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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 2 – Pints and Politics – Deadfish Grill – Belton – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
April 9 – 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting at Barclay McCort residence
April 19 – CTRW General Meeting and Scholarships, with entertainment
6:00 p.m., The Gin, Belton – Cost \$25/per person
April 22 – SARW General Meeting and New Member Orientation
New Member Orientation 10:45 a.m.
General Meeting 11:30 a.m.
April 29 – Hays County Fundraiser with Kellyanne Conway – San Marcus
Embassy Suites Main Ballroom
VIP table and ticket sales – www.haysgop.org
May 6 – National Day of Prayer Celebration with CTRW
June 8 – Fine China Luncheon & Fundraiser

SARW General Meeting – April 22 – 11:30 a.m. – Salado Civic Center
New Member Orientation – 10:45 a.m.

Lunch: \$15/per person

Speaker: Isabel Hubbard, Executive Director of the USO Center, Fort Hood

RSVP: By Monday, April 19 – Shirley Stephenson – 254-338-5717 or
steppnup@embarqmail.com



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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Happy Spring, Everyone!

Our club has been busy working on a lot of projects and this month we are offering a new member orientation before our April 22nd meeting. You are invited even if you have been a member awhile but missed previous orientations. The orientation will start at 10:45 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. We are happy to report as of today we have gained 15 new members.

Our parent organization, Texas Federation of Republican Women, is genuinely concerned about the lack of civics in our public education system. This is a concern we all share and, as a result, TFRW wants us all to focus on improving the civics. One project we are considering is the *Tuttle Twins* project where a club buys a group of 11 books for young children on civics and donates them to home-schooled children. Under this program the national coordinator of the project picks out the recipients. Read Nancy Norris' article under Literacy for more information about the book series. We will let you know more about this as we work on additional details.

Texas Public Policy Foundation has a campaign going: *To Keep Texas Texan*. According to Joshua Trevino, representing the Foundation, we must not only bring this fight to the "pink dome", but also partner with educators who influence the lives of young Texans each and every day. The Foundation is hosting their third annual **Summer Civics Institute** where qualified teachers from across our great nation participate in a week-long session that hopes to enhance understanding of the fundamental political, intellectual, and moral principles that informed the construction of the American founding. If you know of a teacher that would like to join us this summer, please consider inviting them:

www.texaspolicy.com/summer-institute.

I hope to see you soon. *Barclay*



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FROM THE DESK OF SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM

Sen. Buckingham has filed SB 1340 on Election Integrity.

SB 1340 Summary:

Texans believe in ‘One Person – One Vote’ and SB 1340 draws us closer to that goal. The bill establishes processes for removing non-citizens, deceased voters, voters who have moved out of state, and ensuring felons are not voting until their rights are restored. Doing these things is complex and in order to address that the bill transfers the roll of statewide voter registrar to the Office of the Secretary of State with shared rolls for each county registrar. In short, the bill:

- Establishes online voter registration when applying for or renewing driver’s license.
- In order to have the DPS voter registration, a sharing of records must be established.
- Designates the Secretary of State (SoS) as the statewide voter registrar, with shared / split duties with county registrar.
- SoS to communicate with DPS and use their records to verify citizenship status.
- Establishes a process for applicant to provide citizenship verification if DPS does not have confirmation.
- Requires registrar to notify the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) of any ineligible application or vote.
- Establishes use of National Change Of Address database to clean rolls and resulting removal process.
- Instructs DPS, along with SoS, will enter into agreement with commissioner of social security to cross check for people shown to be deceased. Resulting removal process.

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- DPS to update SoS with felony conviction information, along with paroles and pardons. Notify of dates voting rights reestablished.
- Established process for challenging, curing, appealing, and restoring registrations.
- Requires registrar to share records with law enforcement and prosecutors.

You may want to visit my official Senate website
at <http://www.senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=24>.



