

Anchorage Republican Women's Club

"Looking for women of all ages and backgrounds to share ideas and their dedication to help guide the Republican Party back to leadership!"



NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 12

At our new location
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL
(Corner C and International)

11:30am - 1:00pm

\$25 (Checks are preferred when paying to simplify APOC process. ARWC now accepts VISA, Mastercard, and Discover.)

Please RSVP by calling
696-1114 or responding to
arwcyes@yahoo.com

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL
MEETING TO ELECT
2010 OFFICERS.**

**ALONG WITH OUR ELECTIONS,
WE WILL BE ENJOYING OUR
ANNUAL FASHION SHOW
SPONSORED BY SIRI.**

Look soon for details about
our Progressive Dinner
Christmas Party

12/6/09

"Why Do Women Not Get Elected?...They Don't Run."

--- from your president, Judy Eledge

At the recent AFRW Convention in Florida I attended a session by Sue Everhart, the first woman Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party. She stated that the current political climate has created an opportunity more than ever before for women to run for and be elected to office. Extensive research shows that when run for office, they perform just as well as men.

History has shown that women are interested and engaged in the political process. In every election since 1980, US women have voted in higher rates than men. However, women are underrepresented and underestimate their ability to make a true impact in the political arena. As leaders, we must take this opportunity to recruit or run for office to fill the gender gap. Furthermore, when you look at the US Congress, the number of female Democrats in office versus female Republicans, is discouraging.

There are many women who think about running for office, but often get discouraged by responsibilities of the family/home and/or underestimate their political qualifications.

So when I look at the number of women, who are members of this club, who are running for re-election or running for the first time, I am truly thrilled. This club should be activist in nature and support conservative women running for office. Representative at the end of this newsletter are women from all walks of life and varying ages. All have been involved in their communities and hold strong conservative values.

I encourage you, as members of this organization, to support their efforts. Contact them and offer your support. These women have chosen to run, we should be committed to helping them succeed.



Lt. Governor Campbell with his wife Ann Marie, daughter Amanda and our great Special Events Chair Chris Duke during our recent evening meeting.

**Annual Membership dues
are due in November.**

ARWC 2010 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Margaret Brown, Nominations Chair

Committee Members: Judy Rich, Kay Schuster, Josie Thayer, Kathe Boucha

President

Born on Lincoln's birthday and given the middle name Lynn in his honor, she was a good Republican at birth. She currently serves as president of ARWC. She has served as VP, Asst. Sec and Secretary. Her top goals as president is to increase membership of the organization, and has actively reached out to minorities and younger women. She has been involved in the Republican Party since the early 80's and currently serves as the District 32 Chair. She worked as the office manager for the McCain/Palin Campaign during the 2008 elections, and has volunteered for numerous campaigns and activities over the years. Her greatest accomplishment in life was to raise both of her sons to be conservative Republicans!



Vice President

My name is Ardy Pozzi. I have been a member of ARWC for 6 years and have served on the board of directors for 4. I have served as special events chair (leading the teams who put on Lincoln Day, Summer Salad Luncheon and the annual Christmas Party) and Vice President. I enjoy working with the ladies of our club and look forward to years of continued service.

Republicanism is a passion for me and I believe strongly in our Party and the message it sends. I have volunteered for and worked on numerous campaigns, most recently the McCain/Palin Victory 2008 campaign and Dan Sullivan's run for Anchorage Mayor. I am pleased to give my time to candidates I believe in and feel strongly that it is my civic duty to do so.



Secretary

Beth Farnstrom I have been a member of ARWC for 10 years. This was the first organization I joined when I moved to Anchorage, AK from the lower 48. Over the years I have become more involved and have met so many wonderful dynamic women. I am an RN at Providence in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit and I was appointed to the Alaska State Board of Nursing.

My involvement with ARWC includes being a member and later Chair of the Community Service Committee, Chair of the Membership Committee, Assistant Secretary and Secretary. I have volunteered on gubernatorial, mayoral and presidential campaigns. I have been involved with Lincoln Day Dinners, Republican Picnics, McCain-Palin Rally and Dan Sullivan's Inauguration Reception.





