

January 2018



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Important Dates for January**

January 1 – Happy New Year!

January 1 – Republican Party of Bell County Office will relocate to 204 N. East Street, Suite E, Belton, TX

January 5 – Pints & Politics (6 pm, Dead Fish Grill, Lake Belton)

January 9 – Bell Co. Young Republicans (7 pm, District Office of State Representative Scott Cosper, Killeen)

January 12 – SARW Board Meeting (10 am, Library)

January 15 – Central TX Tea Party hosts a Bell Co. Candidates Forum (6:30 pm Social; 7 pm Forum at Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander, Belton)

January 22 – State Justice Candidate Forum (6:30 pm, Blue Heron Room, Tenroc Ranch, Salado)

**January 22 - The State Justice Candidate Forum will be the January monthly meeting for both SARW & CTRW**

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

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



**1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs – Melody Willingham**

**SARW January 22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING – 6:30 P.M. at Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018!**

Salado Area Republican Women, in conjunction with Central Texas Republican Women, Bell County Young Republicans, UMHB College Republicans and the Republican Party of Bell County, will be sponsoring a State Justice Candidates Forum. The Forum will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room, 5471 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado. There will be a Meet and Greet at 6:30 p.m. **plus Senator Ted Cruz campaign staff and The Cruiser will be there** (see pg. 7). The Forum will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **There is no cost to attend this event.**

Each Incumbent Justice and Candidate will be given the opportunity to speak for 4 minutes.

**ALL** questions must be submitted in writing **before January 17<sup>th</sup>**. (See Question Form as separate attachment)

Incumbent Justices and Candidates may not discuss any ongoing case. Light refreshments will be served.

Please plan to attend and meet your future State Justices. We need to maintain our conservative values in our State Court system. We must elect Conservative Judges!

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### **PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarthout**

Can you believe it is 2018 already? I hope everyone had a healthy and happy New Year's. I wanted to start out my message by acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our past President, Deborah Roberson. Through Deborah's efforts, SARW received many accolades and awards in 2017. Under her leadership, SARW increased membership in 2016 and 2017. Deborah, thank you from all of us for a job well done.

This is a critical year for Republicans. The Texas primary election will be held on March 6, 2018, with State and local elections held on November 6, 2018. Mid-term elections for both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will also be held on November 6, 2018. It is imperative that we work hard this year to elect Republicans at all levels. We will be counting on all of you to make this happen.

Be sure and mark your calendars for the following events. On January 22, a Forum of State Justice Candidates will be sponsored by SARW, CTRW, Bell County Young Republicans, UMHB College Republicans, and the Republican Party of Bell County. Please check out the complete description under the Vice President of Programs column. In addition, a SARW Forum for local candidates will be held on February 22 at the Holiday Inn in Salado. More information regarding this Forum will be sent out shortly.

As your new President, I encourage all of you to submit new ideas, suggestions and recommendations to me to help make 2018 a banner year for the Salado Area Republican Women.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Forums and monthly meetings.

**Keep Texas RED!**

*Barbara*

### **CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson (Bobi is on a trip to Israel; Deborah Roberson prepared this article.)**

**Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.  
Psalms 46:10**

It is difficult for me to be still. At times when I struggle with fear or feel things are out of control, I want to take matters into my hands and do something about it to "make it right." I trust in myself or others rather than finding rest, renewal and reassurance in God. But there is another aspect to being still. . . . that is learning to be quiet.

Today our world is "plugged in 24/7" which produces a very unsettled world full of a multitude of voices via TV, Internet, Sirius XM radio, etc. Each voice tries to persuade us to their point of view that often causes us to be anxious and unsure who is in control of this world. Wildfires raging, hurricanes, bomb threats from North Korea, and the list goes on and on. We must learn to be quiet and free ourselves from worldly fears.

Listen through the stillness for God's voice. He speaks to us but sometimes we aren't quiet enough to hear Him. We can take refuge in God's word by taking our worries and doubts to God, resting in Him, and letting Him replace the anguish with peace. God is in control of all things and His plan will be accomplished on His time-frame. Be blessed and "be still, and know that I am God."

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**2<sup>ND</sup> VP of MEMBERSHIP - Jeanie K. Grant**

We need you! In 2018, the Salado Area Republican Women need all our members to renew their memberships. The stronger our numbers the stronger we will impact the election of Republican candidates up and down the ballot. Your membership makes you part of the process that informs voters and gets them out to vote. Your participation is important to a successful election.

Don't miss our candidate forums and informative speakers already on the calendar for 2018. If you haven't already renewed, fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and send with your check to SARW. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me, Jeanie K. Grant, [979-229-5590](tel:979-229-5590) or email [jeaniekgrant@gmail.com](mailto:jeaniekgrant@gmail.com).



