

September 2018



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **September Dates**

September 6 – Volunteer Registrar Class – 5:30 p.m. at the Tank.

September 7 – Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill, 6:00 p.m.

September 11 – Patriot Day Celebration for First Responders honoring Salado Police Department, Salado Volunteer Fire Department, Salado Constables, Bell County Sheriff Deputy and the local EMS unit, First Baptist Church, Salado, 6:30 p.m.

September 14 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.

September 18 – Bell County Young Republicans, Location to be announced, 7:00 p.m.

September 19 – CTRW Dinner Meeting, Wildflower Country Club – 6:00 p.m.

September 24 – Bell Ringer Folding Party, McCort's House, 406 Royal View Road – 9:30 a.m.–1:00

p.m. or later

September 26 – Newsletter articles due

September 27 – SARW Luncheon Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center

**October 5** – “Women for Carter” Rally – 2:00 p.m., Temple (Save the date – more information will be sent shortly)

(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 meet September 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center in Salado. Cost of luncheon is \$15.00. Our speaker is Marvin Hahn, Bell County Chief Appraiser. Mr. Hahn will provide information about the appraisal process, how his office functions, protesting appraisals, and how the Appraisal Review Board is appointed. As a certified Tax Administrator, Registered Professional Appraiser, Certified School Tax Administrator and Certified Review Appraiser, he is well qualified to provide important information on appraisals and answer questions. Join us to learn more about how the process works. Lunch will be provided by McCain's Café and Bakery. RSVP to Barbara Swarhout via text/call 414-491-2341 or email her at [barbararswarhout@outlook.com](mailto:barbararswarhout@outlook.com) Note that anyone RSVP'ing for the meeting and not canceling prior to the meeting will be sent an invoice for \$15.00. Checks can be sent to SARW, PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado TX 76571

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

The November 6 election is fast approaching. This is the year where we need to support our Republican candidates from the top to the bottom of the ballot. If any of you attended Senator Cruz's meeting at Mikeska's or were at the SARW August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting where Congressman Carter spoke, you heard how important it is to have a strong Republican turnout for the mid-term elections. The Democrats are pouring money into Texas to support their candidates and beat our Republican candidates. This is not the year to be complacent and not vote and assume that our candidates will easily win.

We need to keep majority control of the Congress and the Senate if we want to see our conservative ideals and beliefs continue to be supported. It is just as important to support all of our local and state Republican candidates.

We need YOU, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, YOUR NEIGHBORS to vote on November 6.

Don't let the state of Texas turn 'blue'. Your vote is needed to keep **'TEXAS RED'**! See you at the polls.

**Together we can continue to Keep Texas Red together!**

**Barbara**

### **CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson**

"A Christian's first duty is to God. It then follows, as a matter of course, that it is his duty to carry his Christian code of morals to the polls and vote them... If Christians should vote their duty to God at the polls, they would carry every election and do it with ease... it would bring about a moral revolution that would be incalculably beneficent. It would save the country."

With so much at stake in our nation, honestly answer these questions about your role:

Do I pray faithfully for a spiritual revival to sweep America?

Am I registered to vote? Do I encourage other Christians to register?

Am I making a serious effort, along with my Christian friends, to become informed about the candidates and issues?

Am I actively involved in helping to select and elect godly candidates to office?

Do I vote in every election for the best candidates, regardless of party?

Do I pray faithfully for a spiritual revival to sweep America?

Am I registered to vote? Do I encourage other Christians to register?

Am I making a serious effort, along with my Christian friends, to become informed about the candidates and issues?

Am I actively involved in helping to select and elect godly candidates to office?

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From: “Your 5 Duties as a Christian” by Bill Bright, published by Campus Crusade for Christ

### **Campaign Activities Hours AND your Community Service Hours. – Barclay McCort**

We are getting into high gear for the upcoming November 6<sup>th</sup> election so I hope you are recording your campaign hours as well as your community service hours. I will be sending you a reminder toward the end of the month for our quarterly report. All these hours are reported to our State as well as to our National organization.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP of MEMBERSHIP – Jeanie K. Grant**

SARW is continuing to grow! We now have 114 total members. Welcome to our new members; thank you for joining us. We have fun tending to serious business.

