

August 2018



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 3 – Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill, Texas Chair James Dickey attending - 6:00 p.m.
August 8 – Purple Heart Day
August 10 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.
August 14 – Bell County Young Republicans, 7:00 p.m., Republican Party of Bell County Headquarters
August 15 – CTRW Meeting, 11:00 a.m. Wildflower Country Club, Temple
August 23 – SARW General Meeting featuring Congressman Carter, Tenroc Ranch, Sirena Room, Social Hour 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m.
August 28 – Deadline for SARW newsletter articles
August 31 – September 2 – Central Texas State Fair – Visit the Bell County Republican Booth

(Board of Directors and Chairmen listed at end of newsletter with contact information)
SARW website: <http://www.saladoarearw.com> – bookmark it!



INTERIM VP OF PROGRAMS – Jeanie Grant, Kate McKinley

SARW will welcome Congressman John Carter (TX-31) on August 23, 2018, (social hour at 6:00; dinner at 6:30 p.m.) to give an update on the U.S. House of Representatives. The dinner will be held at Tenroc Ranch, Sirena Room. Congressman Carter was recently promoted to Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Committee, responsible for funding all new construction projects on American military bases and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Also, at the meeting, SARW members will be collecting items for the military care packages as well as money for mailing these packages. There are about 1,000 troops deployed from Fort Hood and we want to remind them they are not forgotten. A list of requested items can be found at the 'Support Our Military' box at the Salado Public Library. This project is ongoing until the troops come home.

Please join us to hear Congressman Carter. Cost is \$20.00 per person. McCain's Bakery & Café will be providing the dinner. To attend the meeting, please RSVP BY AUGUST 17 by texting/calling Barbara Swarthout at 414-491-2341 or email her at barbaraswarthout@outlook.com **Note:** that anyone RSVP'ing for the dinner meeting and not canceling prior to the meeting will be sent an invoice for \$20.00. To avoid lines checking in, please forward your check to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373, Salado TX 76571.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarthout

It has been a long, hot summer!! Hopefully, you and your family are able to enjoy some vacation time (in a cool climate). Even though SARW had no general meetings in June and July we have continued to work on our many projects and Republican-sponsored events.

SARW members helped decorate the Republican float for the Belton Fourth of July parade. It was fun and the float was a tremendous success. As you can see from the picture, our theme was “Proud to be an American.” (see photo below)

Shirley Stephenson and I attended the Third Quarter TFRW Board of Directors meeting in Austin on July 21. In attendance and addressing the group were National Federation of Republican Women President Jody Rushton, and NFRW 4th VP/Region 5 Director Ann Schockett. NFRW has three major issues they are concentrating on in 2018: Human trafficking, the opioid addiction/epidemic, and mental health issues. Your Board will be looking to incorporate these issues in our upcoming general meetings. In addition, we came home with many ideas and insights that will be shared at our upcoming SARW Board meeting. Pictured on the next page is Texas Federation of Republican Women President Karen Newton who led the Board through a comprehensive agenda.

As we discussed in our June/July newsletter, the cost of our luncheons and dinners has increased over the past two years. These increased costs have impacted our ability to provide scholarships, fund military projects, candidate campaigns, etc. Often, individuals RSVP'd and at the last minute could not attend the meeting. Luncheon costs are directly linked to the number of RSVPs we receive. Starting with our August 23 dinner meeting, those individuals who RSVP but do not attend the meeting will be invoiced for the per person cost and asked to send a check to SARW. Your understanding of this is sincerely appreciated.

Plan to attend our next general meeting August 23 at TenRoc where Congressman John Carter will provide an update on what Republicans are working on in the U.S. House of Representatives and how he is fighting for his constituents in Washington. RSVPs must be received by August 17. Text or call me at 414-491-2341 to make a reservation. You can also email your RSVP to barbaraswarthout@outlook.com The public is invited to attend. We hope to see all of you at the meeting.

The November elections will be here before we know it. Democrats are continuing to target Texas mid-term Republican candidates. Let's all work together to get our Republican candidates elected.

Together we can continue to Keep Texas Red!

Barbara

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Karen Newton, TFRW President



Bell County Republicans 4th of July Parade Float

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

I Timothy 3:15: the church of the living God

The church has gone through 2000+ years of history. The first 300 years it was on trial while people tried to figure out what it was. The next 200 years it was at work, after Constantine officially stopped persecution. From 400 to 900 it was the church at bay as Islam began its first incursions around the world. From 900 – 1300 Christianity was compromised until the Enlightenment and reformation introduced the radical Protestant ideas to the world. Then for 300 years we see the church revived. Now, at this point in church history we see a church struggling with many of the same historic problems.

