March 2018



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Important Dates for March

- March 2 Last day for early voting
- March 2 Pints and Politics, Dead Fish Grill, 6:00 p.m.
- March 6 Primary Election Day
- March 6 Election Night Watch Party, Expo Center, Belton
- March 9 SARW Board Meeting, Salado Library, 10:00 a.m.
- March 12 Executive Committee Meeting, Bell County Republican Party, Commissioners' Courtroom, Bell County Courthouse, 6:00 p.m.
- March 21 CTRW 11:30 a.m., Wildflower Country Club, Temple
- March 22 SARW Fine China Luncheon, Doors open at 10:45 a.m., Tenroc, Salado

March 24 – Precinct Convention, 8:30 registration; convention convenes at 9:30 a.m., SPJST Home Office 520 N. Main Street, Temple

March 24 - County Convention, 1:00 p.m. SPJST Home Office, 520 N. Main Street Temple

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

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

PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarthout

The Republican Primary Election is March 6. (Early voting ends on March 2.) Voting gives us a voice in our government – local, state and federal. Voting allows us to choose leaders and decide on important issues. It is critical that we vote in the 2018 elections. Every vote counts. Make your voice known by voting in the 2018 Republican Primary Election.

I also want to thank our outstanding SARW Board for the successful Bell County Candidates' Forum that was held on February 22. There were over 100 in attendance.

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President's Pen (continued)



Pictured are the 2018 Board members.

(Missing from the picture are Marjorie Hairston and Michele Melsha)

Most importantly, we want to thank the 21 candidates who showed great respect for one another during the Forum. We have an excellent group of candidates to choose from. Bell County's future looks bright.

Don't forget to attend the SARW Fine China Luncheon on March 22 at Tenroc, Blue Heron Room, Salado. Our keynote speaker is Nick Adams (author of *<u>Retaking America</u>*.)

We are honored to announce that Mrs. John Carter and her associates will also be attending the luncheon.

We look forward to seeing you on March 22. Let's continue to Keep Texas Red together!

Barbara

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

1Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

Paul's letter to a young pastor tells all of us what we have to do, especially in light of liberal attempts to minimize the effectiveness of timeless Christian standards. We are to fight the fight of truth, the fight of right and the fight against godless politics, anti-Christian media, bigotry, racism and liberals touting there is no need for God in America. But the question is: HOW? Stand up by being informed about the candidates and making your voice heard at the ballot box by voting. We can also make our voices heard by standing up to the social ills of today: human trafficking, drugs abuse (including prescription), the flood of pornography, and the ridicule of the beliefs we hold sacred. Know the candidates, their beliefs on social issues, but most importantly what they hold sacred and the practice of Christian values in their every-day lives.



1st VP of Programs - Dorothy Dentry

SARW March 22 Fine China Luncheon – Tenroc Blue Heron Room 11:30

SARW is delighted to announce that we now have 25 Table hostesses to decorate tables.. Six of the tables will be decorated and hosted by businesses. We are honored to announce that Mrs. John Carter will be attending.

The keynote speaker will be Nick Adams, the author of "*<u>Retaking America</u>*". He is a former Australian politician who later emigrated to the United States and is a conservative commentator and author. In 2013, Texas Governor Rick Perry name Adams an "honorary Texan."

If you are planning on coming to the luncheon, it is time to get your tickets as the tables are filling fast. The tickets are \$30. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. for viewing table and auction items.

If you haven't yet paid for your tickets, please do so by mailing in your check to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373, Salado, TX 76571. No reservations will be taken after March 16. For more information contact Dorothy Dentry, (254) 760-2456 or <u>ddentry13@gmail.com</u>

2ND VP of MEMBERSHIP - Jeanie K. Grant

This has been an eventful Republican Primary Election season with contested races in Bell County and the State level. Hopefully, the newsletter and forums have been helpful to you in making the important decision of who to nominate to face the Democrats in November.

Please invite your friends and people who are like-minded to renew or join SARW and become a part of the information stream that we provide in this crucial election year. Also, as many of you know, our husbands or others who join as associates, will receive the same timely information about political and election matters. Please ask your husbands and friends to join!

Our membership is growing at a faster pace than last year, but in order to help our candidates and community, we need to exceed last year's membership. Thank you for all that you have done and do for good government.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call me at 979-229-5590 or email jeaniekgrant@gmail.com.



