



May 2021



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 – First Day of Registration for TFRW Biennial Convention in Round Rock
May 6 - National Day of Prayer Celebration with Central Texas Republican Women
Bell County Courthouse
May 7 - SARW Board meeting at Mccort Residence – 10:00 a.m.
Nominate delegates/alternates.
June 7 - Decorate Tables for Fine China Luncheon- 12-5 p.m. – Tenroc, Blue Heron Room
June 8 - Fine China Luncheon & Fundraiser – Tenroc, Blue Heron Room
August 14 - Deadline for delegate determination for TFRW Biennial Convention
September 23 SARW General Meeting - Speaker: Dr. Jeff Addicott, St. Mary's Law School
Director, Warrior Defense Project
"Terrorism in the U.S. since 9/11"
September 23-26 – NFRW Convention, Orlando, Florida
October 12-16 – TFRW Convention, Round Rock

There will be no general meeting in May but make plans to attend our...

14th Annual Fine China Luncheon & Fundraiser

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Blue Heron at Tenroc Ranch, 5471 Thomas Arnold Rd; Salado, TX

Doors open at 10:45 a.m. for table judging and viewing of auction items.

Deadline for Tickets: June 1, 2021 **Tickets:** \$30

Fashion show by Susan Marie's and H & H Décor & Fashions (Grace Jones bldg.)

Mail your check to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373; Belton, TX 76571

For More Information: Sherril Gardipee at (254) 760-5738 or sherril.gardipee@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser. Prepare to have lots of fun!!



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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort

Here we are in May and I am so proud of our club! Not only did we give supplies to the USO for their travel kits, but our members also dug into their pockets and helped us support our Border Patrol with over \$200 for hand sanitizers. Kudos to all 28 of our new members, too, for joining us and wanting to be a part of our active organization. We are all wanting to make a difference. Evidently many conservatives are fed up with the Washington politics and want to help change it. Our National Federation of Republican Women said there have been 33 new Republican Women's Clubs with 9 being in Texas. The Republican Party continues to increase the tent. We now represent the working man and woman, not the elites of yesteryear. Our role is to keep up the pressure in Washington and Austin.

Let me remind you, for more inspiration, sign up to be elected as a delegate or alternate to our Texas Federation of Republican Women Convention October 12-16 at the fabulous new Kalahari Hotel in Round Rock. Delegates and alternates are voted on by the general members but since we are not having a general meeting in May, please send me an email if you would like to be considered to represent SARW at the Convention. The Board meets May 7th and will consider all names; make a recommendation; and then I will send the names out for a vote. If you are elected as an alternate, you will be ranked so the alternate gaining the most votes will be Alternate #1 and will replace the first delegate who cannot attend. Alternate #2 will replace a second delegate who cannot attend, etc. Anyone can attend the convention as a guest. Early registration starts May 1st and you may register as a guest and then, if elected as a delegate or alternate, the TFRW Office will change your status. I have heard early registration is \$195 with later registration going for \$225. If you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate, email me your request at barclaymccort@gmail.com. I can give you details regarding Early Registration as I receive them.

While we are not having a general meeting in May, we hope to see you at our famous Fine China Luncheon. We had no trouble finding 25 hostesses for the event. I think everyone wants to get out there, visit with friends, and just have a good time. Contact Sherril Gardipee for a ticket or visit one of our two style show shops, Susan Marie's or H and H Home Décor, Fashions, Furniture. **Deadline for tickets is June 1, 2021. - Barclay**



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SPECIAL VISITORS AT OUR APRIL GENERAL MEETING



Mary Anne Avery, our State Representative to Executive Committee of Republican Party along with Gail Teegarten, our TFRW District Director, participated in our meeting in April.



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Quote from President George Washington: *"Truth will ultimately prevail where pains are taken to bring it to light."*

FROM THE DESK OF SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM

Constitutional carry is on its way to the Senate floor! At the beginning of this session, I joint authored the Senate's constitutional carry bill and I have proudly voted for #HB1927. I look forward to supporting this bill on the floor and giving Texans constitutional carry once and for all.

