

December, 2019



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 4 – Poinsettias arrive and/or delivered to businesses
- December 9 – Final Filing Date for Primary Election
- December 13 – SARW Board Meeting – Salado Public Library – 10:00 a.m.
- December 16 – CTRW Christmas Social – Installation Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
The Gin, Belton – Reservations not needed
- December 19 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center
Speaker: Congressman Carter
Installation of 2020 Officers
- December 25 – **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- December 27 – January newsletter articles due
- December 31 – Final Deadline for Early Bird Special Dues – Dues increase January 1
- January 3 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.



**TO ALL SARW MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES**

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**SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN
DECEMBER 19, 2019
11:30 A.M.
SALADO CIVIC CENTER**

We are honored to have our **U.S. Congressman of the 31st District, The Honorable John Carter**, who will provide a Washington Update. The Congressman will also be installing our 2020 SARW officers. A special meal will be prepared by McCain's Café & Bakery with your Board providing some fantastic desserts. You won't want to miss this! Everyone is welcome.

Cost is \$15 per person. Please **RSVP by Monday, December 16**, to Barclay McCort at barclaymccort@gmail.com or (254) 947-3617. Those not canceling prior to the meeting will be invoiced for the cost of the lunch.

New Officers to be installed for 2020 are:

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| • President | Barclay McCort |
| • First VP | Shirley Stephenson |
| • Second VP | Marjorie Hairston |
| • Third VP | Dorothy Dentry |
| • Secretary | Leigh Pursell |
| • Treasurer | Diane Balady |

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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barbara Swarthout

It has been an honor to serve as your SARW President this past year. We had great officers and committee chairs. And all of you who volunteered your time and expertise to make this a successful 2019! The club won the NFRW Diamond Award, the TFRW John G. Tower Award, and the TFRW Military Caring for America Award. All of you were responsible in helping us achieve these goals. We will have these awards on display at each of our upcoming general meetings so check them out.

New 2020 Officers will be sworn in at our December 19 general meeting. Congressman Carter has graciously accepted our invitation to swear in our SARW 2020 Officers. Please join us at the meeting to congratulate them and wish them well in their new positions.

Some exciting things are already in the works for 2020. SARW will be holding a Candidates' Forum on January 23. More information will be forthcoming following the December 9 filing deadline. The club will also offer candidate ads in our upcoming newsletters. Watch for more on this in upcoming emails.

I want to remind everyone to be sure and take advantage of the Early Bird Membership Special running through December 31, 2019. Early Bird Fee is \$25. On January 1, 2020, the membership fee will increase to \$35. We need you as we head into a very challenging 2020 election year. Continue to support conservative ideals and encourage others to volunteer to guarantee that our Republican candidates will be victorious in 2020.

I personally want to thank our 2019 Board for the tremendous time and effort they have put in to making our club a success: Barclay McCort, Marjorie Hairston, Dorothy Dentry, Bobi Anderson, Ann Moore, LaNora Miller, Shirley Stephenson, Paulette Chandler, Maurine Nathanson, Kate McKinley, Jessica Menking Diem, and Michele Melsha. I couldn't have done it without them.

The Christmas season is upon us. I wish you and your families a very Blessed Merry Christmas and pray for Peace on Earth. Thank you for allowing me to be your President this past year.

Barbara

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

The Season Has a Reason

Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This prophecy of the coming of the Christ Child was written over a millennium before Jesus arrived in the stable in Bethlehem. Statistics tells us that the likelihood of 1 person fulfilling 8 OT prophecies is 1 to the 17th power. To fulfill 48, odds jump to 10 to the 157th power. And when you consider there are 300-400 OT prophecies concerning the Messiah, one must surely realize that there was universal plan behind His advent.

But more miraculous than that, is the proof from Isaiah that God's plan goes into the eternal future. Jesus Christ is not a Christmas miracle, He is an eternal miracle. The promise that He will not only establish His own government, but it will be just and right forever. We live in the Age of Grace: the age of salvation the God promised through Isaiah and through Jesus Christ.

“Christ-mas” is a contraction of the term “Christ’s mass,” did not come into use until the Middle Ages. No evidence remains about the exact date of the birth of Christ. The December 25 date was chosen because various festivals were held in conjunction with the winter solstice. The Feast of the Unconquerable Sun celebrated the beginning of the return of the sun. When Christianity became the religion of the Empire, the church either had to suppress the festivals or transform them and the winter solstice seemed the best one, and the festival of the sun became a celebration of the Son, the Light of the world (John 9:5).

Celebrate this season with the reason in mind: the salvation Jesus brought to earth that long-ago night in Bethlehem. Celebrate it and share it! Blessings!

