



# Arlington Republican Club

Newsletter

April 2011

Since 1975

Next Meeting--- Speaker: Pat Carlson, President, Texas Eagle Forum  
Speaking on...

## *Issues Worth Fighting For This Legislative Session*

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

Time, Date and Details: **Thursday, April 28, 2011**

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**. The menu will consist of *Chicken Fried Steak with whipped potatoes and cream gravy with green beans, warm rolls, and always tea and water to drink*. You need reservations to enjoy the wonderful dinner---please **RSVP by the end of Tuesday, April 26, 2011**, 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---***"I used to say that politics was the second-oldest profession. I have come to know that it bears a gross similarity to the first."*

-- **Ronald Reagan**

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## **1. President's Remarks:**

### **Positive Intensity!**

Well, ladies and gentlemen, the season is upon us. Let the polling for 2012 Republican Presidential candidates begin.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee leads the field of possible GOP presidential candidates in "positive intensity" among Republicans nationwide with a score of +25 among Republicans who are familiar with him, followed by Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota with a score of +20. Huckabee is recognized by 87% of Republicans, compared with Bachmann's 52%. A number of other possible Republican presidential candidates trail these two in Positive Intensity Scores, including Sarah Palin, who is the best known of the group. -Gallup Poll, March 15, 2011 (by Frank Newport)

"Positive Intensity", according to Gallup, means the difference between the number of people polled who give you a 'strongly favorable' rating, versus a 'strongly unfavorable' rating. In other words, they are gauging how well people *really* like you. So far, Mike Huckabee and Michele Bachmann of Minnesota seem to be particularly favorably regarded by voters.

At our last monthly meeting, we conducted a straw poll of our own. The results are as follows:

The winner for President, hands down, was (You guessed it): Mike Huckabee, with 21.82% of the vote. For President, Huckabee was followed by Mitt Romney with 18.18% and Sarah Palin with 12.73%. The rest of the vote was disseminated among a wide variety of candidates. For Vice President, the clear winner Sarah Palin, with 15.55% of the vote, followed by Huckabee with 13.33% and Bobby Jindal with 11.11%. Michele Bachmann made a decent showing with 6.6%. The remainder of the vote was, of course, split among a wide selection of candidates.

So what does this tell us, sports fans? Well, it says that Mike Huckabee, so far, is first in the hearts and minds of Republicans. It says that he is widely known and liked among Republicans, both nationally and in this area (which is, may I remind you, the second most Republican County in the nation. Like I needed to remind you of that.) I would expect to see Mike at the top of the ticket.

So what about the VP? Well, seems like the ladies are doing well in this regard. Can you imagine either of these two squaring off against Joe Biden? They would clean up the floor with him. I predict we will see a female VP candidate in 2012.

Now, it is far too early in the season to predict anything. So I am going to chicken out and say that my prediction may change as events warrant. However, I would LOVE to hear your predictions. Email me at [arc@arlingtonrepublicanclub.com](mailto:arc@arlingtonrepublicanclub.com) and we will share them at our next meeting. This is the part of politics that is the most fun. So let me know what you think, and let the fun begin!

*Lisa Callaghan, President  
Arlington Republican Club*

## **2. 2011 Directory Ads**

It is that time of the year, time for the 2011 Membership Directory. You know you are ready to tell the people of ARC about your business or your candidacy, or maybe you just want to say how great you are.

WE HAVE A SPOT JUST FOR YOU IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!

Below, you will find a document for you to fill out and to submit to us with your desired ad or the wording for your ad. The rates are reasonable and I hope you never pass up the opportunity to show support for the leading Republican Club in Arlington! 36 years and going strong!

[Membership Directory AD Form](#)

*Colt Ables, 3rd Vice President  
Publications*

## **3. A Little Energy Talk**

Since our last newsletter, I will sadly admit my prediction was spot on regarding oil prices. The futures Markets closed on Friday with Crude futures trading around \$112 per barrel, gold has hit \$1500 as of last week and silver is making incredible gains (10%+ growth in the last 3 weeks). Food prices are on the rise and the cost of transporting it isn't the only reason. They say that we could be expecting a double-dip recession now. Housing prices still in the gutter and foreclosures have not halted even though banks began to renegotiate some mortgage terms and President Obama implemented a plan to help rescue some home owners... didn't bear much fruit. I am recalling the phrase from 1992, "It's the economy stupid".

With continued efforts in Libya, although the rebels have begun to export Libyan oil to help fund their own efforts, Saudi Arabia cut production by some 800,000 barrels a day which helped to bring the price of crude back up after enjoying a few days of falling crude prices

(not nearly enough to have a long term impact at the pump). President Obama will say buy a hybrid or an electric car, but I still want a 2011 Suburban despite the oil prices. You know why? Because of safety. Regardless of oil prices, safety is our number one concern when getting on the road going 70 mph. A Prius is no match up against a Peterbilt or a Freightliner and at least in a pickup or a SUV, you have a fighting chance at survival!