People are still trying to figure out what we're all about. Christianity is officially persecuted in places around the world. Islam is once again trying to wipe us off the face of the earth. There is still enlightenment going on through the church and its missionaries around the world. And in America, hopefully, we see the church being revived. Christianity is the ONLY religion that can bring peace to the world. Let's all do our part to spread the Good News!

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Ann Moore

Wow, was July ever hot this year. Hopefully, August will be a little cooler and you will brave the heat and join us for our general meeting on August 23, featuring Congressman John Carter. The cost is \$20 per person. It is important to RSVP by August 17 if you plan to attend. All food and seating are based on the number of RSVPs received. Beginning with the August 23 meeting, the Board has instituted a new policy. Individuals who have RSVP'd but cannot attend and do not cancel prior to the meeting will be invoiced the cost of the dinner or luncheon. It was a tough decision for the Board to make but we believe that our monies should continue to fund our many projects and scholarships. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com) or Barb Swarhout (barbaraswarhout@outlook.com)or any SARW Board member. Thank you for your continued support of SARW.

2nd VP of MEMBERSHIP – Jeanie K. Grant

SARW currently has 109 total members. The total includes 67 Primary Members, 1 Honorary Member, and 41 Associate Members.

We continue to accept new members throughout 2018. Encourage family, friends, and neighbors to join. A membership form is available at the end of this newsletter.

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Military Support for Those Deployed - Barclay McCort

Our support for the military has been awesome! With your support and the support of the community (including my church), we were able to pack 19 boxes and mail them in June to the almost 1,000 deployed soldiers from Fort Hood. We are told that the temperature is around 120 degrees this summer. Since there are so many deployed (the majority for 9 months), we put our military project in high gear. We will continue collecting items and money (\$17.35 to mail each box) until our soldiers come back home. Once these troops have returned, we will start a new campaign for those men and women who are being deployed to foreign places to keep us safe. If you would like to contribute, there is a box at the Salado Area Public Library with sheets of information of the items soldiers have requested. (We always need money for mailing.) Pictured below are several SARW members who helped pack the 19 boxes that were sent in June. Our next packing party will be the last week of August so if you have any items, please drop off at the Library BEFORE August 24.

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.



SARW members packing military boxes.

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AMERICANISM – Kate McKinley

Purple Heart Day In The United States

Purple Heart Day is observed on August 7 each year and for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Though considered an unofficial observance, the day was first observed in 2014.

The Purple Heart was first created on August 7, 1782, in Newburgh, [New York](#), by the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington.

One contemporary interpretation of the color of the Purple Heart is that it represents the blood of all those who have made sacrifices in war, but traditionally the color is thought to represent the courage of those who serve. The original color of the Badge of Military Merit was purple, so it is logical that when the Purple Heart was created to celebrate George Washington's bicentennial, the original color of the medal he created would be used to honor his memory. The Purple Heart is a heart shaped medal with a gold border. The front has a profile of George Washington, while the back has the words *for military merit* inscribed on it. The medal is attached to a purple silk ribbon with a silver border.

WW II saw the Purple Heart change from an award for meritorious service to one honoring those who were wounded or killed in combat. Criteria for receiving the award has also changed over the years; military members may be eligible for this honor if they are wounded or killed as a result of an act of terrorism or in qualifying circumstances where friendly fire was involved.

At current estimates about 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded.

Today, in addition to being awarded to those who fight wars overseas, the Purple Heart is also given to military personnel who display bravery and valor as prisoners of war and while fighting certain types of domestic terrorists.

For more information, visit these sites.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/purple-heart-day>

<https://militarybenefits.info/purple-heart-day>

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/washington-creates-the-purple-heart>

Military Order of the Purple Heart website <http://www.purpleheart.org/HistoryOrder.aspx>

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Legislative – Deborah Roberson

As stated in the June/July Legislative Update, both Speaker Straus and Lt. Gov. Patrick feel the urgency and need to improve school safety. The new interim charges call for committees in both the house and senate to study ways to limit shootings and increase protections in Texas public schools.

Texas House of Representatives

Speaker Straus has issued nine new interim charges to committees in the House; all are related to school safety and mental health strategies for children. The following are several of the newly released charges:

Committee on Appropriations: Examine and evaluate the availability and cost of federal funding and Governor’s Criminal Justice grants to improve school safety, including improving access to mental health services for children, improved school safety, and enhanced firearm safety.

