

February 2019



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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- February 1 – Pints and Politics, Bold Republic Brewing, 206 N. Penelope, Belton  
6:00-9:00 p.m.
- February 8 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.
- February 23 – TFRW Region XI Leadership Workshop, Salado Civic Center,  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- February 28 – SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center, 11:30 a.m.
- March 8 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.
- March 28 – Fine China Luncheon, Tenroc Ranch, 11:30 a.m.

**Salado Area Republican Women General Meeting  
February 28, 2019  
11:30 a.m.  
Salado Civic Center**

**Speaker:** David Collinsworth, General Manager/CEO, Brazos River Authority

**Topic:** Future Water Needs for Central Texas

As General Manager, Mr. Collinsworth manages the System's water supply, water treatment projects and water quality initiatives under the direction of the 21-member Board of Directors. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic Biology and Chemistry from Southwest Texas State University. He currently serves on the Texas State University's Advisory Council for the School of Science and Engineering and on the Texas Water Conservation Association Board of Directors.

Lunch will be provided by McCain's Café & Bakery. Cost for lunch is \$15/per person.

**RSVP by Monday, February 18 to Barclay McCort at [barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com) or (254) 947-3617.** Those not canceling prior to the meeting will be invoiced for the cost of the lunch.

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

Several great events are happening over the next several months. The Fine China Luncheon will be held on March 28 at Tenroc Ranch. This luncheon is a fun experience, whether you decorate a table or come to judge the entries. ToniAnne Dashiell, Republican National Committee Woman from the state of Texas is our featured speaker. All monies from this fundraiser are used for SARW's many political and civic projects. Consider decorating a table – or team up with a friend to decorate. If you are interested in a table, please contact Dorothy Dentry at (254) 760-3456 or [ddentry13@gmail.com](mailto:ddentry13@gmail.com) We promise it will be another exciting luncheon.

On Saturday, February 23, Texas Federation of Republican Women Region XI will be holding a leadership workshop for Senate Districts 22 and 24 right here in Salado from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I have attended this workshop in the past and find it very informative and engaging. Cost is \$20.00 per person (including a networking lunch) catered by Ambrosia Tea Room. Featured speakers include: Michele Samuelson, TFRW VP Campaign Activities and Awards; Jill Tate, TFRW Caring for American Chairman, Donna Davidson, Texas Ethics Commission – and many other guests. A sign-up form will be included along with the newsletter email. It's a great opportunity to hear from some inspiring TFRW presenters and network with other Clubs within the districts.

April 25 is TFRW Legislative Day at the Capitol in Austin. It is very impressive and awesome to see the large number of TFRW members in attendance from all over the state. Note that Legislative Day is an all-day event. We are in the process of securing transportation for SARW members that would like to attend. If you are interested, please contact me at (414) 491-2341 or [barbaraswarhout@outlook.com](mailto:barbaraswarhout@outlook.com) We hope to have a large group from SARW in attendance.

Whew! Lots going on. Hopefully you will be able to attend some of these great events. We need to be ready for 2020 so that our state continues to be **RED**.

*Barbara*

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

2 Peter 3:3 you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. (NIV)

Our political scene has witnessed the rise of socialists advocating for a government that is against everything America was brought into being to repudiate. In the last decades we have seen an increasing clamor for a state-run economy, health care and confiscatory taxes. Even though one major communist state (USSR) collapsed in dire straits, the health care debacle that socialism has birthed in other countries, still the outcry to transform our democracy continues to increase in volume trying to drown out the voices of conservatism.

Our downward slide into fewer personal freedoms, fewer individual rights, more government involvement in our most private lives – including those elusive “rights” which change as frequently as many change their shoes - are antithesis to the democratic ideals of America. The Bible warns that mankind on its own will not seek the common good and we are witnessing the truth of the verse above today. Many people ask, “Why doesn’t God do something?” He did – He sent His Son with the way of life, hope and peace. We have to agree with Him, stand for what is right and not allow the noisemakers to make a mockery of our Constitution.

### **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES HOURS AND YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS – Ann Moore**

One very important record our club reports to the state (Texas Federation of Republican Women) and national (National Federation of Republican Women) organizations is our volunteer campaign activities and community service hours. Campaign activities may also be known as political action activities. Community service hours are also known as Caring for America hours. Please keep a record of the hours you spend on any of these activities. At the end of each quarter, please email them to me at [mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com) Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need more explanation of what type of activities should be included. Texas continues to report the highest number of campaign hours to our national organizations. Let’s keep up the good work.

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

Even though we are not in an election year, results of the mid-term elections for judicial positions was incredibly bad for Republicans – and we took notice. The stronger we are the better chance we have of helping our Republican candidates get the word out about conservative principles and values. It's not too early to start planning for 2020.

SARW has had a great month regarding new and renewed members. Currently, we have 98 members (61 primary, 36 associate, 1 honorary). Of these, we have 12 new members. SARW will be conducting a membership drive in the next few months, and hopefully, welcome even more new members into SARW.

**Name Tags** -SARW will be ordering personalized name tags for new, as well as established members. These name tags are red and white, with your name and the name of our club. The tags have a magnetic back to hold them in place. Please put your name on the list at our February luncheon and pay the \$10 fee to receive one. Or you can send Ann Moore a note showing exactly how you want your name to appear as well as a check for \$10.00 to SARW PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado TX 76571.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Deborah Roberson**

The 2019 SARW Budget was approved by the membership at the January meeting. The 2019 year will be busy preparing for the 2020 election cycle. After the 2018 mid-term elections, Texas Republicans know that the 2020 election cycle will be very challenging. The Democratic National Committee has plans to turn Texas Blue and are specific which political districts are the targets; one of them being our U.S. Congressional District 31. SARW works to ensure Republicans are elected to represent our region of Central Texas. It takes money to make that happen and your continued support helps us accomplish our goals in the following ways:

1. SARW membership dues
2. SARW Fundraisers (Fine China Luncheon in the Spring and Poinsettia Sales in the Fall)

Make plans to attend SARW's Fine China Luncheon on March 28 and consider donating or purchasing a silent auction item. This is our major fundraiser of the year.

