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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NO GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN JUNE OR JULY.

July

July 27 – Deadline for articles for August SARW newsletter

August

August 10 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.

August 23 – SARW General Meeting featuring Congressman Carter, Tenroc Ranch, Sirena Room, Social Hour 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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

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



PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarhout

The 2018 Republican State Convention was exciting, informative, and inspirational. Six SARW members attended the Convention as delegates: Barclay McCort, Michele Melsha, Deborah Roberson, Shirley Stephenson, Martha Vickers and myself. The various Party committees worked long hours on the Party's platform, resolutions, and legislative priorities presented to the delegates for debate and final approval. We walked away energized and ready to work for the Republican candidates in the November election.

In addition, a Tribute to Women Luncheon was hosted by TFRW. Senator John Cornyn and First Lady Cecilia Abbott addressed the attendees. SARW members Deborah Roberson and Barb Swarhout were nominated by our club and received recognition for exemplifying the 2018-2019 TFRW motto: Inspire, Unite and Achieve. (See several photos from the convention on the next page.)

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TFRW Tribute to Women Luncheon



Senate District 24 Convention Delegates



TFRW President Karen Cuneo Newton, addressed the approximately 9,000 convention attendees

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PRESIDENT'S PEN (CONTINUED)

Important Announcements for General Meetings starting in August and September:

Our general meetings will begin at 11:00 a.m. starting with our September general meeting at the Civic Center. Another group follows us in that same room and starting earlier will allow us to complete our agenda and continue to provide great speakers and topics for our meetings.

The cost of our luncheons has increased over the past two years. The SARW Board had a lengthy discussion on how these costs impact our ability to provide scholarships, fund military projects, candidate campaigns, etc. We found that, often, we had individuals RSVP and at the last minute could not attend the meeting. The number of luncheons provided and paid for is directly linked to the number of RSVPs we receive. Because these costs continue to rise, those individuals who RSVP but do not attend the meeting will be invoiced \$15 and asked to send a check to SARW. The Board had to make this difficult decision but based that decision on wanting to be able to have adequate funds available for our many SARW projects.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please don't hesitate to contact me at barbaraswarthout@outlook.com or text/call me at 414-491-2341.

Your understanding of this change is sincerely appreciated.

Together we can continue to Keep Texas Red together!

Barbara

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INTERIM VP OF PROGRAMS – Jeanie Grant, Kate McKinley

Our guest speaker for our August 23 meeting is going to be Congressman Carter who will be providing the latest updates on the budget, issues at the Federal level, and the 2018 elections. We are so pleased that he will be able to speak to our Salado Area Republican Women's group. The public is invited to attend so encourage friends, family and neighbors to hear the Congressman's updates.

The event will be held on August 23 at Tenroc Ranch, Sirena Room. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. Cost to attend the program will be \$20 per person. Additional information will be emailed to everyone as we get closer to the August meeting.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

Psalm 74:17 You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter

In Genesis 1, we read about God creating the earth from the "darkness and the void" that was before creation. God made it all: He told the stars and planets where they would reside in the universe and they have not shifted since. He told the Sun to shine during the day and the Moon at night. God created the boundaries for the continents and told the ocean it had to stay within the environs He set. God has fixed, by His own power and will, all the natural boundaries of the universe and His dominion is over all. God gave us seasons, let's thank Him for summertime and all its blessings!

2nd VP of MEMBERSHIP – Jeanie K. Grant

Our organization currently has 108 total members. The total includes 67 Primary Members, one Honorary Member, and 40 Associate Members.

Our members can certainly be proud of our contributions to community programs and to our political activities in the first six months of 2018. We can do more with more members. Let your conservative friends and neighbors know we have fun tending to serious business and we need them! We make a difference!

Although we will not meet during June and July, we can accept new memberships any time. See the membership form at the end of this newsletter. See you in August.

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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIRS: Barclay McCort/Jeanie Grant

The next report for SARW campaign hours for political support as well as community service is due June 28. Remember to send your hours in by the June date to barclaymccort@gmail.com



MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THOSE DEPLOYED: Barclay McCort

Our Fort Hood troops have deployed and their chaplain has sent us a list of current requested needs:

- Gatorade Powder Packets – Protein Powder (Casein or Whey protein)
- Face and Body wash
- Beef jerky pepperoni sticks, microwave popcorn
- Baby wipes; Clorox disinfectant wipes, Q-tips
- Gel Shaving Cream (non-aerosol), Razors (4 or 3 Blade)
- Loofah/Shower puffs
- Mustard, Hot Sauce (other than TX Pete), Spices to cook with for chicken/steak
- Peanut butter, cup-o-noodles
- Twin sheet sets, Blankets, Wash Cloths
- Resistance Bands for the Gym – all strengths
- Fly strips, mouse traps.