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FROM THE DESK OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRAD BUCKLEY

Fellow Republicans,

Thank you for the work you do to carry on the cause of conservatism back home during legislative sessions. I have been meeting with the Public Education committee and vice-chairing the Defense and Veterans Affairs committee on a weekly basis, working hard to bring good legislation to the house that will enhance public education in Texas and support the distinguished veterans who choose to make Texas their home.

This session is moving at a swift pace, and we are tackling big issues: ERCOT and winter storm investigations, election integrity, measures that support our veterans, broadband to rural Texas, and many more. It is my privilege to represent your interests in Austin and fight for the values we share.

April will bring many opportunities to continue to push Republican priorities: a smart, fiscally responsible state budget, protecting our 2nd Amendment rights and Constitutional Carry, ensuring our elections are fair and ethical, protection for the lives of the preborn, and ensuring religious freedom for Texans, among others. As we continue working through legislation on all of these topics, do not hesitate to reach out to our office to share your opinions and concerns. I appreciate my constituents engaging in this process with me, and it makes me a better legislator when I hear from you. For Texas,

Brad Buckley, DVM
State Representative, Texas House District 54
Proudly serving Bell and Lampasas Counties



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FROM THE DESK OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE HUGH SHINE

The following is a summary of the most recent newsletter from the office of Texas House of Representative District 55 Hugh Shine.

To watch committees or the house floor live, go to
<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio>

Besides filing 41 pieces of legislation this session, Representative Shine's team worked to coauthor additional bills over the past weeks. They coauthored House Bill 1246 regarding **public school finance** which would change the way schools are funded using student enrollment instead of student attendance. They also coauthored **broadband expansion** with House Bill 5. House Bill 5 would create a broadband development plan to expand broadband for rural Texas House Bill 1246

The team coauthored a pro-life bill, House Bill 1280, along with 32 other Representatives. House Bill 1280, known as the **Human Life Protection Act**, is intended to enact a complete ban on abortion. Ten states have passed similar legislation.

On Wednesday, March 17, the family of the late Texas DPS Senior Trooper Thomas Nipper, friends, neighbors and DPS officers honored his service with the official dedication of a portion of IH-35 between mile markers 294-297 as the Trooper Tom Nipper Memorial Highway. The **Trooper Tom Nipper Memorial Highway** was created by the 86th Texas Legislature in commemoration of his service. Funds were raised locally to pay for the signage erected by TXDOT.

Next Steps on ERCOT & The Storm: Seven bills came out of the joint committee for State Affairs and Energy Resources. Proposals included;

- weatherizing our infrastructure for extreme weather,
- creating a 'statewide alert system' for impending extreme events
- improving communication between state agencies to better coordinate during disasters.

Reforms were also proposed to change how the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is governed. Other proposals included banning variable-rate electricity pricing plans.

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Janice Morin

Dear God: Thank you for the abundance of your blessings. Help us with the mountains of privilege we possess to find opportunities for sharing our ample resources with others. Amen.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – PROGRAMS – Shirley Stephenson

Our speaker this month is Isabel Hubbard, USO Center Director at Fort Hood, TX. She, along with an operations team known as the Pathfinders, serve the Greater Fort Hood military service members and their families.

The USO, United Service Organizations, Fort Hood opened in 2001 and was the first brick and mortar USO to open on a military installation serving over 50,000 active-duty personnel. For over 80 years, the USO has gone from mobile teams providing entertainment for the troops to centers offering a variety of services at home and abroad.

Helping our soldiers and families at airports or offering a cup of coffee or lunch at the USO brings a smile of gratitude and just a little bit of home. Bringing a touch of normalcy to returning combat troops or troops new to the area is a big morale booster! It is just another way to connect them to family, home, and country as they serve their nation. Come and hear this energetic woman who keeps the USO on the forefront of serving and appreciating our service members at the Great Place, Fort Hood, TX.

USO PROJECT: We are collecting items for USO travel kits at the meeting and for 'drop off' at the Salado Public Library. The following items have been requested:

- Travel-size toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shaving cream and body wash – preferably without scent.



