



March, 2021



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 5 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Barclay McCort Residence

March 15 – CTRW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. – The Gin, Belton

March 25 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. –

Speaker: Dr. Robert Lawson, SMU Professor

Topic: Socialism Sucks

Salado Civic Center

April 29 – Hays County Republican Party, Embassy Suites Main Ballroom

Featured Speaker: Kellyanne Conway

VIP table and ticket sales – [www.haysgop.org](http://www.haysgop.org)

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**March 25, 2021 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m.**

**Salado Civic Center**

**Speaker: Dr. Robert Lawson, Director, Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom,  
Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business**

**Luncheon cost is \$10/per person**

**RSVP: Shirley Stephenson at [steppnup@embarqmail.com](mailto:steppnup@embarqmail.com) or 254-338-5717**



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### **PRESIDENT'S PEN**

This has been an interesting time for all of us with the ice, snow and many without water or power. I hope all is well at your home now. Spring is around the corner so we should have more sunny days like we had right after the big storm.

Your Board has been moving along on some important projects and one of them is recruitment so I hope you will invite some friends and neighbors to attend some of our meetings. We have another dynamic program in March on socialism. Please come! Our professor is traveling from Dallas so we want a full house! He has a book out entitled "*Socialism Sucks*" so bring your checkbook in case you want a copy.

We had two members attend Legislative Day and one from another club said it was the best Legislative Day she has ever attended. **The main message from that meeting was we have to keep moving ahead and stay involved.** In February we had a Call to Action on a congressional bill regarding election integrity, HR1. I hope you took action on that email we sent to you. We must keep the Democrats from ruining our election process and destroying our country. We may send you more Calls to Action so I hope you take those emails seriously and voice your concerns to our Congressmen and Senators. For other National bills go to **GovTrack.us** and type in the bill number you are interested in. Then send your remarks to our congressmen and senators. You can just google the official's name and go to the Contact Us tab to enter your message. Keep your message short and pithy. For state issues go to **Texas Legislature OnLine**.

So Friends, remain safe, be positive and pray for the leaders of our nation that we may be "One Nation Under God" again.



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*“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”* And who said that? Dale Carnegie

**FROM THE DESK OF SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM:**

**Winter Storm Shows What It Means to Be Texas Strong**

Watching Texans help each other in light of this week’s events reminds me once again of why I’m so proud to be a Texan.

Over the past week, we have seen unprecedented winter weather bring our state to a halt. While I will demand answers and accountability to ensure this never happens again, I pride myself in being a professional listener and finding the right solutions for our State. By hearing from the Public Utilities Commission and ERCOT, we began to uncover what went wrong, and can begin to hold those responsible accountable. We owe it to you.

This week we went back to work in Austin in multiple Senate Finance Committee hearings covering education and public health sections of the state budget, which when combined account for two-thirds of the entire state budget.

Texas has overcome countless obstacles before, and I have no doubt we will emerge from this as a stronger, more resilient state. May God bless you, may God continue to bless the great state of Texas, and may we forever remain *Texas Strong*.



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**FROM THE DESK OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRAD BUCKLEY**

The 87th Texas Legislature continues to move forward to serve Texans in a manner that respects transparency and provides for citizens to engage lawmakers while protecting the health of all involved. The Capitol is open and we welcome your participation. We ask that you kindly call our office to arrange a visit or we can meet remotely if you prefer.

Recently, Speaker of the Texas House, Dade Phelan, announced committee assignments for this session. I am honored to serve as Vice-Chair of the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee and serve as a member of the Public Education and the Local and Consent Calendars Committees. These appointments will allow me to participate in a meaningful way on issues important to House District 54 and Texas. All committee hearings will be broadcast online, archived, and can be found at [www.house.texas.gov/video-audio](http://www.house.texas.gov/video-audio).

Winter Storm Uri stopped us in our tracks in February. Amidst insecurity about power, water, and infrastructure, Texans banded together to support and care for one another in incredible ways. It is a priority for me to be your voice in Austin to ensure that measures are put into place that will protect our energy sources and our electric grid from peril.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to file, analyze, and co-author legislation. I have already filed legislation to support our veterans, improve job opportunities for military spouses, and improve internet service in rural and underserved areas. I will file bills or co-author bills over the next few weeks that will protect minors from registered sex offenders, lower health insurance costs for self-employed Texans, reform commercial property value appraisals and several other important issues. I have co-authored pro-life and pro-Second Amendment legislation and will continue to work with my Republican colleagues on legislation to support RPT priorities.

Governor Greg Abbott highlighted several emergency items in his State of the State address, which allows the legislature to work on specific issues prior to the constitutional threshold. Those items include broadband access across Texas, bail reform, election integrity, police funding, COVID-19 liability protections for businesses, and most recently, ERCOT reform. I am looking forward to digging into these issues and solving problems for Texas.

