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January 2023

Happy
New
Year

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 5 – Pints and Politics – Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.
- January 6 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Salado Library Conference Room
- January 9 – Republican Party of Bell County CEC Meeting – 6:00-7:30 p.m.,
Bell County Historical Courthouse, Belton
- January 16 – CTRW General Meeting – The Gin, Belton – 11:00 a.m.
- January 23 – Bell County Young Republicans – Johnny’s BBQ, Salado – 6:00 p.m.
- January 26 – SARW and Bell County Young Republicans Co-Host
SARW General Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Salado Civic Center
- January 27 – Nuts & Bolts, Fun and Informative Day of Training sponsored by
SD5 District Director, Sue De Velliz & SD24 District Director, Gail Teegarden

SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: SALADO CIVIC CENTER

SPEAKER: JUDGE CLIFFORD COLEMAN

RSVP: 254-217-4390 SHERRIL.GARDIPEE@GMAIL.COM

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to 2023! I hope the New Year brings you and your families many blessings. On the political front, we were also blessed but there is more to be done.

The legislative session is getting ready to kick off and we have high hopes of making changes to improve the lives of every Texan. To do this, be sure to attend the Texas Federation of Republican Women's Legislative Conference on February 3, 2023. You should have received an email about this conference. If you have not, please let me know and I'll make sure to get the information to you!

We are changing things up a bit this year. To accommodate attendance, we are having half of our meetings as luncheons and the other half as evening meetings. We understand that the next generation of Republicans are working and raising families but are interested in all the issues affecting their lives.

We kick off the new year with an evening meeting presented by Judge Cliff Coleman and he's addressing the all-important issue of Truancy and the Fentanyl problem in Texas. We will also be covering Parental Rights/School Choice and Water Rights issues this spring. All these issues directly affect every single resident in Bell County.

Of course, we have some fun stuff planned also. Republican Women truly are the "life of the Party". Be sure to mark your calendar for the Fine China Luncheon on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. That will give you plenty of time to pick the perfect outfit and matching hat!

We are excited about 2023 and hope that you are ready to get to work also. As always, thank you for everything you do to **Keep Texas Red!**

Brenda

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin

Dear Jesus, as we approach the New Year, we need to set aside time from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and take time to reflect and focus on You as we open our hearts to Your Word.

Amen

1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS – Sherril Gardipee

Welcome back to the 2023 SARW meetings.

Our SARW January monthly meeting is co-sponsored with the Young Republicans of Bell County. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, starting at 6:30 PM upstairs at the Salado Civic Center located at 601 N. Main Street. **NOTE:** This is an evening meeting.

Our featured speaker will be Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Judge Clifford Coleman. Judge Coleman will share his knowledge regarding truancy in our area. He will, most importantly, also feature and discuss the Fentanyl use in our communities. You won't want to miss this timely presentation.

There will be no charge for the meeting. Beverages and cookies will be served.

RSVP no later than FRIDAY, January 20 to:

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NUTS & BOLTS

SD 5 DD: Sue De Villez and SD 24 DD: Gail Teegarden

Invite you to a Fun and Informative Day of Training

Hosting Club is Georgetown Area Republican Women

January 27, 2023, Friday

@ the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Event Center

1 Chamber Way, Georgetown, Texas 78626

Registration from 9am to 10am with a Breakfast provided by

SD5 State Senator Charles Schwertner MD

Workshop from 10am to 2:30pm

(with a working lunch)

All TFRW members are welcome to register and attend!

REGISTRATION FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Registration Form for January 27, 2023, Friday
@ the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Event Center
REGISTRATION FEE – EARLY REGISTRATION BY JANUARY 13 -
\$25.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH AND MATERIALS)
LATE REGISTRATION - \$35
AT THE DOOR - \$40

Name: _____

Address : _____

Phone number: _____ **Date:** _____

Email: _____

Primary TFRW Club and position held: _____

Check Number and Amount: _____

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Brenda Keller

Our SARW Membership drive is still underway and is doing very well thus far. Our membership drive is closing out 2022 with the following 2023 memberships: 42 primary memberships, and 18 Associate memberships. This is a total of 60 memberships received to start 2023 off successfully.