Assistant Secretary

Chris Duke, I am a Lifelong Republican, I have worked as Election Board Supervisor for my District, Committee person, District Officer, Republican Women's Club V.P., AFRW V.P. and NFRW Regent for Alaska.

I have worked on many Campaigns for Representative & Senate Candidate's, including the Murkowski winning campaign for Governor, and the Senate re-election winning campaign for Senator Lisa Murkowski, assisting Angelina Burney. As an active Republican Women's club member, I have coordinated many events, served as a Delegate to Conventions and workshops. I love it all, and ask for your consideration in serving on the ARWC board as the Assistant Secretary.

Treasurer



My name is Dianne Kiesel and I am somewhat of a "newbie" to the ARWC however not new to the organization. I relocated to Anchorage 2 years ago from Juneau where I was very active in the Capital City Republican Women's Club. I was on the events committee and enjoyed planning and preparing for the annual Lincoln Day dinner, decorating the Governor's Mansion and participating in various events and fund raisers. I very much enjoy community service and volunteering to better the community in which I live. While in Juneau I was also on the Board of Directors for the Juneau Chamber of Commerce and currently still serve on the Board of Directors for the Wildflower Court (an assisted living home). I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the ARWC to play an active role in getting Republicans elected and to be a player in getting the membership and the fundraising activities of the ARWC to be the best in the State. I recently attended the National Federation Convention and was motivated by the women across the Nation that are the heart of our party.

Asst. Treasurer



Kai grew up living with her family in Bethel and Juneau. They moved to Fairbanks in 1990. She spent summers working in her family's riverboat business, and became the youngest female to receive a U.S. Coast Guard 100 Ton Masters License when she was 18. After graduating from West Valley she attended the Colorado School of Mines. In 2002 Kai graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, and went to work for BP. She spent time working as a Production Engineer both in Anchorage and on the North Slope. Kai worked on BP's Gas Pipeline Team during negotiations with the Murkowski administration. She resigned from BP after the birth of her first child. Kai and her husband live in Eagle River where she stays home with her two kids, who will be two and three this summer. She has served two terms as treasurer of ARWC, and one term as Assistant Treasurer.

We as members of this organization need to do everything we can do help them either be re-elected or elected to public office for the first time.

YOU GO GIRLS!! WE ARE BEHIND YOU!!



State Representative Anna Fairclough, from the heart of Eagle River, District 17, is seeking re-election to a third term to the House of Representatives.



Gabrielle LeDoux is a candidate for House Seat 19, East Anchorage (Muldoon) currently held by a Democrat and we are going to take this seat back again.



Cathy Giessel is a candidate for State Senate, Seat P. This area encompasses District 31 and 32, from O'Malley Rd. south to Whittier and Hope and north over



Mia Costello has filed to run for State House, District 27. Mia will take back the seat from the current Democrat!



Liz Vazquez will contest Matt Claman for his West Anchorage Assembly seat. She is a Chugach Electric Association director and is former board chair. We need a conservative majority back on the assembly!

Nancy Dahlstrom is vying for her 5th term in the State House of Representatives from District 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WE GIVE THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON TO THE MANY BLESSINGS WE ALL HAVE.

WE AS REPUBLICAN WOMEN, ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE IN NEED, AND HOPE YOU WILL VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF THE NON-PROFITS IN TOWN WHO HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THERE WAS RECENTLY AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER STATING THAT TOP RAMEN NOODLES WERE THE NUMBER ONE REQUEST FROM FOOD BANKS.

IF YOU BRING A CASE OF TOP RAMEN NOODLE SOUP TO THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON, YOU WILL GET A CHANCE TO WIN OUR DOOR PRIZE. MEMBERS WILL COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE THESE TO THE ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to Community Chair Anna Fairclough for arranging members to have the opportunity to participate in "Fan Mail for the Trips" as our last meeting. A big thanks to Kim Skipper for bringing and collecting all the beautiful cards. This is just a small thank you to all of our wonderful troops serving so courageously for our country.

ARWC Annual membership is due in November. We take credit cards and you can pay at November Luncheon.