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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 2	Pints and Politics 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Deadfish Grill
September 18	Leadership Institute Training, Bell County Headquarters See <a href="http://belltxgop.org">belltxgop.org</a>
September 20	Central Texas Republican Women – 11:00 a.m., The Gin, Belton
September 23	SARW General Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Salado Civic Center
October 2	Ice Cream Social hosted by Congressman Carter, Bell County Headquarters Time: TBA
October 14-16	TFRW Convention, Round Rock
October 18 -29	Early Voting on Eight Amendments
November 2	Election Day
November 8	Bell County Republican Party Fundraiser. Details to follow.

### **Each Saturday in September - Voter Registration Drive**

Farmers Market at Barrow Brewery Grounds Next to the Coffee Wagon – 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

**GENERAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23 – 7:00 P.M.  
SALADO CIVIC CENTER  
601 N. Main Street  
\$10/per person  
RSVP by September 20 to Shirley Stephenson  
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### **PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort -**

I recently attended a seminar on the value of digital media. While I am not a big user of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., the panel made some remarkably interesting points about how to respond to misinformation you encounter in both in-person and on our devices. We need to take the initiative and meet the challenge. Our part, whether in personal conversations, or on your devices is to convey the **truth** as you know it. One needs to be strong and authentic when presenting the facts. Standing idly by or not responding, you allow the person to continue to spew falsehoods. In the meantime, plan to come to our fall meetings so you can be better informed.

We have two excellent speakers: For September we have Dr. Addicott on Terrorism, and for October we have a retired Border Patrol agent who still visits the border. I hope to see you at the meetings!

***Barclay McCort***

***SARW President***



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

After a summer of waiting for Texas House Democrats to return to work and honor their oath to their constituents and the great state of Texas, quorum was achieved on August 19th. Important issues such as Election Integrity (SB 1), Big Tech Censorship (HB 20), a 13th check for Texas's retired teachers (SB 7), Bail Reform (SB 6), Critical Race Theory (SB 3), protecting women's sports (SB 2), and several others were immediately referred and heard in committee over the weekend and into the week. I expect these critical measures to be brought to the House floor for debate quickly.

Although legislation was brought to a halt during the quorum break, my service to HD54 and my constituents were not. This summer, our office has diligently served our community with concerns from drivers' license issues, concerns on child support with the Texas Attorney General, and assistance with occupational licensure, to clarifications on current pandemic orders, unemployment with Texas Workforce Commission, and as a liaison with the Texas Military Department. We have also worked in collaboration with our federal partners in Congressman Carter's office and Senators Cruz and Cornyn's offices to refer several constituent concerns related to passports and Special Immigrant Visas.

It is a privilege to serve you and to stand firm in conservative principles every day in Austin. As we continue with this 2nd Called Session, you can count on me to work diligently on your behalf.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you, or any needs you may have that our staff can assist with, please don't 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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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER -Janice Morin**

Pray that each one of us will use whatever gifts we have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's Grace in its various forms. Father, be with us as we plan for the upcoming year. Help us make decisions that will please You and grow our community and the Salado Area Republican Women. Amen.

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

**SARW GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23**

**Who:** Dr. Jeffrey Addicott, Law Professor at St. Marie's University.

**Topic:** Terrorism Update & Warrior Defense Project Report

**When:** Thursday, September 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main. \$10 ticket

**RSVP:** Deadline: September 20, 2021, to Shirley Stephenson

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Lt. Colonel (U.S. Army, Ret.) Jeffrey Addicott will address *Global & National Security Law: Assessing the War on Terror*, the title of his latest book. Addicott is a full Professor of Law and the Director of the Warrior Defense Project at St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas.

An active-duty Army officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for twenty years, Professor Addicott spent a quarter of his career as the senior legal advisor to the United States Army's Special Forces. As an internationally recognized authority on national security and terrorism law, Professor Addicott not only lectures and participates in professional and academic organizations both in the United States and abroad (over 900 speeches), but he also testifies before Congress on a variety of legal issues. His awards are too numerous to list. Several of us heard him at a CTRW meeting and decided everyone needs to hear him. Join us for this exciting speaker.



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**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Wendy Exferd**

Welcome back, all members. I hope you had a pleasant summer. SARW continues to grow with 32 new Primary members making our total membership 109. Susan Terry of Salado recently joined us and we welcome her.

Texas Federation of Republican Women, (TFRW), also reached a milestone with 11,028 women joining. We see, with so many unfortunate things happening to our great country, many men and women deciding to get involved. Let's hope that carries over to next year when we have our important primaries.

Our Membership Drive for 2022 starts October 1. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Say goodbye to our Central Texas summer and welcome to autumn colors!

We wanted to provide you with a recap of Fine China Luncheon Profits:

2018.	\$4177.28
2019.	3950.38
2020.	3403.66
2021.	3774.44

Our focus for next year will be to secure contributions of some "nice", "unusual" and "I definitely want this" items. Please think about this and offer suggestions, so that we can get a head start!

Also, our recap for Poinsettia Sales Profit were:

2019.	\$1129.56
2020.	1434.93



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### **3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Sherril Gardipee (continued)**



## **Holiday Poinsettias Fundraiser**

Ladies, early October we begin taking poinsettia orders for delivery the first week of December. These are gorgeous plants with 4 to 6 blooms and are more elegant than the box store variety. (Ask anyone who has ordered before!) Our dollars help fund the two scholarships we give in May. We need your help in contacting individuals from last year to see if they will reorder again this year. This would require a phone call or visit to a local business asking for their support in this fundraiser. If you can help by making 5 calls, it would be a tremendous help. The flowers do have to be prepaid so you would have to obtain a check from the purchaser. They could mail you their check or you could pick it up. We will have printed receipts for you to give out.

