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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 3 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Poinsettia Pick-ups at Salado Civic Center – individual pick-up, business orders will be delivered

December 4 – SARW Board Meeting – President McCort’s residence

December 7 – Campaign Management School

December 17 – Installation of Officers and Celebration Party

December 25 – **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Interested in Campaign Management School?

Contact Kirsten Holmberg at kholmberg@leadershipinstitute.org

for Training Dec.7, 2020

SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

2:00 P.M.

The meeting will include installation of 2021 officers as well as a time to visit with friends. President McCort will give a preview of programs planned for the new year. Dessert and coffee will be provided. No reservation is needed and there will be no charge. Join us at the Salado Civic Center.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort

Friends, as we enter the holiday season, we have much to be thankful for and the fight for the presidency is far from over at the time of this writing. Remember the battles we have won.

We lost no U.S. Congressional Republicans who were up for re-election. Congressman Carter and Sen. John Cornyn won by safe margins. The Republicans won state representative races targeted by the DNC and big money. We retained our state representatives, Reps. Shine & Buckley. We kept our State Senator, Buckingham.

Much of the success of our state is due to the joining of forces of TFRW and the Republican Party of Texas. We registered 190,000 new voters, donated money to vulnerable Republicans, block-walked, attended rallies and made many calls. Our work cannot end there! We maintained our RED status but must keep the pressure up. The Dems will be relentless in trying to take over our state. We MUST keep up the fight for our values and for the direction our country will take. Together we can move forward and make a positive influence. We proved we can make a difference right here in Central Texas!

Locally your board is working on some exciting topics for the new year so I hope you will commit to joining us. Please come to our December 17th afternoon reception and installation of officers. In the meantime, I hope you have a joyful Christmas. May God continue to bless Texas and America. *Barclay*



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SARW Annual Report for 2020 – President Barclay McCort

It has been a challenging year for us but we have still been able to accomplish many goals. We have kept members informed through our newsletters, website, Facebook page, meetings, and emails. We held a couple of fundraisers, attended rallies, donated to and worked on the campaigns of many candidates. We made a difference re-electing our local candidates.

Programs: We started the year out with a candidate forum. Following that, Shirley Stephenson planned an interesting program on Challenges of Healthcare by David Balat of Texas Public Policy Foundation. We had our State Senator, Dr. Dawn Buckingham, lined up for our Fine China Luncheon which had to be cancelled due to COVID 19 but the Senator promises to reschedule with us in 2021. We heard about the growth and challenges of our county in August by Executive Director of CTCOG, Jim Reed. September we were fortunate to bring Nick Adams back. The October program followed as we heard about the growth of the Wreaths for Vets program.

Membership: Marjorie reported we had 99 members with 40 being associates at the end of the fiscal year. We will continue recruiting members for 2021 and **we hope you will renew before the end of the year. (\$35 to SARW,PAC; POB 373;Salado, TX 76571).**

New Board Members: We were delighted to have Fayann Ridgley join us as secretary when Bobi Anderson moved. Also. we had Brenda Howard as campaign activities chair. Diane Balady was new to the Board as treasurer. Both are doing an excellent job. We were happy to have Martha Vickers join us as hospitality chair too. Janice Morin joined our Board late as chaplain. We lost Ann Moore to a move but she has kept us on track as our PAC Chair.

Fundraising: Thanks to the generosity of many members and Dorothy Dentry's hard work we were able to raise about \$4,000 from the Fine China Luncheon. Dorothy was also able to raise about \$1,400 from the silent auction in September and we are on target to raise about \$1,100 for our poinsettia sale for scholarships. We thank her for her leadership.

Treasurer: Diane Balady maintained our books and did an excellent job. As of September 30, our balance was \$8,205. (This does not include any poinsettia money.) As we had budgeted. we

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were able to give \$1,450 to local candidates and \$5,000 to the Resource Committee of the Republican Party of Texas to help vulnerable candidates. This fulfilled one of our main goals.

Newsletter: Barb Swarthout did a great job keeping us informed with a monthly newsletter. This helped us to stay connected during the lockdown.

Bylaws: Barb Swarthout revised our bylaws which got approval from TFRW,(a biennial project).

Americanism: Our plans with Americanism were delayed due to the lockdown but Kate McKinley and Shirley Stephenson were able to visit the new USO at Ft. Hood prior to the lockdown and we have plans to assist them in 2021. We have plans to work with the liaison from Fort Hood to the Salado Chamber of Commerce to meet some of their other needs, thanks to Barb Swarthout being on the Chamber Board.