It's almost time to start renewing your membership for 2019. In October we will begin accepting renewals and, of course, new memberships are always welcome. Stand by for details in our October newsletter.

The most important thing Republican Women can do this year is VOTE on November 6th!

**“Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year.”**  
— Chad Sugg

### **TREASURER’S REPORT – Ann Moore**

I hope you were able to attend our August meeting featuring Congressman John Carter. We have a great program planned for this month, too. Please RSVP to Barb Swarouth before the deadline. We use the RSVPs to determine seating and food for the event, so it is important to know if you plan to attend. If you do not attend and do not cancel before the deadline, you will be invoiced the cost of the event.

We will begin selling poinsettias in late September. They should arrive around the first of December. An order can be placed with any SARW board member. And our 2019 membership drive begins in October. Renew your membership so you can continue to receive the newsletter and be informed of upcoming events. We appreciate your continued support.

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> VP OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry**

Although it is only September, it is time to be thinking Christmas. SARW will again offer the sale of beautiful red poinsettias in 6” pots with sleeves. The cost will be \$12.00. We will be taking orders of these poinsettias beginning October 1 through October 31. Now is the time to decide how many you would like to decorate your home or place of business – or give as a gift.

We will deliver the plants to businesses that place an order. We ask individuals to pick up their plants once they are notified via email. Delivery date will be November 30 at the Civic Center. All proceeds go toward Salado High School scholarships. You can make your check out to SARW PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado TX 76571. We cannot accept corporate checks but can accept checks from LLC & DBA businesses. If you ordered last year, you will be contacted again or you may contact me at (254) 760-2456 [ddentry13@gmail.com](mailto:ddentry13@gmail.com) We thank you for your support of our poinsettia project.

### **AWARDS – Shirley Stephenson**

Summer is over and it’s time to buckle down and complete all of the upcoming challenges this Fall. All of these activities contribute toward our club earning Texas Federation of Republican Women awards. Volunteer at Bell County Republican Headquarters. Recruit new members and help retain old members. Hand out Bell Ringers to households in your neighborhood. These are just a few activities that can be reported on your quarterly campaign activities and community service hours.

### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Michele Melsha**

Since the launch of SARW’s Facebook page, we are pleased that so many people are followers on the page. We, as a club, must realize that constant, ongoing information and innovation is critical to stay ahead of Democratic competition in getting our message out.

We invite you to connect on SARW’s Facebook page with friends, family and other people you know who have attended a GOP event and wish to place photos and videos with a brief description of the event. You can also send these to me at [mmelsha@msn.com](mailto:mmelsha@msn.com) or text at 414-491-7076. I will then post to our Facebook page.

We are committed to the fight for our conservative values and keeping **Texas Red!**

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### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Deborah Roberson**

Property Tax in Texas and the Texas Commission on Public School Finance: In a January 2018 press conference, Governor Abbott revealed his proposal to limit local governments' annual property tax revenue growth to 2.5 percent. If local governments needed to increase revenue beyond that, they would need approval from two-thirds of voters. Governor Abbott stated, "Enough is enough. Texans are fed up with property taxes being raised with impunity. They are tired of endless government spending while honest, hard-working people struggle just to keep up with paying their tax bills." In addition, Governor Abbott hinted that the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature might need to pass school finance reform prior to his property tax reform proposal. He brought attention to his successful push during the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature to create the Texas Commission on Public School Finance (HB 21; 1<sup>st</sup> Called Special Session). This panel is scheduled to report their findings to the governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2018.