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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Temporary Chair Barclay McCort

We have been pleased to add 23 new primary members and 3 associate members this year. And, if you are one of them, please attend our new member orientation at 10:45 a.m. on April 22 just prior to our April general meeting. To make changes to our country, we must each do our part. I hope you will participate in the frequent Call to Action emails telling Congress and the State Legislature exactly what action you want or do not want them to take. This year we will have plenty of opportunities as the Democrats try to drag us back to the pre-Trump era. Thank you for joining this active conservative group. Following is a list of SARW new members:

- Primary members: Sandi Atkinson, Dianna Coggin, Jeanette Finney, Katie Floyd, Christine Justice, Kathy McLoud, Cherry Porter, Louise Oldham, Sandy Schneider, Connie Simmonds and Associate member, Barbara Jean Alexander-Smith.

A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Zenia Warren, TFRW Vice President of Membership, presented President Barclay McCort a commemorative certificate celebrating the 30th year of SARW becoming a club. A Great accomplishment!





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3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Sherril Gardipee

Welcome to rising outdoor temperatures, warm sunshine, and the beginning of a new Texas spring! Just two more months to go before our long-awaited Fine China Luncheon. Just some pictures from our recent Fine China Luncheon Events:



Tickets (\$30) are ready for distribution to our table hostesses and individuals who will need to be seated at any table. Hostesses, think about how many tickets you could sell and contact me at sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or 254-760-5738, so that I can get them in the mail to you.

Salado Area Republican Women

Invite you to join them for the 14th 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



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Brenda Keller

The 87th Legislative Session is very much underway. There are several proposed bills that have been filed in which we have been following: Election Integrity, Religious Freedom, Children and Gender Modification, Abolition of Abortion, Constitutional Carry, Monument protection, School Choice for All, Ban Taxpayer- funded lobbying to name a few. These proposed bills affect our Republican values and principals, and we will continue to follow them and keep you informed.

Proposed Bills that we are following:

- HB329 (Cain) – Relating to Election Integrity.
- HB335 (Cain)- Relating to the cancellation of a person’s voter registration on notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a citizen, providing a civil penalty, creating a criminal offense.
- HB574 (Bonnen) – Relating to the prevention of fraud in the conduct of an election.
- HB1368 (Leach)- Relating to election fraud; increasing a penalty.
- SB155 (Perry)- Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service.
- HB2339 (Klick)- Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service.
- HB2546 (Jetton)- Relating to the enforcement by the secretary of state of certain voter roll maintenance provisions; creating a criminal offense.
- SB7 (Hughes)- Relating to elections, including election integrity and security; creating a criminal offense; providing civil penalties.

Committees have been formed and are well underway. Public hearings are scheduled for the following bills. If you would like to attend any public hearing to testify, the current schedule is as follows:

March 25, 2021:

- HB525 (Relating to the protection of religious organizations)
- HB1239 (Relating to prohibited suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and prohibited closure of places of worship)
- HCR72 (relating to authority of local government to close access to public beaches during times of disaster)



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- HB1691 (relating to the protection of religious freedoms and religious institutions during a declared state of disaster).
- HCR1 (Supporting prayers, including the use of the word "God," at public gatherings and displays of the Ten Commandments in public educational institutions and other government buildings).
- HB1238 (Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm)
- HB2900 (Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm; making conforming changes.)
- HB749 (Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.)

March 26, 2021:

- SB7 (Relating to Election Integrity)

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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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

It has been some time since we have helped our soldiers at Ft. Hood but now, we have a new project that I hope you will participate in this month.

The USO Ft. Hood Support is looking for donations to construct 200 24-Hours Toiletry Kits for soldiers who get stranded at an airport due to mechanical failure, etc.

The items needed :

Travel sized.

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Shaving cream

Bodywash (unscented if you can find it)

Please bring donations to the April 22nd meeting where the Director of USO, Isabel Hubbard will be our speaker. We want to show a strong support so please join us in this endeavor.

