

The Salado Area Republican Women are busy planning the annual Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Tenroc Ranch Blue Heron Room. We are delighted to announce our keynote speaker is Texas First Lady, Cecilia Abbott.

In January 2015, Cecilia Abbott made history by becoming the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Cecilia was raised in San Antonio by parents who were both educators, and who instilled in Cecilia, her sister and two brothers a love of learning and helping others.

Cecilia took their lessons to heart, earning a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees. She has been a teacher, vice-principal and principal at several Catholic schools across Texas, and she has also worked in senior health care services.

But Cecilia hasn't only devoted her professional life to helping others – she has done the same in her personal life. She serves on the board of several educational organizations and is a member of numerous philanthropic organizations.

Cecilia believes strongly in giving back to our communities, and recently launched her Texanthropy Initiative to promote volunteerism and service to others as her primary focus as First Lady of Texas.

Cecilia and her husband, Governor Greg Abbott, have been married for 35 years, and have one daughter, Audrey, a college student, and two dogs, Oreo and Pancake

The Fine China Luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Blue Heron Room at Tenroc and it promises to be a full house. Dave Hermann of The Range at the Barton House Restaurant will furnish the meal.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward funding civic, educational, and military projects, as well as political campaigns.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by mailing a check to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 7657. For more information contact Barclay McCort at 254 947-3617 or barclaymccort@gmail.com