Treasurer's Report – Ann Moore

Ticket sales for our upcoming Fine China Luncheon on March 22 are going well. We expect a large turnout at the event, so purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

<u>Auction Items needed for the Fine China Luncheon</u> We have not received many auction items for the Fine China Luncheon and are asking that each member consider donating. Donations can be dropped off at Stamp Salado where Nancy Norris will log the items received. For reporting purposes, we need for you to attach a donor form and include the value of the donated item. (Donor form is available at the end of the newsletter.) These silent auction item donations provide additional revenue that allows SARW to donate significant monies to Republican candidates prior to the general election in November. Revenue received from the auction is also used for our civic, educational, and military projects. We would greatly appreciate your support of our main fundraising effort.

Americanism/Caring for America - Kate McKinley

On Friday, February 2, Barclay McCort and I went as Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrars to Salado High School. We registered students to vote during the lunch period. We registered four and all of the students saw us and knew we were there to register voters. We also had some adult staff who had questions about being registered to vote. SARW registers students at the Salado High School in Fall, and again in Spring, 30 days before election day for students who are at least 17 years, 10 months. We offered those who came to the table copies of the Constitution as well as Texas bookmarks. We shared looking at a sample ballot online and how to find information on Early Voting Polling locations.

SARW participated in the recent Valentines for Veterans as part of the VA National Salute to Veterans. This year, the National Salute to Veterans was held February 12-16 across the nation. SARW made donations estimated at \$163.00. We will take up another donation in a few months. When donating, please include the estimated value of the items. (Keep in mind that there are female veterans who are in need as well as male veterans.)

Campaign Activities Co-Chairs: Barclay McCort/Jeanie Grant

One very important record SARW reports to our state and national organizations is a list of our volunteer Campaign Activities and Community Service hours. We have included a form that can be used to report your hours (please see the form at the end of the newsletter.) Campaign activities (also known as political action activities) are reported separately from the Caring for America hours. If you are unsure how hours count, the attached form will help clarify reporting these hours. If you have any questions, please email either of us at <u>barclaymccort@gmail.com</u> or jeaniekgrant@gmail.com Hours are due to us by March 28 so that we can report these to the Texas Federation of Republican Women. Note that Texas Federation of Republican Women reported the greatest number of campaign hours to our national organization, The National Federation of Republican Women. Let's keep up the good work, ladies! <u>NOTE: THERE ARE SOME CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!</u> (See form at end of newsletter.)

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Military Support for Those Deployed - Barclay McCort

We continue to send three care packages a month to our deployed soldiers. Donations, including money that is used for mailing the packages, are always appreciated. (Mailing for each box is \$17.35). Feel free to bring items to any meeting or drop them by Barclay McCort's residence.) Many thanks for your donations! Here is a list of what can be included in our care packages. Remember: No alcohol-based items, aerosols or items that melt.

- Cold drink mixes Crystal Lite, etc.
- Ground coffee (not instant) Starbucks individual packets
- Power bars, noodle pkgs., jerky, cereal bars
- Sunflower seeds, nuts
- Individual snacks cookies, crackers, chips
- Foot powder
- Odor-eaters, foot pads for blisters
- Men's high socks in black or white
- Games cards, Frisbees, etc. small video games (with batteries, if needed)
- Personal care items deodorant, items from hotels, motels, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, Chapstick, tooth brushes, baby wipes
- Letter-writing supplies (paper, pens, envelopes)
- Magazines and paperbacks (we have several good sources)



Technology Committee – Michele Melsha

The SARW Facebook page is now operational and can be accessed online at our website: <u>http://www.saladoarearw.com</u> (If you are already familiar with how to use Facebook, you do not need to follow these instructions.) To access the Facebook page, click on the Facebook icon at the top of the Website (on the right-hand side of the website.) See the icon below.



<u>OR</u>

Go to your Facebook Page and enter "salado area republican women" into the search box on your Facebook Page. Click on the Salado logo and the Facebook page will open. Facebook has 'like', 'follow', and 'share' features.

- We encourage you to 'like' our page and invite your Facebook friends to do so as well.
- 'Share' the SARW Facebook page on your timeline so that your Facebook friends can view the page increasing the views of the SARW posts. Help us get our message out to promote our cause and engage and obtain other supporters to keep Texas Red!
- Use the 'Follow" features to get up-to-date information about SARW, photos, meetings, club events and more. This feature permits you to see updates directly from the SARW Facebook page.