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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS – Ann Moore

One very important record SARW reports to our state and national organization is the amount of volunteer Campaign Activities and Community Service hours. We would like all primary members of SARW to report these hours on a quarterly basis. In addition, we would also like the hours of SARW male associate members who do not report the hours to another Republican Women's club to report them to us. Campaign Activities (also known as Political Action) hours are reported separately from Community Service (also known as Caring for America) hours. Hours for the 4th reporting period (September – December) of 2019 are due to me by December 15th. I am available if you have questions at [mcmooore32-sarw@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com). The Texas Federal of Republican Women consistently reports to the national organization the most hours of any state. Let's keep up the good work and let's continue to **Keep Texas Red.**

2nd VP OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston

“The Early Bird Special will be ending on Dec 31, 2019. Membership dues will increase to \$35 as of January 1, 2020. The Republican Party was severely impacted in the Judicial elections two years ago. This year our President and Congressional Representatives face a barrage of challengers. We need to keep our grass roots support strong. Please consider renewing your membership at your earliest convenience. Everyone's help and support are needed if we are to maintain the Constitutional ideals that made us this great nation! Membership forms are available at the end of the newsletter. Renew soon and avoid the increased membership fee in January. If you have any questions, please contact me at mhairston@embarqmail.com

3RD VP OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

The Poinsettia fundraiser was complete on October 31. This year SARW sold 270 Poinsettias. We want to thank everyone who sold, bought and helped to deliver the plants. The Poinsettias will be **delivered to businesses on Wednesday, December 4th. For individuals picking up plants, they can do so from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 4th, downstairs at the Civic Center.** The proceeds will be used to provide a scholarship to a deserving Salado High School graduating senior.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Jessica Menking Diem

As 2019 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to offer a quick thank you to the good people of Salado Area Republican Women for a wonderful year. This year saw the 86th legislative session, which made unprecedented strides in the avenue of property tax relief, school finance reform, and continued prosperity for Texans under a Republican majority in the Texas Legislature. As we move into 2020 and the primary and general elections that come with it, I offer a few thoughts on ways to stay connected to the process during the holiday season:

1. As your legislators' offices begin to quiet down for December, use the slower time to connect! Write a letter, send an email, or make a phone call reminding them of an issue critical to you, offering your support, or even just to say thank you for the work they are doing.
2. Consider using your Christmas card list for double duty! Make a copy or save a copy and make sure you have phone numbers and emails too! As it gets to be time to remind your friends and family to vote in March, you have the information right in front of you and YOU can be part of the Republican GOTV effort from the comfort of your home.
3. Pray for your elected officials and the candidates who have announced their run for office. There is a remarkable amount of bravery that goes into putting your name, time, money, and energy on the line to seek office. Remember them in your prayers as they begin working to ramp up their campaigns and do good work on behalf of the party.

The work continues. Onward to 2020!

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FILING FOR PLACE ON THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

December 9, 2019, is the filing deadline for a place on the Republican Primary Ballot. Contact Nancy Boston, County Chair, for questions or more information.



CTRW CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND INSTALLATION DINNER

Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, December 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at The Gin, 210 S. East Street, Belton. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations are not required. Our featured speaker will be U.S. Congressman District 25, Roger Williams. Congressman Williams will give us an update on happenings in Washington, D.C. CTRW 2020 Officers and Committee Chairs will be installed by the Congressman. Additional information is available on our website: www.ctrw-pac.com

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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

2019 BOARD AND CHAIRWOMEN

President	Barbara Swarhout barbaraswarhout@outlook.com 414-491-2341
1 st VP – Programs	Barclay McCort
2 nd VP – Membership	Marjorie Hairston
3 rd VP – Fundraising	Dorothy Dentry
Secretary	Bobi Anderson
Treasurer	Ann Moore
CHAIRS	
Chaplain	Bobi Anderson
Scholarships	LaNora Miller
Newsletter	Barbara Swarhout
Campaign Activities	Ann Moore
Hospitality	Shelly Owen
Parliamentarian/Bylaws	Barclay McCort
Awards	Shirley Stephenson
PAC Treasurer/Chairman	Paulette Chandler
Publicity	Barclay McCort
Literacy	Maurine Nathanson
Americanism/Caring for America	Kate McKinley
Legislative	Jessica Menking Diem
Historian	Nancy Norris
Technology	Michele Melsha
Greeter	Sally Russell

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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN (SARW) MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2020
EARLY BIRD 2020 MEMBER DUES (THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019: \$25)
JANUARY 1, 2020 DUES INCREASE TO \$35

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 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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