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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 6 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.
October 7 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m., Salado Library Conference Room
October 11 – Last Day to Register to Vote
October 14 – Original Pints and Politics Reunion, Deafish Grill 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Barb and Dave Swarthout and Michele Melsha
October 17 – CTRW Chili Fundraiser – 11:00 a.m. – Champions Club Expo
Featured Speaker: Cecilia Abbott with Pancake and Peaches
RSVP – October 13 Mabeasley62@gmail.com
Cost: \$25.00
October 24 – Early Voting Begins
October 27 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. – Salado Civic Center

SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: October 27 – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Salado Civic Center

SPEAKER: Lesli Fritzpatrick, candidate for Justice of Texas Third Court of Appeals, Place 4

RSVP: Cost - \$20 – RSVP no later than October 21 to
Sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or 254-217-4390



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PRESIDENT'S PEN

As the weather cools, ever so slowly, the temperature is heating up for our election on November 8! There are 39 more days until Election Day and only 24 more days until Early Voting. Do not forget that you have to register to vote or change your address by October 11!

As I go around Bell County and talk to voters, I am hearing some incorrect information, so let us get that straightened out right now.

1. My vote will not count because the election was stolen. CORRECTION: That was 2020. We have had 2 years to create Election Integrity laws, we have doubled our training of our Judges and Clerks. Our chain of custody system has been improved and ALL ballot documentation will sign in and out with specific serial numbers. We are cleaning up voter rolls. Lastly, we will have poll watchers everywhere! We have been working VERY HARD to make sure this election is VALID. Your vote will not count if you do not vote! Please, please VOTE!
2. I am still mad that my favorite politician did not win in the primary, so I am not going to vote. CORRECTION: When you do not vote, you have voted for Beto and every other Democrat on the ballot. Failing to vote is a vote for the Democrats.
3. It is okay if a Democrat wins, how much damage could they do in 2 years? CORRECTION: Biden has done so much damage in 2 years, that we will be digging our way out of a recession, four million illegal immigrants and how many trillions of dollars in debt, during the lives of our grandchildren. There's so much more damage but I would have to write a book.

We have so many Republicans registered in Bell County, that we can easily WIN every single election. The only reason this election is at risk is because people are not showing up at the polls. They simply are not voting. Did you know that Texas is 45th in the Nation for voter turnout? We can do better than that. Let us put Bell County in the record books for HIGH voter turnout!

Please take five people with you to the polls. Make sure your neighbor has a ride. Texas should be Number 1 in voter turnout! I appreciate each and every one of you. I know that we can **Keep Texas Red!** *Brenda*

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin

Lord, we thank you for this new season of cooler weather and falling leaves. Like seasons of our lives, there is always change. Let us all be thankful for all the wonderful things you do for us each day as we go forward to praise and love you more.
Amen

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Balady

Had a great meeting yesterday on September 22! Just a reminder that when responding for a general meeting, to attend and not eat, the cost is \$5.00. If you are having lunch, the cost is \$20.00. You now have three ways to pay:

- Cash,
- Check or
- Debit/credit card.

Thank you to everyone who supported our local food banks with food and cash donations.

Looking forward to a wonderful year!

EARLY VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

October 24 to Friday, October 28 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 29 – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 30 – 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 31 to November 4 – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

October 28 – Last Day to Apply for Ballot By Mail (received, not postmarked)

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS – Sherril Gardipee

SARW's General Meeting is on Thursday, October 27, starting at 11:30 a.m. upstairs at the Salado Civic Center, 601 North Main Street, Salado.

The featured speaker will be Lesli Fritzpatrick, Candidate for Justice of Texas Third Court of Appeals, Place 4 in the November 8 election. Her topics will include her values of fairness, impartiality, and her balanced varied experiences that make her a top voting choice.

October's luncheon will include Beverages, chicken pot pie casserole, fresh green salad with fresh pears, cranberries, feta cheese and walnuts. Dessert will include sweet potato pie; pumpkin cheesecake rolls and apple enchiladas.

Cost for the luncheon will be \$20 per person.

RSVP to Sherril Gardipee at sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or call 254-217-4390 **no later than Friday, October 21.**

Hope to see you at our October meeting where we socialize, enjoy tasty foods and drinks. **Most important** we want to keep everyone informed on the upcoming November elections.

