking our members to help out with our annual golf tournament in September and to allocate PAC money to specific candidates for office. There will also be committees formed for fundraising and our Christmas Party in December. Your help is much appreciated in this area.

As 2012 is a very important election year, the Arlington Republican Club meetings and events will be designed to keep you informed and enable you to show your support for our Republican candidates in November. As President, I appreciate any input you might have on how our club can improve and how we can serve the Arlington community more effectively. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

### **January Birthdays:**

|                |  |                |                                     |
|----------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Jan. 1</b>  | Donnie Johnston  | <b>Jan. 20</b> | Judge Terry<br>Lewis                |
| <b>Jan. 2</b>  | Joe Barnett  | <b>Jan. 21</b> | Carol Hensley<br>Cynthia<br>Mendoza |
| <b>Jan. 11</b> | Bill deDecker  | <b>Jan. 23</b> | Peter Morris                        |
| <b>Jan. 13</b> | Matt Foster<br>Tom Price   | <b>Jan. 26</b> | Danielle Reilly                     |
| <b>Jan. 15</b> | Earl Patrick   | <b>Jan. 27</b> | Gary Edwards<br>Jeanette Speed      |
| <b>Jan. 16</b> | William Brown  | <b>Jan. 29</b> | Jeannie Kenyon                      |
| <b>Jan. 17</b> | Dick Malec   | <b>Jan. 30</b> | Yvonne Isaacs                       |
| <b>Jan. 18</b> | Charles McKinley   | <b>Jan. 31</b> | Mary LaPort                         |
| <b>Jan. 19</b> | Rick Centner<br>Rep. Diane Patrick<br>Charla Hawkes Price<br>Vinyard |                |                                     |

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