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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 3 – Candidate Rally, Barrow Brewing Company, 108 Royal Street, Salado

September 4 – 10:00 a.m. SARW Board Meeting – Barclay McCort Residence

September 12 – Trump 2020 Boat Parade, Belton Lake. Parade will leave  
The Dam at 4:00 pm.

September 18 – CTRW General Meeting, The Gin, 219 S. East Street, Belton  
Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost \$15.00/per person

September 24 – SARW General Meeting with Nick Adams Cost \$30.00/per person  
(includes book sales and silent/live auction)  
Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room



**JUDICIAL ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES – KNOW YOUR COURTS AND  
CANDIDATES AND CHOOSE WISELY**

**A VOTE LEFT BLANK IS A VOTE FOR THE OPPOSING PARTY CANDIDATE.**

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**1ST VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS – Shirley Stephenson**

It is back to school; it is back to work; it is time to re-elect Republicans up and down the ballot starting with President Trump continuing down the ballot to the state and local elections!

It is time to gather together, strategize together, and shake off the lethargy of just daily existence. The Board of Salado Area Republican Women misses you and we invite you to a time of refreshment and encouragement at our September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at Tenroc Ranch's Blue Heron Room at 11:00 a.m. as we launch our fall campaign.

We are honored and pleased to have as our guest speaker, Nick Adams. He is a renowned speaker, author, media commentator and a patriotic American. He was recently appointed by President Donald Trump to join the Board of the Wilson Center, a think tank associated with the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. Adams will have many of his school educational books available for purchase as well as his latest best seller, *Trump and Churchill, Defenders of Western Civilization*.

We will be served a Southwestern style luncheon of King Ranch Chicken, charro beans, salad, and banana/chocolate pudding dessert. A live auction with Commissioner Bobby Whitson and a large silent auction will make this a special meeting not to be missed. Luncheon reservations are \$30 and can be made through Shirley Stephenson, (254)338-5717 or by e-mail, [steppnup@embarqmail.com](mailto:steppnup@embarqmail.com) by **September 18!**

Do not miss this event! Looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Put September 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar !

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### **PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort**

Hello Everyone! I cannot believe we are headed into September. I am excited we are getting back to meeting with everyone again. Our September meeting will be a barnburner with Nick Adams as our speaker. We will be holding our silent and live auction that was canceled with the Fine China Luncheon at this event. Invite your friends and neighbors. It will be a fun time and for a good cause – **Helping to Keep Texas RED!**

We have been in continual contact with our local candidates and working hard to make progress toward their re-election by calling, sending letters to unregistered voters, working at HQs, etc. I hope you can participate in some of their activities coming up. U.S. Congressman Carter, State Representative Dr. Brad Buckley, along with State Senator Dr. Dawn Buckingham are teaming up for a campaign event together right here in Bell County. The event will be held on September 3 at Barrow Brewing Company, 108 Royal Street, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This event will be following all state and county health protocols related to COVID-19, so please bring your mask, and wear it when you are within six feet of others not in your household.

Our new Republican Party Chair, Ret. Col. Allen West, is planning to make a visit here to Bell County the afternoon or evening of October 14. Save the date! Our county is extremely important in this election. Three local candidates, Carter, Buckley, and Buckingham are in tough races with the Democrats. I hope you will talk up these candidates and perhaps send them some money. We still need volunteers to help out. Please see the many campaign opportunities below.

#### **Campaign Opportunities - How You Can Help:**

- **Victory 2020 Phase 2 Volunteer Engagement Program** – Red Dialer or Mail ten letters to unregistered individuals. All supplies are sent including sample letter, letterhead, envelope, and stamp. Contact [barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com).
- **Register Voters** – hand out Voter Registration cards. Salado Public Library has some or contact Barclay. Cards must be received at the Registrar's Office by October 5.
- **Volunteer** at Republican Party HQs in Belton (Sept-Oct) – 254 831-5200
- **Walk the neighborhoods** – contact Stefan Fittings: [sfitting@texasgop.org](mailto:sfitting@texasgop.org) (Bell County Field for the Republican Party of Texas.)
- **Display** Trump bumper stickers, Trump flags, caps. Available at HQs – behind Belton Museum; 204 N East St., Ste A-1

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### **CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Kate McKinley**

(A Prayer to Reflect On)

Almighty God,

We honor you this day and acknowledge that you are the only one who can rightly lead and guide our Leaders.

Lord, we lift up this prayer for our country.

We ask that you bless our country with your wisdom, your love, and your compassion.

May we be a people who remember we are still

One Country, Under God.

In your Name we ask this,

Amen

### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston**

Salado Area Republican Women (SARW) currently has a membership of 97 primary and associate members. There is strength, as well as support, in having the largest numbers possible of fellow Republicans working to ensure our state remains red and the Republican ideologies continue to support the safety and positive growth of our country. Remember men (husbands, dads, brothers, sons and significant others) are welcome to join and participate as associate members.

The threats by Democrats to our conservative way of life are real in Texas. We need to be an active force in supporting our Republican candidates in November. If you know of someone who share our ideals, please invite them to a luncheon so they can see what we are all about.

Keep in mind, a new membership year will begin shortly. We would like all of you, and more, to sustain our membership into 2021. A Membership Form can be found at the end of this newsletter, on our website or you can contact me at [mhairston@embarqmail.com](mailto:mhairston@embarqmail.com).