(<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/01/16/Abbott> )

Members of the Texas Commission on Public School Finance are:

Justice Scott Brister (Commission Chair) – Georgetown (Republican)

Rep. Diego Bernal – San Antonio (Democrat)

Sen. Paul Bettencourt – Houston (Republican)

Dr. Kevin Ellis – Lufkin

Rep. Dan Huberty – Houston (Republican)

Nicole Conley Johnson – Austin

Dr. Doug Killian – Pflugerville

Rep. Ken King – Canadian (Republican)

Melissa Martin – Deer Park

Elvira Reyna – Denton County

Sen. Larry Taylor – Friendswood (Republican)

Sen. Royce West – Dallas (Democrat)

Todd Williams – Dallas

The commission has the following charges:

1. Recommend the purpose of the public school finance system and the relationship between state and local funding in that system.
2. Recommend the appropriate levels of local maintenance/operations and interest/sinking fund tax effort necessary to implement a public school finance system that complies with the requirements under the Texas Constitution.
3. Recommend policy changes to the public school finance system necessary to adjust for student demographics and the geographic diversity in the state.

([https://tea.texas.gov/Finance\\_and\\_Grants/State\\_Funding/Additional\\_Finance\\_Resources/Texas\\_Commission\\_on\\_School\\_Finance](https://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/State_Funding/Additional_Finance_Resources/Texas_Commission_on_School_Finance) )

SARW will track both reform proposals for progress in the 2019 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative session.

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### **Bell Ringer Folding Party**

**Monday, September 24, 2018 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or later.**

*Come any time after 9:30 a.m. if you cannot come at the starting time.*

**McCort's House:** 406 Royal View Rd.

**Purpose:** Fold and stuff Bell Ringers for delivery to Salado residents. Delivery people also needed for the 20 routes.

**Come Join us for fun and fellowship!**

*This is a great activity where our Republicans fold, stuff and deliver 1500 Bell Ringers. We can make a difference!!!*

This is a project sponsored by Republican Party of Bell County and your Precinct Chair, Danney McCort.

**Please RSVP for seating. Hope to see you!**

### **Military Support for Those Deployed Barclay McCort**

We are continuing to collect items for our more than 1,000 deployed soldiers. The inclusion of the community has made a big difference. You may drop off items at the Library as well as pick up the list of requested items there. You may also drop off items at my house, 406 Royal View Rd. We want to continue to show our soldiers how grateful we are for their service and sacrifice.

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**Republican Party of Bell County Nancy Boston, Chairman**

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Yard signs and 4' x 4' signs for Senator Cruz will soon be available, thanks to many volunteers and patriots who stepped up to provide them. You may leave your name with Republican volunteers manning the booth at the Bell County State Fair this weekend. Congressman Carter signs will also be available, as will the BELL RINGER, the Republican Voter Guide with all the candidates' pictures and information on the candidates in contested races. Also included will be information on Early Voting, Application for Ballot By Mail, and Election Day Polling Locations and Hours.

A Republican Alternate Judge is needed for the November 6, 2018 General Election for Precinct 405 (Killeen) Robert M. Shoemaker High School, 3302 Clear Creek Road, Killeen.

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CTRW will meet Wednesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wildflower Country Club, Temple. Cost for the dinner is \$30 per person. Our featured speaker will be Retired Major Bill Herridge. Bill retired after serving 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. He is a Vietnam War Veteran, served in Europe with NATO and Operation Desert Storm. He currently serves as the Post Piper at Fort Hood. He has played his bagpipes at over 500 memorial services for veterans. Bill is often called upon to “pipe” a soldier home when no family is present. His willingness to provide that final service to so many who are buried at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery is an inspiring story you don’t want to miss. Please RSVP by Friday, September 14. Mail your check to CTRW (PAC), P.O. Box 24, Belton, Texas 76513 or email [ctrwpac@gmail.com](mailto:ctrwpac@gmail.com)



### **BELL COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS**

The Bell County Young Republicans are honored to host Candidate for Bell County Judge, David Blackburn on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced. Please check events on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Bell-County-Young-Republicans-876505659068099/>

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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	TBD
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	Deanna Whitson
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

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