



Arlington Republican Club

Newsletter
September 2010

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## Next Meeting---

### Meet your Arlington Republican Candidates!

**Location:** Rolling Hill Country Club located at 401 East Lamar Blvd (N.E. corner of Lamar & N. Cooper), Arlington, Texas 76011.

(click below for a map of the location)

[Map to Rolling Hills Country Club](#)

Time, Date and Details: **Thursday, September 23, 2010**

5:45p.m. Doors Open

6:00p.m. Optional Dinner

**7:00p.m. Program begins**

8:15-8:30 p.m. Program concludes

10:00p.m. Socializing concludes, doors close

**Optional Dinner** will be provided starting at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of **\$15 per person**. This month's menu consists of a salad with assorted dressings, roast loin of pork in a peppercorn mushroom sauce, scalloped potatoes and broccoli with butter sauce. You need reservations to enjoy the wonderful dinner---please **RSVP by the end of Wed, September 22, 2010**, by calling the Arlington Republican Club Voice Mail Center at **(817) 740-5700** or by emailing [arc@ArlingtonRepublicanClub.com](mailto:arc@ArlingtonRepublicanClub.com) with the number of people eating.

Children and respectful visitors are welcome to our events.

## Quote of the Month---

***"Experience teaches us that it is much easier to prevent an enemy from posting themselves than it is to dislodge them after they have got possession."***

-- *President George Washington*

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## **1. President's Remarks: 2010? Or 1984?**

Michael Barone wrote an article that was published a number of places, including the Rasmussen Report. It is entitled "[\*Gangster Government Stifles Criticism of Obamacare\*](#)", and it points out a disturbing letter sent by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, the chief lobbyist for private health insurance companies.

It is Sebelius' contention that claims by health insurers that they are raising premiums due to increased costs imposed by Obamacare are wrong, and she is unwilling to tolerate any dissension on this point. She stated in the letter that according to the administration and "some industry and academic experts" that while there will be cost increases to the insurance industry due to Obamacare, that their impact on premiums will be minimal.

According to her letter, "There will be zero tolerance for this type of misinformation and unjustified rate increases." In other words, the industry will not be permitted to comment on the fact that not all industry and academic experts agree on this point, and some vociferously disagree.

There is a threat attached to this quashing of dissension as well. "We will also keep track of insurers with a record of unjustified rate increases: those plans may be excluded from health insurance Exchanges in 2014." According to Barone, this amounts to a threat to put any health insurers that dissent out of business in a substantial portion of the market, because 2014 "is the first year in which state insurance exchanges are slated to get a monopoly on the issuance of individual health insurance policies." In other words, if you dissent, 'we' will be watching-and you will pay.

Barone refers to this method of operation as "Gangster Government". This is the only point on which I disagree. Criminals in this context simply want to control your money. There is a work of literature, which better describes this attempt of the Obama administration to control what we think:

"And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed-if all records told the same tale then the lie passed into history and became truth. 'Who controls the past' ran the Party slogan, controls the future: who controls the present controls the past."

- George Orwell, 1984, Book 1, Chapter 3

Perhaps we need to check our calendars. Is it really 2010? Or 1984?

*Lisa Callaghan, President  
Arlington Republican Club*

## **2. Legislative Alert**

Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) plans to hijack the Defense Authorization Bill for his own political agenda and bring the bill forward for a vote this week. He has taken a bill that would otherwise have full bi-partisan support and put further funding for our troops in jeopardy as a result. It is bad enough that Sen. Reid has added to the defense bill a repeal of the 1993 law that prohibits homosexuals from serving openly in the military, but there is even more disturbing language added to this bill. For instance, the Burriss Amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill includes Sen. Roland Burriss's (D-Illinois) amendment to overturn previous policies and allow abortions to be performed on both domestic and overseas military facilities. The 1996 statute (10 USC 1093(b)), signed into law by President Clinton, ensured that DOD medical facilities would not serve as abortion clinics. This is an unabashed attack on innocent human life that has no place in a bill meant to fund the men and women fighting to protect the lives of so many.

Then there's the addition of the DREAM Act, which will extend massive amnesty to the millions of illegal aliens who entered the United States before the age of 16. It permits the illegal alien who applies for amnesty to immediately be rewarded with "conditional" lawful permanent resident (green card) status, which can quickly be converted to a non-conditional green card. The then-legal alien can use his newly acquired status to seek green cards for the parents who brought him in illegally in the first place.

The vote on the Defense Authorization Bill is imminent so your voice needs to be heard now! Please call your senators at (202) 224-3121, and urge them to oppose the cloture vote to bring the Defense Authorization Bill to the floor.