If you cannot come to the meeting, items may be dropped off at the Salado Public Library before April 22.

Tip: All items travel size are \$1 at Dollar Tree.

(USO---Strengthening America's service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country throughout their service to the nation).

LITERACY CHAIR – Nancy Norris

ARE TODAY'S CHILDREN LEARNING THE REAL MEANING OF FREEDOM?

I am sure many parents and grandparents today are concerned about our society and social media and what it is teaching our children about good old American values and freedom. The “cancel culture” we are living in seems to find something wrong with almost every item, toy, and book we have all grown up with. A series of children’s books has recently come to my attention that concentrate on teaching our children the values that we, as parents and grandparents, want for our children. They are written by Connor Boyack and their main characters are the Tuttle Twins, Ethan, and Emily. Topics in each book are intended to teach our children the value of a free



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society and the ideas that support them. And they would be helpful as a starting point for meaningful discussions between parents and their children. Each book features discussion questions at the end and there are optional workbooks and parent's guides as well. They are geared toward children ages 5-11, but younger and older children in the family would be attracted to the book's ideas as well. These books can be purchased through Amazon or eBay and cost approximately \$80 for a complete set.

TEXAS YOUNG REPUBLICANS CONFERENCE

SARW members: Barclay McCort, Brenda Howard, and Bobbie Reihsen recently attended the Texas Young Republicans Conference at the Kalahari Resort where Governor Abbott gave a presentation.





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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Brenda Howard

Life is returning to normal and we are all back at work. The 2022 election is right around the corner and everyone is gearing up for supporting their favorite candidates or supporting their most passionate issues. I have been following legislation on a National level and on a State level and all of that time counts towards Campaign Activities. Do you read your TFRW newsletter and the NFRW newsletter? That time counts. I will be handing out a form at all of our luncheons to help you keep track of your hours. The 1st Quarter hours are in but if you forgot to report them, you can always send them to me and I can roll them into the 2nd Quarter reporting.

You can use a paper calendar, a 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 will 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 Thanks again for all your hard work in the community!



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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Our April DINNER MEETING will be special in several ways. Not only will we be honoring graduates with scholarships, but you will also be highly entertained with the likes of none other than George Washington. That is right – George Washington! Mark Collins does an outstanding portrayal of George Washington across the nation and internationally, reminding all of us of the heritage and values of our Founding Fathers. Mark has performed for the military, the Republican State Convention on four occasions, churches, parades, and many movie/film projects including “National Treasure 2”, “The Patriot”, “The Revolution – a 13-part miniseries for the History Channel, as well as “Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment”, “Behold a Pale Horse”, and “Revelation”. His most recent film titled, “No Time to Run” should be released in theaters soon. If you have not had the opportunity to see Mark perform, you will definitely want to attend. It will be as if George Washington is a guest in your home for dinner.

DATE: Monday – April 19, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Registration/Social 6:30 p.m. Awards Dinner

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

COST: \$25 per person – NO reservation required.



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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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The Republican Party of Bell County is offering training in three areas.

Precinct Organization and Operations. The voting precinct is the most essential unit in the political process. It is here, at the grassroots level, that voters are identified, registered, and encouraged to vote on Election Day. Volunteers are needed to help recruit and involve citizens in each precinct.

Election Workers will be trained well in advance of the Elections. Training will be coordinated with the Election Administrator and will include appropriate “lessons learned,” “things to watch out for” and “how to deal with unusual events.”

Observers (Poll Watchers) for Early Voting, Election Day, Central Counting, Ballot Board, and Provisional Ballot Board will receive training in appropriate procedures to be followed and what is necessary to comply with the election laws.

YES _____ I want to be involved and receive training.

Precinct Volunteer _____ Election Judge _____ Election Clerk _____

Observers (Poll Watchers) Early Voting _____ Elections Day _____

Central Count _____ Ballot Board _____ Provisional Ballot Board _____

Name _____ Precinct _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____



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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

2021 BOARD AND CHAIRWOMEN

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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:** _____

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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