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Brenda Keller

Membership Matters

You have all done such a fantastic job at supporting SARW to grow into a large club in 2022. Each and every one of you are appreciated for all you do to provide a voice in our local community as well as in state and federal issues. As Fall approaches, so does our membership drive for calendar year 2023. Starting in October you are going to notice our membership drive get under way. Our goal is to have as many people renewed and signed up as new members by the end of January 2023. Keep in mind your SARW membership also provides you with membership to TFRW and NFRW. We are proud to have each one of you as members of SARW. Thank you for your support of SARW and thank you for making a difference for Republican Women of Texas.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort



Our Poinsettias for Scholarships sale has started, and I hope you take advantage of it. These plants have gorgeous flowers that last a long time inside the house or planted outside. The price is \$13 this year. To order, send me your check made out to SARW, PAC and mail to my address, 406 Royal View Rd: Salado, TX 76571. I am taking the money before giving it to the treasurer so I can be sure we have all our PAC information we have to file with the State. Plants will be delivered sometime Wednesday, November 30, and ready for pick up or delivery, (if a business,) on Thursday, December 1 upstairs at the Salado Civic Center. **Please place your order by October 25th!**

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

Much to CELEBRATE this month!

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has dealt a victory to free speech advocates in the Lone Star State. The Court upheld a law, HB 20, passed by the Texas Legislature last year designed to prohibit viewpoint discrimination on social media websites. HB 20 allows for citizens to sue the social media platforms for wrongful termination and goes a long way toward prohibiting censorship.

Local school districts, including Belton, Holland, and Salado ISDs, in accordance with SB 797, have had students rise up to bring the “In God We Trust” projects to their districts. Campuses will display beautifully framed posters of our national motto for students, faculty, and families to see!

Texas GOP Legislative Priorities for the 88th Session (2023-2024) of the Texas Legislature:
[Legislative Priorities - Republican Party of Texas Republican Party of Texas \(texasgop.org\)](http://texasgop.org)

- 1) Protect Our Elections
- 2) Secure the Border and Protect Texans
- 3) Ban Gender Modification of Children
- 4) Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids
- 5) Ban Democrat Chairs
- 6) Abolish Abortion in Texas
- 7) Defend our Gun Rights
- 8) Parental Rights and Educational Freedom

United and committed, we must each do our part, refuse to take our freedoms for granted, be faithful to do what’s right, and **FIGHT to KEEP TEXAS RED** this November!

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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice

Thank you for the time that you commit to political and community activities on behalf of the Republican Party and conservative issues. Our club continues to accumulate thousands of volunteer hours every quarter. There is a form attached at the end of this newsletter to assist in adding your hours for July, August, and September. Please email your totals to me as soon as possible. Your hours are important.

At our meeting, Brad Buckley spoke about his grandchildren being his motivation and his determination to leave them a peaceful and prosperous America! We can all agree; however, I immediately pictured my parents and grandparents. What would they think of what is happening in our country and the world today? Mine would be horrified! They fought wars for a vastly different America that is slipping away. We must work together to be sure that does not happen.

I recently read a quote, **“You can’t beat a plan with no plan.”** Be very sure our opposition has a plan for November’s election. Find a place to join the effort to assure we take back our country. The month of October is critical.

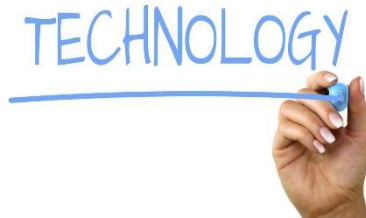
Be Informed. Have a plan. Choose joy.



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TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

Social media allows us to work smarter, not harder. It helps us to engage with our core audience. It is the perfect place to stay up to date with our Republican causes, information and have an opportunity to join our community.

Facebook and websites are among the most popular forms of communication today!

Visit us on Facebook at Salado Area Republican Women and get the latest information from our website at

www.saladoarearw.com





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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

At the September 22, 2022, SARW General meeting, Michelle Hercules and I briefly discussed the National Motto—“In God We Trust”---that we are assisting to be posted in Bell County schools. This is in accordance with Legislation passed in the Texas Legislature in 2003 and further strengthened in 2021 in SB579. Salado High School Senior, Haley Worsdale, was present for the meeting and will sponsor the placement of the Framed and Glass covered Posters in the Salado ISD schools. She is doing this for her Senior Project. CTRW has a student in the Belton ISD schools who is doing this as a Senior Project as well. Holland ISD has graciously accepted four posters Framed and Glass covered to be placed in each of their schools and their Student Center.

