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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7 – Pints and Politics -3West Ale House Grill, 7373 Honeysuckle, Temple – 6:00 p.m.

August 7 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

August 17 – CTRW, Champions Club, Bell County Expo Center, 301 W. Loop 121, Belton
Meet and Greet/Registration 11:00 a.m. Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. No lunch ‘
will be served. Individuals can bring their own food and drink.

August 17 – Republican Party of Bell County Executive Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.,
Central Texas Sportsman’s Club, 685 Cen-Tex Sportsman Road, Belton

August 27 – SARW General Meeting – (Mask is required.)
10:45-11:30 a.m. Informal Meet and Greet with U.S. Congressman John Carter
11:30-11:45 a.m. – Congressman makes address
11:45 a.m. – Growth of Bell County and Its Challenges
Speaker: Jim Reed, Exec. Director
Central TX Council of Governments (CTCOG)

What Has President Trump done for our Economy?

*From November 2016 – July 2, 2020

Dow Jones +45%

S and P +42%

Nasdaq +100%

*Figures from Fox Business

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Outlined below is what we have planned for our August meeting. Please check your email regarding a cancellation, in case the Bell County officials discourage gatherings of this type. We remain hopeful. We can guarantee proper spacing.



Meet and Greet U.S. Congressman John Carter

We are having a Meet and Greet prior to our August 27th meeting. Plan to come and address any questions you may have during this time before the meeting. He will also brief us on the latest news from Congress.

**Time: 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Informal Meet and Greet
11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Congressman makes address**

No charge if you are **not** staying for lunch but we DO need your reservation for seating by Monday, August 24th. (RSVP to Shirley Stephenson at 254 338-5717 or steppnup@embarqmail.com) We will have no tables so chairs can be 6ft. apart.

SARW General Meeting, August 27, 2020

Topic: *Growth of Bell County & Its Challenges*

Speaker: Jim Reed, Executive Director Of CTCOG - Central TX Council of Governments

Location: Salado Civic Center 11:45 a.m. \$15 for Salad Luncheon

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What Does CTCOG Do?

The Central TX Council of Governments helps local communities work cooperatively to improve the conditions and well-being of Central Texans. Whether reaching out to elders in need of at-home or nursing home assistance, helping a family find a safe and affordable home, providing essential transportation planning, or keeping you safe through emergency and security programs, we serve with compassion, dedication and professionalism.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort

Greetings Everyone!

I hope you and your family remain well and upbeat. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. We have a plan for our August 27th meeting with chairs spaced out 6 ft. apart and no tables in the upstairs Civic Center room. (With a salad luncheon this should not be a problem.)

We have an important election ahead and we need to work hard to get new neighbors registered to vote. We need to stay informed. If you meet any Democrats, remind them to read the Democrat Platform. Their platform is: full amnesty for all; open borders; full benefits for illegals to include welfare benefits, free education, free health care and even free legal advice. And that is just a few of the 46 statements in their platform.

Our values are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. **Let's work on preserving the American Way of Life, which is at risk right now!** Come gather with us at our fabulous meeting planned August 27th where you will have an opportunity to visit with U.S. Congressman John Carter, enjoy a delicious salad luncheon by McCain's, followed by hearing a program on the growth and challenges of Bell County presented by CTCOG Executive Director, Jim Reed. Join us for the countdown to November!

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Bobi Anderson

THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH

Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

It's interesting to get our heads around the fact that Moses was leading a troop of about 2.5 million people - that would be like all of Houston going on a walk together! After walking out on pharaoh, the troop arrived at the Red Sea, thinking they were safe. Then, out of the desert appears pharaoh's elite troops with countless chariots, horses, and soldiers. They were literally between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Who intervened? God. The verse above was part of the praise and worship they sang to God after this miraculous deliverance from dire circumstances.

The point? God takes into consideration the circumstances around us. Anyone who thinks God is NOT watching over His children during this pandemic is mistaken. The Epistle to the Colossians makes exactly the point that while God is always in control, He expects His people to exercise personal responsibility in all circumstances. Paul makes the point in Colossians 2:19 that to do so, we must hold fast to the Head – Jesus Christ. It is especially during times like these, we cannot afford to allow anything to come between us and our Lord.

Pray fervently for our nation, our leaders and all those affected by COVID-19. Do not stop praying: prayer is the tool that enables us to work with God and discern His will. And praise Him like the ancient Israelites did for His faithfulness regardless of circumstances.

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston

The COVID19 virus has caused havoc on all volunteer services, community events, shopping, and going to restaurants. Hopefully soon, we will be getting back to some semblance of normal. Unfortunately, the National Election in November cannot be pushed to the side and, once restrictions are relaxed, SARW will have to hit the street running if we are to be successful in November.

