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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 1	SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Salado Public Library
October 11	CTRW Chili Luncheon Fundraiser – Champions Club, Bell County Expo
October 14-16	TFRW Convention, Round Rock
October 18-29	Early Voting on Eight Amendments
October 28	SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. – Salado Civic Center
October 31	HAPPY HALLOWEEN
November 2	Election Day

**GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 28 – 11:30 A.M.  
SALADO CIVIC CENTER  
601 N. MAIN STREET  
\$15/PER PERSON  
RSVP by October 25 to Shirley  
Stephenson 254-338-5717 or  
[steppnup@embarqmail.com](mailto:steppnup@embarqmail.com)**

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### **PRESIDENT'S PEN – Barclay McCort**

Welcome back to Salado Area Republican Women! We started Fall out with a bang, having Dr. Addicott talk to us about terrorism and related subjects. He discussed how vulnerable we are to terrorism with such a porous border. Dr. Addicott also said Governor Abbott is doing everything possible to legally secure the Border. State Representative District #54, Brad Buckley, echoed the same message about Border security, and filled us in on other legislative activities such as redistricting. He is well into the third special session and hinted there may be a fourth!

Do not forget the Constitutional Amendment Election November 2<sup>nd</sup> with Early voting starting on October 18 through the 29<sup>th</sup>. (A list of the amendments is available for your reference on the next page.)

A great deal of work lies ahead for all of us, so I hope you will join us for our October luncheon on the 28<sup>th</sup> where we will hear from former Border Patrol agent, George Rodriquez.

October 1<sup>st</sup> starts our Membership Drive and we would love to have you back. We must continue fighting for the conservative values our country was built on!!

***Barclay McCort***

***SARW President***



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**Constitutional Amendments -November 2, 2021**  
Early Voting October 18-29, 2021

**1. Charitable Raffles at Rodeo Venues [HJR 143]**

Designates sanctioned rodeos as professional sports teams and authorizes professional sports team charitable organizations to conduct raffles at rodeo venues.

**2. County Infrastructure Bonds in Blighted Areas [HJR 99]**

Authorizes counties to issue bonds to fund infrastructure and transportation projects in underdeveloped, unproductive, or blighted areas.

**3. Prohibition on Limiting Religious Services [SJR 27]**

State and local governments may not enact any rules that prohibit or limit religious services by religious organizations.

**4. Eligibility Requirements for Certain Judicial Offices [SJR 47]**

Adds that state supreme court and court of appeals justices, and court of criminal appeals judges, must be Texas residents at the time of election who have been practicing lawyers licensed in the state of Texas and/or Texas state or county court judges for at least 10 years (the current amount of experience), with no suspensions of their licenses. Requires district court judges to have eight years of Texas law practice and/or court judge experience, with no suspensions—twice the current requirement of four years of combined experience.

**5. Authority of State Commission on Judicial Conduct [HJR 165]**

Authorizes the Commission to investigate complaints and reports against candidates for state judicial office, in the same manner it does judicial officeholders.



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**CONTINUED - Constitutional Amendments -November 2, 2021**  
Early Voting October 18-29, 2021

**6. Right to Designated Essential Caregiver [SJR 19]**

Residents of nursing, assisted living, and similar residential facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver who may not be denied in-person visitation.

**7. Homestead Tax Limit for Surviving Spouses of Disabled [HJR 125]**

Extends the current homestead school tax limit for disabled individuals to surviving spouses who are at least 55 years old and reside at the home.

**8. Homestead Tax Exemption for Surviving Military Spouses [SJR 35]**

Expands the current homestead tax exemption to include surviving spouses of service members fatally injured in the line of duty, along with those killed outright.



**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin**

We need and love you, Lord, and ask you to speak to us in our quiet moments together. Whisper or shout into my spirit, whichever you want. But most of all just receive our praises as we focus our thoughts on You. We are listening and anticipating as we read and meditate on your beautiful Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

At our October 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon, we will have the privilege of meeting retired border agent, George H. Rodriguez,” El Conservador”.

Mr. Rodriguez considers himself a constitutional conservative Texan and an American of Mexican descent. He writes essays and commentaries about his real-life experience along the Border and from personal job-related challenges and studies of illegal immigration, race relations, and Fake News. He is a radio talk show host on KLUP 930 AM in San Antonio as well as a public speaker. Mr. Rodriguez served in the Reagan, Bush One and Bush Two administrations. He is the past president of the San Antonio Tea Party.

Mr. Rodriguez is the author of a book, “*EL CONSERVADOR: Conservative Opinions*” which is available online and at our October luncheon meeting. We are looking forward to hearing this outspoken agent who is fighting for our Texas border rights!

The catered luncheon will be \$15.00 and will consist of sandwiches, salad, fruit, and beverages. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.