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**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry**

In September, SARW will kick off our annual poinsettia sale.



The poinsettias will be received in 6-inch pots with 4-6 blooms per plant as well as in sleeves. The cost will remain \$12. We will be taking orders until October 30. So, now is the time to decide how many you might need to decorate your home or place of business or - give as gifts.

Sale proceeds go to High School Scholarships.

SARW will deliver the plants to businesses that place an order. We ask individuals to pick up their plants at the Civic Center once they are notified by email. Delivery date will be Wednesday, December 2. You can make your checks out to SARW PAC and send to SARW, Box 373, Salado, Texas 76571.

If you ordered last year, you will be contacted again or you may contact me at (254) 760-2456, [ddentry13@gmail.com](mailto:ddentry13@gmail.com).

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### **TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – Michele Melsha**

Social media plays a crucial role in connecting with our current members and developing relationships with new SARW members.

Here are some social media statistics supporting the reason why it is important to maintain our Facebook page and website:

- 3.5 billion social media users worldwide
- Facebook is the most popular social media platform.
- 90.4% of Millennials, 77.5% Generation X, and 48.2% of Baby Boomers are active social media users
- Users spend an average of 3 hours a day on social networks and messaging.

We would appreciate your participation. Become part of our Facebook team at @sarwpac. Thank you so much for supporting this effort!



### **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Brenda Howard**

It is an exciting time for all of us as November approaches. Be sure to keep track of all of your campaign activity volunteer hours and your community volunteer hours. Viewing the recent Republican National Convention, watching the debates, attending meetings, and calling/door knocking, all count! As Texas reopens, more of our community volunteer activities are coming back and we need to count those also. Please send all of your volunteer hours to [brendaghoward59@gmail.com](mailto:brendaghoward59@gmail.com). If you have any questions about what volunteer hours are submitted to TFRW, just let me know. Thanks again for all the hard work each of you puts into keeping **Texas Red!**

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### **LEGISLATIVE CHAIR – Jessica Menking Diem**

**The month of September means your email, television, social media feeds, and mailboxes will soon be filling with campaign literature and information... and more than ever before, your engagement will be critical to the success of Republicans this November!** There is a concerted effort from Democrats on the federal, state, and county level to buy seats out of the hands of Texans this fall. Millions of dollars will be sent into Texas on behalf of candidates looking to fundamentally change our state. These are not your Democrats of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century: these are progressives looking to dramatically change the very fabric of the nation. In order to maintain the freedoms we hold dear, you can help candidates in the following ways:

**-Time:** You can give campaigns the gift of your time by asking how you can assist. Be specific: “I have 3 hours this Wednesday that I would love to contribute- do you have anything I can do?”

**-Finances:** Local Republicans are fighting MILLIONS of dollars being funneled into congressional and state races from Washington, D.C., New York, and California. Whether you have \$25, \$250, or \$2,500 available, each dollar can be put to work in our community to engage voters, get good data, and get out the vote.

**-Energy:** If you are able, volunteering to knock on some doors will greatly assist your Republican candidates. Even if it is dropping door hangers on each door in your own neighborhood on your evening walk, you will make vital contacts that help!

**-Voice:** Your voice makes a difference! Reminding your Republican friends and neighbors of this critical time in our nation will raise awareness and urgency for voting! Sharing candidate’s information via email or social media will widen their net of influence and reach more eyes.

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. **WE** can make a difference!

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### AMERICANISM – Kate McKinley

The month of September brings us the Labor Day Holiday.

The Labor Day Holiday is the first Monday of September. The first Labor Day was celebrated in 1882. This Holiday became a reality out of the organized labor movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, this day is dedicated to social and economic achievements of the American Worker. Today, the celebration includes festivals for recreation and amusement for the workers and their families. Speeches by prominent leaders in economic and civic significance often address the workers.

The U.S. Department of Labor website notes that this Holiday “constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country” - (U.S. Department of Labor) “The United States of America has a vital force of labor. This has added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation’s strength, freedom, and leadership—the American worker.”(U.S. Department of Labor.)





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Central Texas Republican Women will meet Friday, September 18, 2020, at The Gin, 219 S East Street, Belton. Meet and Greet/Registration will start at 11:00am; Meeting will be called to order at 11:30am. Cost is \$15.00 pp.

Our guest speaker will be Nick Adams. Mr. Adams was recently appointed by President Trump to join the Board of the Wilson Center. Nick is a renowned speaker, columnist, and author, FOX News Contributor, founder and Executive Director of The Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness (FLAG). Nick will be speaking on "American Exceptionalism." Nick's latest bestselling book, **"Trump and Churchill, Defenders of Western Civilization,"** will be available for sale.

Additional information is available on our website: [www.ctrw-pac.com](http://www.ctrw-pac.com)

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## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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**HEADQUARTERS HOURS:** Starting September 1, 2020, the Headquarters will be open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed.

**ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS:** Volunteers needed to serve as Poll Workers for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

**TRUMP 2020 BOAT PARADE:** The event will take place at Belton Lake September 12th. Boats will begin lining up near the Belton Dam at 3:00 pm. Parade will leave the Dam at 4:00 pm. And travel across the lake 8-10 mph, 3-5 Boats wide if possible. Lesleigh Dunlap is contact.  
<https://facebook.com/events/s/trump-2020-boat-parade/1021808824956117/?ti=icl>

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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