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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No SARW General Meeting in the months of June, July or August

July 4th – Republican Party of Bell County float for Belton 4th of July parade

No Pints & Politics for the month of July

July 18th – Bell Co. Young Republicans Coolidge Dinner (7 pm at Schoepf's Bar-B-Que, Belton)

July 20 – AWARE Central Texas Fundraiser (5:30 pm, Harris Community Center, Belton)

August 4th – SARW Board Meeting (10 am, Shirley Stephenson's House)

August 4th – Pints & Politics 4th Anniversary (6 pm, Dead Fish Grill)

(Board of Directors and Chairmen listed at end of newsletter with contact information)

SARW website: <http://www.saladoarearw.com> – bookmark it!

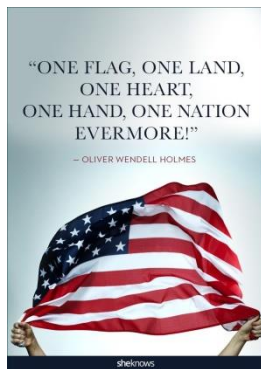


2017 Fall Programs

Your Board is working diligently to provide great programs for September, October, and November. Events being considered are a 'road trip' and an evening dinner at the Stagecoach Inn. As details are firmed up, be sure to check the website www.saladoarearw.com for updated information on these meetings. Future monthly newsletters will also have details regarding upcoming general meetings.

Enjoy the summer and we will see you in the Fall. **Barbara Swarthout - 1st VP of Programs**

Campaign Activities – 2nd Quarter Hours (April, May, June) due to Rosalie Glass by June 30, 2017. For new members or if you have not participated in this reporting process, please contact me for details as to what volunteer hours qualify. Saliego2002@yahoo.com Rosalie Glass – SARW Campaign Activities Chairman



The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children.

-William Havard



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PRESIDENT'S PEN - Deborah Roberson

Summer is upon us and things are “heating up” in Texas as well as in Washington D.C. in more ways than one. The 85th Texas Legislative session ended with many conservative accomplishments but there were several unfinished items. Hence, Governor Abbott called for a Special Session to begin on July 18th. You can read the 20 items Governor Abbott designated for the Texas Legislature to address in the special session on page 5 of this newsletter. SARW will keep you updated on the special session.

Several of you may be aware that last month Tom Melchler, Republican Party of Texas Chairman, resigned his position and the State Republican Executive Committee went through the process of electing a new party chairman. James Dickey, former Travis County Republican Chairman, was elected as the new RPT Chairman. Mr. Dickey's immediate goal is to begin raising funds. As you know, the Democrats have a “target” on Texas from local non-partisan elections to state and federal elections. WE must unite to **“Keep Texas Red!”**

Congratulations to Nancy Boston and the Republican Party of Bell County for a very successful event on June 5th. There was a wonderful crowd of Republicans gathered to support Bell County and hear the featured speaker, Governor Abbott. Special thanks to Zenia Warren, Vice-Chair of the Republican Party of Bell County, for coordinating the event and to Colleen Isdale for coordinating the Auctions (Silent & Live). Many thanks to SARW & CTRW for the many volunteers who worked to ensure all the details were done.

A major focus of SARW 2017 programs is Human Trafficking. Two programs were presented on this topic in January and May. Misty Biddick was the featured speaker at the May program and on page 7 are the follow-up statistics she sent us regarding the Bell County Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking numbers. Also, there is a letter invitation from AWARE Central Texas for SARW members on page 6. The Christmas in July fundraiser is an opportunity for SARW to help raise funds for the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse as well as victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. The event will be on July 21st at the Harris Community Center in Belton.

SARW continues to support our troops by sending care packages to deployed soldiers from Ft. Hood. Many times, we do not hear back from soldiers regarding the packages we send but recently we did, plus we have a photo of the soldiers our packages benefit. Please read appreciation comments and see a photo of the G2 of 1st Cavalry Division on page 5. Keep those military donations coming in because they do make a difference for deployed soldiers defending our freedom.

Remember the Belton 4th of July Parade and volunteer to help on the Republican Party of Bell County float. More information on page 4.

Remember, SARW will not have general meetings during the summer months of June, July, and August.

As you rest and rejuvenate, I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer!