Please make your reservations early to Shirley Stephenson, [steppnup@embarqmail.com](mailto:steppnup@embarqmail.com) or at (254)338-5717 by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made out to SARW-PAC.

Looking forward to seeing a great turnout!

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### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Brenda Keller**

The time for renewing your SARW is upon us. Our Membership Drive for 2022 starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. We are currently at 109 members. In 2021 SARW gained 32 new members. We have received 3 new memberships to kick off the 2022 Membership Drive. Rhonda Rinehart and Nancy Rubio are joining us as new members and Linda Hagler is renewing as an associate member.

Through membership we influence the outcome of elections at every level. We influence policy at a state and local level. SARW meetings provide members and the community with important information regarding proposed bills, legislative issues, stay abreast of important events and dates and provides a way to meet like-minded individuals. SARW also provides donations to causes such as the Border patrol relief, scholarships, and educational material to local schools.

Attached to the newsletter will be the 2022 Membership form to fill out and return. We want to keep the momentum going and continue to grow SARW. We appreciate your continued support of SARW and look forward to 2022.

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



**HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS FUNDRAISER**

October's cooler Fall weather has arrived along with the sale of Poinsettias October 1 through October 30. All proceeds will go to support two scholarships.

These are gorgeous plants with 4-6 blooms and are far more elegant than the box store variety. These make good Christmas gifts for family and friends too!

We need your help in contacting individuals and businesses. This would require a phone call, visit, or even an email asking for their support for this fundraiser. The flowers need to be prepaid (\$12 each) with a check mailed to:

SARW, PAC, P.O.Box 373, Salado TX 76571

**OR TO –**

Diane Balady, 3331 Lanell Drive, Belton, TX 76513

We will have printed receipts for you to give out.

The Pick-up date is Friday December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come to the back door and then upstairs at the Salado Civic Center. Volunteers will be needed to deliver to local businesses.

Please contact Sherril Gardipee for further information if needed.

254-760-5738

[sherril.gardipee@gmail.com](mailto:sherril.gardipee@gmail.com)

A big " THANK YOU" for all your support in this endeavor!



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

The 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative session has concluded and now the Legislation is into special sessions. This legislation has been extremely busy. They are currently working on redistricting. State Representative Brad Buckley spoke at our last meeting and conveyed that he feels very confident that Salado will remain in his district. Attached you will find a list of bills that we have been following that were passed this legislative session.

The attached information contains bills that have been passed by the Senate and bills that have been passed by the House of Representatives to be heard on by the Senate for possible passage. This is a summary and is not a complete list of all bills passed during the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature as well as Special Sessions 1-3.

### **THE LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:**

- SB 5: Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.
- SB 24: Relating to the procedures required before a law enforcement agency hires a peace officer.
- SB 30: Relating to the removal of certain discriminatory restrictions and provisions from certain real property records.
- SB 244: Relating to the application of the open meetings law to the board of directors of certain tax reinvestment zones.
- SB 291: Relating to the posting of certain project information at a commercial building construction site.
- SB 507: Relating to an accommodation process authorizing the use of state highway rights-of-way by broadband-only providers.
- SB 516: Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of criminal mischief involving impairment or interruption of access to an automated teller machine.
- SB 650: Relating to prohibited logistical support by a governmental entity for procurement of an abortion or the services of an abortion provider.
- SB 788: Relating to the development of model data-sharing agreements for sharing certain student information between public schools, public and private institutions of higher education, and other entities.





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- SB 809: Relating to health care institution reporting of federal money received for the coronavirus disease public health emergency.
- SB 884: Relating to the management and operation by The University of Texas System of a multi-institution center in the city of Laredo.
- SB 930: Relating to the disclosure of certain information regarding the occurrence of communicable diseases in residential facilities.
- SB 1103: Relating to the regulation of nurse aides; requiring an occupational registration.
- SB 1137: Relating to the required disclosure by hospitals of prices for hospital services and items; providing administrative penalties.
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- HB9: Relating to making supplemental appropriations relating to border security and giving direction regarding those appropriations.
- SB3: Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements
- SB12: Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate and to the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.
- SB8: Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired and to the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue.
- SB4: Relating to abortion complication reporting and the regulation of drug-induced abortion procedures, providers, and facilities; creating a criminal offense.
- HB20: Relating to censorship of or certain other interference with digital expression, including expression on social media platforms or through electronic mail messages.
- The governor would no longer be able to categorically close businesses during state emergencies without legislative approval - even during the 19-month interim period - under a bill approved by the Senate this week. Restrictions on businesses to slow the



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spread of the COVID-19 pandemic were among the most controversial executive orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott in 2020 and Senator Brian Birdwell of Granbury said that those decisions should only be made by the branch of government that directly represents the people. "The state legislative branch must make the most seminal decision for livelihood," he said. His bill, SB 1025, would create a role for the Legislature during state emergencies occurring when members are not in session by requiring the governor to call them into special session if a declared natural disaster or emergency affecting most of the state lasts longer than 30 days. Once in Austin, the Legislature would have the power to concur, cancel or alter orders issued by the governor and only they could order the broad closure of businesses. Birdwell said this is not about Abbott's response to the pandemic, but rather a way to empower the people through their elected representatives in the future. "The Legislature is the sovereign embodiment of the people and it cannot, nor should it, delegate this representative duty at any time, much less during a time of disaster when the liberty and security of its citizenry face uncertainty," he said.

