

Arlington Republican Club

Newsletter

August 2011

Serving the Conservative Citizens of Arlington Since 1975

August 25th Meeting:

State Sen. Dan Patrick will be speaking at our next meeting about "The Future of Conservatism in Texas".

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

(click below for map)

[Map to Rolling Hills](#)

Children and respectful visitors are welcome.



**Thursday, August 25
5:00-6:15 VIP**

Reception (Can get Photo taken for \$30)

(members only for reception, you may join at the door)

6:00 Optional Dinner (\$15)

7:00p.m. Program begins

8:30 p.m. Conclusion

10:00 p.m. Doors Close

Optional Dinner will be provided starting at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of **\$15 per person**. The menu consists of fresh fruit and cheese and assorted crackers, BBQ meatballs, chicken quesadillas with guacamole, salsa and sour cream. (+ water, tea, coffee and cash bar)

You need reservations to enjoy the wonderful dinner--please **RSVP by the end of Tuesday, August 23rd**, by calling the Arlington Republican Club Voice Mail Center at **(817) 740-5700** or by sending an [email](#) to the club address with the number of people eating!

Quotes of the Month:

"Dependency is death to initiative, risk-taking and opportunity. It's time to stop the spread of government dependency and fight it like the poison it is"

- Gov. Mitt Romney

"We've got the wind at our back right now. American's are waking up to the realities of their previous choices. We must keep America moving back to preeminence because our values and conservative ideas are the world's greatest hope"

-Gov. Rick Perry

"I want to make Obama a ONE TERM PRESIDENT"

-Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann

"Deficits mean future tax increases, pure and simple. Deficit spending should be viewed as a tax on future generations, and politicians who create deficits should be exposed as"

tax hikers"
-Congressman Ron Paul

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September 9, Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser
September 22, Candidate Forum, Congressional Districts 6 & 33
October 27, Candidate Forum, Senate District 9 & 10

Quick Sen. Dan Patrick Facts

- *Founder of Tea Party Caucus Texas Legislature*
 - *Rated Top Conservative Senator 3 Consecutive Sessions*
 - *Author of bill that placed "In God We Trust" in Senate Chamber*
 - *Authored bill placing "Under God" in State Pledge*
 - *Authored business tax cut in 2007*
 - *Authored recently passed Sonogram Bill*
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Economics--What worked before, will work again!

by Colt V. Ables

One would be mistaken to say that a market correction was not imminent. With the conditions in Europe, although not as well discussed in the media as when they first began, many prognosticators said that the conditions in Europe would affect the U.S. markets and over the last 3 weeks, they have taken their toll, in part. The other indicator that has continued to drag our economy is the unemployment number. When President Obama took office, unemployment was at 7.8% and a massive \$787 billion stimulus was passed where we were told that it would boost the economy and keep unemployment under 8%. By October 2009, unemployment peaked at 10.1%, bottomed at 8.8% in March of 2011 and as of today, the July unemployment number stands at 9.1%. In part because many on the unemployment rolls have exceeded their 99 week maximum and real unemployment, the number that include those that have taken part time positions just to get an income and have taken jobs below their pay grade, stands at 16.1%.

After a month's long stand-off between the House, the Senate, and the President—a debt deal was passed whether we agree with it or not. In 2010, Republicans were elected because what President Obama did with the stimulus and health care, people were sick and tired and wanted a new type of change that was not a euphemism for an ideological change in the foundation of our country. Change to believe in and change that could be realized by real solutions and real results. The key to 2012, winning the Senate, keeping and growing our margin in the house, and winning the Presidency, lies in following through with our promises. As was found during the debt debate, when you shift the subject from a simple debt ceiling increase and tie it to spending, you take control of the argument. Liberals began to grasp for straws and began to call cutting spending extreme and members of the tea party were called terrorists. It is always a last resort when you are not winning, to begin to name call and that is exactly what had happened in the last throws of the debt ceiling fight when Sen. Reid took revenues off the table and a clean debt ceiling hike was not going to happen. I am not saying we won on that issue, but I believe the effectiveness of the Republicans really shown through.