God Bless America and God Bless Texas!

Conservatively Yours,

Deborah



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GOD'S GIFT – AMERICA!

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

Romans 13:1, 4: Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

In understanding the biblical view of government, one must remember that biblical theology presents early Israel as a theocracy, having God as king and ruler. Ultimate authority resides in God and God alone. Human government is, therefore, always limited and always intended to be within the framework of God's will. The best ruler will be the one who best carries out God's design for just rule.

America is called a "great experiment" by some, but those of us who enjoy her freedoms understand that it is NO experiment – it is the best system of government under which to live. Let's celebrate this amazing truth during the patriotic celebrations, the memorials and the family gatherings we will join. God bless America – AND America bless and thank God.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

Here is a message SARW received this month from the group of soldiers we are currently sending care packages.

"We received two more packages from your group today, and I wanted to say thank you. The packages had an amazing selection of books and magazines (the kind/brands that we don't really have access to over here such as "The Economist", "Texas Monthly", etc.) that were very well received. There were also some delicious snacks inside. It means a lot to our organization that you and your team take the time to look after Soldiers, particularly those that you don't personally know.

Attached is a picture of our section (the G2 of 1st Cavalry Division), so your team can see the people they are helping. Please tell them how appreciative we are."

Joseph C. Fink
CPT, MI

Keep those donations coming in SARW members! Your time and effort do make a difference in the lives of our military troops. Thanks for caring!



G2, FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION



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Belton 4th of July Parade
Republican Party of Bell Co. Float
Theme: Freedom on Parade

Need Volunteers!

We are working with CTRW and other Bell Co. Republicans on the float and are looking for:

1. Volunteers to work on the float
2. A 'Statue of Liberty' costume and other decorations
3. Volunteers to ride on the float, including active military, adults, and children.

Contact SARW Americanism Chair, Kate McKinley, at aggiepyro75@hotmail.com or 254-982-4458 or SARW President, Deborah Roberson, at dkroberson.sarw@gmail.com or 281-787-1073.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have exceeded our Primary Membership of last year! Thank you to those of you who have renewed your memberships. Thanks to all who have helped and encouraged our 23 new members to join us. We now have 121 Total members for 2017 including Primary members, Honorary members and our wonderful Associate members.

Let's not stop there. We have new comers and friends who would benefit from and enjoy our informative programs and participating in the community and campaign activities we do. We have great programs coming in the Fall. If you have any question about membership, don't hesitate to contact me. We have fun tending to serious business!

Jeanie Grant, 2nd VP Membership
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[979-229-5590](tel:979-229-5590)



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Republican Party of Bell County
Nancy Boston, Chairman

Republican Women are truly the builders of the Republican Party and the glue that holds it together. Your performance and participation at the Republican Dinner and Auction was instrumental in its success. Governor Abbott honored us with his presence and you rose to the occasion. You set an example for others. Thank you for your leadership.

Immediate goals for our County Party are to recruit Election Judges for each Precinct Polling Location for the 2018 Election Cycle and to fill all vacancies on the Executive Committee.

If you need further information please notify the Republican Headquarters, 206 FM 1237 (Pendleton Road, IH 35 Exit 306), Troy, TX 76579; 254-228-0521; or belltxgop@att.net

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Governor Greg Abbott has announced a legislative special session that will begin on July 18th, 2017 and last for 30 days if necessary. In his announcement, Governor Abbott identified 20 items that will be included on the special session call. "Considering all the successes of the 85th legislative session, we should not be where we are today," said Governor Abbott. In addition, he states, "A special session was entirely avoidable, and there was plenty of time for the legislature to forge compromises to avoid the time and taxpayer expense of a special session. As Governor, if I am going to call a special session, I intend to make it count."

The following was taken from Governor Abbott's official website at [https:// gov.texas.gov](https://gov.texas.gov). SARW will keep you updated as the Special Session addresses the Governor's designated items.