Why is it that talks about energy only happen when the prices are up? Complacency is what has put us in the situation we are in. Importing 60% of our energy usage is unsustainable and letting the markets decide whether or not you will be able to fill up at the pump is ridiculous. There needs to be a renewed call for a comprehensive energy plan that incorporates all aspects of energy production and it will deter much of the speculation that comes with the uncertainty of our energy future.

*Colt V. Ables, 3rd Vice President  
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Former Vice Chairman, Texas College Republicans  
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#### **4. Political Commentary by Dale Richard Attebery**

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I have lost all patience and tolerance with Democrats and RINOs.

There is a new political cartoon making the rounds. It is the letter 'R' inside a circle. It states that all RINOs have been voted into extinction, which is a nice thought.

Rush is correct, we elect the best Conservative, period.

Nothing else matters.

Ladies & Gentlemen, is the following statement correct? We can teach a good conservative the job at hand a lot easier than teaching a Democrat or RINO how to be make continuously, good, clean, solid, Conservative decisions.

It is time to take a stand. Enough is enough. What do we do with our current elected officials with the letter 'R' next to their name, who vote against our best interest in city, county, state and country; as with the second amendment; vote against private property rights; and would rather raise taxes than cut expenses any day of the week? And the list continues without an end to it. This also means we need to better investigate incoming candidates running for office for the first-second time.

Have lost all patience and tolerance with Democrats and RINOs.

A membership vote is forthcoming:  
To date, have had 3-4 people total state they are not happy with my decision to

alter our current By-Laws and Constitution in order to allow the club to offer an endorsement only, no money, to 'Real-Conservatives' running in our normal March Republican primaries every even numbered year.

And then to allow that same level endorsement to be given to the non-partisan city council and school board elections in May of every year. This measure would also allow the club to take sides in selected Arlington issues, such as the current topic of Hike & Bike trails in the city.

At present, we do not endorse any Republican over another in the primaries, we only endorse and offer selected contributions in the November general election. We also do not take a stand inside any non-partisan election at all, including local issues. Pending the forthcoming vote, that might change.

If you know a person's ideological mindset then you know how that person is going to vote on most all issues. This equally applies to our local non-partisan school board, city council and highly partisan political parties.

If we do this right, we can even endorse any of 2-3 candidates in a Republican primary race, thus omitting 2-3 others in that same race, meaning these first few are equally good Conservatives. The same thing can be done in non-partisan races.

Past attempts to make city council and school board positions fully-partisan races, statewide, all failed. What a shame.

Putting together the proper wording, to offer these changes for a vote, was known to be a difficult task, as any corrections to be made later would also be difficult, so the time factor is high. Our discussions have revealed some changed wording is necessary.

For those of you who support this effort, thank you.  
And please support that forthcoming garage sale, as we need the PAC money.

*Dale Attebery*  
*Senior Advisor*

## **5. Coming Events**

**April 28**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club-Pat Carlson-President Texas Eagle Forum-"Issues Worth Fighting For This Legislative Session"

**May 26**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country ClubH. Sterling Bunett, Ph D-"Why the GOP has got it Right on Climate Regulations"

**June 11** ARC Garage Sale and Fundraiser 10:00AM-4:00PM Arlington Classics Academy Parking Lot, 2800 W Arkansas Lane-Proceeds go to the ARC PAC

**June 23**, Regular ARC Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club, Conservative comedian Eric Golub

## 6. April Birthdays

- 1st, Juanita Heath
- 1st, Brent Morrow
- 2nd, Kai Fleming-Wood
- 3rd, Lisa Hoppes
- 3rd, Joy Sellers
- 4th, Jane Burch
- 4th, Colby Smith
- 5th, Jeremy Blosser
- 5th, Deborah Gagliardi
- 8th, Eferen Molina
- 8th, Ron Wright
- 11th, Crystal Costabile
- 13th, Lynn Gill
- 13th, Janey Meek
- 14th, George Brandsma
- 18th, Connie Hanson
- 18th, Dean Recine
- 18th, Tammy Staton
- 20th, Phil Johnson
- 21st, Tina Davis
- 26th, Bill Benninghoff
- 26th, Steve Irwin
- 26th, Jamal Qaddura
- 30th, Chip Pierce
- 30th, Stephen Wiley

## 7. Great Articles and Resources

- [The Ryan Posse](#) by John McCormack
- [Winning the Real Obamacare War](#) by Kimberly Strassel
- [Don't Mess with Texas](#) by Brian Carney

### RESOURCES

- [Heritage Foundation](#)
- [Weekly Standard](#)
- [National Review](#)
- [American Spectator](#)

### Contact Information

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