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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13-18 – Republican State Convention, Houston
General Sessions and Caucuses – July 16-18
July 14 – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Primary Runoff Election Day
August 7 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
August 17 – CTRW, The Gin, Belton – 11:00 a.m. registration; 11:30 general meeting
August 24-27 – Republican National Convention, Jacksonville, Florida
August 27 – SARW General Meeting

PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort

Hello Everyone!

Your Board met in early June to get the ball rolling again for the elections coming up – the July 14 Runoff and the November 3 General Election. In keeping with our past budget-planning we again approved sending \$5,000 to the Resource Committee of the Republican Party of Texas. The Resource Committee disperses money to vulnerable Republican candidates in the State. (The Republican Party has a better idea of who needs the help.)

In addition we made a donation to Jessica Voyce Lewis, candidate for 14th District Court in the Dallas area. The incumbent, Judge Eric Moye, in that race, is the judge who imprisoned the hairdresser for refusing to apologize for opening up her beauty salon (to feed her children, she said).

We are planning an exciting general meeting for August 27th. In fact, it will be a double-header. We have asked Jim Reed, Director of CTCOG, to give us an overview of the growth of our county and the subsequent challenges it brings. Prior to the start of our meeting at 11:30 a.m. we will host a Meet and Greet with U.S. Congressman John Carter from 10:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. As our meeting starts, Congressman Carter will address the attendees for about 15 minutes (without time for questions). Those wanting to just attend the Carter event without staying for lunch will not be charged but will still need to make a reservation for seating. I hope you will consider staying for the entire meeting – a nice salad lunch and an interesting presentation by Jim Reed. It will be a great time to get together with everyone!

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MEMBER NEWS – Barclay McCort

Barb Swarthout will be recognized at the TFRW Luncheon Tribute to Women. Barb has been very involved in our activities having served recently as our past president. She, her husband and daughter were instrumental in starting Pints and Politics, a popular monthly gathering for like-minded conservatives.



Ann Moore was recognized for her contributions to Salado Area Republican Women over the past 10 years at the June Board meeting. She has served continually on the Board and will be greatly missed by all. Ann and her husband, Mike, are moving to Austin to be closer to a daughter.



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Did You Know –

Everyone knows the 4th is America's celebration but, do you know who in our SARW Club has served in the military? Charmaine Padgett, Shirley Stephenson, Brenda Howard and Fay Ridgley. And Shirley, Brenda and Fay are serving on our Board. Please thank them for their service to our country. (Joyce Goza was a 2020 member who served in the Armed Services as well.)

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

Romans 8:35, 39b: Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!

These promises from Paul's letter to the Roman church hold equally true today as when he wrote them. While the infant church was undergoing persecution and hardships from both secular and religious leadership, nevertheless it left us a legacy of perseverance, hope and a positive outlook in spite of circumstances.

We are dealing with an unprecedented pandemic - few of us have dealt daily with the threat of a potentially deadly virus as we go about our daily (albeit no longer "normal") schedules. Paul had faced unprecedented hardships during his missionary journeys (see 2 Corinthians 11:26-27 for a partial list) he had experienced those trials with Jesus Christ at his side. Christians traverse the unknown territory of COVID-19 with Christ at our sides.

Continue to hold our leadership, both political and religious, in prayer for wisdom, discernment, and perseverance. Pray for truth in the guidance we are given. Pray that people will continue to be mindful in meeting, greeting and interacting with others. Pray that researchers will come up with solutions to halt the spread of the virus, find a cure and a vaccine to prevent future outbreaks. Walk in faith that the Lord who created this world will not abandon it and His presence will be with His people in ALL circumstances. God bless America!

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS – Shirley Stephenson

I hope everyone will be ready to venture forth on August 27th for our first SARW Meet & Greet Luncheon at the Salado Civic Center, Salado.

We will have a 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. opportunity to visit personally with Congressman John Carter. After 11:30 a.m. there will be opening ceremonies, lunch, followed by our special speaker for the luncheon, Mr. Jim Reed from CTCOG (Central Texas Council of Governments), Belton, Texas. Through the CTCOG presentation, you will learn about Bell County's unique position along the I-35 corridor, Central Texas and the USA.

You will not want to miss seeing your SARW friends and spending time with these two informative gentlemen plus a delicious lunch. This event will be a great opportunity to bring a potential member or a former member to see and hear what a vibrant and hard-working club has to offer. Remember, along with the chaos in today's world, there is also a Presidential election in November and we need every hand on deck!

More information on this event and the taking of luncheon reservations will occur the first part of August.

Stay safe and stay informed!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston

Salado Area Republican Women currently has 97 members. We are always open to welcoming new members, especially during an election year. Why not bring a friend to the next luncheon in August to learn more about our Club? Attached at the end of the newsletter is a membership form. Feel free to share this with family and friends. Look forward to all of us getting together in August!