Please contact Sherril to place YOUR order and/or to help contact names on our list.  
[Sherril.gardipee@gmail.com](mailto:Sherril.gardipee@gmail.com). We appreciate your help!

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

The Regular session for the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature is now completed. There are over 25 bills that were passed this session that are of special interest to SARW. Many of these bills relate to SARW's core values such as election integrity, religious freedoms, and what is being taught in our schools. You can find a list of bills that have passed during the regular session by visiting: <https://legiscan.com/TX/legislation/2021>. I will also have a list of bills of special interest to SARW available at our next SARW meeting. Redistricting is a topic that will be brought up in the special session now that there is a quorum, and the legislature is now able to reconvene.



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**AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley**



Fall is starting and I hope you are ready to engage in some of our SARW activities. One project that is ongoing is our participation in the Border Patrol Care Project. You may remember we joined other Republican clubs across the State to supply the border agents and other workers with needed supplies. In April we were able to collect \$300 which we turned into supplies sent directly from Amazon to the Alamo Headquarters Republican Women. They are in touch with a liaison who carries the items to the border. With extra staff helping at the border the need remains large. These supplies are needed to help border patrol agents stay safe, such as pocket hand sanitizers, Chapstick, wound care supplies, etc.

Again, starting in September, we will have our U.S. Border Patrol Care containers on the meeting tables. Please feel free to donate. If you prefer to write a check, make it out to SARW, PAC but designate on the Memo line, For Border Care. You may also mail a check to our post office box (P.O. Box 373; Salado, TX 76571). I know the Border agents will appreciate your support!

***Our speaker for October 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be a retired Border Agent who still visits the border regularly.***

**September 17 is Constitution Day.** If you would like to find some interesting books, online seminars, etc., on the Constitution, please go to the URL site below – The National Center for Constitutional Studies. You will definitely find something of interest there.

<https://nccs.net/blogs/our-ageless-constitution/the-responsibility-of-citizens>





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

It's an exciting time for all of us as summer ends and fall is on its way. It has been an active summer for me. I just finished Volunteer Registrar Training and look forward to working hard to register all new residents in Bell County. Be sure to track all your campaign hours. September will be a reporting month so start now to gather July, August, and September hours. I also volunteered quite a bit this summer as everything was open and we were out and about. Be sure to count your volunteer hours as well. If you have any questions about either type of hours to report, do not hesitate to contact me at [brendaghoward@protonmail.com](mailto:brendaghoward@protonmail.com). Thanks again for all the hard work each of you puts into keeping **Texas Red!**



### **TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha**

Times have changed...social media has become an integral part of our daily lives. SARW asks you to share and 'like' our Facebook page with your friends and family. Now, more than ever, it is so important to stay informed with the latest information especially with what is going on with our local and state governments. We need to be ever vigilant. By following SARW's Facebook page and SARW's Internet site – [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com) you will be kept up-to-date on the latest news and information.



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### **LITERACY CHAIR – Nancy Norris**

In light of over-reaching COVID mandates and other legislation that is infringing on our personal liberties, Connor Boyack, the author of the “Tuttle Twins” stories for young people, has created the Libertas Institute and serves as President of the Institute. One of the programs this Institute has created is the “Children’s Entrepreneur Market” which is helping the younger generation understand the basic ideas of a free society. Through the Libertas Institute, legislation was proposed and passed that exempts many minor-operated businesses like babysitting, yard care and lemonade stand from the bureaucracy of obtaining \$125 permits and licenses, as most of these businesses are only occasionally operated.

The Salado Area Republican Women are constantly seeking ways to donate to educational and conservative organizations and, as a result of our interest in promoting the “Tuttle Twins” stories to our young people, we have learned of Mr. Boyack’s creation of the Libertas Institute. The SARW has recently contributed \$150 to the Institute. Through donations like ours, the Institute can bring educational and informational events to the young people of our country. For more information about the Libertas Institute, contact them at 2183 West Main Street, Suite A102, Lehi, Utah 84043, 801-901-0310, [info@libertas.org](mailto:info@libertas.org).

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### **CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Gin. We will be celebrating Constitution Day. Our featured speaker will be IPI think tank, Tom Giovanetti, President of the Institute for Policy Innovation. IPI is a free-market public policy research organization based in Dallas. Mr. Giovanetti writes for IPI and other publications on a wide variety of policy topics. In addition to being published in leading papers across the nation, he also appears regularly on a number of radio and television programs and testifies before state and federal legislative committees. Mr. Giovanetti will speak on "The Presumption of Liberty in the Constitution".

DATE: MONDAY - September 20th, 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

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If you would be able to serve as an Election Judge or Clerk in the Nov. 2, 2021, Constitutional Amendment Election and the 2022 Elections, please send you name, address and contact information to [belltxgop@gmail.com](mailto:belltxgop@gmail.com) or call 254-760-8155.

The LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE is hosting a Campaign School on September 18, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the SPJST State Headquarters Building, 520 N. Main Street, Temple, TX, 76501. Ideal attendees are campaign staff, candidates, volunteers, activists, and anyone interested in impacting public policy.

Attendees will learn how to: Develop a campaign strategy; Determine vote goals and voter targeting; Create a compelling message; and Fundraise for your campaign.

Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Register: [www.LeadershipInstitute.org](http://www.LeadershipInstitute.org)

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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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**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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