It is an honor to serve you in the Texas House of Representatives. ***Brad Buckley***



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### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS – Shirley Stephenson**

Our speaker for the March 25 luncheon is Dr. Robert Lawson. He will speak on “Socialism Sucks”, his most recent book. He also will be bringing copies of this book to the meeting for purchase and autographing.

Dr. Robert Lawson is a Clinical Professor and holds the Jerome M. Fullinwider Centennial Chair in Economic Freedom; he also is director of the Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom at the Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business, Dallas Texas. He currently holds his classes on Managerial Economics and Microeconomics at the Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University. Dr. Lawson has authored or co-authored over 100 journal articles, book chapters, policy reports and book reviews. With Benjamin, he is co-author of the Amazon Bestseller *Socialism Sucks: Two Economists Drink Their Way Through the Unfree World*. To reserve your spot, call Shirley Stephenson at (254) 338-5717 by March 22. Luncheon cost will be \$10 per person.

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

“If you have always believed that everyone should play by the same rules....that would have gotten you labeled a radical 50 years ago, a liberal 25 years ago, and a racist today.”



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## **LEGISLATIVE DAY UPDATE FROM BRENDA HOWARD AND DIANE BALADY**

### **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES**



Diane Balady and I recently attended the Legislative Update. Even though we did not get to visit the Capital, TFRW brought the Capital to us. With such esteemed speakers as Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, all of the freshman class and many others. If you ever have the opportunity to go, do not hesitate. It was a wonderful learning experience and we are both better citizens for having attended.

The primary focus of the entire conference was Unite, Unite, Unite! We have to stand together to win in 2022. The legislative priorities consist of:

1. Election Integrity
2. Redistricting
3. Ban Abortion in Texas
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Protection
5. Religious Freedom
6. School Choice
7. And many more

There are 300 bills on election integrity, alone! If you are following a bill on [txlegis.com](http://txlegis.com) and you would be willing to go to Austin to testify, for or against a bill, help is available. Just email [vplegislation@tfrw.org](mailto:vplegislation@tfrw.org) and they can help with sample scripts, how to testify and the process.



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**(COLUMN CONTINUED)**

Republicans need to have people testify in support of their bills. For example, there are two bills regarding Texas being a Sanctuary 2A State. These prevent the federal government from coming to Texas to try to take our guns. Be sure to follow the Texas State legislation. At a minimum, you can email your representatives and let them know your position.

On a Federal level, you can go to Congress.gov and follow Legislation. For example, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, has introduced H.R. 127, and she wants to severely restrict our gun rights. Please look up this piece of legislation and send emails to your representatives to object to this restrictive bill.

No matter what you do, all of this counts towards your volunteer hours for our organization. As we get back out into the world our volunteer hours will start to accumulate again.

Use a paper calendar, form or whatever you need to keep track of your hours and keep a monthly total handy so that when we report our quarterly hours, you'll be able to send the totals to me promptly. If you have any questions about campaign hours or community hours, feel free to contact me at [brendaghoward@pm.me](mailto:brendaghoward@pm.me) Thanks again for all your hard work in the community!



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

Now that the Texas winter storm of the century is but a memory and the medical professionals are getting a handle on COVID 19 through immunizations, things seem to be starting to get back to some degree of normal. The Salado Area Republican Women are doing the same thing. We are recommencing our monthly luncheons with interesting speakers, are brainstorming projects for the year and, of course, social distancing. It is never too late to join us in trying to retain Texas as a red state as well as to convince others that it is better to be red than blue.

New members joining us in 2021 so far include:

Deanna Armstrong  
Sue Barnes  
Karin Borman-Berg  
Shirley Cox  
Wendy Exferd  
Allison Farrow  
Beverly Gillaspie  
Nancy Healey  
Jeff Howard  
Brenda Keller  
Betsy Tyson  
Sara Whitis  
Linda Wright.

These new members have realized it takes a village to achieve Republican successes. However, they need current members to show them the ropes. If you have not yet renewed your 2021 membership, what better time than now? Bring a neighbor or friend to the luncheon and let them judge for themselves. Everyone is welcome. You can fill out the information form at the end of the newsletter and remit, with \$35, to SARW PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado, Texas 76571.





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### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR OPPORTUNITY**

Our membership chair, Marjorie Hairston, is stepping down. She has been serving as Vice President of Membership for three years and has requested we find a replacement for her. She is participating in many other community activities at this time. We want to thank her for the support she has provided to us as membership chair.

We are looking for a volunteer to fill this position. It would be extremely helpful if the volunteer has experience with Excel spreadsheets. If you are interested, please contact Barclay McCort at [barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com)



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**3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Sherril Gardipee**

Now that we have made it through the "Great Texas Blizzard of 2021", our fundraising committee is focused on the SARW 14th Annual Fine China Luncheon on June 8th.

