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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

NO SARW GENERAL MEETING FOR DECEMBER – SEE YOU IN JANUARY NO SARW BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 6 – REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY FUNDRAISER

BLUE HERO ROOM – TENROC RANCH – 6:00 p.m.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE

DECEMBER 13 - CTRW CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DINNER AND OFFICER/CHAIR INSTALLATION – The Gin

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN - Barclay McCort

Season's Greetings to All!

As we close out the year, I hope you will check out all of SARW's many 2021accomplishments. Please see the following page for the 2021 list. We have much to be proud of. None of it would be possible without the help of so many members, especially the Board members. I have thoroughly enjoyed the presidency and working with so many terrific people. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

As we head into a new year, I think 2022 will be an amazing year. We elected a new Board with some new faces. I can tell you the new president, Brenda Howard, is raring to go! With her leadership our club will continue to do great things. In 2022 we can truly make a difference! With redistricting done, except for the pesky Democrat court cases, we look forward to the March 1<sup>st</sup> Primary. That date will be here before you know it. In the meantime, spend some time with family and friends and enjoy the real reason for the season...the birth of Jesus Christ. May you be blessed now and throughout the New Year.

## **Barclay**



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## SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

SARW received the highest awards from both the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) for our numerous activities.

## 2021 Programs:

COVID-19 Update – Public forum – Shelley Cole, M.D.
Update on Issues with TX State Board of Education – Tom Maynard "Socialism Sucks" – Dr. Robert Lawson
Role of the USO – Isabel Hubbard, Ft. Hood Coordinator
Update on Washington Legislation – U.S. Congress. John Carter
Terrorism in the U.S. – Last 20 Years – Dr. Jeffery Addicott
The Border Crisis – George Rodriquez
The Role of Therapy Dogs – Brenda Howard

#### 2021 Membership:

We have a total of 109 members: A record 32 new members joined this year!

72 Primary

36 Associates – 1 Honorary

Held Membership meeting and a New Member Orientation. Packets were distributed.

## **Fundraising:**

Fine China Luncheon – Sold 194 tickets and made a profit of \$3,774.

Poinsettias for Scholarships: All funds go toward scholarships. Project started October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Communications:**

Frequent Newsletters, Email updates on Action for Legislative Issues, Updates at meetings, and News on our internet and social media sites.

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#### **Americanism:**

Participated in Wreaths for Vets. Collected items for USO. Had speaker on the topic. Supported Border Care Project with Alamo Hts. RW - ongoing Participated in Belton July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

## **Campaign Activities:**

Contributed to a local Judicial candidate; to our State Representative; to our State Senator. Gave \$5,000 to Resource Committee of Republican Party of TX to help vulnerable candidates. Donated a total of \$6,400 to candidates.

## **Community Engagement:**

Had several members receive training for Volunteer Voter Registrar.

Held 6 Voter Registration Drives in the fall.

Collected items for USO

Collected money for buying items for Border Care Project.

## Legislative:

Sent Calls for Action on many state and national topics – Election Integrity for one.

## **Literacy:**

We donated \$150 to Libertas Institute for help education of young children on founding principles.

Donated books by conservative authors to school library.

Donated 200 personal dictionaries to 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

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# **NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023**

Pictured below are the new officers recently installed who will take their positions on January 1, 2022.



**President:** Brenda Howard

<u>First Vice President:</u> Sherril Gardipee (Programs)

<u>Second Vice President:</u> Brenda Keller (Membership)

<u>Third Vice President:</u> Barclay McCort (Fundraising)

**Secretary:** Helen Moore **Treasurer:** Diane Balady

We are excited to have these individuals on our 2022-2023 Board and look forward to another great two SARW years.

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin**



# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

God be with us on our journey toward Christmas. Help us to go deeper into what is real and to bring to those who are empty a meaning of this Holy season.

Forgive us at Christmas and other times that too often we have time for just about everything except You.

Let's us make room for You. Stay in our hearts not just at Christmas but every moment of every day.

**AMEN** 

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Balady**

As you are all aware, prices are going up on just about everything. Starting in 2022, if you are not eating, we will begin charging \$5.00 to attend the monthly meetings. If you are paying for lunch, you will be charged the regular \$15.00 per person. Also, if you make reservations for lunch and do not cancel before the meeting, you will receive an invoice for the \$15.00 luncheon fee. This was not an easy decision for the Board to make as expenses for such things as food and room rental continue to increase.

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# 1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS – Shirley Stephenson

A great program for the November meeting included Brenda Howard and Ozzie and others who participate in the Go Team: Role of Therapy Dogs. Pictured is Brenda and her buddy, Ozzie.



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

Our SARW Membership drive has begun and is doing very well thus far. We have received a total of 26 Primary membership renewals, 4 New Primary memberships, 12 Associate renewals, and 9 New Associate memberships.