Another promise, one of the main ones during the campaign season in 2010, was that we would create jobs. As an Economics major I know that the government only creates government jobs but as Republicans, we believe that by creating a business friendly environment that reflects stability and incentivizes business versus punishing it, the government can create more jobs than by growing the government payrolls. We must lower the corporate tax rate from 35% down to 25% at the bare minimum, cut the capital gains tax in half, and to help the small business owner who is schedule C or a subchapter S corporation, we have to lower income tax rates. The Laffer Curve reflects the relationship between tax revenues and tax rates. The curve basically reflects that at lower rates, more revenue is received by the government because there is an incentive to keep more of your own money versus at a certain point, the rates are too high that there is no incentive to work for another dollar so people would choose to not work because the government is then taking away more of what you earn than what you get to keep. The Laffer Curve was the basic building block of Reaganomics and what worked in the 1980's to help create 20 million jobs in 7 years could do wonders for our economy right now.

These are by no means the only solutions and do not cut the corporate or the capital gains taxes enough, but they begin to put us back on the road to recovery instead of in the desert of uncertainty. Whatever we propose over the next 15 months, we are walking a fine line where we will be called obstructionists at every point, but going with the proven methods that have worked in the past, the American people will see the truth (even the ones that know Clinton cut capital gains in his last term which was one of the

major contributing factors to his projected surplus, but don't tell that to a democrat).

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Political Commentary

By Dale Richard Attebery, Sr. Advisor

MailBag Catch-Up Time

It is now time for a little Q&A, or, how to catch up on so many questions being asked. In no particular order, here are the questions currently popular:

-1) WebSite Redesign?

Yes. As we speak, Mr. Zack Maxwell is busy re-designing the ARC WebSite. It will be radically different and offer a great deal more than what you see today. At a future meeting, and when Zack is ready, we can have him speak on this subject and explain what is taking place and when. It will be different.

-2) Live Streaming of ARC meetings?

Also yes, well, maybe. We are in the process of setting up a 'Technology Committee' right now. Its purpose is to review the possibility of taking our monthly meetings, special receptions (like this one w/Dan Patrick) and other events and streaming most, if not all, on the Internet... live. Well, maybe.

This would begin with a simple recording of the first 1-2-3 events. We would edit the dead-spots and then post for review, such as YouTube, or maybe just link to our own website. After an initial learning curve, we could then make it live as we go.

The time frame is unknown at present, in part because the cost factor is unknown. Although almost anything will work; laptops, cameras, lighting, and microphones are specifically made for doing this; and then we need special software for it all. If we do this at all, then it must be done correctly the first time round so the end product is of reasonable quality and we have not have wasted both our time and money. And the list continues, like projectors/screens.

-3) Candidate forums a-plenty!

oooh yes we are, yes we are. This year, we will have a September and October candidate forum, plus the normal January & March forums of next year and it currently appears that a boat-load of candidates will make a February forum necessary to give them all a chance to speak.

Sept. is U.S. House race for Districts # 33 & 6...

Oct. is Texas Senate race for Districts # 9 & 10...

(& in Sept. we plan to have another straw-poll for President, should be fun)

-4) Straw-Polls & Email Surveys?

The club's commercial email survey is ConstantContact. This company, like most of the others, offers an E-Survey system for their customers. Simply put, for a fee, this allows us to send an email, to any portion of our master listing, and ask you to vote on something and return it. We would then re-email the end result to everyone.

The decision to do this has not been made, but it is interesting to talk to them about the different formats we can use. The down side of this-here-thingy is that we are

forced to select one of 'their' pre-designed survey forms, none of which is designed for a political survey. So, we shall see, we shall see.

-5) Meeting Location?