With just over a month left in this legislative session, we know we have plenty of work to do, but I want to be sure that I am hearing from my constituents on what matters most to them. From defending life, protecting our 2nd amendment rights, and strengthening our elections.

May God bless you and may God continue to bless the great state of Texas!

If there is anything we can do for you or have questions regarding legislation, etc., please do not hesitate to contact me at the information below.

Senator Dawn Buckingham

District 24

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FROM THE DESK OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRAD BUCKLEY

The month of April was productive and significant in the Texas House. Chief among these was passing a fiscally responsible and conservative budget, balanced and within Constitutional limits. We saw important Republican priorities passed on the House floor: Broadband expansion across Texas (HB 5- Ashby et al, SB 632- Buckingham/HB 1715- Buckley), the Freedom to Worship Act, protecting religious liberties (HB 1239- Sanford), Constitutional Carry (HB 1927), Winter Storm reforms (HB 14- Goldman), and meaningful legislation for first responders relating to COVID-19 compensation (HB 541- Patterson). In committee, we saw hearings for critical pro-life measures: the Heartbeat Bill (HB 1515- Slawson) and the Pro-Life omnibus bill (HB 3760- Oliverson), as well as hearings on election reform and integrity (HB 6- Cain).

Of numerous bills that I authored, I was proud to see passage of HB 3067, a designation for Highway 195 in Bell and Williamson Counties as part of the National Purple Heart Trail to honor brave service members who have sacrificed for our nation, as well as a hearing on HB 125, which would amend the Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Program to include additional disproportionately impacted communities in HD54.

Our district office remains as busy as ever, assisting constituents with access to state agencies regarding unemployment, driver's license issues, veteran employment through Texas Veterans Commission, Child Protective Services, child support services, and environmental concerns with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), to name just a few.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you, or any needs you may have that our staff can assist with, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to serve 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 legislative session is now in full swing. We are meeting daily with sessions extending into the evening. As in previous sessions, I have focused on the state property tax system, to give property taxpayers as many tools in the toolbox as possible as they protest their appraisals each year. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee my goal is to continue to review the system and its processes, provide remedies to taxpayers who protest their appraisals when appraisal district procedures are ignored or abused and look for improvements to the system that may be a benefit to property taxpayers. The Appraisal District Board is responsible for the budget and supervises the chief appraiser who has the responsibility of appraisal operations. The Appraisal Review Board is instrumental in hearing appraisal protests of real and commercial properties that are not settled by informal appraisal reviews. Counties, cities, schools, and special districts are dependent on the process that we as taxpayers fund through the taxes assessed on the value of properties we own. This is an especially important area of responsibility to our state. I have created a working group of professionals from across the State of Texas that includes representation from the Governor's office, the Comptroller, Tax Assessor-Collectors, Chief Appraisers, municipalities (Counties, Cities, Schools, Special Districts) and individual and commercial property tax consultants who have been meeting weekly/monthly throughout the past four years to further improve the property tax system we pay for that supports local Texas governments. I encourage you to sign into the website (TLO) and review the property tax initiatives I have authored.

This session we have many issues that affect our lives and the growth of our state as a result of COVID 19 and Winter Storm Uri issues, initially slowing down our legislative agenda. Over the past two weeks the legislative OPTempo has accelerated as we enter into the final 30+ days of the session. Passing the state budget, funding public schools, strengthening the security of our elections, extending internet service across Texas, providing for continued economic development, and protecting life are just a few of many important issues we are authoring, joint authoring or co-authoring.

The 140-day Session ends May 31. We have a lot of work that will be stuffed into these final weeks and days, including constitutional carry, pro-life issues, election reforms, power grid issues, Medicaid, education and too many to mention in a short blurb. Thank you for your friendship and support. **Hugh D. Shine, State Representative, Capitol 512 463 0630**



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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN – Janice Morin

National Day of Prayer is May 6, 2021

SARW is participating with Central Texas Republican Women to honor this day.