Specifically for Female Troopers:

- Hair conditioner, hair brushes, *Always* Brand Panty Liners
- Variety pack tampons
- Nail files

SARW is now collecting items at the Salado Public Library throughout the summer. A box is prominently displayed for depositing your contributions. We sincerely appreciate your help in supporting our military.

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SCHOLARSHIPS – Deanna Whitson

At Salado High School Awards Night, SARW presented two scholarships to graduates Camryn Haltom and Paige Aydell. These two ladies were very deserving of our scholarships. Join us in wishing them the best as they continue their college education. Thank you to all who completed applications for the scholarships.

AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

The Bell County Republican Party planning is underway for the Belton Fourth of July Parade. The theme of the Parade is “**Proud To Be An American**”. Volunteers are needed to ride on the float in costumes that are considered “*Proud To Be An American.*” Possible suggestions are: farmer, military, student, medical, etc. Children are welcome to participate as well.

The following items are still needed for the float:

- Hay Bales
- Quiet Generator
- Sound System
- Download of Patriotic Music/ John Wayne rendition of “*What is An American/Proud To Be An American*”
- Volunteers dressed in costume.

We have been assigned Float 171. If you will be helping or participating on July 4, this number is a must fine for us. We must be in line by 9:00 a.m. for judging. Therefore, we need everyone at the Float by 8:00 a.m. Staging will be at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Campus. Our Float 171 places us on Crusader Way. Due to road closures for the Parade Route, entry to Crusader Way will only be from Loop 121. It is always a great parade!

We need your help so let us know if you can decorate, participate or donate items by contacting Bell County Republican Party headquarters at 254-831-5200.

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LEGISLATIVE – Deborah Roberson

The February school shooting in Florida and now another mass school shooting in Santa Fe, Texas prompted Governor Abbott to conduct roundtable discussions with shooting victims, parents, educators, lawmakers, law enforcement and policy makers. The roundtable discussions generated possible solutions and suggestions to improve Texas school safety and security plans before the next school year begins.

On May 30, 2018, Governor Abbott unveiled his School and Firearm Safety Action Plan. There were 40 recommendations in the plan along with proposals calling for:

1. Increased law enforcement presence at schools
2. Strengthen existing campus security plans
3. Enhanced firearm safety
4. Provide mental health evaluation identifying students at risk of harming others
5. Use of Digital technology to prevent attacks – monitor social media for threats

You can read the full School and Firearm Safety Action Plan at:

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/School_Safety_Action_Plan_05302018.pdf

Two days after Governor Abbott released his 40-page School and Firearm Safety Plan, the outgoing House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, directed the appropriate interim committees in both chambers to research ways to limit school shootings and increase school safety.

Speaker Straus instructed several House committees to review schools' emergency operations plans, target mental health strategies for children and asked lawmakers to "look for ways to ensure safe firearm storage, including enhancing the penalty to a felony when unauthorized access results in death or bodily injury."

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/01/texas-school-safety-greg-abbott-legislature/>

Patrick instructed the Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security "to look into the impact of "red flag" laws that would allow for the temporary removal of firearms from someone who poses an immediate danger. The committee will also study putting armed teachers and police officers in schools, identifying students who are at high risk of causing violence and changing the design of Texas schools to be less susceptible to mass shootings."

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Both Straus and Patrick feel the urgency and need to improve school safety. SARW Legislative committee will keep you updated on the progress of the Texas Legislature regarding legislation proposed to improve school safety.

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The Bell County Republican Party and the Republican Auxiliaries will be preparing for the 2018 Belton “**Proud To Be An American**” Fourth of July Parade Float.

Republicans will also have a booth at the Central Texas State Fair which will be held August 31-September 2, 2018 at the Bell County Expo Center.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to belltxgop@att.net or call 254-831-5200 and you will be kept informed as preparations are made. Volunteers will also be needed on a daily basis to work at the Headquarters when the hours are extended.

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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. ___ 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

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