

October 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Important Dates for October

October 3 – Bell Co. Young Republican Meeting (7 p.m. at McCain's in Salado)

October 6 – SARW Board Meeting (10 am at the Library)

October 6 – Pints & Politics (6 p.m. at Dead Fish Grill)

October 10 – Last Day to Register to Vote

October 11 – CTRW Chili Fundraiser Luncheon (11 a.m. at Foundation United Methodist, Temple)

October 19 – 3rd Annual BBQ and Carter Music Fest (5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Johnny's in Salado)

October 19-21 – TFRW Convention in Dallas

October 23 - Early Voting Begins

October 26 – SARW Meeting (11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center)

November 3 – Early Voting Ends

November 7 – Election Day

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

SARW website: http://www.saladoarearw.com - bookmark it!



District 54 State Rep. Scott Cosper

1st VP of PROGRAMS – Barbara Swarthout

SARW October 26TH MEETING – 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center

Plan on attending our October 26th meeting. State Representative Scott Cosper will be our featured speaker. He currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee and co-sponsored the ban on sanctuary cities in Texas. Representative Cosper will provide an overview of the 2017 legislative session, as well as the special session called by Governor Abbott. The meeting will be held at the Salado Civic Center and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cost for the luncheon will be \$15 per person. The luncheon will be catered by Ambrosia Tea Room.

Plan to RSVP by October 20 to bswarthout@mygrande.net or 414-491-2341



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PRESIDENT'S PEN - Deborah Roberson

If you could not attend the SARW September 28th meeting, you missed a wonderful program. Patriot Paws Ambassador, Jill Tate, and Freedom, along with his handler, gave a very moving and rewarding program. We had a full house and everyone's attention was on Freedom as he demonstrated his abilities. Jill communicated valuable information about the purpose of Patriot Paws and how they help veterans. A photo is located on page 6 of the newsletter.

At the end of the program, Bobby Whitson, husband of SARW member Deanna Whitson, came forward and made an offer to Patriot Paws to donate a puppy from his business of breeding/training Labrador Retrievers. He said a representative from Patriot Paws could come look at a litter of puppies and select one that would fit their criteria. It was truly a very special moment for everyone in attendance. Many thanks to Bobby and Deanna Whitson (and Bobby's business partner, who is a veteran) for this very generous offer. What an investment in helping our veterans transition into successful civilian life.



Bobby Whitson donates a Labrador Retriever puppy to Patriot Paws

Also, at the September 28th meeting, Zenia Warren, TFRW District Director, presented the Diamond Achievement Award SARW won at the NFRW Convention in Philadelphia on September 16,2017.



Shirley Stephenson, SARW Awards Chair, and Deborah Roberson, SARW President, pose with the Diamond Award SARW won at the National Federation of Republican Women Convention.



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2017 is the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) Biennial Convention in Dallas on October 19-21. The Salado Area Republican Women elected the following delegates to represent SARW at the state convention: Deborah Roberson, Barbara Swarthout, Michele Melsha, Barclay McCort, Jeanie Grant, Shirley Stephenson, and Kate McKinley. The delegates will attend the convention and give a report to the SARW membership at the October 26th general meeting.

As the end of 2017 nears, it is time to consider 2018 elected officers for SARW. Those elected officers are President, 1st VP of Programs, 2nd VP of Membership, 3rd VP of Fundraising, Secretary, and Treasurer. At the September 28th meeting, the SARW membership elected the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee, Bobi Anderson, Barclay McCort, and Shelly Owen. Barclay was elected by the group to serve as Chair. If you are interested in serving as an elected officer for 2018, contact Barclay at barclaymccort@gmail.com or call 254-947-3617.

Keep working to keep Texas RED! Election time is rapidly approaching.

God Bless America and God Bless Texas! Conservatively Yours,

Deborah

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN - Bobi Anderson

John 1:18 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

Once again, this morning America awakened to a story of horrific proportion with the shooting in Las Vegas. This has been a season of tragedy and heartbreak with 3 major hurricanes and now this senseless act of evil. It is hard to get our heads around someone who could be so vile and hate-filled toward innocent people. But it also brings to mind the verse above: because not only did God send His Son, Jesus, to live in our neighborhoods and our homes (John 14:23), He is with us. He is absolutely with US like He was with His first followers.

It is important for us to remember that as followers of Jesus Christ, we must not only *know* His word, we must *live* His word. We are His church, and the church is Jesus' hands and feet. Our walk with Him is not only about God among us, it is about US being among others as God's people, as His voice and ears we were placed here to live with others who God places in our path.