This is a great start. We encourage everyone to renew your membership before January 31, 2023. Don't delay and let your membership lapse. Renew now! Membership dues are still \$35.00 for 2023. 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 system and with TFRW and NFRW. Also, encourage your friends and neighbors to become involved in SARW. They will thank you for it.

Look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort

Mark your calendar for the next great Fine China Luncheon at Tenroc June 6, 2023.
In the meantime, enjoy a happy and prosperous New Year!





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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

A BEAUTIFUL GOP SWEEP...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Members & Candidates!

Texas House Speaker - State Rep. Tony Tinderholt announces he's running for speaker.

Tinderholt announced his challenge to incumbent House Speaker Dade Phelan last week, saying his concerns with Phelan stem from a lack of movement on the Republican Party's legislative priorities. Notably, Tinderholt wants to end the practice of Republicans giving leadership positions to Democrats.

"Texans have voted to put Republicans in power because they want Republicans to control government and Republican policy to become law." – State Rep. Bryan Slayton

Texas property taxes are among the highest in the nation, with the majority levied in the name of the school district's "maintenance and operations." This fall, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar revealed that there was a state surplus of \$27 billion. During the gubernatorial debate this October, Gov. Abbott explained that he plans to use that excess revenue to "eliminate school property taxes" so Texans can "genuinely own their own home without being taxed out of it."

In support of Abbott's plan, a bill that would put 90 percent of the \$27 billion surplus towards "buying down" the school portion of property taxes was filed.

HB 629, by State Rep. Ellen Troxclair (R- Hill Country)

Would put 90 percent of the state's \$27 billion budget surplus toward reducing the property tax burden.

Would allow us to cut property taxes in half, while fully funding public schools and reducing our reliance on Robin Hood. "Robin Hood" is the nickname for the state's school funding scheme that sees property tax dollars collected locally but then diverted to other school districts with very little oversight or accountability.

Similar legislation was filed by Reps. Tom Oliverson (R-Cypress) and Matt Shaheen (R-Plano). Texans for Fiscal Responsibility designated the measures as the "strongest two bills filed" thus far to deal with the state's property tax burden.

In 2020, more than 94 percent of Republican voters supported a non-binding proposition on the GOP primary ballot banning taxpayer-funded lobbying.

SB 175, by State Sen. Mayes Middleton (R-Wallisville)

Would prohibit public funds from being used to hire registered lobbyists.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

“Every step of the way, taxpayer-funded lobbyists have lobbied against key conservative priorities including property tax relief, election integrity, disclosures of what bonds truly cost taxpayers, the constitutional ban on a state income tax, and they even opposed the bill to fund and protect the teacher retirement pension system.” – Mayes Middleton

Two lawmakers have filed measures to ban child gender mutilation procedures in Texas.

HB 41, by State Rep. Steve Toth (R-The Woodlands)

Would prohibit healthcare providers from receiving professional liability insurance coverage for performing or prescribing certain “gender transitioning” procedures for children, including genital removal surgeries, chemical castration, puberty blockers, and other sex-change therapies.

HB 42, by State Rep. Bryan Slaton (R-Royse City)

Would designate genital removal surgeries, chemical castration, puberty blockers, and other sex-change therapies as child abuse.

“This child gender modification is child abuse, plain and simple. It is finally time that the Texas House, like the Senate, step up and defend innocent children from these bogus medical practices.” – Bryan Slaton

Texas has a growing trend of drag shows welcoming children to what are often sexually explicit events. Fajita Kings in Temple, TX hosted the “Golden Girls Trivia and Drag Show” in November.

HB 643, by State Rep. Jared Patterson (R-Frisco)

Would designate drag shows as sexually oriented and require businesses that host them to be classified as such.

No Federal Funding for Teachers’ Union Act

U.S. Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Amarillo)

Would prohibit the federal government from giving financial support to these entities. Teachers’ unions would lose access to federal dollars.