**3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Fundraising – Dorothy Dentry**

(End of Year report was written by outgoing 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Fundraising, Barclay McCort)

SARW held two major fund-raising events in 2017: The Fine China Luncheon and Poinsettias for Scholarships. Both were extremely successful.

Our featured speaker for the Fine China Luncheon was First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott. Her inspiring presentation was well received by all attendees and resulted in the largest attendance of a Fine China Luncheon. Tables were beautifully decorated with a variety of themes and ideas. Planning has begun for the March 22, 2018 event. We will be contacting members shortly to decorate a beautiful table for the 2018 Luncheon.

Poinsettia sales increased by more than 100 plants from 2016. Thank you to all our members and Board for making this year's sales such an outstanding fundraising event.

These events are major accomplishments because our club members work hard to make these fundraisers a success. Thank you for all that you do for the Salado Area Republican Women!

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### **Americanism and Caring for America Chair Report – Kate McKinley**

For several years, the Salado Area Republican Women's club has been participating in the Wreaths for Vets at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. The Cemetery serves as the honorable resting place for almost 8,000 veterans and family members. Wreaths are laid on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend each year.

The wreaths will be removed on January 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering for the wreath removal, please join us. Before January 13, if you have an opportunity, stop by the Cemetery at 11463 TX-195 in Killeen and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. More information is always available at the website, Wreaths for Vets, at <http://www.wreathsforvets.org> Thank you for supporting this project and more importantly, our veterans and their families.



### **Military Support for Those Deployed**

We are continuing to send care packages to a deployed group of soldiers. As always you may bring items to any meeting. Monetary donations are appreciated too.

Barclay McCort

### **Treasurer's Report – Ann Moore**

2018 will be another busy election year for our club. In January, we will be finalizing and approving our 2018 Budget. Two of the big-ticket items in 2018 will be "Campaigns" and "Scholarships". In the fall, we will again plan to contribute a significant amount to Texas GOP candidates who have a tough opposition in the November general election. We will be awarding our two scholarships to Salado High School seniors in May and sending checks to their respective colleges in August.

You can help us attain our 2018 goals by attending our Fine China Luncheon on March 22 and donating or purchasing a silent auction item. We will again be selling poinsettias in the fall. All profit from the sales goes toward scholarships. Consider purchasing one or more for yourself, your friends or your organization.

Thank you for your past financial support. We look forward to your continued support in 2018.

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### **Awards Chair – Shirley Stephenson**

#### Why Do We Receive Awards?

We, as active hardworking Republican men and women, are part of that group who desire to make their country, their state, and their county a better place to live, to raise a family, start a business and to be a part of something bigger than themselves. With all that hard work, we gain recognition for our local Republican Women's clubs with awards at the local level, the state level, and national level.

In 2018 our Republican Womens' clubs will rev up their membership to renew early and bring in new members. Get members involved, tell the new members who SARW, TFRW, and NFRW are! There are no spectators in our TFRW member clubs. Involve them in this challenge of being a member of a recognized and thriving political organization right in their own backyard!

Start 2018 off right by planning to attend all our upcoming SARW events. We support our club through our attendance, through mentoring new members, and by volunteering within the club and the community. We also support our sister club, Central Texas Republican Women, Bell County Young Republicans, UMHB College Republicans, and the Republican Party of Bell County. Find your niche for serving the Party and SARW.

The election may be over, but our work isn't. SARW won the Diamond Club Achievement Award at the 2017 NFRW Convention and The John Goodwin Tower Award at the 2017 TFRW State Convention, but we have new goals that are fresh and ready to be met for the upcoming awards cycle. Keep track of your volunteer hours for your Campaign Activities Chair, stay current and involved with your club's leadership as we begin a new 2018-2019 period of achievement. I look forward to working with each and every one of our SARW members!

Happy New Year,  
Shirley Stephenson, Awards Chairman

### **Technology Committee – Michele Melsha**

In a world where technology advances occur in a blink of an eye, we at SARW are looking to move to the next step in the technology process by adding a Facebook page (account). This page will be accessible by visiting our Facebook page or through the SARW website.

Facebook provides us with another outlet to reach all Salado Republican Women. The Facebook "page" will have up-to-date information, photos, upcoming meetings, local club events, and an opportunity to discuss issues with other like-minded Republican Women.

Watch the newsletter and the website at [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com) when this Facebook page has been activated.

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### **2018 Publicity Chair – Barclay McCort**

Press releases regarding major SARW events and monthly meetings are sent to local newspapers and other publications. In addition, our Salado Area Republican Women’s website [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com) has all the latest updates and information.