Continue to pray for the hurricane victims in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Puerto Rico, add to your prayers the victims and their families of this horrific act of wickedness. 1Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing. (And praise God for the leadership of President Trump.)



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2ND VP of MEMBERSHIP - Jeanie K. Grant

It's going to be a big year in 2018! Offices up for election in Texas will be one U.S. Senate seat (Ted Cruz), all 36 United States Representatives, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture and Railroad Commissioners. Also, three members of the Texas Supreme Court, three members of the Court of Criminal Appeals, seven members of our State Board of Education, 15 State Senators, all 15 State Representatives, Justices of Courts of Appeals, some District Judges, various Appeals Justices, Criminal District Judges, District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorney. The list goes on, County Judge, County Court at Law, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, and Constable. **WOW!**

It's time to renew your SARW memberships. You will want to join us in 2018 to see and learn about many of the candidates. We want to be informed voters! We are now accepting memberships for 2018. Don't forget to let the men in your lives know they are welcome to join us as Associate members. See the membership form at the end of our newsletter, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Please consider renewing your membership early in October. We have fun tending to serious business. Jeanie K. Grant, <u>979-229-5590</u> or email <u>jeaniekgrant@gmail.com</u>.







3rd VP of FUNDRAISING - Barclay McCort

SARW will be selling beautiful red poinsettias again this fall in time for Christmas. All the proceeds from this go toward our scholarship funds, so if you know any Democrats feel free to ask them to purchase our plants to assist with our scholarships!

Here are the details:

Bright red poinsettias in 6-inch pots with 4-6 blooms per plant.

Delivery date: Thursday, November 30 or Friday, December 1st at the Civic Center.

Cost: \$12 each Checks made out to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571

Since we are expecting over 175 plants sold we ask individuals to kindly pick up their order. We will deliver to businesses. (We do need your email address to notify you if you are not ordering as a business.) For more information, contact Barclay McCort 254-947-3617 or barclaymccort@gmail.com.

Thanks to ALL for supporting our scholarship fund!



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Military Support for Those Deployed

We have been sending packages each month to deployed soldiers for several years now and fortunately many people are giving us items. Presently we have enough to mail three packages a month instead of the two. We have two barber shops, one gym, a church, a library and many others contributing. For that we are indeed grateful. Now we need money for shipping. Each large flat box costs \$17.35 so we need financial help for shipping the boxes. Currently the soldiers we are mailing to are deployed to Afghanistan.

Cpt. Joseph Fink, 1st Cavalry Division, is redeployed to Ft. Hood from Afghanistan. He was one of the soldiers we sent care packages to this past year. He wants to visit one of our meetings to personally thank SARW for all the care packages we sent to him and his soldiers while they were deployed. We look forward to meeting Cpt. Fink in person.

Barclay McCort



CTRW October Annual Chili Luncheon Fundraiser

Date: October 11, 2017 (Wednesday)

Location: Foundation United Methodist Church (10751 West Adams Ave. in Temple)

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Speaker: Jill Tate, TFRW Ambassador for Patriot Paws

Great Live Auction and many Silent Auction Items

Cost: \$15 per person (all you can eat Chili)

RSVP by Oct. 9th to Susan Parker at 254-231-5371 (call or text) or email to ctrwpac@gmail.com



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BELL COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS MEETING

The October meeting of the Bell County Young Republicans will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, 7 p.m., at McCain's Bakery & Café in Salado (417 N. Main Street, Salado, TX 76571-6133). It is our distinct honor to host Attorney Jeff Parker as the guest speaker. Mr. Parker is a candidate for judge of the 264th Judicial District and will be discussing the need for conservative values within the judiciary.

As we continue hosting meetings across Bell County to engage young Republicans within their respective communities, it is our hope that you will be able to attend and bring along a guest. We are grateful for the privilege of holding the October meeting at McCain's Bakery & Café and encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to dine at one of Salado's most well-respected eateries. All are welcome to join us!

Sincerely, Michael Jones President, Bell County Young Republicans 254-913-9451



State Representative Scott Cosper, SARW President, Deborah Roberson, Patriot Paws Ambassador, Jill Tate, Patriot Paws Dog Handler, and Freedom (dog) pose for a photo after the September 28, 2017 SARW meeting.