Preparations are underway with: Classic Catering creating a menu, Bonnie & Albert Miller and staff serving the food, dessert, beverages, and our 18 committed table hostesses, Darla from Susan Marie's, and H and H Décor and Fashions for our style show. A big "THANK YOU" to all of them for happily coming together to ensure our event is another success! There is plenty of time to get a theme together to sponsor a table.

Make a commitment for June 8th at Tenroc Ranch.

*Salado Area Republican Women*

**Invite you to join them for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual**

*Fine China Luncheon and Fundraiser*

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Blue Heron - Tenroc**

**11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.                      Tickets: \$30**

**Doors open at 10:45 for table viewing & Silent Auction**

**Catered by Classic Catering of Temple**

**Style Show entertainment**

**Contact Sherril Gardipee at [sherril.gardipee@gmail.com](mailto:sherril.gardipee@gmail.com) or 254 760-5738.**



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

Be a part of our Facebook page! We need you to join us @sarwpac and share our page with your Facebook friends to expose us to the widest possible audience. It is time for the Republican Party to unite and you can help that happen through sharing our Facebook page. Facebook is the largest and most recognized social media network, which makes it an excellent entry point to spread our message.

Be sure and check our web page for all the latest information – [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com)

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Brenda Keller**

The 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature is in session as of January 12, 2021. During the first 30 days of session, Committees are announced and organized and during days 30-60 of the legislative session only emergency items can be heard. There are numerous proposed bills that have been filed in both the House and the Senate. One of the proposed bills which SARW is concerned about and following is Election Integrity. Governor Abbott has placed Election Integrity as one of the emergency items to be heard. Representative Briscoe Cain is the Chairman for the Election Integrity Committee.

Each Friday there is a Fight for Election Integrity zoom meeting that occurs. Our last meeting involved Representative Cain who provided an informative update on the legislatures efforts to improve our election laws so that Texas elections are uniform across the state.

Since SARW is very involved in the election process in Bell County we are asking if anyone has any ideas or suggestions that we can pass along to this committee to please email those ideas to me and they will be compiled and presented. These suggestions and ideas can be emailed to me at [bkellerbtx@gmail.com](mailto:bkellerbtx@gmail.com)

### **SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR – LaNora Miller**

SARW is seeking applicants again this year for two \$1,500 scholarships, which will be given to two outstanding young ladies at Salado High School. The 2021-2022 scholarship applications have been taken to Salado High School. Ms. Bisson, counselor, will add the application to the SHS website. If you know of any deserving young lady who wishes to receive a scholarship, please let her know that SHS has applications online.



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**CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**MARCH: A MUST ATTEND MEETING!** Dr. Jeffrey Addicott will present "America's National Security Threats - How the Biden Administration is Dismantling the Trump Achievements". Dr. Addicott is a retired Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army, a Distinguished Professor of Law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, a regular contributor to national and international news media outlets (over 5,000 interviews), has given over 900 speeches and testifies before Congress on a variety of legal issues. Dr. Addicott has written numerous books and law journal articles. His most recent book (2021): *Global & National Security Law: Assessing the War on Terror*, will be available for purchase at our luncheon. It is \$40, coffee table size and 320 pages.

Please Join Us!

DATE: MONDAY - MARCH 15th, 2021

TIME: 11:00 a.m. Registration 11:30 a.m. Call to Order

PLACE: The Gin at Nolan Creek in Belton - 219 S. East Street

COST: \$15 per person - NO reservation required

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

204 N. East Street, Ste. A-1, Belton, TX 76513 Phone: 254-831-5200  
[belltxgop@gmail.com](mailto:belltxgop@gmail.com) Nancy Boston, Chairman Cell: 254-760-8155

The Committee to recruit Precinct Chairs continues to meet to develop training and programs to involve more patriotic citizens to become politically involved. The Headquarters is open Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come by and give us your ideas and receive training. David Carter has taken the position of Volunteer Trainer. He is working with Rick Devaney to provide updated information.

Contact the Headquarters if you have suggestions for Precinct Chairs. Precincts to be filled are listed.

106 Killeen	206 Killeen	309 Seaton/Rattibor
107 Bartlett	207 Killeen	310 Cyclone
109 Killeen	208 Killeen	314 Temple
110 Ft. Hood	301 Troy	404 Killeen
113 Belton	304 Temple	405 Killeen
204 Killeen	306 Temple	409 Killeen
205 Killeen	307 Temple	410 Killeen

To do nothing, be negative, or be divisive within our party will accomplish nothing. We must remain positive and work to elect Constitutional Conservative Candidates in order to preserve the values that made America the Beacon of Liberty.



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## **SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS**

### **2021 BOARD AND CHAIRWOMEN**

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Greeter	Michele Melsha



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**2021 Dues - \$35**

**Personal Information:**

**Title: (Check one):** Mrs. \_\_\_ Miss \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of spouse** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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