Join us on the Bell County Courthouse, 101 E Central, Belton

Location Northside Steps Outside Entrance to Courthouse

Program begins at 10:00 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Balady

Monthly Meetings: If you sign up for lunch and do not attend, you will still be expected to pay. You can do this by mailing a check to: SARW, PO BOX 373, Salado, TX or you can pay at the following month's meeting. As you are aware, we do our best to keep costs down so when we have you on the list a meal has been ordered for you.

Fine China Luncheon: If you are selling any tickets for this, please remember that per TFRW Ethics, we need the name and address of the ticket holder, as well as their occupation.

Thank you for your assistance in this.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Wendy Exferd

Membership News from TFRW:

How does a consistently blue state, roughly the same size as Texas, have a larger federation membership than we do? It is embarrassing! This is CRUNCH TIME! We have only 10 weeks to reach our membership goal for 2021. On June 25th we must submit our membership to NFRW. Our goal is 11,000 members, but we need to exceed 11,000 if we want to beat California! Our TFRW Membership VP is offering \$250 to one club in each size category that has exceeded their membership numbers by the greatest percentage of members from 2020 to 2021. Membership is a TEAM effort! Together, WE CAN DO THIS! - Zenia Warren, TFRW VP of Membership

SARW Ladies, we have gained 26 new Primary members and two new Associate members thus far. Invite your friends to our Fine China Luncheon and then encourage them to join us.



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3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Sherril Gardipee

The month of May brings us to the final stretch for our FCL preparations on Tuesday, June 8th at Tenroc Ranch with doors opening at 10:45 a.m.

Ticket sales are still in progress until the deadline of Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Tickets are available at Susan Marie's of Salado and H & H Fashions in Salado for \$30 per person. Or you may contact:

Sherril Gardipee - 254 760 5738 sherril.gardipee@gmail.com

Diane Balady - 254 534 1462 dbalady@outlook.com

Barclay McCort 254 947 3617 barclaymccort@gmail.com

Mail checks, with a preference of table hostess or an open seat placement, to:

SARW, PAC, PO Box 373, Salado TX. 76571

On Monday, June 7th the board members will set up tables, chairs, podium, silent auction items from 9am- 12 noon. Table hostesses will decorate their assigned table from 12 noon-5:00 p.m.

Again, doors open on Tuesday, June 8th at 10:45 a.m. for you to receive a table number, view Silent Auction items and place bids. You will have time to browse through the 25 tables and vote for the one of your choice. Remember---vote for table, not the hostess! Things to look for in a well-dressed table: china/chargers, glassware(optional), flatware properly placed, centerpieces(30" max), linens, chair decor(optional), colors-hues-textures. With all this considered, what table catches your eye or interest? Mark your ballot and turn it in to be tallied. Winners will be announced for first and second place. Good luck to all table hostesses!

Hope to see new members, sustaining members, neighbors, and friends for a wonderful celebration of our 14th annual Fine China Luncheon!



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Brenda Keller

Proposed Bills that we are following and their status:

- HB329 (Cain) – Relating to Election Integrity. - Still in Committee
- 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. – House: Out of Committee / Senate: In Committee
- HB1368 (Leach)- Relating to election fraud; increasing a penalty. – Still in Committee
- SB155 (Perry)- Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service. - Senate: Out of Committee and referred to the State Affairs Committee / House: In Committee
- HB2339 (Klick)- Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service. - Still in Committee
- HB2546 (Jetton)- Relating to the enforcement by the secretary of state of certain voter roll maintenance provisions; creating a criminal offense. – Out of Committee sent to Calendars
- SB7 (Hughes)- Relating to elections, including election integrity and security; creating a criminal offense; providing civil penalties. – House: In Committee / Senate: Out of Committee
- HB6 regarding Election Integrity has passed out of the House Elections Committee and needs to go to the floor for a vote.
- SB10 regarding banning Taxpayer Funded Lobbying- Senate: Out of Committee / House: In Committee.

Constitutional Carry passed in the House and is now in the hands of the Senate. Gender Modification passed out of the State Affairs in the Senate and Public Health in the House. Abolition of Abortion bills passed out of the House Public Health Committee and has gone to the floor for a vote. Monuments had a bill passed out of a House Committee and needs a floor vote.

It appears that on some committees are stalling on some of these bills. We need to pressure our elected officials to keep bills moving.