*Laraine Bethke, 4th Vice President  
Legislative Alert*

## **3. The Cart**

*"The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money" -Alexis de Tocqueville*

Recently on the radio I heard Michael Medved say that fully one half of American households now have someone who received direct federal government aid. This in itself is

shocking, but not a surprise. In the Obama election I feared that America has hit a tipping point, where there are more people in the cart rather than those of us worker bees and taxpayers pulling the cart. Once the cart is full of welfare recipients we are doomed, because those in the cart will never vote for politicians or policies that get them out of the cart.

There are so many government programs subsidizing inactivity and sloth. They are a terrific impediment to ever balancing the budget and putting Americans back to work. 99 week unemployment, food stamps, aid to dependent children, guaranteed student loans, subsidized housing, earned income tax credit, abuse of disability claims, etc. Why work? And let's call a spade a spade, social security and Medicare are welfare, there is no account in a lock box with your name on it. The politicians have been spending your FICA deposits since the 1960s. And we all know that 50% of households don't even pay federal income tax!

I hope the November election puts a stop to this spending and welfare madness, they have to! I hope they are inspired by the Tea Party and repeal a lot of these welfare programs. If you subsidize sloth, you get more of it.

"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." - John Adams

*Mark R. Hanson, 54, is Secretary of the Arlington Republican Club and enemy of socialism*

#### **4. To Debate or not Debate?**

In Politics, incumbents rarely have anything to gain from meeting their opponents in the debate boxing ring, and this year's governor's race is no different. Governor Perry successfully set the rules of engagement for this year's election; calling for Bill White to release his tax returns from the 90's where he apparently made zero dollars in taxable income. Bill White worked for the Clinton Administration in the Energy Department in 1993-1995 where his reported annual salary was over \$132K. The Perry campaign smells something fishy here and is not willing to risk, what some polls show, is a double digit lead without White having to give in something as well. You have to remember that sound bite that occurred a few weeks ago when Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer was caught in a televised debate forgetting her message and then was seen all over the nation's talk shows.

However, Perry is the Governor of what is arguably the best state in the nation. We have created more jobs than all other states combined. Texas is home to more Fortune 1000 companies than any other state. We are one of only 9 states in the United States that doesn't impose a state income tax on its citizens. We have been the number one state in exporting goods for the last 8 years in a row. Our unemployment rate is at 8.5% while the national average remains above 9.5%. Perry needs to get up and trumpet the reasons our state is doing so well.

Texas has had a governor's debate every 4 years since the 1990 election between Republican Clayton Williams and Democrat Ann Richards. Williams refused then to debate Richards, but both candidates did have back to back televised interviews with reporters.

Democrat Richards won the election that year by over 99,000 votes. While I do not believe White is anywhere close to the caliber opponent Richards was, I do think Perry should debate.

There is a debate scheduled in Austin for October 19th, and I think Perry make a last minute change in position and debate White, rather than give him an opportunity to reach a statewide audience for free and unchecked. Perry knows the importance of reaching the state wide audience, and he knows that his conservative message resonates with the voters of this state.

*Matt Foster*

*Immediate Past President, College Republicans at UTA*

*Iraq War Veteran*

*Chairman, Veteran Leadership for Texas*

## **5. Coming Events**

**September 23**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club

**September 30**, Nash Campaign Fundraiser with Texas Railroad Comm. Michael Williams

**October 28**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club

## **Pictures from our past events... From the Golf Tourney...**



**From last meeting..**



## **6. September Birthdays**

- 2nd, Angela Flanagan
- 2nd, Michael Rogalsky
- 2nd, Judge Bonnie Sudderth
- 2nd, Melody Wilkinson
- 3rd, Gail Mannon
- 3rd, Bruce Hammond
- 5th, Robert Aldridge
- 6th, Linda Dingee
- 6th, Gayle Norris

- 7th, Reland Gonzalez
- 9th, Tammy Harris
- 11th, Siham Mary Holley
- 11th, Judge Molly Jones
- 12th, Sue Pool
- 14th, Dr. Mark Hanson
- 16th, Cannefax Dawson
- 17th, Darwood Cash
- 17th, Kathryn Cosby
- 19th, Judge David Evans
- 19th, W.T. "Skip" Leake
- 21st, Roy Hill
- 22nd, Kevin Hadawi
- 24th, Judge Sharen Wilson
- 26th, Alton "Duke" Thomson III
- 26th, Don Waddell
- 30th, James Campbell Quick

## 7. Great Articles and Resources

[A Message from Israel](#) by William Kristol

[The Politics of Resentment](#) by Thomas Sowell

### RESOURCES

[Heritage Foundation](#)

[Weekly Standard](#)

[National Review](#)

[American Spectator](#)

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