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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

September 13 – Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.

September 16 – CTRW Luncheon meeting, The Gin, Belton – 11:00 a.m.

September 17 – An Evening with Karl Rove presented by Hugh D. Shine, State Representative,  
Bell County Expo Center – 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$45/person (dinner included)  
Contact Karen Stagner at 254-780.9424 for tickets or email  
[hughdshine@yahoo.com](mailto:hughdshine@yahoo.com) for more information

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

September 26-29 – NFRW Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana

October 3-5 – TFRW Convention, Galveston, Texas



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**PROGRAMS – 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – Barclay McCort**

**SARW GENERAL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

**11:30 A.M.**

**SALADO CIVIC CENTER**

**SPEAKER: DONNA GARCIA DAVIDSON, ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW**

**TOPIC: STATE ELECTION LAWS, PARTY RULES AND CONVENTION RULES**

Donna Garcia Davidson is a small business owner, running her solo legal practice for ten years. Among her current clients are the Republican Party of Texas, for which she has served as redistricting litigation counsel, and will serve as primary counsel during the application process. Ms. Davidson also serves Texas Republican state senators and representatives, political consultants, county Republican parties, lobbyists, PACs, and associations. She has also served as General Counsel to the Republican Party of Texas, served as Deputy General Counsel for Governor Rick Perry and General Counsel to then-Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry.

Lunch will be provided by McCain's Café & Bakery at a cost of \$15/per person. **RSVP by Monday, September 23, 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 Swarthout**

I hope everyone's summer was fun filled getting together with friends and family. It's now time for us to return to the huge task facing us: The 2020 elections. Many are warning that 2020 could be the biggest test yet to keep Texas **RED**. At this point in time, at least eight House seats are up for election as well as Senator Cornyn facing stiff competition. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee opened an office in Austin in April and put six Republicans on its 2020 target list. Our changing demographic landscape will definitely impact next year's elections.

What can you and I do? We can volunteer to block walk, volunteer for various Republican campaigns, help staff the Bell County Republican Office, greet newcomers to our state and encourage them to find out more about our great Texas Republican history, encourage women to join Salado Area Republican Women and Texas Federation of Republican Women. That's only a small list of where we need individuals to get involved.

We need EVERYONE to make our voices heard and continue supporting the many conservative values that we all hold dear. It's time for Republicans throughout the state to wake up to the possibility that Texas could turn purple in the next election. Our state is definitely a Democrat target. Let's work hard to make sure we continue as a **RED** state.

We need your continued support. Thank you for all you have done to preserve our strong patriotism and values. Looking forward to seeing you at our September 24 meeting.

*Barbara*

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

Matthew 12:21 “the nations will put their hope in Him (Jesus Christ)”.

While recently out of the country, I had some very interesting conversations with people from different parts of the world. One of them, a Turkish gentleman with multiple PhDs, stated that “In 100 years all religions in the world will be gone”.

I had to disagree. I reminded him that it is only through religion that people can find hope and it is only through a relationship with Jesus Christ that people can be at peace both personally and with each other. Our “religion” teaches us to actively love our enemies and none other does. We live in a time of disturbing, global turmoil. As Christians, our message of hope and peace needs to be shared with those from other cultures, backgrounds and religions. Encourage people with the good news of the Gospel. Jesus and His message ARE the only hope for this crazy, unstable world. (Interestingly, this same man and his wife both were very vocal in deploring President Erdogan’s work to make Turkey all Muslim. And he never told me in which disciplines he was educated.)

God bless America and America bless God!

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

It's time again to report your volunteer hours for the 3Q2019. Why now, it's too early? TFRW has requested the hours early because they want to report them at their convention in early October. So, only this year, the 3rd quarter will consist of July and August, and the 4th quarter will consist of September - December.

Would you please send your volunteer Political/Campaign Activities hours and Community Service/Caring for America hours for July and August to me ASAP? They will be reported to TFRW and sent further to NFRW. If you did not send any hours for previous quarters this year, you may include those hours in your totals.