Scholarships: Deanna Whitson

Each year, the Salado Area Republican Women provide two \$1,500 scholarships to deserving young women to assist with college expenses. The deadline for the scholarships is fast approaching. If you know of a young woman who would be interested in applying for the scholarship, please have them see Mrs. Morales at the high school,.

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Legislative – Deborah Roberson

In the wake of the Florida school shooting that killed fourteen students and three school staff members, we can expect debates on how to prevent something like this from happening again in our public places. It is a realistic expectation for citizens to be able to attend public venues and be safe. It is evident something must change but the debate over future legislation, both on the federal and state level, is 'WHAT exactly must change and HOW it will change.' It is a complicated legislative issue with passionate opinions and convictions.

According to the February 20, 2018 Austin Statesman, Gov. Abbott focused on three major points regarding mass shootings that need to be addressed in Texas:

- 1. Ensure that Texas schools are safe
- 2. Rectify the federal background check database
- 3. Address mental health as a cause of some shootings

When asked if changing the gun laws in the U.S. should be considered, Gov. Abbott did not mention it as a solution. He stated that "There were red flags before the mass shooting at Sutherland Springs, before the shooting in Florida and yet those weren't responded to," making reference to missing data in the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

At the federal level: last November, Senator Chris Murphy (D - CN) and Sen. John Cornyn (R - TX) produced the Murphy-Cornyn Bill that would hold accountable federal and state officials if they fail to enter relevant records into the FBI system.

Representative Culberson (R – TX) introduced a similar bill, HB 4477, in the House on November 29, 2017. It is entitled "Fix NICS Act of 2017," and the purpose is to get federal and state officials to enter data into the NICS system to improve the odds of avoiding tragedies such as the latest school shooting. (Source: "HR.4477-115th Congress: Fix NICS Act of 2027"

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr4477>)

Karen Newton, president TRFW, addressed this issue in her President's Message by stating, "After countless attacks, we need more than thoughts and prayers, we need action. Let's start some hard conversations with each other and put bi-partisan politics aside. Let us, the members from the Texas Federation of Republican Women, take the lead in this conversation." (Source: "TFRW President's Message, February 2018" https://www.tfrw.org/presidentsmessage)

SARW Legislative committee will keep you updated on these two bills. You can track progress by going to: www.govtrack.us/congress/bills

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Republican Party of Bell County Nancy Boston, Chairman

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There will be an **Election Night Watch Party** at the Expo Center in Belton on **March 6, 2018**. Early voting results will be flashed on the big screen as soon as they are released. Precinct by Precinct returns will be on the big screen as soon as they are available. Everyone is incited to attend and feel free to bring refreshments/snacks. Many of the candidates will have tables set up.

All Republicans are invited to attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Bell County Republican Party on **Monday, March 12, 2018**, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Bell County Courthouse, 101 East Central Ave., Belton, TX. Registration: 5:00 p.m. & Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Agenda: Planning for Precinct and County Conventions and establishing Committees.

Precinct Conventions and County Convention will be held Saturday, **March 24, 2018**, SPJST Home Office, 520 N. Main Street, Temple, TX. Precinct Conventions: 9:30 a.m. and County Convention: 1:00 p.m.

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CTRW will meet Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Wildflower Country Club, Temple. The luncheon meeting will host SD24 SREC Committeeman, Jack Barcroft. Mr. Barcroft is also the VP for the TRCCA and Coryell County Chairman. He will provide an informative presentation on the Convention process and information on the upcoming Republican Party Texas State Convention in San Antonio, June 14-16, 2018. Mary Jan Avery, Candidate for SD 24 SREC Committeewoman will also be in attendance. Ms. Avery will be running for this position at the upcoming Convention. TFRW Deputy President Region XI, Gail Teegarden will also be present. Cost is \$15/per person. Reservations are necessary. Please RSVP by Friday, March 16, 2018. Email: ctrwpac@gmail.com



The next meeting of the Bell County Young Republicans will take place on Tuesday, March 13, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Killeen at the district office of State Representative Scott Cosper. The guest speaker will be Texans for Greg Abbott Central Texas Regional Director, Taylor Mattox. All are welcome to attend!

