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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1, 2019 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

January 4, 2019 – Pints and Politics – Deadfish Grill – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

January 11 – SARW Board Meeting – Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.

January 12 – Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery Wreath Retrieval, 10:00 a.m.

January 21 – CTRW Luncheon, The Gin, 219 S East Street, Belton, 11:00 a.m.

January 24 – SARW General Meeting – Salado Civic Center – 11:30 a.m.

### **SARW General Meeting – January 24, 2019, 11:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center**

**Speaker:** Rebecca DePew, Judge for Bell County Court at Law #3

**Topic:** The Opioid Crisis in Bell County

Mental Health Issues that end up in court

Lunch provided by McCain's Café & Bakery - \$15

**RSVP: By Monday, January 21, 2019 to Barclay at**

[barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com) or at (254) 947-3617 Those not canceling prior to the meeting will be invoiced for the lunch cost.

Judge DePew will address the opioid epidemic in Central Texas as well as mental health situations that end up in court. She hears all juvenile cases and continues to hear criminal cases which include the mental health docket as well as rocket docket for repeat misdemeanor offenders. She also handles the drug court for Bell and Lampasas counties, as well as the veteran's court.

Judge DePew has received numerous awards. In 2016, she was appointed by Governor Abbott to serve on the Governor's Specialty Courts Advisory Council.

You won't want to miss this informative presentation on the seriousness of the opioid crisis.

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

Welcome to 2019! It promises to be an exciting year as we continue to work on successful SARW projects and gear up for the 2020 Presidential election.

A special thank you is extended to all 2018 Board and Committee Chairs. They were an outstanding group of women who worked diligently to make our club a success in 2018. This group will be missed. We definitely couldn't do any of this without all of you - our hard- working members.

Our new 2019 officers are:

President, Barbara Swarthout  
1<sup>st</sup> VP – Programs, Barclay McCort  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership, Marjorie Hairston  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Fundraising, Dorothy Dentry  
Secretary, Bobi Anderson  
Treasurer, Deborah Roberson

All of our new 2019 chairs are listed at the end of the newsletter. Everyone is excited and ready for another outstanding year.

Also included with the newsletter is an article entitled “Does Membership in SARW Make a Difference?” Take a look at all the achievements we have accomplished over the last couple of years. If you know of someone that you think would be interested in becoming a SARW member, please share this list with them (along with the membership form at the end of the newsletter.) Belonging to SARW does really make a difference!

Based on the mid-term elections, we have a considerable amount of work ahead to make sure that Republicans continue to be elected at the county, state and federal levels.

Visit our website for updates and upcoming events – [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com) Check out our club pictures on Facebook. Let's make 2019 another outstanding **RED** year!

Barbara Swarthout  
President

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

**Gen 8:5 “on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.”**

At last – we can only imagine what Noah and his family must have thought to SEE land for the first time in SO long! Why did God finally allow the waters to recede? Because as verse 1 tells us: “He remembered Noah.”

This idea gives rise to amazing possibilities:

**2 Peter 1:4 those “precious and very great promises” throughout God’s word pledging His presence with His people**

**1 John 1:3 fellowship with “the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ”**

**Phil 4:13 each of us can do “all things through Christ who is our strength”**

And like Noah, God remembers us. Luke’s Gospel tells us in **12:7** that “**even the hairs of our heads are numbered...fear not!**”

Joyfully enter this coming year filled with hope, confidence and certainty. May His blessings be yours in 2019!

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

Our Campaign Hours for the fourth quarter were rather low at 796 hours bringing our annual total up to 3829. Our Community Services for the fourth quarter were 903 bringing that annual total to 3561. If you did not submit hours, please do so in the first quarter of 2019. Ann Moore at [mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com) will be tracking our 2019 numbers. Thank you to all who submitted their hours.

**CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AND NEW BEGINNINGS!**



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### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston**

We had wonderful success with the Early Bird Special Membership Drive, which ran from October through November. Currently, we have 79 members consisting of 51 primary, 27 associates and 1 honorary.

