

November 2018



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill, 6:00 p.m.

November 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 6 – Mid-term Elections

November 9 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 12 - Veterans Day Observed

November 14 – CTRW Luncheon Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Wildflower Country Club, Temple

November 15 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center,

Speaker: Janiece Charlez, Ark2Freedom, Human Trafficking Organization

November 17 – Wreath Preparation for Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 10:00 a.m., Killeen Special Events Center 3601 South WS Young Drive, Killeen

November 22 – Thanksgiving

November 24 – Laying of wreaths, 10:00 a.m., Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 TX-195, Killeen

November 29 – Bell County Young Republicans Christmas Social, 6:00 p.m., Location to be announced

(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 November 15, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. Lunch will be provided by McCain's Café and Bakery. Janiece Charlez from ARK2Freedom will be our speaker. ARK2Freedom provides access to counseling and services for survivors of human trafficking and those wanting to break free from other enslaving life circumstances. The organization also works with local youth and adults to recognize their own vulnerabilities to safeguard them against the schemes of human traffickers. In addition, Ms. Charlez will share her personal experience of having a child trafficked and not surviving. RSVP by contacting Barb Swarhout at barbaraswarhout@outlook.com or call/text her at 414-491-2341. Note that anyone RSVP'ing and not cancelling prior to the meeting, will be invoiced the cost of the lunch.

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MUST VIEW: TX AG Office released a Human Trafficking documentary in November 2017 entitled **Be The One**. (<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/human-trafficking>) In addition, Ken Paxton and Matthew McConaughy teamed up against Human Trafficking in a public service announcement release in August 2018. <https://vimeo.com> > [Two Shot West Productions](#) > [Videos](#)

PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarhout

On November 6, we are going to see a **RED TIDAL WAVE** come through in our county, state and federal elections. Our tidal wave is going to drown out the 'blue wave' that the Democrats keep referring to. We have all worked diligently on Republican campaigns. We need to continue to remain focused through November 6. This election is critical to our families in Bell County, the State of Texas, and the United States. Talk to your family and friends. Remind them that this is not the year to be complacent and not vote. Every vote counts. Democrats indicate that if they win, they will work to impeach President Trump. We must not forget the fiasco that we witnessed on the part of the Democrats during the Kavanaugh hearings and confirmation. Our freedoms and liberties are dependent on maintaining a strong Republican majority. Do what you can to make sure that this is the biggest **RED TIDAL WAVE** that the Democrats have ever seen. We need all of you to come together to make this happen. Here's to resounding victories on November 6!

Barbara

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

Psalm 95:2 Come to worship him with thankful hearts and songs of praise.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Thanksgiving is defined as gratitude directed towards God and to "speak forth together". Part of worshiping is praise. "Praise" comes from a Latin word meaning "value" or "price." Thus, to give praise to God is to proclaim His merit or worth.

The psalmist valued a song of thanksgiving more than sacrifice. Praise and worship are natural elements of Christian worship. The early Christians expressed thanks for Christ's healing ministry, for His deliverance of the believer from sin, for God's indescribable gift of grace in Christ, and for the faith of fellow Christians. In America, the abundance we enjoy is another reason to worship and praise the Lord. It was by God's grace America came into existence and each of us were privileged to be born and live here.

One way to serve God's people is at the Thanksgiving lunch on Nov 11 from 11-2 at the Middle School. Local churches have come together to serve our less fortunate neighbors. Please let me know if you would like to contribute food or help serve the meal. [Bobianderson67@gmail.com](mailto:bobianderson67@gmail.com) OR 512-791-7801.

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1 Chron 16:34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES HOURS AND YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS –
Barclay McCort**

This third quarter has been a very busy time for our members. Our Campaign Hours reported for the quarter was 1,087 hours, the most for 2018. Our Community Service Hours were 654. Many of you racked up Campaign Hours helping us deliver the Bell County Republican Party newsletters, *The Bell Ringer*. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

**Abundance: an extremely plentiful or over sufficient quantity or supply: overflowing fullness.
(dictionary.com)**

2nd VP of MEMBERSHIP – Jeanie K. Grant

We have had a wonderful response to our October ‘early bird special’ discount dues for 2019. Thank you to all who took advantage of this offer. As of today our 2019 membership is at 72 with more coming in by the deadline of October 31. We need to continue to increase our membership for 2019. Election statistics show that where there is a strong Republican Women’s organization, candidates have a greater chance of winning. The regular \$25 in dues is still a bargain for the timely and informative programs we offer. Our next meeting will give us information to help keep the young and vulnerable safe. We also participate in Salado community programs, support our troops, and give scholarships to SISD students going on to college. Please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in or bring it to our November meeting. We do make a difference! Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving: not a good day to be my pants. (Kevin James)