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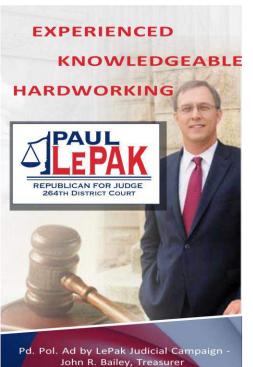


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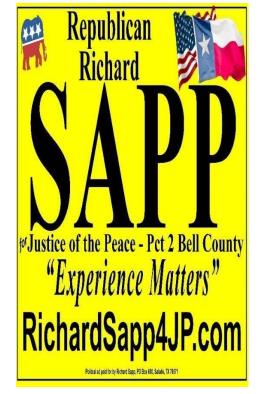






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- Retired Army First Sergeant
- Proven Conservative
- Unapologetically Pro-Life
- Abolish Property Taxes
- End Subsidies for Ilegal Imigration
- Return to Constitutional Principles of Smaller Government &Individual Liberty

A FIGHTER; NOT A POLITICIAN

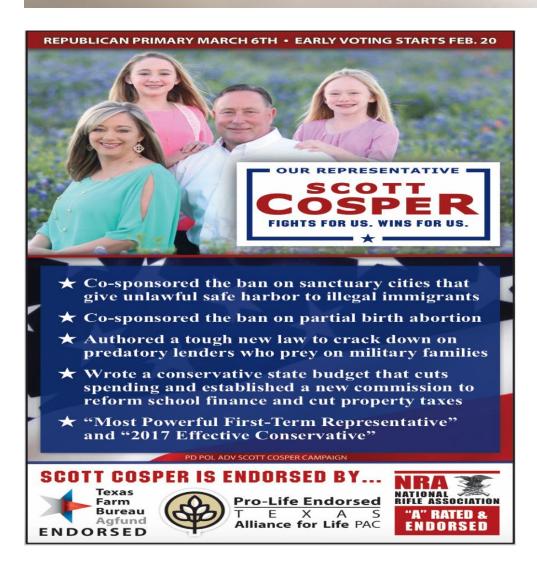




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- Graduate of Southwest Texas State University - Bachelors in Agricultural Education
- 12 years high school Agri-Science teacher
- 10 years in Bell County
- > 15 years Salado Education Foundation Member
- 15 years small business owner
- 17 years Bell County Youth Fair past president and board member
- 20 years Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - Bell County GO TEXAN committee - Our committee works in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to bring scholarship's back to Bell County youth
- Strong character, compassionate, trust worthy, Christian values



SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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Form for Reporting Campaign Activities & Caring for America (Community Svc.) Hours - 2018

Report volunteer hours for Campaign Activities (Political Action) and Caring for America (Community Svc.) at end of quarter. They are reported separately. Due dates: March 28th; June 28; Sept.28th; & Dec. 17th. Send to: Barclay McCort at <u>barclaymccort@gmail.com</u>; 947-3617.

Volunteer Campaign Activities (Political Action) - Hrs/Minutes The following types of events count in your quarterly tally: (It is not exhaustive)

- _____ Executive Committee Meetings (including travel and preparation)
- _____ Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training (including travel)
- _____ Pints & Politics (Travel only)
- _____ General Monthly Meeting (Speaker, travel and preparation Only)
- _____ TFRW Legislative Day and Conventions (RPT and TFRW)
- _____ Campaign work (including travel and preparation)
- _____ Dictionary Project (including travel and preparation)
- _____ US Constitution Project (including travel and preparation)
- _____ National Day of Prayer (Speaker, travel and preparation Only)
- _____ SARW Board Meetings (including travel and preparation)
- _____ Travel **only** to other Republican meetings.
- _____Fundraiser and Special Events (Planning, prep, decorating, travel)
- _____Deputy Registrar Hours unpaid
- _____Volunteering at County Headquarters
- _____Preparation and work on your committees
- ____Other

____1Q___2Q___3Q___4Q Campaign Activities Hours

____1Q___2Q___3Q___4Q Caring for America Hours

Caring for America (Community Service)

The following is a sample of events that count - (meetings, volunteer time, & travel) Ambassadors – Meetings, ribbon cutting, working at Tourism, etc. ABWA Ladies Auxiliary Chamber of Commerce Lions and Rotary Clubs School, Library, State and City Boards, etc.

Donation Form Salado Area Republican Women, PAC Donation Form

Please print name as it should appear for rep	orting:
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Salado Area Republican Women (SARW) Membership Form for 2018 Dues \$25 per year

Personal Information:					
Title: (Check one): Mrs Miss	_MsDr	JudgeMr	_ Other		
First Name:	Middle	Name:		Last Name:	
Address:	_City	St	Zip		
Name of spouse		Home Phone:			
Work Phone:		Cell:			
Email: Required by law for PAC reporting	Occupation	:		_	
Type of Membership: Check one: SA	RW	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 •

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