After the successes and failures resulting from the 2018 mid-terms, we need to increase our efforts to grow our SARW membership. We are a unique organization working on civic projects and fundraisers in non-election years and on the political climate, current issues and candidate support in pre-election and election years. Being a member of SARW has something for everyone ranging from providing dictionaries to elementary school children; to packing and shipping care packages to our soldiers in Afghanistan; to helping with candidate forums providing support to Republican candidates.

Luncheon and evening meetings center around current political and non-political issues involving us as Republicans, Texans and concerned citizens. Join us on the fourth Thursday of the month, at 11:30 a.m., at the Salado Civic Center. Encourage family and friends to attend our meetings. As we gear up for the national election in 2020, we need you and other like-minded conservatives to join and help us drive toward success in the presidential election year.

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

Financially, 2018 was a very successful year for our club. We raised more money and spent more money than in any previous year. Both our fundraising projects were major successes. We supported Texas Republican candidates in the general election through the Candidate Resource Committee, a subcommittee of the Republican Party of Texas, with a \$5,000 contribution. We increased the amount of our scholarships to \$1500 each for two Salado High School seniors. We ended the year with over \$8,000 in the bank. So, we are in great shape to start the new year. With your help, we are confident that 2019 will also be successful. Thank you to everyone who worked and supported our 2018 club efforts.

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

As this year comes to an end, we are most thankful for an outstanding 2018 SARW year starting in March with our Fine China Luncheon with 30 beautifully decorated tables by businesses and individuals. We had a terrific speaker, Nick Adams, and a delicious meal catered by McCain's Café. We sold 232 tickets, one of our biggest attendance years. In October we ended our year with our Red Poinsettia sales. We sold a record 330 poinsettias in one month which were delivered at the end of November to businesses and individuals who picked them up at our Civic Center. Proceeds from this project will benefit our Salado High School Scholarship Fund. We are most grateful to all who worked so hard to make these events possible. We look forward to another prosperous 2019 and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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

86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session (2019) – Part 2

The 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session begins on January 8, 2019 and is in session for 140 days until May 27, 2019. There are 181 members of the Texas House and Senate that can file bills in this session until March 8<sup>th</sup>. To date there have been **893** prefiled bills according to Legislative Scan (<https://legiscan.com/TX>). This website will help you track various bills as they proceed through the legislative process. It is also a good source to summarize each bill including the bill's sponsors.

In the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative regular session (2017), there were 10,672 bills introduced with 4,734 of those bills completed (completed refers to either the bills passed being signed or vetoed by Governor Abbott). In the 2017 Special Session called by Governor Abbott, there were 1,247 bills introduced with 668 of those bills being completed. (<https://legiscan.com/TX>).

One of the 2017 Special Session bills signed by Governor Abbott was HB 21 which created a School Finance Commission to study and make recommendations to address reforming the Texas school finance system (<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-signs-school-finance-reform-legislation>)

On December 19, 2018, Governor Abbott released this statement regarding the School Finance Commission Report:

“This session, we have an opportunity to solve one of Texas’ most pressing challenges by reforming our broken school finance system and developing a model that creates a brighter and more promising future for our children. Texans expect and deserve for their leaders to solve this critical issue. Today’s school finance commission report made clear that the state must reform the broken Robin Hood system and allocate more state funding to education. This session, we will do just that.” (<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-statement-on-school-finance-commission-report>)

The Texas 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session promises to be a “lively” session and SARW will monitor various bills of importance to Bell County as well as the state of Texas.

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### **AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the wreath preparation and laying of wreaths at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. This project is very appreciated by those families who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We need volunteers to assist in wreath retrieval on January 12, 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery. Buses will run from Texas A&M University Central Texas beginning at 8:45 a.m. If you can assist with retrieval, please plan on volunteering at the cemetery. Should weather be questionable that morning, the following link should give information on reschedule of the retrieval.

