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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- April 7 – Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill, Belton – 6:00 p.m.  
April 19 – Central Texas Tea Party, Harris Community Center, Belton – 6:30 p.m.  
April 25 – CTRW Meeting – The Gin – 11:00 a.m.  
    Scholarship Presentation and Guest Appearance  
April 28 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m., Salado Civic Center  
    New Member Orientation – 10:45-11:30 a.m.  
May 7 – Local Election & Two State Constitutional Amendments  
    Early Voting – April 25-May 3  
May 24 – Run-off Election for State  
    Early Voting – April 16-20

#### **SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**WHEN:** April 28  
**WHERE:** Salado Civic Center – Upstairs - \$20/per person  
**WHAT:** New Member Orientation – 10:45-11:30 a.m.  
Election Laws, Party Rules & Convention Process – Nancy Boston  
Parliamentary Procedure – Barclay McCort  
**RSVP:** Sherril Gardipee [sherril.gardipee@gmail.com](mailto:sherril.gardipee@gmail.com)  
254-217-4390  
No later than Friday, April 22



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### **PRESIDENT'S PEN**

Spring is evident everywhere and it is energizing. There's work to do in April and that is election education! It is confusing to most people, but we have two elections in Bell County in May. Please go out and make sure your neighbors understand each one and that we have to turn out for both elections to make a difference in our local school districts and our State.

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be two Constitutional Amendments on the ballot. Proposition 1 & 2. They are discussed more in depth by our Legislative Chair below. Be sure to familiarize yourself with those two. Since they both involve a reduction in taxes, they should be easy ones.

In addition, on May 7th, there are many contested school board trustee races. As a general rule, these local races are uncontested and the same folks can hold these positions for years. Good or bad, Covid allowed parents to see what their children learn, on a daily basis, and some of it goes directly against the Republican values we treasure. As a result, many opposition candidates have stepped up to the plate and are running for school board trustee. While this position is supposed to be non-partisan, we now realize that we need conservative values on school boards. It is your job to research each of these candidates so that you can cast an informed vote. There are also two school bond measures: one for Belton ISD and one for Temple ISD. Both will increase your taxes, so vote accordingly.

Lastly, there is still a runoff election on May 24. All of the Republican Primary Candidates, who did not get more than 50% of the vote in March, have to go at it again. As soon as a sample ballot is available, you will be able to find it at the Bell County Republican Party's website, [www.belltxgop.org](http://www.belltxgop.org) Research these candidates and vote wisely.

As always, thanks for everything you do to **Keep Texas Red!**

***Brenda***

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin**

Dear Lord, draw my thoughts upward toward you every minute of the day, especially this Easter season. Help me resist the temptation to focus on the painful things that are happening now and learn to control my thoughts and fears so they do not diminish my faith and joy in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS – Sherril Gardipee**

SARW's general meeting is on Thursday, April 28, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center located at 601 N. Main Street. April 28 is our New Member Orientation (10:45-11:30), followed by our monthly meeting and "Welcome Spring" Luncheon.

Nancy Boston will speak on election laws, party rules, and the convention process. Barclay McCort will provide a short presentation on Parliamentary Procedure.

Our menu will be chicken salad crescent, fresh fruit cup, desserts, and beverages. The cost for the lunch is \$20 per person.

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Hope to see you at our regular monthly gathering where we will meet new members, enjoy a "Spring" luncheon, and most importantly learn about election laws, party rules, convention process and parliamentary procedures!



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

SARW's membership drive has been a tremendous success. Our membership totals are now at 71 Primary members, 40 Associate members, and one Honorary member for a total of 111 members. If anyone would like a copy of our membership list, please contact me at [brendak.sarw@gmail.com](mailto:brendak.sarw@gmail.com). The list will be made available upon request.

If you are a new member, please plan on being at our April meeting by 10:45 a.m. We will be having a new member orientation. You do not want to miss this presentation. Barbara Swarouth will be presenting. So, mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing the new members at the orientation. Thank you once again for helping to keep our organization growing. We appreciate all that you do.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort**

Welcome to Spring, Everyone! That means we are closer to our wonderful Fine China Luncheon event on June 7. The excitement is growing! Thanks to a number of hosts and hostesses stepping up we have enough table sponsors. However, we are still in need of some nice auction items. Nancy Norris is the coordinator of the auction. You can contact her regarding donations at [ncnorris8@yahoo.com](mailto:ncnorris8@yahoo.com)

As of April 1, tickets for the event are on sale. If you are a table hostess, let me know how many tickets you want to sell. It is best NOT to give someone a ticket until the person pays. Note that the ticket buyer must fill out the ticket stub to turn in with the payment. I will be receiving all the money and ticket stubs to make sure we have all the PAC data for reporting to the state. (Yes, we are a Political Action Committee and are required to show where our money comes from.)

Remember, we can fill any empty seats at your table if you are a host or hostess. The ticket price is \$40 due to a surge in catering prices and room charge. If you are an individual and want to purchase a ticket, mail your \$40 check made out to SARW PAC c/o Barclay McCort, 406 Royal View Road, Salado TX 76571

If you are gathering a few friends to sit together, it is best to send in the checks together so we can reserve your seats at the same table. So, talk to your friends and plan to attend this wonderful fundraiser. You may contact me for any questions at [barclaymccort@gmail.com](mailto:barclaymccort@gmail.com) or 254 760-4266.