Legislative: Jessica Menking Diem kept us abreast of legislation and ways of helping the candidates. Your Board members also participated in the Red Dialer program for seeking new voter registration for Republicans. This was followed up with letters and some block-walking. Statewide TFRW joined with the Republican Party of Texas to register 190,000 new Republicans.

Literacy: We were able to give 4 books by Nick Adams to each Salado and Killeen schools on the U.S. Constitution/the Bill of Rights; Student's Guide to The Federalist Papers; Declaration of Independence and Citizen's Guide to Electoral College. We have given a few books by conservative authors to a local Christian School. Currently we have a book drive going to donate more books by conservative authors to local high schools.

Technology: Michele Melsha did a fine job keeping our website up-to-date, managing our Facebook page and keeping us up-to-date at each Board meeting.

Historian: Bobbie Reihsen, also new on the Board, has recorded our activities for future reference.

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SARW ANNUAL REPORT – 2020 (CONTINUED)

Due to a shortened year your Board has agreed to serve another year with the exception of Dorothy Dentry who had to resign for health reasons. Dorothy has agreed that she will remain with the Board as Parliamentarian. Sherril Gardipee agreed to serve as 1st Vice President of Fundraising.

Thank you to all our members for having faith in us and supporting us with your attendance. The fight to move our country in the right direction must continue!

TRIBUTE TO WOMEN LUNCHEON



Barb Swarhout was recently recognized at the Tribute to Women Luncheon hosted by the Texas Federation of Republican Women for her leadership and dedication to the Salado Area Republican Women's Club. Barb has served as local president, vice president, newsletter editor, as well in other roles. Barb and her husband Dave have been active in politics since arriving from Wisconsin in 2013.

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Janice Morin



Lord, as we are reminded of love and peace in the words of Christmas Carols, we pray that we may heal our divisions, arguing and broken hearts to hear the angels sing. May the reality of God who loves us so much protect our social and political thinking and bring hope and joy for 2021. Merry Christmas to all.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS – Shirley Stephenson

Our 2021 Officer Installation is our final program for this busy year. Next year's agenda for Republicans everywhere is still swirling around like a whirlwind. Despite the uncertainty of this world, SARW **members** will press on into the new year with programs of interest and personal growth! The key word here is **member!** We need each, and everyone, to stay on board to support the newly elected and re-elected Republicans, to help keep the local party a viable and active part of the community and to finally show unity of purpose.

I hope to see all of you at the SARW Officer installation on December 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The installation ceremony will be presented by Barbara Swarouth, former president of SARW. Please invite potential members to this event! A dessert reception will highlight the swearing in.

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Marjorie Hairston

Our recent election was certainly a disappointment. But, on the bright side, the majority of Congressional Republicans maintained and, in some cases, increased their presence in Washington. However, our lawmakers will continue to need our support, due to the mid-term elections on the horizon. Also, in addition, we give to our community by raising funds for student scholarships, sending care packages to our deployed soldiers, bringing informative speakers on current issues into the community for all to hear, registering students to vote, and supplying age-appropriate materials on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights to students. ***But, we cannot do this alone.*** Your continued support and membership are critical in accomplishing these things. Please take a few moments to renew your membership. The application can be found on our website and at the end of this newsletter. The dues for 2021 are \$35. You can either mail your application, along with your dues, to SARW (address on application) or, even better, bring it to the next SARW meeting.

Please consider joining us for a reception, and installation of the 2021 SARW Board, which is being held instead of our monthly luncheon. It will be on **December 17, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.**

Look forward to seeing you there as we enter into 2021 and commence our support for conservative causes.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Dorothy Dentry

The SARW Poinsettia Fundraiser concluded on October 31st. We want to thank our hardworking members who sold and distributed 274 plants. We especially want to thank those who purchased the plants. Since the grower has a different delivery company, the plants will be delivered to the Civic Center and available for pick-up by individuals from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on December 3. Business orders will be delivered on that day. SARW will hold the Fine China Luncheon in 2021. It is not too early to be thinking of your theme for your table or use the theme you had for 2020. May the Christmas Season bring you Faith, Hope & Happiness.

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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Brenda Howard

Working on the poinsettia fundraiser counts as campaign activities, so be sure to keep an accurate record of your hours. Any hours left over from last quarter can be counted in this quarter, so be sure to bring those forward. Since the election is not over until the legal challenges are met, we all have more campaign-related activities that will continue! Count those hours too.