Texas Federation of Republican Women has asked clubs to donate to local Food Pantries due to our country’s profoundly serious inflation of our economy. We will be collecting food at every meeting for the next year and will donate the food to the **Heart and Hands Food Pantry**. Please donate the following items:

- Breakfast items – (bars, Pop Tarts, cereals),
- Snacks – (Pretzels, chips, etc.), Peanut butter and jelly (grape or strawberry), Cookies, Crackers
- Meaty soups (Progresso, Campbell), Pork & Beans / Ranch Style / Refried beans, Cans of fruit (pineapple, mandarin oranges), Ramen noodles, Individual serving meals, Spaghetti Sauce

In addition to collecting food items for **Heart and Hands Food Pantry**, we will also be making a cash donation to the **Salado Relief Fund** in the amount of \$120.00 and to the **Helping Hands of Holland** for \$100.

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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA (CONTINUED)

WREATHS FOR VETS PROJECT

It is not too early to begin thinking about participating in the “wreath for vets” project.



2022-2023

Wreath Preparation November 19, 2022 @10:00 at Killeen Special Events Center, 3301 S. W.S. Young Drive.
Wreath Escort November 26, 2022, **Wreath Laying** November 26, 2022 @10:00 at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at 11463 Texas Highway 195 Killeen

Wreath Retrieval January 14, 2023

<https://www.wreathsforvets.org/>

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Annual Chili Luncheon Fundraiser and Live Auction

Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, October 17, 2022, at
The Champions Club, Bell County Expo 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost is \$25.00 per person. **RSVP is not required.**

First Lady of Texas, Cecilia Abbott will be our featured guest.

Come hungry! Menu will feature a variety of homemade chili with all the fixings and dessert.

Fabulous Live Auction items available for your bid!

Please Join us!

Avoid standing in line Please Prepay through EventBrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ctrw-2022-annual-chili-fundraiser-and-live-auction-tickets-425808914927>

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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Mack Latimer, Chairman

We just had an amazing fundraiser, increasing turnout and raising over 50% more than last year. People are fired up. That should propel us into the final stretch of this election and through next year. The main effort right now is GOTV. If you are not signed up for our GOTV effort you can sign up at the bottom of this article. If you would rather work directly with a campaign, that helps as well. Winning all six competitive races in Bell County would send a message to Democrats that they do not have a chance of winning in any part of our county.

If you are not on our email list or on Slack, you are missing out. Slack allows us to move at the speed of information and react to ever-changing conditions on the ground. If you want to get involved with the party, please call or text me at (361) 834-1380 or join our Slack with the QR code below. Thank y'all for leading the charge into November. The party could not do it without you.



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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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2023 Dues - \$35
MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2023

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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SARW VOLUNTEER HOURS

Political Activities-All activity that promotes the election of Republican candidates, and actions that advance those philosophies, values, and ideals. Hours include training, preparation, set up/take down, travel and actual activity time. This includes paid and unpaid time.

Hours

- _____ SARW Monthly Meetings/Fundraisers/Special Events
- _____ Bell County Executive Committee Meetings
- _____ Voter Registration/Election Worker/Poll Watcher
- _____ Pints & Politics
- _____ Bell County Headquarters Volunteer/Fundraising
- _____ SARW Committee Work/Board Meetings
- _____ Campaign Work
- _____ Republican Party TX and TFRW Conventions/Meetings
- _____ National, State, Local GOP Seminars/Workshops/Trainings/Meetings
- _____ Other (briefly describe _____)

Community Activities

Hours

- _____ SISD Volunteer (PTO, Room Mom, Book Fair, etc.)
- _____ Chamber of Commerce
- _____ SLCL-Salado Ladies Community League
- _____ Non-Partisan State, County, Village Boards/Including Elections (School, Library, etc.)
- _____ FSPL-Friends of Salado Public Library
- _____ PALS-Public Arts League of Salado
- _____ Historical Society Bell County/Salado
- _____ KSB-Keep Salado Beautiful
- _____ Salado Education Foundation
- _____ Church Committee Work (not worship services)
- _____ Salado Community Chorus
- _____ Special Events (The Stroll, Jingle Walk, Sirena Fest, Empty Bowl, etc.)
- _____ Other (briefly describe _____)
- _____ USO Ft. Hood
- _____ Tablerock
- _____ Community Garden
- _____ Salado Family Relief
- _____ Lions/Rotary Clubs

Political Phone Calls # _____

- _____ Total Hours, 3rd Quarter, July August September, due September 25th or ASAP
- _____ Total Hours, 4th Quarter, due December 20th

Report Hours to Christie Justice: christie@christiejustice.net