

May 2019



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 2 – National Day of Prayer, Bell County Courthouse (north side steps) 10:00 a.m.  
May 3 – Pints and Politics, The Barton House, Salado, 6:00 p.m.  
May 10 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library, 10:00 a.m.  
May 10 – Deadline for SARW Scholarship Applications  
May 13 – Bell County Executive Committee Meeting, Commissioners Courtroom, Bell Co.  
Courthouse 5:00 p.m. Registration; Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
May 20 – CTRW General Meeting, The Gin, Belton – Registration 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30  
May 23 – SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center,  
New Member Orientation 11:00 a.m. followed by General Meeting at 11:30

**NOTE:** No June or July SARW General Meetings



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**MAY 23, 2019 SARW GENERAL MEETING**

**New Member Orientation – 11:00 a.m.**

**General Meeting and Lunch – 11:30 a.m.**

**Speaker: Police Chief of Harker Heights, Phil Gadd on Gang Activity in Central Texas**

**Brief Overview of COOL Conservatives by Jon Williams**

**Lunch provided by McCain's Café and Bakery**

**Cost: \$15.00/person**

**RSVP by May 20 to Barclay McCort at [barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com) or 947-3617**

A new member orientation program will be presented by President Barb Swarhout at 11:00 a.m. prior to the general meeting.

Following lunch, Police Chief of Harker Heights, Phil Gadd, will be addressing Gang Activity in Central Texas, a growing problem in our society. Chief Gadd has been a professional Law Enforcement Officer for 43 years, with over 27 years of managerial experience at both the municipal and federal level. During his tenure with the FBI, he served as a Special Agent, working Violent Crime/ Major Offenders, White Collar, Indian Country, Foreign Counterintelligence and Polygraph in the Salt Lake City and Oklahoma City Divisions.

In addition, Jon Williams, founder and president of the COOL Conservatives program to target young people 18-40 will join us with a brief overview of how COOL Conservatives plans to partner with county and auxiliary groups, provide training, and produce top-notch social media content to target this age group.

Hope to see many of you there for an outstanding program. Note that anyone making a reservation and not canceling before the meeting will be billed for the luncheon cost.



**Phil Gadd**

**Police Chief, Harker Heights**



**Jon Williams**

**President – COOL Conservatives**

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

Representatives from Salado Area Republican Women attended the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Day where over 600 ladies from all over the state attended the event. As always, this year's event was outstanding. Our SARW attendees had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Buckley, our State Representative from District 54. Pictured below with Dr. Buckley are Barclay McCort, Shelly Owen, Michele Melsha and Barb Swarthout.



I also wanted to share some statistics from a presentation that Jack Barcroft, SREC Senate District 24 Committeeman, gave at a recent Central Texas Republican Women luncheon. He stated that the influence of Democrats into our state politics is getting stronger. Here are the statistics he reported. We lost the following statewide races in 2018:

- 2 of 21 State Senate seats
- 12 of 75 State House seats
- 31 of 32 Court of Appeals
- 2 of 25 U.S. Congressional seats

We have heard that Texas is a target for electing more Democrat candidates. As you can see from the statistics that Jack presented, we have our work cut out for us. As Republicans, we need to mobilize and be ready for the challenges that we face in 2020.

Encourage others to register to vote. Share your conservative values and thoughts with your neighbors and friends. More than ever, we need to **KEEP TEXAS RED.** *Barbara*

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

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight,

These were Paul's words to one of the young pastors he had trained to step into his shoes to continue the spread of the Gospel. Today, they are a call to us to keep fighting for the principles and values we believe in as Christians and Republicans. God has showered immense blessings on our nation and we are called to remain steadfast in standing for what is right. God will give us grace and strength to do that, but we must choose to act and then do so. As long as we are able, we are responsible for telling and living the truth of God's word so it can shine brightly in our lives and keep our nation under God's care.

After the recent bombings in Sri Lanka, we are faced with the enormous task of remaining watchful at home while the threats from abroad remain a critical concern. As Christians, we can do three things: be brave, persevere in our beliefs and have the tenacity to pray our country through these perilous times. We must refuse to stand down from our core beliefs and practice them daily. We must persevere in putting godly people in leadership positions and then supporting them in every way we can. And, finally, we must be tenacious in keeping our leaders covered in prayer so that God's wisdom will guide their decision making. We cannot stop – we must fight the good fight, as Paul did, for what we believe in.

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

SARW turned into TFRW 1,172 Campaign Activities Hours for the First Quarter of 2019. Thank you so much for all that you do. We also accumulated 1,049 hours of Community Service. If you have not turned in your First Quarter 2019 hours, you may do so now (to me at [mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com)) or add them to your Second Quarter 2019 hours and send me the total in June. The next deadline for reporting Second Quarter 2019 hours will be June 27, 2019. If you have any questions about what is included in these hours we report to TFRW, please let me know.