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**TREASURER – Diane Balady**

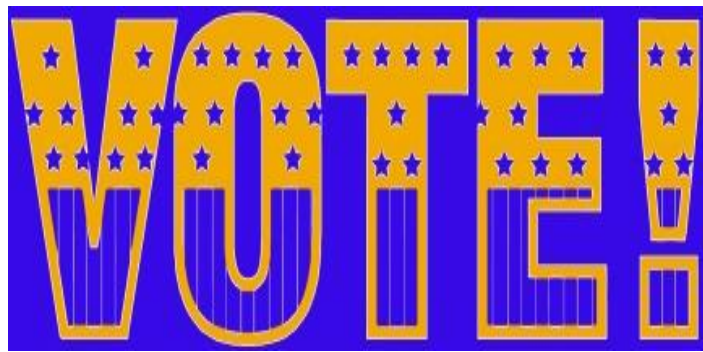
Just a friendly reminder, if you register for lunch and are not able to attend or call to cancel your reservation, you will be invoiced for lunch even if you could not attend. You can still attend the meeting for \$5.00 without lunch.

There is now another option to pay for lunch on Eventbrite. The Eventbrite URL link will be included in future information pieces so that you can go directly to Eventbrite to buy your luncheon ticket online. There are now three options to pay for lunch:

- EventBrite;
- Salado Area Republican Women, mailing your check to SARW, P.O. Box 373, Salado, TX 76571.
- Or paying at the door with either cash or check.

**Please continue to RSVP however you choose to pay so that we can order ample food for everyone.**

**DON'T FORGET TO**





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### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules**

Do not sit this one out! On May 7<sup>th</sup> local political subdivisions, such as cities and school districts, have their regular general elections for members of their governing bodies or special elections to fill vacancies. Additionally, this May uniform election date will include proposed constitutional amendments passed by the Texas Legislature during its recent special sessions.

#### **STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION No. 1**

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead.”

#### **STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION No.2**

“The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.”

As we unite to **KEEP TEXAS RED**, knowing all roads to a better, brighter future for our republic could run through the Lone Star State, questions must be asked. Where are you? Are we using our position to its fullest potential? As individuals, we each have such opportunities. Each of us is placed somewhere in which we interact, directly or indirectly, with thousands of people. President Eisenhower famously said, “History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.”



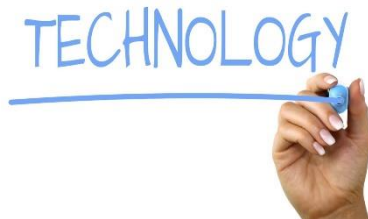
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### **CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice**

Fantastic job, SARW! Thank you for your commitment to Republican ideals and our community.

Spring brings more opportunities to stay involved. Salado has a local election to choose Aldermen, Library Board Members, and School Board Members. Although these are non-partisan elections, get to know the candidates and their views on the pressing issues of our time. These offices will impact our taxes and our growing village. There is also a run-off election in May for important state races. Every vote matters.

Keep doing what you do. We can all be proud to be members of a group that is making such a positive difference.



### **TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha**

SARW has some exciting news! You will now be able to purchase your luncheon ticket online through Eventbrite. It is a quick and hassle-free way to pay. Also, please be sure and check out our QR code available at every meeting. It allows you to scan it with your phone camera and it, then, takes you to our website. It is a fun little tool available to you, so please try it out at our next meeting!



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



**MAY 5, 2022**

Governor Greg Abbott has declared May 5, 2022, as the Texas National Day of Prayer. Please attend our local event on the Bell County Courthouse steps at 10:00 a.m. on that same date. There will be a color guard, a reading of the Governor's Proclamation and a reading of the National Prayer. This is a special event that you will not want to miss.



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### **CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

Our April luncheon meeting will be special in several ways. We will honor two Bell County students with scholarships and also be highly entertained and informed by George Washington. That is right - George Washington! Mark Collins does an outstanding portrayal of George Washington across the nation and internationally, reminding 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 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 was, "No Time to Run". 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. Be sure to invite family and friends to this special event acknowledging graduates and our great American history.

DATE: MONDAY - APRIL 25th

**RSVP required by THURSDAY, APRIL 21st**

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: RESERVATION REQUIRED \$20 per person

\$25 at the door without reservation

Pre-pay through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-scholarship-awards-luncheon-tickets-310481467427> OR -

email [mabeasley62@gmail.com](mailto:mabeasley62@gmail.com)

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### HEADQUARTERS HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9 am – Noon

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### May 7, 2022 Election

Two Constitutional Amendments

Will post on Website & Hardcopy at Headquarters

Candidates running in School Board and Municipal Elections

BISD Bond Election

### May 24, 2022 Runoff Election

Four Candidates will be on Runoff Election

Bios will be posted on Website and

Hardcopies at Headquarters

Six Contested Precinct Chair Races

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### **State Convention: June 16-18, 2022. Convening at 10 a.m.**

June 16th at George R. Brown Convention Center

1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010

For more information on Texas Republican Convention visit:

<https://www.texasgop.org/convention/>

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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