In the Fall, we will be selling poinsettias. All profits from the sales are dedicated to Salado High School scholarships. Consider purchasing one or more of the beautiful poinsettias for yourself, your friends or your organization. We thank you for your past financial support and look forward to your continued support in 2019.

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

SARW is busy planning for the annual Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019, at Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room in Salado. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. for table and auction items. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Our speaker for the event is ToniAnne Dashiell, Republican National Committee Woman for the state of Texas. Ms. Dashiell has been active in politics, grassroots advocacy and leadership training for more than 30 years. Her combined experiences as a grassroots leader and a leadership development trainer have given Ms. Dashiell insight into developing political organizations and mobilizing teams of grassroots activists to accomplish their goals. Join us for a dynamic discussion on engaging and informing others to get to know candidates and issues and turn out and vote.

Businesses and individuals are invited to host a table. All proceeds from SARW-sponsored projects fund civic, military, educational and political campaigns including dictionaries for Salado third grade students, U.S. Constitutions for fifth grade students, care packages for deployed soldiers, contributions to libraries and two annual scholarships for high school graduates. For more information, contact Dorothy Dentry, (254) 760-3456 or [ddentry13@gmail.com](mailto:ddentry13@gmail.com)

### **TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha**

We have updated our website to provide you with a great tool should you need to reach out to elected officials. Zenia Warren, TFRW District Director for Senate District 24, has compiled a list of officials (Federal through local) that includes their email addresses and phone numbers. Just go to our website [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com) Click on ‘About’ from the drop-down menu and select ‘Elected Officials.’ Once there, click on the link at the top of the page and all information on elected officials will be displayed. SARW hopes this tool will be very beneficial should you need to reach out to an elected official.

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Provided by Associate Member, David Swarthout**

The Texas Legislature is considering a number of proposals related to property taxes and school finance.

Among these proposals are reforming the property tax system, as well as changing the franchise tax and how the state captures online sales tax revenues.

Property tax measures being considered in 2019 include replacing the property tax, capping property tax revenue growth, amending rollback election policies for local rate increases, and expanding transparency requirements for proposed tax increases.

Legislators are also looking at reducing or eliminating local property taxes that fund the maintenance and operation of public schools. To make up for the lost revenue, they are considering ending certain tax exemptions, increasing the sales tax on certain items, or expanding the base of the sales tax to include certain business services, such as accounting or legal services. In addition, there is a possibility that they may establish a growth cap of 2.5% on the amount of property tax revenue a local taxing unit may collect in a year.

Current law allows voters to petition a taxing unit that increases tax rates by 8 percent in a year to trigger a rollback election. Lawmakers may consider decreasing the rollback rate or requiring an increase in a tax rate that exceeds the rollback rate to automatically trigger an election without petition. Proposals also may decrease the number of signatures needed for a successful petition of a rollback election or require rollback elections to be held during general elections in November.

To track what is happening in the 2019 legislature, here are some websites you might want to follow.

**House Research Organization –**

<https://hro.house.texas.gov/pdf/focus/topics86-1.p>

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>

<https://lrl.texas.gov/>

<https://legiscan.com/TX>

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

We have just received word that our deployed soldiers from Fort Hood are coming home in small groups. There are still soldiers there to receive our last twelve boxes mailed on January 28. We have mailed 52 care packages over the last nine months. Our ongoing support is very much appreciated. Thanks to all of you who contributed money and items. Because of these soldiers' sacrifice, we enjoy our freedom.



Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, February 18, 2019, 11:00 am at The Gin, 219 S East Street, Belton, Texas. Cost is \$15.00 PP. Reservations Are Not Required.

Featured speaker will be TFRW Deputy President Region XI SD22/SD24 Gail Teegarden. Gail will speak about the history of NFRW and TFRW and how that history is relevant today. Our own 2nd VP Linda Hagler, who also serves as the VP of Programs for TFRW, will be speaking about CTRW History, Membership, retention and its importance. This presentation will give you a glimpse of the bigger picture of the Federated Clubs across the State and the Nation and how important it is to continue being an active member of CTRW. You will understand why so many successful Republican Office-holders call members of TFRW the "foot soldiers of the Texas Republican Party."

Additional information is available on our website: [www.ctrw-pac.com](http://www.ctrw-pac.com)

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**Republican Party of Bell County**  
**204 North East Street, Ste. A-1, Belton, TX 76513**

Planning is underway for the 2020 Election Cycle. One goal is to fill every Precinct Chair position in Bell County.

If you know of any prospects that live in the following precincts, please forward information to me:

- 105 LR/Academy
- 106 Killeen
- 107 Bartlett
- 109 Killeen
- 110 Fort Hood
- 113 Belton
- 204 Killeen
- 205 Killeen
- 208 Killeen
- 301 Troy
- 304 Temple
- 307 Temple
- 308 Temple
- 309 Seaton/Ratibor
- 314 Temple
- 402 Youngsport
- 404 Killeen
- 405 Killeen
- 409 Killeen
- 410 Killeen
- 412 Killeen

Nancy Boston, Chairman  
Headquarters: 254-831-5200  
Cell: 254-760-8155



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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
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership	Marjorie Hairston
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP – Fundraising	Dorothy Dentry
Secretary	Bobi Anderson
Treasurer	Deborah Roberson
<b>CHAIRS</b>	
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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