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

Be sure to check out our May 2<sup>nd</sup> ad in the Salado Village Voice encouraging others to join SARW. Share the information with women you know who would be interested in becoming a member.

At the upcoming luncheon on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, a SARW, TFRW, and NFRW new member orientation will be held 30 minutes prior to the luncheon. While it is designed for new members (or those interested in joining SARW), any of our SARW members are welcome to attend for a refresher/update.

As of April 28, SARW has 104 members (64 primary, 1 honorary, and 39 associates.)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS – LaNora Miller**

A reminder that scholarship applications have been submitted to Salado High School for senior girls. The deadline for return of the application is May 10. The awards ceremony is May 28. If you know of any qualified applicants, please have them submit their applications prior to the deadline. SARW gives two \$1,500 scholarships each year.

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### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Jessica Menking Diem**

In April, we saw great strides made by our state legislature by way of the “Texas Plan”- also known as House Bill 3, which is the much anticipated and constantly discussed school finance reform bill. This bill was co-authored by Salado’s HD 54 State Representative Brad Buckley and seeks to make some big additions to school funding (to the tune of \$9 billion) with the intention that this will work in tandem with HB 1 and 2 to lower property taxes statewide, as well as reduce recapture payments by more than 38% over the next two years. HB 3 empowers local school districts to put more money into their classrooms by raising the student basic allotment by \$890 per student. Along with full day Pre-K, we also see HB 3 dedicating monies to expand dual-language programs, special education programs, and career and technology programs. This bill was sent to the Texas Senate on April 4<sup>th</sup> and was heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Education seems to be the running theme of big news in April, because the Senate sent SB 12 to the Texas House at the end of March and it made it through House committees and was heard on the House floor last week. SB 12 is the Senate companion for HB 9, which reforms the TRS pension system and will work toward making it solvent for future generations of retired educators. SB 12 was passed successfully out of the Texas House and we will see a 13<sup>th</sup> check for retired educators, as well as safety for the retirement pension for retirees of the future.

May proves to be busy as the Senate and House continue working toward passage of HB 2 and SB 2 and property tax reform. HB 1/SB 1 and HB 3/SB 3 set a solid foundation for what we should see as the third leg of a stool that will give us all some relief. With just 28 days left in the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, it’ll be fast and furious to get work done before the Sine Die gavel drops on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

As always, communication with your elected officials helps them legislate more effectively. When you see bills emerge that you are passionate about or that directly affect you, make contact with their offices and share your feelings and opinions.

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**Republican Party of Bell County**  
**Nancy Boston, County Chair**  
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[www.belltxgop.org](http://www.belltxgop.org) 254-831-5200

The Texas Republican County Chairman's Association (TRCCA), the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW), the Republican Party of Texas (RPT), and Texans for Greg Abbott (TGA) encourage and invite you to attend the TEXAS CAMPAIGN SCHOOL which will be held at the SPJST State Headquarters Building, located at 520 N. Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501. Bell County is one of the 38 counties selected to hold a TEXAS CAMPAIGN SCHOOL. These one-day schools were designed to strengthen education and make tools available to our community leaders, candidates, campaign management teams, elected officials, and grassroots. We are pleased to announce that the TEXAS CAMPAIGN SCHOOL will be bringing in training by expert faculty from the LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. Registration Fee is \$35.00.

The LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE which is holding the TEXAS CAMPAIGN SCHOOL in Bell County on Saturday, June 15, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., sets a gold standard nationally for providing conservative training in campaigns, fundraising, grassroots organization, and communications development. You can find information on your specific school at [www.leadershipinstitute.org/Bell](http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/Bell).

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

Commissioners Courtroom  
Bell County Courthouse  
101 East Central Avenue  
Belton, Texas  
5:00 p.m. – Registration  
6:00 p.m. – Meeting

Agenda: Precinct Chair Reports - The agenda gives each Precinct Chair an opportunity to make comments and ask questions about his/her Precinct.

We need to identify as many potential Republican Voters as possible and make sure they realize how important each vote is. The Planning Committee Members and Officers will attend. If other people want to attend, they are welcome.

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Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, May 20, 2019, at the Gin, 219 S. East Street, Belton, Texas, for our annual Scholarship Endowment Foundation Dinner. Our guest speaker will be Tom Maynard, State Board of Education District 10. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m., Dinner is 6:30 p.m. and Program will begin at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$25.00 PP Reservations are NOT required.

Central Texas Republican Women through the CTRW Scholarship Endowment Foundation, Inc. awards three scholarships each year. Scholarships are valued at up to \$1,500.00 each; the Kitty Pope Scholarship, The Sonny Pope Scholarship, and The Dr. Hiroko DeLoach Scholarship. They are awarded on the basis of a written application and an essay "*What does it mean to be an American*"



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## **SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS**

### **2019 BOARD AND CHAIRWOMEN**

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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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