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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 23 GENERAL MEETING CANCELED

MAY 28 – TENTATIVE SARW GENERAL MEETING – MAY BE CANCELED

May 1 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Salado Public Library

May 16 – Bell County Precinct and County Conventions, SPJST Home Office,
520 N. Main Street, Temple TX 76501
Registration 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

July 14 – Republican Primary Runoff Election – Voting can be done at any of the 41 voting sites
in Bell County.

July 16-18 – Republican State Party Convention, Houston

PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort

The COVID-19 virus has certainly changed our lives as we know it but the leadership President Trump has shown makes us all proud. He has assembled a very able team of scientists and other professionals. And the result of all this disruption and subsequent government interventions he has taken seems to be what our country needs.

We are very sorry for the cancellation of our Fine China Luncheon. Probably those who spent the most time, effort and money are the table hostesses. We apologize, but the Board did not feel postponement was the right decision since we do not know when we can go back to the “normal”. Please accept our apologies.

We have cancelled our April meeting and possibly will cancel the May one too but I encourage you to look forward to September 24, if not sooner.

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN - Bobi Anderson

Hebrews 11:34 “whose weakness was turned to strength”

This verse refers to Old Testament heroes as Gideon, Samuel and David who were unlikely heroes of the faith. God chose many unlikely people in biblical history to be heroes. It moves into a scene where Jesus actively intervened in one family's history.

Hebrews 11 refers to the passage in John's Gospel about Lazarus, one of Jesus' close friends who had died and already buried when Jesus arrives at the family residence in Bethany. Jesus goes to the cemetery and calls Lazarus from his grave (John 11:23-27) and where Jesus pronounces that HE is the resurrection and life.

Where does this take us? To the fact that once FAITH imports God into a situation, all is changed. We are facing a world-wide health crisis. In every scenario, Christians are called on to help their neighbors, but where the fear of COVID-19 is rampant, how do we do that?

We turn our fear into strength, stay connected via phone, internet and social media. We continue to encourage, engage and energize social interactions while being smart and safe. Read your Bibles, engage in online Bible studies and prayer groups. Especially pray for those affected by this virus, those working to stop its spread and for our leaders as they do everything in their power to combat and ultimately defeat this disease. Prayer WILL change things – if only in your heart.

Import GOD into YOUR fears. Allow the peace of Jesus Christ to invade your heart and soul (John 16:33). Be His hands and feet for those around you.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS – Ann Moore

We are requesting your 1QTR2020 Campaign/Political Volunteer hours and your Community Service/Caring for America Volunteer hours. If you have not sent them to me, please do so ASAP. Hours from Associate Members count, too, as long as they are not reported to another Republican Women's Club. Please send your total volunteer hours in each category to me at mcmoore32-sarw@yahoo.com. If you have questions, please let me know.

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2nd VP OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston

The SARW Membership roll continues to increase. With the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus, we have experienced some adverse impact on new and renewing members planning to join at our March and April luncheons, which have now been cancelled. New and renewing members can still join SARW through the mail by completing the application found online at www.saladoarearw.com and submitting this, along with the annual \$35 dues, to SARW PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado, TX 76571.

Unfortunately, the havoc being caused by COVID-19 will not lengthened the timeline we have until the upcoming November election. Just as this date is firm, so must our resolve to support our candidates anyway we can that is safe and effective. Recent Texas election results show an alarming number of Democratic voters. We really have our work cutout for us if we hope to keep our Great State of Texas red.

Currently, we have 96 members (59 Primary and 37 Associates).

As always, name tags can be ordered at the registration desk during our monthly meetings. The cost of the name tag is \$10.

3rd VP OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

It is with deep regret that SARW had to cancel our Fine China Luncheon due to the COVID-19 virus. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our many Host/Hostesses and attendees as we know the many preparations they have made. However, it is our responsibility to keep everyone safe and sound during this crisis. Since we do not know when the virus will end, we were unable to establish another date.

We are most thankful to those of you who have elected to donate your ticket money. We will continue to be giving scholarships to graduating seniors, personal dictionaries to our 3rd graders, pocket U.S. Constitutions to our 5th graders and books to our libraries. SARW will continue to donate to our local and state conservative candidates along with support of our military groups by providing care packages as well as many other community projects.

Thank you for your understanding at this most difficult time. We wish you all good health. God Bless America and our President.

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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Friday, March 13, 2020, Shirley Stephenson, John Stephenson, and I went to Ft. Hood. We toured the new USO at the Fort. Our tour guide was very happy to be in this new facility as they had previously been in a 320 square foot building. This new facility gives them 10 times more area---3200 square feet!

Our original plan to view this facility was to attend a scheduled Open House on March 19, 2020. President Barclay McCort was to have attended with us. However, the Coronavirus (COVID 19) brought about many changes for all of us prior to this scheduled date. The Open House was cancelled until a future date in Summer 2020. A “soft opening” was in progress when we attended on March 13th. Our reason for attending this “soft opening” was to see what they do and how the Salado Area Republican Women may be able to incorporate a Caring for America Project at this USO facility. (This USO is the largest globally!)