“Corrupt teachers’ unions sold out our kids when they lined Democrat politicians’ pockets with campaign contributions to keep students out of the classroom, and later to force masking, despite clear evidence that these decisions were harmful to kids’ educational and developmental growth.” “Just when we thought corrupt teachers’ unions could not get worse, they pressed the Biden Administration to investigate parents who voice disagreement with their decisions as domestic terrorists.” “It’s time we restore parents’ voices, prohibit corrupt teachers’ unions from using your tax dollars to advance their radical agenda, and send them a clear message: LEAVE OUR KIDS ALONE!” – Ronny Jackson

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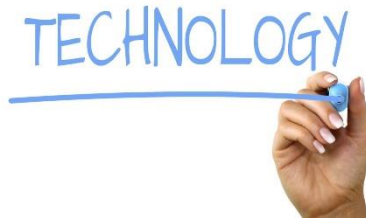
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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice

Great job for the final quarter of 2022. If you have not reported your volunteer hours for October, November, and December, please email them to christie@christiejustice.net.

One member deserves special attention for knitting over 200 hats for at risk kids in Temple. That member is Judy Fields. As a thank you, Judy will receive her lunch free at our March meeting. She is a great representative of our SARW group!

Happy New Year, and I know we will all work together to make 2023 a great year!



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

Why use Facebook? SARW uses Facebook to stay in connect with our members and to also reach a broader audience as our posts are shared with others. If you comment on our posts, like the post, and share with your friends on Facebook, our messages will get out to a broader audience and help us attract new members. Please also visit our website at www.saladoarearw.com to get the latest SARW information. Thanks so much for using our Facebook and website.



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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley



The Wreaths for Vets at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery (CTSVC) will retrieve the wreaths from headstones per their website on January 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

The CTSVC is located at 11463 South Highway 195, Killeen, Texas 76542. Killeen Police Department notes parking on the Right of Way is illegal as well as dangerous. Shuttle buses will run from the Central Texas A & M University parking lot to the cemetery for the convenience of those volunteering for this event. Shuttle buses will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

The address of the University is 1001 Leadership Pl, Killeen, Texas 76549.

DIRECTIONS: From Salado Civic Center, 601 N Main St, Salado, TX 76571 to Texas A & M Central Texas, 1001 Leadership Pl, Killeen, TX 76542 28 min (24.3 miles) via FM2484 West

Salado Civic Center 601 N Main St, Salado, TX 76571

Head west toward N Main St 5 sec (89 ft)

Take FM2484 West to South Ft. Hood Street (Texas State Highway 195). {{18.9 miles}}

Go Right (North) on South Ft. Hood Street (Texas State Highway 195) for {{3.4 miles}}.

Take the Texas State Highway 201/Clear Creek Road/Stagecoach Road exit and turn Left (West) onto South Clear Creek Road/Texas State Highway 201 and go 0.5 miles to East Campus Drive.

Turn Left onto East Campus Drive.

East Campus Drive turns Right and becomes LEADERSHIP PLACE. {{325 feet}}

Destination will be on the left. 1001 Leadership Place Killeen, TX 76542

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

CTRW will be starting the New Year by acknowledging Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The featured speaker will be nationally renowned Detective Joseph Scaramucci of the McLennan County Sheriff's Office. Detective Scaramucci has trained more than 335 agencies throughout 33 states, 13 federal agencies, branches of the U. S. military, and Mongolian and Peruvian offices, along with providing technical support for their Human Trafficking Operations and Investigations. Be sure to invite friends to this critical presentation.

DATE: MONDAY - January 16th

RSVP required by THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th

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

Pre-pay through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ctrw-january-luncheon-meeting-tickets-492877197967> OR - email mabeasley62@gmail.com

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

204 N. East Street, Ste. A-1, Belton, TX 76513 Phone: 254-831-5200

www.belltxgop.org belltxgop@gmail.com

Mack Latimer, Chairman

Mark your calendars for the **upcoming January CEC Meeting**. Come be a part of the business of the Bell County Republican Party!

The meeting will be held on January 9, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bell County Historical Courthouse, 101 E. Central Ave., Belton. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing many of you at this upcoming meeting. Now that the November elections have concluded, we need everyone to stay involved as we move forward into 2023 and 2024!

Just a friendly reminder!

The Republican Headquarters will be closed and will be back operational on January 3rd.

Please feel free to contact me via email or phone (as listed at the beginning of this article.)

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Membership Form for 2023

Personal Information:

2023 Dues - \$35

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 ___ Renewal ___ New Member ___

Associate ___ Renewal ___ 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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