3rd VP OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

Our SARW Christmas Poinsettia sales are moving along with over 216 sold thus far. The final count and orders will be placed on October 31. We want to thank all of those who bought and all those who sold plants. Special thanks to the Salado Civic Center for letting us use their facilities for poinsettia distribution. The plants should arrive on or about November 30. Individuals may pick up the plants at the Salado Civic Center. You will be notified by email when they arrive. All the poinsettias purchased by businesses will be delivered. The proceeds of this project will support our SARW scholarship fund. For more information, you may contact Dorothy Dentry at (254) 760-2456 or email ddentry13@gmail.com

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Deborah Roberson

Human/Sex Trafficking in Central Texas

As noted, the SARW November 15th program will feature Janiece Charlez and Ark2Freedom, a Human Trafficking recovery organization. Since January 2016, SARW has helped educate local communities about the signs of human/sex trafficking. **Here is a brief review of what our elected officials have done to address this issue.**

1. Gov. Abbott declared January (2018) to be Human Trafficking Prevention Month. He presented a “Preventing Crime, Protecting Texans, Punishing Criminals” plan of action which included \$22 million designated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). (<https://gov.texas.gov/.../governor-abbott-proclaims-january-as-human-trafficking-prevention>)
2. Gov. Abbott’s Office also created the Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT)
 - Protect children from sexual exploitation
 - Help the public Recognize signs of sexual exploitation
 - Help victims Recover
 - Restore their sense of well-being
 - Bring justice to those who exploit children(<https://gov.texas.gov/organization/cjd/childsextrafficking>)
3. The Texas U.S. senators and house representatives worked to produce a bi-partisan piece of legislation entitled *Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act* (FOSTA, H.R. 1865) that President Trump signed into law in April. FOSTA will shut down websites, such as Backpage.com, that exploited women and children through online sex-trafficking and punish those responsible. (www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr1865)
4. Attorney General Ken Paxton’s Office formed the Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section (HTTOC) which has taken actions to halt human/sex trafficking and is making progress against human traffickers by:
 - Coordinated with the federal government and California Attorney General's Office to facilitate the permanent worldwide shutdown of Backpage.com, the largest purveyor of escort ads in the United States
 - Pled Backpage.com guilty to Trafficking of Persons and Engaging in Organized Crime, and pled Backpage CEO Carl Ferrer guilty to Money Laundering
 - Developed and produced a powerful training video — designed to mobilize all Texans to “Be the One” in the fight against human trafficking
 - Trained more than 20,000 people in person across the state of Texas on human trafficking in 48 states
 - Assisted in numerous prosecutions of human trafficking cases resulting in multiple felony convictions and over 190 years of prison time for traffickers in Texas(<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/human-trafficking>)

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Military Support for Those Deployed Barclay McCort

We have had a great year so far packing and mailing items to our deployed soldiers. At the time of this newsletter, we are expecting to pack and mail another 15-20 boxes. Included in this will be a large box of candy canes to assist with the soldiers' Christmas decorating. Thank you to all in SARW and the community for their ongoing support.



AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

The Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery serves as the honorable resting place for approximately 8,300 veterans and family members. In support of this tremendous asset, a group of citizens has organized the Friends of the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery to support projects at the cemetery beginning with laying a holiday wreath at each grave every year. Wreaths are prepared the Saturday before Thanksgiving and laid on the Saturday after Thanksgiving annually. **This year wreath preparation will be held Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Killeen Special Events Center, 3601 South W S Young Drive, Killeen. The laying of wreaths will occur on Saturday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 TX-195, Killeen.** We hope you can join us this year. Last year there were about 7,100 graves and this year there are almost 8,000. We expect about 800 new graves each year. You can support this by volunteering either day or making a financial contribution. To contribute, please follow the 'donate' link in the menu on the left at the following website: <http://www.wreathsforvets.org/> **If you are interested in volunteering, please join us. No sign up is necessary.** Thank you for supporting this project and more importantly our veterans and their families

If there's a better way of showing thanks than eating a large bird followed by pie, I'd like to see it.

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Central Texas Republican Women will be hosting their Annual Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Wildflower Country Club, Temple, Texas. Our featured speaker will be Jean Shine. Jean is a well-known Realtor in our area who began working with Wreaths across America over a decade ago. What began in 2007 with the laying of six wreaths at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery has grown to include hundreds of volunteers and organizations ensuring that every grave has a wreath for the holiday. The number keeps growing and is expected to be over 8,000 in 2018. Jean has worked tirelessly for the past 10 years expanding this project and keeping it funded.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 9, 2018. Cost is \$15.00 PP Email:
ctrwpac@gmail.com



The Bell County Young Republicans Christmas Social will take place on Thursday, November 29, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to hosting our newly elected Republican officials for an evening of exciting fellowship. All are welcome to attend. Please look to our upcoming email for location information and further details.

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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

BOARD

President	Barbara Swarhout barbaraswarhout@outlook.com 414-491-2341
1 st VP – Programs	TBD
2 nd VP – Membership	Jeanie K. Grant
3 rd VP – Fundraising	Dorothy Dentry
Secretary	Marjorie Hairston
Treasurer	Ann Moore

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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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