Ain't goin' no-where! We will remain at RollingHills for all 2013, or so is the plan.

-6) OutDoor Events?

It would be nice if we could continue with a number of outdoor events. The planning effort for this is high and the weather is always a concern. The need for an outdoor speaker system is also high and that can be costly. Do we have anyone here, within shouting distance, with excellent ideas for a number of good, reliable speaker systems?

-7) Sponsors & Money?

As you can tell by reading the above, operating political clubs, particularly if you are as active as this one, requires an income of some type. ARC has been most fortunate, over the years, to have a number of nice people step forward and agree to help sponsor something. Those big U.S. and Texas flags were a gift from current members. And the long-long list continues. Thank you all for helping the club.

If you wish, anyone may donate a needed item, or just plain hard-cash to buy/rent what is needed. This might also include stationary, postage, hard-copy mailings are expensive, copies/printings, decorations, special receptions, and so much more... we are an active club.

-8) Taking Sides in Non-Partisans Races & Issues!

This effort is my personal push and it will eventually go before the membership for a vote. The re-wording of club By-Laws and Constitution to encompass this subject has been delayed because of changes in state law, pending lawsuits and possible city council & school board changes in election dates. The idea is to elect true Conservatives versus RINOs in both the 'R' primary and then in non-partisans elections where full-blooded 'Ds' so often tread. Local issues of importance would be subject to discussion. Stay tuned.

-9) and last is that newspaper ad?

These ads have proven effective and the Dan Patrick visit was that important, thus, the ad. The Star-Telegram (S-T) ran a special and we took it. A larger and more colorful ad would be more effective but that cost is just a wee-bit more money. If we can collect enough donations for this, then yes, more ads would be forthcoming at the proper time. Are you interested in helping to underwrite the cost of some of these S-T ads? Please say yes.

*Dale Attebery
Senior Advisor*

August Birthdays

1st	Julia Martin	1st	Bill Meier
5th	Steve Hollern	5th	Ernest "Skip" Reynolds,
III			
6th	Hon. Louis Sturns	6th	Bettie West
7th	Sherri Heinzman	8th	Wayne Reed
8th	Pam Wallwrath-Dolenz	8th	Hon. Scott Wisch
9th	Sheila Means	11th	Gary Dye

11 th	Leslie Recine	12 th	Daniel Blumberg
12 th	Hon. Mike Thomas	13 th	David Halvorson
14 th	Lisa Callaghan	14 th	Paula Speed
15 th	Debra Coffey	16 th	Terri Barton
16 th	Hon. Barbara Nash	16 th	Louis Stout
17 th	Barbara Thompson	19 th	Hon. Mike Hrabal
19 th	Hon. Bill Zedler	20 th	John Dotson
21 st	Matt Riek	22 nd	Peggy Borchert
23 rd	Roger DeFrang	23 rd	Delores Hammond
23 rd	Lynn Luke	25 th	Jean McIver
25 th	Chris Berry	26 th	Marjorie Moffitt
27 th	Jim Borchert	27 th	Norm Driscoll
27 th	Claire McKinley	27 th	Julie Molina
29 th	Ronald Carter	29 th	Richard Grieser
29 th	Robert Martin	30 th	Betty Canfield-Holmes
30 th	Ned Patrick		

Great Articles & Resources

[Pro-Growth Arsenal?](#)

by Irwin Stelzer

[Growth: The Only Way Out of This Mess](#)

by John Steele Gordon

[Bad Luck? Bad Faith?](#)

by Charles Krauthammer

RESOURCES

[Heritage Foundation](#)

[Weekly Standard](#)

[National Review](#)

[American Spectator](#)

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We look forward to seeing you at the next Meeting!

If you have any suggestions on how we can better serve you as a club or organization on keeping you informed of what is going on in the community, do not hesitate to drop us a line!

Thanks,

*Lisa Callaghan, President
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