As Texas reopens, more of our community volunteer activities are coming back and we need to count those also. The holidays usually provide lots of opportunity for community service that is not politically related, so track those hours separately. If you have any questions about campaign hours or community hours, feel free to contact me at brendaghoward59@gmail.com. Thanks again for all your hard work in the community!

TECHNOLOGY CHAIR – Michele Melsha



Our Facebook page permits us to connect with like-minded individuals online. We can share our thoughts and opinions with an unlimited number of people through sharing, liking it and commenting.

This is the fastest, easiest way to get our message out. So, please join us @sarwpac and be a part of our Facebook family.

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AMERICANISM – Kate McKinley



WREATHS FOR VETS

Wreath laying will occur on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 1146 South Highway 195 in Killeen. Parking is at Texas A&M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running 8:00-noon. Please **NO PARKING** on Hwy. 195. Bikers who wish to escort the wreaths to the cemetery are to meet at 7:00 a.m. at Killeen Special Events Center. Family members lay wreaths on their loved one's graves first. Volunteers then disperse the remaining wreaths until every grave has one.

Wreath retrieval will be done on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Changes to the timeline will be announced closer to the event. We hope many can participate in this great event. **The Killeen Police Department and the Texas Department of Transportation would like to remind you that parking on the right-of-way on Texas 195 is not only illegal but also very dangerous. Please park at the Texas A&M-Central Texas campus and use the shuttle buses provided by KISD.**

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AMERICANISM (CONTINUED)



The SARW Board has discussed donating and/or supporting the Fort Hood USO. There is need for food & beverage donations, children's books, and adult reading material, that we can contribute to. This organization meets the needs of our men and women in Uniform as well as their families. We will keep you posted on the Board's decision.

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Shirley Stephenson has shared the following information for our members.

The National Mounted Warrior Museum

November 19, 2020, marked the culmination of ten years of researching the history of the mounted combat warrior from its earliest inception until modern times. This information became a growing idea to provide a permanent place to honor, remember, and share the sacrifice of the mounted warrior.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Museum was attended by numerous dignitaries, military officers and enlisted personnel plus many civilian visitors to Fort Hood. First Calvary Division provided mounted horsemen, flags, and a marching band to make this a festive occasion.

This beautiful 28,700 square foot facility will be in front of Fort Hood and will be built in three phases and will become a tourism destination for the Bell County area. The total cost will be \$38 million dollars and is scheduled to open in 2022.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Jessica Menking Diem

With elections (mostly) completed, attention is beginning to turn to the 87th Texas Legislature and how the state will move forward after an interim unexpectedly devoted to the Coronavirus pandemic. From the state's budget, to economic recovery and everything in between, this legislative session will not be lacking in critical decisions being made on our behalf. Before moving away from elections, I am so pleased to share that Salado voted 77% Republican in the presidential race, and up to 83% Republican for contested down-ballot races. Kudos to the hard work of conservatives in Salado to ensure that Republicans were well supported in Precinct 203!

As our local legislators begin the 87th legislative session, please remember the importance of reaching out to them should you have an issue on which you wish to voice an opinion. Their ability to effectively represent their districts hinges on their understanding of constituents' opinions, beliefs, and values. We are blessed here in Salado to be represented by strong conservatives, but it does not exempt us from sharing our thoughts. You can contact your state representative and state senator in the following ways:

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Christmas Social and Installation Dinner

Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, December 14, 2020, 6:00 PM at The Gin, 219 S East Street, Belton, Texas.

Cost is \$25.00 PP. Reservations Are Not Required.

Our featured speaker will be State Representative 54, Brad Buckley. CTRW 2021 Officers and Committee Chairmen will be installed by State Rep Buckley.

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 Bell County Republican Headquarters will be closed for the Holidays beginning Nov. 23, 2020. On January 5, 2021, the Headquarters will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Republican Party will conduct an Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at the Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander St., Belton, TX 76513.

Agenda: Fill Vacant Precinct Chair Positions

Program: State Rep. Brad Buckley with political update

Registration: 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

All interested Republicans invited.

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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

2020 BOARD AND CHAIRWOMEN

President	Barclay McCort barclaymccort@gmail.com 254-947-3617
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Parliamentarian/Bylaws	Dorothy Dentry
Awards	Shirley Stephenson
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Literacy	Maurine Nathanson
Americanism/Caring for America	Kate McKinley
Legislative	Jessica Menking Diem
Historian	Bobbie Reihsen
Technology	Michele Melsha
Greeter	Michele Melsha

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2021 Dues - \$35

Personal Information:

Title: (Check one): Mrs. ___ Miss ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___ Judge ___ Mr. ___ Other _____

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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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