Special Session agenda items will include:

1. Sunset legislation
2. Teacher pay increase of \$1,000
3. Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices
4. School finance reform commission
5. School choice for special needs students
6. Property tax reform
7. Caps on state and local spending
8. Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
9. Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
10. Speeding up local government permitting process
11. Municipal annexation reform
12. Texting while driving preemption
13. Privacy
14. Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
15. Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
16. Pro-life insurance reform
17. Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise
18. Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders
19. Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud
20. Extending maternal mortality task force



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AWARE Central Texas Fundraiser

SARW members are invited to an AWARE Central Texas Fundraiser scheduled on Thursday, July 20th, 5:30 pm, at the Harris Community Center located at 401 N. Alexander in Belton. AWARE Central Texas is an agency that works for the prevention of child abuse/neglect and family violence. Education, mentoring and advocacy are the tools AWARE uses. Also, included are victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. **This is an opportunity for SARW to help in this capacity.**

Here is the additional information Misty Biddick talked about at the SARW May 25th Meeting.

Missing and Exploited Children Hot Line 1-800-843-5678

Bell County Potential Human Trafficking Numbers- 8/21/2013- 5/26/17: Overall Total-53

Totals to Date

16 confirmed

29 suspected

8 Not enough information

Runaway History: 46

Ethnicity:

1 Asian

16 Caucasian

19 Black

5 Bi-Racial

10 Hispanic

Average Age at the time of screening: 15.4

12-18

Parent Involvement:

5 CPS

1 adopted parents

20 Mother Only

6 Mother and Father

4 Father only

4 Mother and step-father

8 Family Member

1 other- mother, step-father, father

4 unknown

Prior CPS Involvement: 12

Country of Origin:

52- US

1-Mexico



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SARW SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN AND WINNERS

**Charmaine Barker presented our two scholarships to recipients Natalie Bazar (l) and Rebecca Gonzales (rt)
Congratulations to these outstanding young ladies!**



"We must constantly build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear." Dr. Martin Luther King



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Fellow Republicans,

It is our honor to invite you to attend the **2017 Bell County Young Republicans Coolidge Dinner**. The event will take place at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 18th at Schoepf's Bar-B-Que in Belton**. On this occasion, we choose to honor Calvin Coolidge because of the noble character and conservative convictions with which the thirtieth president led our nation during the Roaring Twenties, a decade that yielded unheralded economic prosperity for Americans of all classes. Now is the time for members of the party of Lincoln, Eisenhower, Reagan, and Trump to understand the remarkable significance of President Coolidge and apply those principles to our modern Republican efforts.

On this occasion, we have the high privilege of hosting Supreme Court of Texas Justice Jeff Brown as the keynote speaker. As one of the most noteworthy conservative justices on the Supreme Court of Texas, Justice Brown has been serving since 2013 when he was administered the oath by Supreme Court of the United States Justice Antonin Scalia.

We hope that you will be able to join us for next month's Coolidge Dinner. Due to limited seating, tickets must be purchased no later than July 14th. Please RSVP by mailing in the attached form, which features additional event information. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to let us know.

Sincerely,

Michael Jones

President

Bell County Young Republicans

[254-913-9451](tel:254-913-9451)

TRIVIA: Pickup trucks are advertised during football games while luxury cars are advertised during golf tournaments.

The truth is what gives us freedom.

Gov. GREG ABBOTT at the Bell County GOP Fundraiser, June 5.





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Salado Area Republican Women (SARW) Membership Form for 2017

Dues \$25 per year

Personal Information:

Title: (Check one): Mrs. ___ Miss ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___ Judge ___ Mr. ___ Other _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Name of spouse _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Required by law for PAC reporting

Type of Membership: Check one: SARW _____ Associate _____ Renewal _____

SARW Member is a Republican woman who wants SARW to be her primary Federated Republican Women's club. Associate Member is a Republican man who wants to support SARW or is a Republican Woman who already belongs to a primary Federated Republican Women's Club and also wants to support SARW.

**Please return this form along with a check payable to SARW totaling \$25 per membership to:
SARW, PAC; PO Box 373; Salado, TX 76571**

SARW Information:

- The objectives of Salado Area Republican Women are to:
- Inform our members and the electorate through political education
- Increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through political participation.
- Foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its principles, and candidates in all elections including non-partisan elections.
- Work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees

We are Republican because we believe in:

- Lower taxes & limited government
- Unlimited opportunity for all
- Security for the Homeland
- Parental authority
- And we respect individual achievement with self-reliance

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