A new membership year is on the horizon. We need each and every one of you to continue to support our candidates through your membership and actions. Your support is critical for the election of our candidates.

More news will be coming about our 2021 Membership year, which will kick off in the Fall. Stay tuned.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

SARW has two important projects coming up in the near future. One is our beautiful red poinsettia sales for which we will begin taking orders in September. Since we were unable to have our Fine China Luncheon in March, this will be our major sales drive. We hope you will consider purchasing one or two poinsettias for the Christmas season. The poinsettias come in 6-inch pots with 4-6 blooms per plant. The plants last long after Christmas. The proceeds will go to scholarships for our graduating high school seniors. We will have more information in our September newsletter.

The other event will be our special Luncheon Meeting on September 24 at Tenroc Ranch. Our guest speaker will be Nick Adams. Mr. Adams is an internationally renowned Australian speaker, lecturer, author and media commentator. He is best known for his work in the field of American exceptionalism. You will not want to miss this outstanding speaker.

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TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – Michele Melsha

There are many benefits to SARW in having a Facebook page and website, primarily, the ability to develop relationships and communicate our Republican initiatives. These social media platforms provide us with the fastest, easiest communication channel to our base and potential new SARW members. It also increases our visibility and website traffic. And of course, social media represents a primary channel to gather feedback and respond to questions. Social media signals that we are invested in serving our base. So, we ask you to visit our Facebook page @sarwpac and “like”, “follow” and “share” it and be a part of our Republican team.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Brenda Howard

SARW sent TFRW 989 Campaign Activity volunteer hours for the second quarter of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 virus and cancellation of our many activities, our numbers were down several hundred hours from previous years. We also accumulated 147 hours of Community Service, down from 477 reported in the first quarter. If you have not turned in your second quarter 2020 volunteer hours, you may do so now. Please send them to brendaghoward59@gmail.com. I will add them to our third quarter 2020 hours. If you have any questions about what is included in the volunteer hours that we report to TFRW, please let me know. Thank you for all you do to volunteer.

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LEGISLATIVE CHAIR – Jessica Menking Diem

In the midst of COVID-19, we have seen monumental changes, shifts, and decisions made on our behalf. As elected officials at the federal level work to ensure that states have the resources they need to care for their citizens, elected officials at the state level are working to connect constituents with services they need related to job loss, transportation, and education, to name just a few.

At the forefront of our minds and our local news has been how the Texas Education Agency is instructing schools as they attempt to begin a new school year. Most recently, TEA has suspended in-person instruction through Labor Day, meaning that our school professionals are channeling all of their creativity, flexibility, and expertise to educate students through new technologies.

Without fail, a November general election is upon us. Republicans up and down the ballot are in for the fight of a lifetime as the Democrat Party is working overtime to fund campaigns across the region and state that they believe can be flipped. A LOT is on the line in 2020- redistricting, recovering from a challenging economic situation after COVID-19, and the fundamental freedoms and liberties we hold dear as Texans. Even more than before, it is CRITICAL that Republicans connect with campaigns occurring around them and offer their time and energy to help with literature distribution, phone calls, text messages, and sharing their beliefs and values with their friends and neighbors. From the White House to the courthouse, Republicans up and down the ballot are relying on US to send them back into office dedicated to ensuring that we continue to live in a prosperous state and nation.

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Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, August 17, at the Champions Club, Bell County Expo Center, 301 W Loop 121 in Belton. Meet and Greet/Registration 11:00 a.m.; Meeting will be called to order at 11:30 a.m. Central Texas Republican Women will celebrate the 100th birthday of the passage of the 19th amendment which took place on August 26, 1920. Carol Anderson, Texas renowned Suffragette Movement speaker will be our featured guest. Unfortunately, we had to make a last-minute venue change. Food and Drink will **NOT** be provided. Please feel free to bring your own. There is **NO CHARGE** for this meeting. Ladies – please feel free to celebrate the Suffragette Movement by wearing period clothes and hats. Be sure to attend and invite your friends to this once in a lifetime 100th birthday celebration.

Additional information is available on our website: www.ctrw-pac.com

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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The Republican Party of Bell County will hold an Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Texas Sportsman's Club, 685 Cen-Tex Sportsman Road, Belton, TX 76513.

The newly elected Precinct Chairmen officially take office on August 3, 2020. An Organizational Meeting will be held on August 17, 2020. Officers will be appointed by the County Chairman and By Laws will be adopted.

Currently the Headquarters is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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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