- The Senate passed a bill to reform operations at the industry organization that manages the state's electric grid and market, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). SB 2, by North Richland Hills Senator Kelly Hancock, would require that all board members live within the state and requires that the five non-industry affiliated seats on the 16-member board be nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. It would also give the state regulator, the Public Utility Commission, veto power over proposed operational changes at ERCOT. Hancock also won passage of SB 1278, which would require intermittent generators, like solar and wind power, to purchase backup capacity to cover their obligations to the grid when the weather reduces their output.

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



**Border Care Project:** We joined the Alamo Heights Republican Women in helping our Border agents with supplies recently but have gotten another call from our State-wide organization, TFRW, that the need has immensely increased. Instead of supplies they are asking for money to buy the supplies they need. If you can help today, send our Treasurer a check made out to

SARW, PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado, TX 76571.

**Please specify on the check Information line: Border Care.**

You may also send a check to the Alamo Heights Republican Women with the same notation:

For Border Care. c/o Deborah Wall; 9 Inwood Crown; San Antonio, TX 78248

Thank you for supporting our Border agents who are totally overwhelmed with the masses of people.

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

Time flies when you are having fun! It is time to report our hours again. Please submit your hours for July, August and September. I just need a total of hours worked on political activity and total hours spent on volunteer activity. If you have any questions about either type of hours, do not hesitate to contact me at [brendaghoward@protonmail.com](mailto:brendaghoward@protonmail.com). Thanks again for all the hard work each of you spends keeping **Texas Red!**

### **TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha**

We welcome you to visit our SARW website at [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com)

Our website has many features that can be useful to you as an SARW member. First, you do not have to look up our Facebook page; it is on the right-hand side of the site. Just click on it and it will give you all our posts pertaining to SARW.

Another feature when you reach the site, you will see our “Events Panel”. Just click on it and you will see all events pertaining to the Republican Party in Central Texas and much more.

Also, if you would like to be a member, on the main panel just click in the box and download the form and send to us.

Another feature is under “News” where we add our SARW General Meeting Minutes. If you cannot attend the meeting for that month, it provides you with an overview of the meeting.

These are just a few features of the website. Please visit at your convenience.

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### **CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**You will not want to miss our annual Chili Luncheon Fundraiser October 11th!**

Our featured speaker will be Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. You never know who else might pay us a visit. Numerous invitations have been sent out to our State and Local Officials. Supporting Republicans is our priority and we need your generosity to sustain Central Texas Republican Women. A fabulous Live Auction with amazing items donated by both our members and our elected officials will be included. Our Sisters from Salado Area Republican Women are cordially invited. Hope to see you there!

DATE: October 11, 2021

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Champions Club at the Bell County Expo Center  
301 West Loop 121, Belton

**(Located at left entrance next to the Equine Center...  
Park on right before the Expo)**

COST: \$20.00 per person – Take out will be available

NO reservation required

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## REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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[belltxgop@gmail.com](mailto:belltxgop@gmail.com) Nancy Boston, Chairman Cell: 254-760-8155

The Republican Headquarters will be open 9:00 a.m. to Noon Monday through Friday beginning  
Friday, October 1, 2021

### PRIMARY ELECTION (SB 13) Re-districting effect on election dates

- If new maps are done by November 15, 2021  
Candidate Filing: November 29 – December 13, 2021  
Primary Election: March 1, 2022  
Primary Runoff: March 24, 2022
- If new maps are done by November 16 - December 28, 2021  
Candidate Filing: January 10-24, 2022  
Primary Election: April 5, 2022  
Primary Runoff: June 21, 2022
- If new maps are done by December 29, 2021 – February 7, 2022  
Candidate Filing: February 21 – March 7, 2022  
Primary Election: May 24, 2022  
Primary Runoff: July 26, 2022
- Changes Filing Period to 2 weeks
- Election of Precinct Chairs will be on the Runoff Ballot and elected by Plurality.
- Precinct Chair Filing Period is to be set by SOS and may include a second filing.

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The Republican Dinner Event will be held at TenRoc in Salado on the evening of December 6,  
2021. Funds raised support the operations of the Bell County Republican Headquarters.

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## **SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN OFFICERS**

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2022 Dues - \$35

**MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2022**

**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:

- 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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