If you need more info on what is included, please contact me at [mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com)

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

Our membership has remained stable throughout the summer months, but is expected to increase considering the upcoming dynamic luncheon speakers and the realization Texas may start to become purple rather than red. We'll need as many members as possible to get the word out as the nation gears up for the 2020 election.

Currently, our membership is at 106, with 66 Primary members, 39 Associate members and one honorary member.

Membership renewals are also on the horizon. Stay tuned.

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

Although it is only September, SARW will begin advertising the sale of the beautiful Christmas favorites, bright red Poinsettias in six-inch pots with 4-6 blooms per plant. The cost will remain at \$12 per plant. Orders for the plants will be taken beginning October 1 through October 31. Now is the time to decide how many you would like to decorate your home, place of business, or give as a gift.

We will deliver the plants to businesses that place an order. We ask individuals to pick up their plants at the Salado Civic Center once they are notified by email that they have arrived. Delivery date will be Wednesday, December 4. Checks can be made out to SARW PAC, and sent to P.O. Box 373, Salado, TX 76571. All proceeds go to high school scholarships and supplies to our deployed military.

If you ordered last year, you will be contacted again or you may contact me at (254) 760-2456 or email [ddentry13@gmail.com](mailto:ddentry13@gmail.com) We thank you for your support of our many projects.

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

Following the end of a successful 86th Legislative session, there are a **myriad of new laws taking effect September 1st!** Here are a few highlights among the hundreds of new laws coming:

- HB 3:** Transformational school finance reform means that school districts are getting a larger daily allotment for students, money for faculty and staff pay increases, and more money for specialized programs to better serve Texas students, as well as over \$5 billion in statewide property tax relief.
- SB 21:** Age to use and/or purchase tobacco products is now 21 (includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products; waiver for active duty military).
- HB 234-** Lemonade Freedom- children are, by state law, allowed to sell lemonade and other non-alcoholic drinks on private property (no permits or HOA permission required).
- HB 1545-** Beer to go- similar to wineries, breweries in Texas are now permitted to sell you beer directly.
- HB 1992-** No more "spoofing"- telemarketers can be fined up to \$1,000 per call for putting false information on caller ID.
- HB 370-** As of September 1, it is a felony to steal mail in Texas (harsher penalties for the porch package thieves!) While it has always been a felony under federal law, it has only been a misdemeanor under Texas law.
- HB 1631-** Bans the use of red-light cameras statewide
- HB 547-** You can now show a digital copy of your hunting/fishing license, rather than being required to show a paper copy.

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## Republican Party of Bell County

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Currently the Republican Headquarters is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Beginning September 3, 2019, the Headquarters will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be a Director of the Day for each day of the week. That person is responsible for directing and managing activities at the Headquarters. **Volunteers are needed to commit to serve one day of the week, either a full day shift or a half day shift. Please call the Headquarters and leave a message.**

The Republican Party will sponsor a booth at the Central Texas State Fair, Bell County Expo Center, 301 W Loop 121, Belton, Texas. Booth Director Walt Stephenson is scheduling 4 hour shifts for volunteers on August 29 – September 1. Thursday and Friday the Fair will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 11:00 p.m. Deputy Voter Registrars are needed to register voters. Contact Walt at [wasteph@twc.com](mailto:wasteph@twc.com) or 1-520-591-0451.

Nancy Boston, Chairman

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CTRW Luncheon meeting will be held Monday, September 16, at The Gin, 219 S. East Street, Belton. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00. Upon registration and payment you will be given a menu to choose your luncheon options. Promptly circle your choice and place on the table where you are sitting. This will help expedite luncheon service. Note that reservations are not required.

The featured speaker will be Senator Dawn Buckingham who will address “Wins and Losses – A Legislative Perspective” taking a look at the last legislative session from the Senator’s perspective for our county and Senatorial District. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Senator will not be able to address questions from the floor. If you have a specific question, please submit it to Zenia Warren at [zabob@embarqmail.com](mailto:zabob@embarqmail.com) who will pass your question on to the Senator for her consideration.



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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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