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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NO JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST GENERAL MEETINGS

June 15 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Leadership Institute Texas Campaign School

June 28 – Bell County Young Republicans 2019 Coolidge Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Schoepf's Bar-B-Que, Belton

Speaker: Pastor Rafael Cruz

July 4th Parade, Belton

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

September 13 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library – 10:00 a.m.

September 26 – SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center – 11:30 a.m.

October 3-5 – TFRW Convention, Galveston, Texas



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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarouth

SARW is taking a summer hiatus. Everyone has worked so hard this year to make our club and our many projects successful. We all need to be prepared for the upcoming 2020 elections. Please stay informed about the issues and be ready to gear up in the Fall to support our many Republican candidates. We do not want a repeat of the November 2018 mid-term elections where we lost the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives. Trump wasn't on the ballot in November, but many American women said they voted in opposition to the President. As our TFRW sweatshirts and hoodies say on the front, "Republican Women are the Life of the Party." Let's make our presence known and reach out to women voters and share our conservative values and beliefs. Monies are pouring into the state from the many Democrat supporters and organizations. They want to turn our great state **BLUE** and we are going to work to make sure that doesn't happen.

We have a great program scheduled for our September 26 general meeting. Stay tuned – we will be getting information out to everyone the end of August.

Our many fundraising events provided the funds needed to support our military project and provide a scholarship to a well-deserving woman graduate of Salado ISD. In addition, our funds will be used to support forums for our Republican candidates to share their views and policies to the Bell County community so that we are informed and active voters. Let's keep up the good work and keep TEXAS RED! A big sincere

Thank You!

To all of our dedicated SARW members.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! *BARBARA*

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PROGRAMS – 1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Barclay McCort

We hope you were able to attend our May 23 general meeting. Our speaker, Chief Phil Gadd, Police Chief of Harker Heights, addressed gang activity in Central Texas, a growing problem in our society. His presentation covered the gangs currently active in this area and their impact on our communities and law enforcement. It was a sobering look at a constantly growing dilemma that everyone needs to be educated about. Pictured below are Speaker Chief Gadd, as well as Chief Pat Boone from Salado who had an opportunity to attend the meeting and hear the Chief speak.



Chief Phil Gadd on the left, Chief Pat Boone on the right

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS – Ann Moore

We continue to collect SARW hours for political support and community service. The Second Quarter 2019 numbers are due the end of June. These hours are then reported to the Texas Federation of Republican Women and forwarded on to the National Federation of Republican Women. Keep up the good work and remember to send your hours to me by June 28, to mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com If you need more information, please contact me.

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2nd VP OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston

Our total SARW membership is now at 105 members (65 primary; 39 associates; and 1 honorary.) We continue to grow and hope that everyone will continue to reach out to others in the community to tell them about SARW and the many projects that the Club works on. If you are still interested in a SARW nametag, please contact me at mhairston@embarqmail.com

3rd VP OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

As the 2018-2019 year comes to a close, we look back at a recap of SARW Fundraising events. The Fine China Luncheon March 28 sold 210 tickets with income of \$6,300 and silent auction sales of \$2,300 for a total income of \$8,620 (includes a \$20 donation.) The Club netted \$4,669.62. We had 18 individuals and 7 businesses decorate tables.

The Poinsettia Sales began on September 1, 2018 and by November 30, SARW had sold 330 poinsettias to individuals and businesses. The Club realized a profit of \$1,462. The proceeds from this project benefited our Salado High School Scholarship and supplies for our military project. We are most appreciative to all who attended and/or participated in these two great events.

Stay tuned - We will soon be gearing up for Poinsettia sales in September and October.

SCHOLARSHIPS – LaNora Miller

My committee (Mary Catherine Ervin, Kate McKinley and myself) met May 15 to select a candidate for the SARW scholarship. Six individuals submitted applications. It was a very hard decision as each was an outstanding student. We selected Corban Mescher who will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University. She will be studying Communication Disorders. We wish her great success in her future career.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Jessica Menking Diem

Memorial Day brought the end of the 86th Legislative Session! We saw great success in terms of property tax relief and reform and school finance reform, which was a priority set out by Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, and Speaker Bonnen early in January.

HB 1, the state's budget, finished as a balanced budget, stayed under the rate of population plus inflation, and stays under all four constitutional spending limits.

SB 2, the Texas Taxpayer Transparency Act, will provide for real-time tax information, to include who is proposing rate increases, and protest information. SB2 also lowers the approval rate to 3.5% and triggers an automatic election should the increase exceed that amount.

HB 3, The Texas Plan, is transformational school finance reform. It provides almost \$5 billion in property tax relief by increasing the state's share of education funding to buy down school district property taxes. Along the reform vein, it also mandates ongoing reductions in school property tax rates and requires districts to conduct efficiency audits to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly.

The Texas Plan, in its educational credits, adds \$4.5 billion in reforms to benefit students, personnel, and districts, adds \$2 billion in pay raises for teachers, counselors, nurses, and librarians, and reduces recapture statewide by \$3.6 billion.

Among other credits to the 86th Legislative session, we saw SB 500 make great leaps in funding the Teacher Retirement System and pension, and we saw much needed reforms in higher education that will protect students' freedom of speech and expression, streamline credit transfers, and protect students from hazing and sexual assault. Emergency preparedness was an important topic as well, continuing to fund the rebuilding of Texas towns and cities after Hurricane Harvey and making plans to be better prepared for the future. Great strides were made in support for veterans and military spouses, healthcare and mental healthcare, protecting and advancing our 2nd amendment rights, and promoting individual liberty.

The end of the session also brought great accolades for Salado's own State Representative Brad Buckley, who was honored as the Texas House Republican Caucus's "Freshman of the Year" for his character, leadership in the party, commitment to conservative principles, and his passionate representation of his constituents. Congrats Rep. Buckley!

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A Campaign School conducted by the Leadership Institute will be held in Temple on Saturday, June 15, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the SPJST State Headquarters Building, 520 N. Main Street, Temple, TX 76501. To register or for more information about the Leadership Institute and presenters, please visit the Bell County Republican Website www.belltxgop.org where there is a direct link to information about the Institute. You may choose to attend any of the schools. The registration fee is \$35. Lunch will be provided. The Leadership of the Republican Party encourages and invites everyone to attend in preparation for the 2020 election.

LET'S KEEP TEXAS RED!

Nancy Boston, County Chairman
Cell: 254-760-8155

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BELL COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS 2019 COOLIDGE DINNER

The Bell County Young Republicans 2019 Coolidge Dinner will be held on Friday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. at Schoepf's Bar-B-Que in Belton. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Rafael Cruz, the father of Senator Ted Cruz. Individual tickets are available for \$40.00 and table sponsorships (eight guests) for \$350.00.

[Please click here for event RSVP](#)

Or send an email to bellyoungrepublicans@gmail.com

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to meet Rafael Cruz and affirm your support for the values of limited government and personal responsibility that were firmly underscored in the conservative leadership of President Calvin Coolidge.

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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

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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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