Committee on Public Education: Review the effectiveness of schools’ current emergency operation plans and recommend improvements to ensure student safety. Research available violence prevention strategies for school personnel to utilize.

Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence: Examine current statutes designed to protect minors from accessing firearms without proper supervision and make recommendations to ensure responsible and safe firearm storage. Study the possibility of a **“Red Flag” law** that would provide a legal process for temporarily removing guns from someone considered potentially dangerous by family members or law enforcement.

Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety: Evaluate options to increase the number of school marshals available and identify current statutory requirements that limit utilization of the program.

Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs and Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety (Joint Charge): Examine the experience of other states in prioritizing retired peace officers and military veterans for school security. Determine the minimum standards necessary to implement such a program. To read the full text use the following link: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/news/press-releases/?id=6533>

Texas Senate

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick recently announced the appointment of a nine-member Senate select committee to address the school violence and school security proposals requested by Governor Abbott. The following are a few of the newly released charges to the Senate Select Committee:

- **Improve** the infrastructure and design of Texas schools to reduce security threats and discuss various proposals to harden school facilities.
- **Study** school security options, resources and training programs to determine what improvements can be made to provide school districts and charter schools with more robust security options.
- **Examine** the root cause of mass murder in schools to determine the effect on copycat shootings, and the desensitization to violence resulting from video games, music, film, and social media. Recommend strategies to early identify and intercept high-risk students.
- **Examine** whether current protective order laws are sufficient or whether the merits of Extreme Risk Protective Orders, or **“Red Flag” laws**, should be considered for seeking a temporary removal of firearms from a person who poses an immediate danger to themselves or others, only after legal due process is provided with a burden of proof sufficient to protect Second Amendment rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. To follow click: <https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>

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Republican Party of Texas Convention

SARW was well represented at the 150th Republican Party of Texas Convention in San Antonio on June 11–16, 2018. Chairman James Dickey was elected for another term and business of the convention was conducted according to convention rules. You may view the RPT current rules, platform and priorities at the websites listed below.

<https://www.texasgop.org/rules/>

<https://www.texasgop.org/platform/>

<https://www.texasgop.org/priorities/>



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The Republican Float was well received by the people attending the 4th of July Parade in Belton. ...Thanks to Kate McKinley, Linda and Bill Schumann, Laura and Shay Luedeke, and Barbara and Dave Swarthout, who did an excellent job of coordinating and decorating.

Paul LePak was sworn in as Judge of the 264th Judicial District on July 12, 2018 in the 146th Judicial District Courtroom. Gov. Abbott appointed LePak to fill the vacancy created when Judge Martha Jane Trudo retired. Judge Jack Jones welcomed the 200 people who packed the courtroom. A reception was hosted by the Bell County Bar Association immediately following the swearing-in.

Walt Stephenson is organizing the **Bell County Republican Booth** at the **Central Texas State Fair**, August 31 – September 2, 2018. Republicans have a large corner booth inside the Assembly Hall at the Expo Center. This is your chance to meet thousands of voters and advocate for our Republican Candidates. To volunteer email belltxgop@att.net or call Walt Stephenson at 520-591-0451 or the Bell County Republican Party Headquarters at 254-831-5200 and leave a message. Time: Thursday & Friday: 5pm-11pm; Saturday & Sunday: 12pm-11pm.

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The Bell County Young Republicans are honored to host Trade Representative Richard Cortese on Tuesday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Republican Party of Bell County headquarters. Mr. Cortese will be discussing the Trump Administration's tariffs and its effects on the United States economy. We invite all to join us and learn more about the art of the tariff.



CTRW will meet Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Wildflower Country Club, Temple. Cost is \$15.00 per person. The meeting will feature two presentations. Conservative Children's Books author, developer and owner, Laurie Cockrell, will be bringing books on themes from Sam Houston, Patriotism, and Christian Heritage to Hawaii Legends. Featured speaker will be Captain James Lewing of the Bell County Sheriff's Department, speaking on personal safety. Please RSVP by Friday, August 10, 2018. (Individuals who have RSVP'd and have not cancelled by the deadline will be invoiced for the cost of the event.) To RSVP, please call/text Linda Hagler at 432-254-9990 or email CTRW PAC@GMAIL.COM Checks can be mailed to CTRW (PAC), P.O. Box 24, Belton, Texas 76513.

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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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