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Legislative Update:

**On August 24, 2017, a three-judge panel in San Antonio unanimously ruled that Texas must address violations that could affect House districts in four counties and that the districts must be redrawn ahead of the 2018 elections. The three judges believe lawmakers diluted the strength of voters of color in the four counties "to ensure Anglo control" of legislative districts.

Bell County is one of the counties and the ruling does impact our state house representatives for Districts 54 (Scott Cosper) and 55 (Hugh Shine). SARW will keep you updated as this situation progresses.

Update on the three-judge panel ruling on August 24, 2017:

Ken Paxton, Texas Attorney General, and other Texas officials appealed the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. Paxton argued that in 2013, this same federal court provided the Texas Legislature with an interim fix to the discrimination of Texas election districts. The Texas Legislature mostly used those maps and these are the same maps that have been used in the last three election cycles. In addition, Paxton argued that the election maps must be in place by October 1, 2017 for the 2018 elections to proceed.

Result: A U.S. Supreme Court brief order in a 5-4 split decision to leave the current election maps in place for the 2018 election cycle while the court considers Texas' appeal.

Campaign Activities Chair – Rosalie Glass SARW Campaign (Political Hours) 3rd Quarter 2017

The total hours reported by twenty-one SARW members to the Texas Federation of Republican Women for the 3rd Quarter 2017 were 960 hours. SARW has reported a total of 3,476 political hours for 2017. Among the hours that are included are board member meeting hours, member meeting preparation hours, work done for Republican candidate campaigns, project preparation hours for political activities, attending and participating in Republican activities, etc.

Also reported by eleven SARW members for the 3rd Quarter 2017 were a total of 544 community volunteer hours. Our members are quite active. Church activity hours are not reported in these hours, so when you consider these same SARW members activities in church and family life, added to the political and community hours, it paints a picture of the very strength and spirit of our area. If you have any questions regarding how or when to report political or community service hours, or what might be considered a qualifying activity, please email Rosalie Glass, saliego2002@yahoo.com.



DATE: October 6, 2017 LOCATION: Dead Fish Grill TIME: 6:00 TO 9:00 PM See you there! Thanks, Dave, Barb, and Michele



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2017 is an Amendment Election. Here are the seven amendments on the November 7, 2017 ballot:

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (HJR 21)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 (SJR 60)

"The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 (SJR 34)

"The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person's term of office."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 (SJR 6)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 5 (HJR 100)

"The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 6 (SJR 1)

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 7 (HJR 37)

"The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings."

This information was taken from the website: www.votetexas.gov



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Republican Party of Bell County

Nancy Boston, County Chair

254-760-8155

March 6, 2018 Republican Primary Ballot:

Candidate information is available at www.sos.tx.us.gov and Bell County Candidate Filing Information Packets are available from the county chairman.

Primary Filing Period:

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - December 11, 2017 for the office of precinct chair Saturday, November 11, 2017 - December 11, 2017 for office other than precinct chair

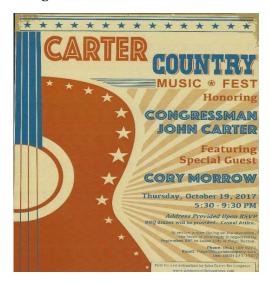
Executive Committee Meeting:

When: Monday, November 13, 2017
Where: Commissioners Courtroom
Bell County Courthouse
101 East Central Avenue
Belton, Texas 76513
Time: 5:00 p.m. – Registration

6:00 p.m. – **Filing Event**

All interest Republicans are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your elected officials, candidates and other like-minded patriots.

Our own **Senator Dawn Buckingham** has been named the Republican Party of Texas' Victory Chair for 2018 and will lead the Republican Party of Texas' fundraising effort which will fund voter registration drives and greater GOP turnout.



Make your RSVP for the 3rd Annual Carter Country BBQ and Music Fest Featuring Special Guest Cory Morrow

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017

Location: Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que (301 Thomas Arnold Rd. Salado, TX 76571)

Time: 6:30 - 9:30 PM (Casual Attire)

For more information go to: https://www.johncarterforcongress.com/bbq/



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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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Salado Area Republican Women (SARW) Membership Form for 2018

Dues \$25 per year

Personal Information:				
Title: (Check one): Mrs	Miss Ms D	r Judge Mr Oth	ner	
First Name:	Middle Name:		Last Name:	
Address:	City	StZip		
Name of spouse		Home Phone:		
Work Phone:		Cell:		
Email:				
Type of Membership: Check	one: SARW	Associate Renewal_	New	

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.

<u>Please return this form along with a check payable to SARW totaling \$25 per membership to:</u> 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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