We have many possibilities for a project with this USO facility. Some possibilities are : Volunteers for serving during their Monday through Friday lunch service; donate to their libraries for both adult readers and children’s books; and donate to their daily coffee bar. These are just a few possibilities. This USO also houses a transition from Army to Civilian workforce. The facility has some meeting room areas as well as rooms for holding training of larger groups. Their storage areas are larger. There is a “game room” with approximately 8 gaming computers, and another area that flows from this with approximately 20 laptop computer stations. A reading area with books, and also a relaxation area with televisions and comfortable seating round out the facility. One room is equipped with recording devices for a mother or father to be able to visually record (on a DVD) reading a book to their child/children. This is then placed in a postal mailer and sent to the child/children so that they can see and hear the parent reading a book to them!

Our Republican Women are GREAT for supporting our active duty soldiers and our veteran population. As we look at this facility for a Caring for America project, support from our members will be important. Stay tuned for updates to this visit!

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SCHOLARSHIPS – LaNora Miller

This year we are happy to report that SARW will offer two \$1,500 scholarships thanks to an anonymous donor. Applicants must be Salado High School Senior ladies in good standing with a 2.5 GPA or better. Applications can be obtained from Counselor Heather Bisson's office and must be postmarked by April 30, 2020. Information is also listed on the Salado ISD website. If you have any further questions, please call me at 254-947-8556.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Jessica Menking Diem

The 2020 Census is now under way. Here are some facts that may interest you. April 1st is considered Census Day. The Census is considered a snapshot of America. So if you have a second home or have a student attending college, you mark where you are on April 1st. Between now and then you may receive a postcard from the Bureau of Census telling you to watch for the census form. However, if you prefer to complete it online beforehand, go to 2020census.gov. There should be an icon saying "respond", allowing you to complete the form online. The site also gives you phone numbers in several languages if you prefer to give your information via live person. Starting in May, the government sends out persons to secure the information from those who have not responded. July 31 is the census deadline. The census results then go to the state legislature for redistricting; the task goes to the political party in the majority. The state legislature must submit the redistricting map to the federal government by December 31st. Texas may gain three new congressional seats provided there is enough states losing population. There remain 435 U.S. Congressional representatives at all times. In March of 2021 the federal government distributes the \$675B to the states. *Information provided by Jennifer Douglass, staff member for Bureau of Census.*

If you are interested in volunteering to conduct person to person interview in May, check the web site given above or contact Jennifer.a.douglass@2020census.gov. The job pays \$18/hour.

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Precinct and County Conventions will be held Saturday, May 16, 2020, at the SPJST Home Office, 520 N. Main Street, Temple, TX 76501.

For more information on Bell County Conventions visit:

<https://www.belltxgop.org>

Download Application to be a Delegate to the State Convention by scrolling down the red column on the right side above "Events." Click on Application to be nominated.

Sign up for updates by providing your name, address, phone number, and e-mail. Information will not be shared and will be used only for organizing and updating Republicans in Bell County.

TRUMP YARD SIGNS

TRUMP SIGNS will soon be ready for distribution. A message will be sent to subscribers. TRUMP Signs will also be available at the Precinct and County Conventions.

For more information on the Texas Republican Convention visit:

<https://www.texasgop.org/convention/>

The Republican Primary Runoff Election will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020. You may vote at any of the 41 Voting Sites in Bell County.

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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

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2020 Dues - \$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

Check Membership Type: Primary ___ Associate ___ // Renewal ___ or New Member ___

A SARW Member is a Republican woman who wants SARW to be her primary Federated Republican Women's club. An Associate Member is a Republican Woman who already belongs to a primary Federated Republican Women's Club and also wants to support SARW or is a Republican man who wants to support SARW.

Please return this form along with a check payable 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: Because we respect individual achievement with self-reliance

- Lower taxes & limited government
- Unlimited opportunity for all
- Security for the Homeland
- Parental authority &
- We respect individual achievement with self-reliance

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Reporting Campaign Activities & Caring for America Hours - 2020

Report volunteer hours for Campaign Activities (Political Action) and Caring for America (Community Svc.) at end of quarter. They are reported separately.

Due dates: March 27th; June 26th; Sept. 26th; & Dec. 18th.

Send to: Brenda Howard brendahoward59@gmail.com or 208-741-0725.

Volunteer Campaign Activities (Political Action) - Hours/Minutes

The following types of events count in your quarterly tally: It is not conclusive.

- _____ Executive Committee Meetings – (including travel and preparation)
- _____ Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training (including travel)
- _____ Pints & Politics (Travel only)
- _____ General Monthly Meeting (Speaker, travel and preparation Only)
- _____ TFRW Legislative Day and Conventions (RPT and TFRW)
- _____ Campaign work (including travel and preparation)
- _____ Dictionary Project (including travel and preparation)
- _____ US Constitution Project (including travel and preparation)
- _____ National Day of Prayer (Speaker, travel and preparation Only)
- _____ SARW Board Meetings – (including travel and preparation)
- _____ Travel **only** to other Republican meetings.
- _____ Fundraiser and Special Events (Planning, prep, decorating, travel)
- _____ Deputy Registrar Hours - unpaid
- _____ Volunteering at County Headquarters
- _____ Preparation and work on your committees
- _____ Other
- _____ 1Q ___ 2Q ___ 3Q ___ 4Q Campaign Activities Hours
- _____ 1Q ___ 2Q ___ 3Q ___ 4Q Caring for America Hours

Caring for America (Community Service)

The following is a sample of events that count - (meetings, volunteer time, & travel)

Ambassadors – Meetings, ribbon cutting, working at Tourism, etc

Historical Society

Chorus

Ladies Auxiliary

Church committee work

Chamber of Commerce

but not worship service

Lions and Rotary Clubs

School, Library, State and City Boards, etc.