We encourage everyone to renew their membership before December 31st. Don't delay and let your membership lapse. Renew now! Membership dues are still \$35.00 for 2022. Our membership form is attached at the end of the newsletter. Please make sure that an application accompanies all payments. This will ensure that your information is correct and up-to-date in our SARW system as well as with TFRW and NFRW.

#### Please welcome

## **New Primary members:**

Michele Hercules, Katherine Krska, Rhonda Rinehart, Nancy Rubio

New Associate Members: Cliff Coleman, Rolly Correa, Linda Hagler, Cassie Howell, Mack Latimer, Colleen Lewis, Lamar Lewis, Michael Novotney, Bobby Whitson

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

Thank you for all your efforts in our final fundraiser for this year. Delivery date is the week of Monday, November 29 – Friday, December 3.

You may call the following ladies to check on the actual date.

Sherril Gardipee - 254-760-5738

Diane Balady - 254-5341462

Barclay McCort - 254-760-4266

Both the Fine China Luncheon and Poinsettias gave our treasury a boost!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Barclay McCort**

This is the filing period for candidates, and it ends December 13, 2021. Already several candidates have filed for local elections as well as state-wide. While we will not have a December general meeting, your Board will be busy planning a candidate forum for the evening of January 20 at the Salado Civic Center. We will look at the races for Bell County and consider having the candidates speak if they have a Republican opponent. Those candidates without a Republican opponent will be invited to talk to members before and after the meeting. More details will be forthcoming in our January Newsletter.

Stay tuned... Barclay McCort

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## **AMERNICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley**

The TFRW statewide Caring For America project is THE FISHER HOUSE. This is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA (Veterans Administration) medical centers. No charge is ever incurred by a family to stay at The Fisher House. These are located across the country---86--on 25 military installations and 37 VA medical centers. In the state of Texas, The Fisher House locations can be found in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso and here in Central Texas. The location in Central Texas is in support of Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center and is located at Building 36015 Fisher Lane Fort Hood, Texas 76544. The email contact is Forthoodfisherhouse3@gmail.com The contact phone number is (254)286-7927. The Fort Hood Fisher House is requesting donations for both HEB Gift Cards and Walmart Gift Cards. If you are looking to support a local charity for Christmas, consider looking at The Fisher House. And of course, if you call to inquire about their needs, there may be something they can use other than gift cards. We have just entered a season of thanksgiving and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. May your Caring For America enunciate this season.

## CAMPAIGN/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES - Brenda Howard

It's the end of the year reporting time. I know you are busy with all the holiday activities but please take a few minutes to add up your total time spent on Political Activities and your total time spent on Volunteer Activities. Some of our members work only on political projects, while other members spend time supporting their favorite charity. Either way, these hours represent a lot of hard work by strong Republican Women! This reporting period includes the months of October, November and December. The totals are due to me on or before December 20<sup>th</sup>. You can estimate your hours for the last week of December.

Please send your hour totals to <u>brendaghoward@protonmail.com</u>. I hope that Thanksgiving gives you much to be grateful for and that Christmas is a blessed time. Thanks again for all the hard work each of you puts into keeping Texas Red!

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## **TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha**

Why is Facebook so important now? Its role has evolved from a network of friends to a powerful tool to reach our audience and spread our SARW message.

Please join us @sarwpac and "follow" and "share" with your Facebook friends. This is the fastest, simplest way to communicate with a large percentage of like-minded individuals to spread our Republican values and cause.

We need you to help. It's critical to get our message out to reach the largest audience as possible. Please view at your convenience and hope you join us on Facebook!

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## **CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Mark your calendars to join us December 13<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Social Dinner and Installation of 2022 Officers and Committee Chairs. We will be celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas. What better date than on the feast of St. Nicholas. Social will start at 6:00 pm, Main Dining Room at The Gin. Congressman John Carter will be our featured speaker. Reservations are not necessary. Cost \$25.00 PP Merry Christmas!

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Dinner and Live Auction – December 6, 2021

Tenroc, 5471 Thomas Arnold Rd., Salado, TX 76571

Registration: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Bobby Eberle

Your donation supports your Republican Headquarters and all activities performed by Volunteers who realize how vital all of our participation is in **Keeping Texas Red!** 

Area will be available for Candidate Literature.

Tickets may be purchase at www.eventbrite.com

For fillable form visit website and click on Events <u>www.belltxgop.org</u>

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**Personal Information:** 

#### 2022 Dues - \$35 MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2022

Title: (Check one): Mrs	Miss	Ms.	Dr.	Judge	Mr.	Other	
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First Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name:\_\_\_\_ Last Name:\_\_\_\_\_
Address:\_\_\_\_ City\_\_\_ St\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

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

 Work Phone:
 Cell:

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 Occupation:

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Check Membership Type: Primary\_\_\_\_ Associate\_\_\_\_// Renewal \_\_\_\_or New Member \_\_\_\_

<u>A SARW Member</u> is a Republican woman who wants SARW to be her primary Federated Republican Women's club. An <u>Associate Member</u> 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

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