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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Border Care Project



Caring for Those Who Protect Us

The Border Care Project was begun in 2019 from a simple request for Hand Sanitizer from a Border Agent to a caring young Republican Woman in the Rio Grande Valley.

The program continues with the need hugely increasing with COVID and the enormous number of caravans arriving. Several officers have already died of COVID from direct contact with illegals. SARW has joined this effort this spring with our sister club in the Valley. We have seen the greater need due to the ever-increasing number of illegals the agents must process. The hygiene items that the agents need:

Hand Sanitizer, Towelettes, Wound Wash, Bug Spray, Sunscreen

To avoid shipping and handling SARW is collecting funds to purchase hand sanitizer online so the items may be shipped directly to the Republican Women's Club who are distributing the items.

If you send a check, make it out to SARW, PAC but list on the memo line: For Border Care. Mail to SARW, PAC; P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571. At the April 22nd meeting we collected \$185 in cash and have ordered requested supplies for this project. The need will continue until the border problems are fixed.

Please Help Us Support Our Border Patrol



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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

The need expressed from the USO Ft. Hood was met by our Club Members at the April Monthly Meeting. Items requested were travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, bodywash, and shaving cream. USO Ft. Hood will package these items in USO Ziplock bags to provide to soldiers who may be caught in the airport with a cancelled air flight. Thank each of you for providing to this “Caring for America” activity. Be sure to count your hours for traveling to purchase your items, actual time spent in the purchase as well, and report for the quarter to Campaign Hours chairman, Brenda Howard, as “Caring for America” hours.

Our club also participates in the Village of Salado Beautification project by picking up trash on the roadside of Salado Plaza Drive.

We will also have participation in the Belton 4th of July Parade on the Republican Float. Please contact me if you are interested in participating by decorating and/or riding on the float.





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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Brenda Howard

Congratulations to all of our new members. This is your chance to take an active role in local, State and National politics. Yes, your vote counts but so do all of your volunteer hours. Keeping current on today's pressing issues, researching to get to the truth and being active is the key to solid citizenship. Keep track of all of that time! That time counts. I will be handing out a form at all of our luncheons to help you keep track of your hours.

We keep track of two different totals. One total is for Campaign Activity (political activity) and another is for community volunteer hours. For example, I have a therapy dog and we visit schools, special needs organizations, libraries, etc. those community hours count too. 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!

TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha



Why do we use Facebook? The main reason people still use Facebook is because everyone else uses it. It is a fact that with 1.3 billion users, Facebook is where our community is likely to be.

Because nothing else works quite as well as Facebook does, join us @sarwpac to connect with like-minded individuals and keep up to date on what SARW is doing.



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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

"Restoring Common Sense to a Confused World" will be the remarkably interesting and timely subject matter of our MAY luncheon. We will have yet another captivating and outstanding guest, Dr. Marlene McMillan.

Dr. Marlene is an international speaker known as "The Nation's Expert on the Principles of Liberty". She is the author of numerous books, one being *Mountains of Deceit: How the Dialectic Process has infected the Culture*, which is essential to understanding Political Correctness.

Dr. Marlene's books are very timely, readable, teachable, and currently being used in weekly study groups across the nation. You can join her at www.WhyLibertyMatters.com for her weekly webinar. You will not want to miss this special presentation.

DATE: MONDAY - May 17th, 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



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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 Nancy Boston, Chairman Cell: 254-760-8155

Republicans will sponsor a float on the 4th of July Parade which will be held in Belton on Saturday July 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Members of CTRW and SARW are coordinating activities. Tax Assessor-Collector Shay Luedeke will furnish the truck and Commissioner Bill Schumann will furnish the trailer.

HOMETOWN HEROES is the theme. The parade route will proceed south on Main Street (FM 317) from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor to the Bell County Courthouse, then east on Central Avenue to the Belton Police Memorial.

We must remain positive and work to preserve the values that made America the Beacon of Liberty. By supporting and thanking our Hometown Heroes we can send the positive message that we appreciate their dedication and service.



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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS

President	Barclay McCort barclaymccort@gmail.com 254-947-3617
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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 ____

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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