Be sure to check the website regularly and look for our upcoming events in local publications.



2018 SARW Officers  
(left to right)

Melody Willingham - 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs, Ann Moore - Treasurer, Barbara Swarouth - President, Zenia Warren - TFRW District Director conducted the installation of officers, Jeanie K. Grant - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Membership, Marjorie Hairston – Secretary, Dorothy Dentry – 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Fundraising

### **Campaign Activities – Barclay McCort**

(End of year report prepared by outgoing Campaign Activities Chair, Rosalie Glass)

The total Campaign Volunteer Hours turned into TFRW for 2017 was **4,352 hours**. These hours reflect the dedication of SARW members to share the Republican message, educate the public on the election process, and help elect Republicans to office. Let’s get ready for 2018 mid-term elections! **Keep Texas RED!**

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### **Legislative – Deborah Roberson**

The Texas 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and the subsequent Special Session called by Governor Abbott accomplished much for the citizens of Texas, but additional work is done in the interim between legislative sessions.

Lt. Governor, Dan Patrick, asked the Texas Senate to study 106 interim charges that were determined by the Lt. Governor's policy priorities and almost 800 suggestions from Texas Senators. Patrick stated, "These charges are serious directives that reflect both my priorities and the priorities of the Texas Senate. They will require a lot of work in a short amount of time, but I have complete confidence in the leadership and commitment of my committee chairs and the senators who serve on these committees." He concluded that their interim work will provide a clear path for Texas to address future challenges.

House Speaker Straus issued similar interim charges to the Texas House of Representatives that included such topics as School Finance, Hurricane Harvey Relief, Economic Growth, Criminal Justice System, Ethics, Defense & Veterans' Affairs, Environmental Issues, and many more.

Your state representatives and state senator will be busy during this interim session preparing for the 2019 Legislative Session. SARW will keep you informed and updated.



**Senator Ted Cruz campaign staff and The Cruiser will be at the State Justice Candidate Forum on January 22, 2018, 6 pm, at Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room. We are pleased The Cruiser will be able to stop by and support Bell County's efforts toward the continuance of conservative judges in the Texas Court System. Come early to the Forum and visit The Cruiser and support Senator Ted Cruz in his re-election campaign.**

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### **CTRW January Meeting**

January 22, 2018 – 6:30 pm at the State Justice  
Candidates Forum at Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room  
See article on page 1

**January 5, 2018**

**LOCATION: Dead Fish Grill**

**TIME: 6:00 TO 9:00 PM**

**See you there!**

Thanks, Dave, Barb, and Michele



*Republican Party of Bell County  
Nancy Boston, County Chair  
254-760-8155*

**Check out the Republican Party of Bell County website at: [www.belltxgop.org](http://www.belltxgop.org)**

The Republican Party of Bell County is relocating the Party Headquarters to 204 N. East Street, Suite E, Belton, TX 76513 after January 1, 2018. Victorian Square is located directly east of the Bell County Museum. There are two entries to the building, one on East Street and one on 2nd Avenue. There are two parking lots, one on the south side and one on the north side with street parking at the front of the building on East Street. Watch for the Grand Opening. This will be a convenient location for distributing campaign material and assisting the public with election information. Volunteers will be needed.

**Wishing you and your family a prosperous and peaceful New Year!**



The January meeting of the Bell County Young Republicans will take place on Tuesday, January 9th, 7 p.m., at the district office of State Representative Scott Cosper in Killeen (2916 Illinois Ave.). We are honored to host Mr. Tim Brown, Bell County Commissioner, Precinct 2, as our speaker. All are invited to attend.

Sincerely,  
Michael Jones  
President  
Bell County Young Republicans  
[254-913-9451](tel:254-913-9451)

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## **SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN**

### **BOARD**

President	Barbara Swarthout <a href="mailto:barbaraswarthout@outlook.com">barbaraswarthout@outlook.com</a> 414-491-2341
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – Programs	Melody Willingham
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership	Jeanie K. Grant
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP – Fundraising	Dorothy Dentry
Secretary	Marjorie Hairston
Treasurer	Ann Moore

### **CHAIRMEN**

Chaplain	Bobi Anderson
Scholarships	To Be Announced
Newsletter	Bobi Anderson
Campaign Activities	Barclay McCort and Jeanie K. Grant
Hospitality	Shelly Owen
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	Deborah Roberson
Awards	Shirley Stephenson
PAC Treasurer/Chairman	Paulette Chandler
Publicity	Barclay McCort
Literacy	Maurine Nathanson
Americanism/Caring for America	Kate McKinley
Legislative	Deborah Roberson
Historian	Nancy Norris
Technology	Michele Melsha
Greeter	LaNora Miller

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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. \_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**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