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3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

GOOD NEWS! Mark your calendars for the SARW Fine China Luncheon scheduled for next year on March 25, 2021, at Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room. We wanted to give you plenty of notice so you have plenty of time to think about your theme or dust off those dishes that you had planned to use this year. We are optimistic that next year will be an even better year. Again, thank you so much for the many donations that you gave us by waiving your rights to a refund for the canceled 2020 event. This has helped our budget tremendously.

In October we will have our Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser. These beautiful red poinsettias will be offered in six-inch pots with 4-6 blooms per plant. These plants are a great way to plan for the Christmas season for gifts for those special friends, family, nursing home residents or a nice plant for your own home.

Coming up on September 24, 2020, we will have a noted writer and outstanding speaker, Nick Adams at our special luncheon at Tenroc Ranch. Mr. Adams' work has included speaking in more than twenty states, at conventions, corporate meetings, military bases, universities, high schools and churches. You won't want to miss this exciting and dynamic speaker who will keep you entertained while you enjoy a lovely lunch. In addition, we will have a silent and short live auction.

Despite the short year due to the virus, SARW still has much planned for the rest of 2020. We look forward to seeing you at our general meeting lunches start in August.

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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Soon we will celebrate our Independence Day. I have been looking at our Founding Documents and will share some information. James Madison wrote a draft of 17 amendments. These amendments were “rights” related, rather than “structure of government” related. This was to be able to win passage in the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and in three quarters of the legislatures of the 13 states of the United States of America. Originally, James Madison was an “opponent” of amending the Constitution. He and other members of the 1st Convention felt these amendments were not needed as the “government can only exert the powers specified by the Constitution”. When ratification of the Constitution was having difficulty passing in the state of Massachusetts, Madison saw the need for adding amendments.

“Madison had come to appreciate the importance voters attached to these protections, the role that enshrining them in the Constitution could have in educating people about their rights, and the chance that adding them might prevent its opponents from making more drastic changes to it. The House passed a joint resolution containing 17 amendments based on Madison’s proposal. The Senate changed the joint resolution to consist of 12 amendments. A joint House and Senate Conference Committee settled remaining disagreements in September. On October 2, 1789, President Washington sent copies of the 12 amendments adopted by Congress to the states. By December 15, 1791, three-fourths of the states had ratified 10 of these, now known as the “Bill of Rights.” (archives.gov)

The Bill of Rights is one of three of the original documents, along with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, which are collectively referred to as the Charters of Freedom. In these three documents, the American people made known their reasons for declaring their independence from the British Crown; the structure and framework of the United States; and how the first ten amendments, the Bill of Rights, defines both citizen’s and states’ rights in relation to the Government established as a constitutional republic.

We will celebrate on July 4th, 2020, “the Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America of July 4th 1776.” This declaration concludes: “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.” Thus, we continue to rely upon divine Providence for our country to continue to this day and going forward. We must strive to continue to be a constitutional republic; to teach the liberties we may enjoy as we adhere to the Constitution in opposition to socialist and Marxist communist doctrines.

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TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – Michele Melsha

SARW continues to provide you with the latest information on our Facebook page about what we are doing for the Republican Party and continuing to uphold our traditional values.

We really hope you take the time to visit our Facebook page @sarwpac and “like”, “follow” and “share” it. Currently, we have 100 people who “like” us and 105 people who “follow” us.

Please join us to best utilize our social media platform to communicate and expand our message to reach more people and potential SARW members.

In addition, please visit our website for the latest information about SARW and the Republican Party at

www.saladoarearw.com

LEGISLATIVE CHAIR – Jessica Menking Diem

The most pressing matter to hit Texas in 2020 has no doubt been the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the aftermath of working to mitigate it. To add to that challenge, we also combined that invisible threat with government-sanctioned economic disruption.

Thankfully, here in Salado, our Republican state representative and state senator have continued to work hard on behalf of their constituents. Although not in session until 2021, legislative offices have been working day in and out to assist constituents with regular state agency inquiries as well as record numbers of inquiries to Texas Workforce Commission. Millions of Texans have lost jobs or been furloughed from jobs and Bell County has been no different- so Texas Workforce Commission has been on the forefront of making sure that Texans have the monies they need to survive until businesses and employers can re-hire.

If you need assistance with a Texas state agency during this time, reach out to your elected officials:

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



We are on summer break through the month of July. We have a special meeting planned, August 17, 2020, at The Gin, Belton, Texas – 11:00 a.m. Registration; 11:30 a.m. Meeting called to order.

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are not required.

We will be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment and have a fabulous speaker scheduled to inform us about the suffragette movement.

Hope to see you there!

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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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