<http://www.wreathsforvets.org/home/schedule-of-events/>

### **MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THOSE DEPLOYED – Barclay McCort**

We have had a short breather in collecting and packing boxes but we need to get back to supporting our troops. Please bring your items to our general meetings or drop off at the Library Box. These soldiers say our boxes make a big difference! Monetary donations are always appreciated especially if you prefer me to do the shopping. We need the following:

- Gatorade Powder Packets; Protein Powder (Casein or Whey protein)
- Beef Jerky; Pepperoni Sticks, Microwave Popcorn
- Mustard, Hot Sauce; Spices to cook with for Chicken/ Steak
- Peanut Butter, Cup o noodles
- Baby wipes, Clorox disinfectant wipes Q-tips
- Face Wash; body wash;
- Gel Shaving Cream (non-aerosol), Razors (4 or 3 Blade), Loofah/ shower poofs,
- 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

Contact [barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com) or 254 947-3617 for donation arrangements.

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Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, January 21, 2019, 11:00 a.m., at The Gin, 219 S East Street, Belton. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are not required. The featured speaker will be Dawn Owens, Assistant Director, Bell County Juvenile Services Department. Dawn is the co-founder and chairperson for the Central Texas Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Roundtable. This group is primarily focused on the commercial exploitation of children. Ms. Owens is well known throughout the state of Texas for her work and presentations. She has won numerous awards for her efforts to raise awareness of this growing problem. Her presentation will be a basic overview including the myths and realities surrounding human trafficking. All are welcome to attend.



The Bell County Young Republicans list their events on their Facebook page. Please check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/Bell-County-Young-Republicans-876505659068099/>

*Happy  
New Year*

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## SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

### 2019 BOARD AND CHAIRWOMEN

President	Barbara Swarthout <a href="mailto:barbaraswarthout@outlook.com">barbaraswarthout@outlook.com</a> 414-491-2341
1 <sup>st</sup> VP – Programs	Barclay McCort
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### CHAIRS

Chaplain	Bobi Anderson
Scholarships	LaNora Miller
Newsletter	Barbara Swarthout
Campaign Activities	Ann Moore
Hospitality	Shelly Owen
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	TBD
Awards	Shirley Stephenson
PAC Treasurer/Chairman	Paulette Chandler
Publicity	Barclay McCort
Literacy	Maurine Nathanson
Americanism/Caring for America	Kate McKinley
Legislative	TBD
Historian	Nancy Norris
Technology	Michele Melsha
Greeter	TBD



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**SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN (SARW) MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2019**

**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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## **Does Membership in SARW Make a Difference?**

Have you ever wondered if joining SARW makes a difference? Please peruse the list of accomplishments from the past few years. Note that most projects are ongoing from year to year:

- In 2018, SARW gave 193 personal dictionaries to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in SISD
- In 2018, SARW gave 105 copies of the U.S. Constitution to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- SARW collected a large number of items for our military project and mailed a number of packages throughout the last two years.
- Registered voters at Bell County Fair and at Salado High School
- Gave \$5,000 to State Republican Party Resource Committee for vulnerable Republican candidates
- Worked in a number of local Republican campaigns, including delivering 1500 Bell Ringers to Salado Precinct 203
- Over the past several years, provided scholarships to graduating Salado High School Seniors
- Donated several conservative books to a Christian School in Temple
- Participated in building and riding on the Bell County float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Presented several programs educating the community on Human Trafficking in Texas & Bell County during 2017 & 2018
- Participated in the Bell County ‘Get Out the Vote’ for 2016 & 2018
- Made a monetary donation to the Hispanic Republicans of Texas
- Donated money to the Bell County Young Republicans Club
- Participated in Wreaths for Vets project at Thanksgiving, laying of wreaths on graves of fallen soldiers at Killeen State Cemetery
- Members of the club attended 2017 Legislative Day in Austin to help represent Central Texas.
- In 2018, held a candidates’ forum for the mid-term elections
- Co-sponsored a State Judges Candidate Forum in January 2018
- Received the highest award from National Federation of Republican Women organization and also the top award from the Texas Federation of Republican Women for our work in 2016-2017
- Hosted a TFRW Leadership Workshop February 25, 2017 for Region XI featuring the TFRW state president and other state officers. Over 100 women attended the all-day workshop
- Our club had member(s) attend a local, state, district or national GOP convention
- Our club donated monies for the TFRW Human Trafficking initiative
- Our club and/or members participated in the Barbara Bush Literacy Project
- In 2018, co-sponsored a National Day of Prayer luncheon