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March 2023

Spring

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.
March 3 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Salado Library, Conference Room
March 13 – Republican Party of Bell County CEC Meeting, Belton Courthouse – 6:00 p.m.
March 20 – CTRW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m., The Gin, Belton
March 23 – SARW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. – Salado Civic Center
 New Member Orientation at 10:45 a.m. –
 Presented by Gail Teegarden and Barbara Swarthout
March 27 – Bell County Young Republicans – Johnny’s, Salado – 6:00 p.m.

SARW GENERAL MEETING – March 23 – 11:30 a.m.

Speaker: Richard V. Battle, Author – “Stronger Americans Make a Stronger America”

RSVP by Friday, March 17 – sherril.gardipee@gmail.com or

254-217-4390

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION starts at 10:45 a.m.

Presenters: Gail Teegarden and Barbara Swarthout



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PRESIDENT'S PEN

March is around the corner and there is no telling what the weather will bring in Texas. The same thing goes for the legislative session! It's the start of spring, so both will bring new birth and changes that are good for Texas.

March is our New Member Orientation. We are so grateful for every new member. That means that you care enough about Texas to spend your time, stay engaged in the larger conversation and step up into action. When you join Salado Area Republican Women, you are part of the larger Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. That is a powerful force!!

Use that power to influence legislation by calling your legislators about the issues that are important to you. Gov Abbott had his State of the State address for 2023 and set out the following emergency priorities:

1. Cutting Property Taxes
2. End COVID Restrictions
3. Education Freedom (School Choice)
4. School Safety
5. Ending Revolving-door Bail
6. Doing more to secure the border
7. Addressing the Fentanyl Crisis

Call your legislators and let them know your position on those issues. They do not know how to vote unless you let them know. It is "We the people..." that they represent. For those of you that are always engaged, Thank You! For those of you that have just jumped in, Welcome! As always, thank you for everything you do to **Keep Texas Red!**

Brenda

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin

Dear God,

While we long for spring's green leaves and beautiful wildflowers we are ever thankful for the rain and sunshine you have given us. We look for spring and new growth not only in the outside world but in our hearts and souls. We live in a distracted world and the enemy is always making it his job to destroy any new spiritual growth we try to accomplish. We will read the Bible more or find a prayer partner or just read a daily devotional each day to stay closer to you.

Amen

1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS – Sherril Gardipee

The SARW general meeting is on Thursday, March 23, starting at 11:30 a.m. upstairs at the Salado Civic Center located at 601 North Main Street. Our featured speaker will be Richard Battle, a multi-award-winning author, speaker, media commentator, and advisor. His presentation is entitled "Made in America – By AmeriCANS not AmeriCANTS. Mr. Battle's books will be available for purchase. Our March Madness Luncheon menu will include a casserole, salad, desserts, and beverages. RSVP no later than Friday, March 17 –

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you are a new member, plan on attending our **New Member Orientation starting at 10:45 a.m.** prior to the general meeting. Barbara Swarthout and Gail Teagarden will provide an overview of SARW, TFRW, and NFRW. You won't want to miss it if you are new to our Club.



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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Katherine Kraska

Our membership drive continues. We are grateful for all the new members and everyone who has renewed. Reach out to our new residents and make sure they know that we are here. The growth in our community will easily lead to growth in our Club.

You do not want to miss our informational newsletter, the educational speakers and the legislative content. This is an important time in our Country's history and belonging to Salado Area Republican Women is a wonderful way to make an impact and be part of that history.

An application form is attached to this newsletter. Do not hesitate to complete it and mail it in! This is a group where the more the merrier is true. Be sure to invite your friends to join too!

3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort



As we are heading into spring, your Fine China Luncheon Committee is moving ahead for the big luncheon and fundraiser set for June 6, 2023.

Our food costs and wages for the servers have gone up, as well as a large room rental expense. We have decided not to raise the ticket price from \$40, but instead, try to get some underwriters for the room and printing costs.

We have 19 table hosts and hostesses to date, but we would love to have at least 24. If you are interested in hosting, please give me a call at 254-760-4266.

Some of the Board members are already picking up nice silent auction items. We would love for you to participate so share any ideas (and auction items) you may have.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

School Choice

On February 20th, Governor Abbott and Rep. Hugh Shine attended a Power Empowerment event at Central Texas Christian School in Temple, Tx. Governor Abbott has pledged his commitment to providing school choice across the state for all those who choose it. Sen. Mayes Middleton (R-Galveston) filed Bill 176, which would create an education savings account program that would allow parents to use state funds to pay for their children’s private school, online schooling, or private tutors.

“To be very clear about one thing, under the school choice program – all public schools will be fully funded for every student the same way they are now.” – Gov. Greg Abbott

Learn more about Education Savings Accounts: [Education Savings Accounts \(ESAs\) — Parents Matter \(txparentsmatter.com\)](http://txparentsmatter.com)

Teacher-turned-lawmaker Files Legislation to Restore Power to State Board of Education

The former teacher and state education official, freshman Texas lawmaker Terri Leo-Wilson (R-Galveston), has filed three pieces of legislation restoring accountability for what is taught in public schools. The legislation would give oversight to not just curriculum, as they do now, but also instructional materials, as they once did.

“The curriculum is what every student must know at the end of each grade level. The board still writes those, and we have fairly good sound standards. The problem is, it’s in teacher training programs. But more importantly, it is in all the instructional materials that are hitting your kids’ desks, along with a pile of other objectional material, biased material. We have a generation of kids who have been taught that socialism is okay.” –

House Speaker Announces His First Priorities – Not a Single GOP Priority was Included

We are forty-five days into the one-hundred-and-forty-day legislation session. During the final week of February, House Speaker, Dade Phelan announced his first slate of legislative priorities. A total of four bills were announced, two from Republicans and two from Democrats.

House Bill 4 by State Rep. Giovanni Capriglione (R-Southlake) would provide recourse for citizens regarding how businesses collect, process, and profit from consumers’ data.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

House Bill 18 by State Rep. Shelly Slawson (R-Stephenville) would help protect minors from online private data collection and algorithm manipulation.

House Bill 300 by State Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin) would exempt certain baby items such as diapers and wipes as well as feminine hygiene products from the state sales tax.

House Bill 12 by State Rep. Toni Rose (D-Dallas) would extend Medicaid coverage for new mothers for a full year following the child's birth.

Remain familiar and mindful of our TX GOP Priorities and hold our Lawmakers accountable!
<https://texasgop.org/priorities/>

Treasurer – Diane Balady

It is hard to believe that March is almost here and hopefully warmer weather will be here to stay.

In the past Tenroc Ranch has let us use their facilities without charging us for our Fine China Luncheon. However, this year they will be charging us, which is going to have a big impact on our profit margin from our luncheon. Therefore, we are asking all members to please consider donating items for the Silent Auction which will help to defray additional food costs and room rental.

proud to be a
REPUBLICAN WOMAN

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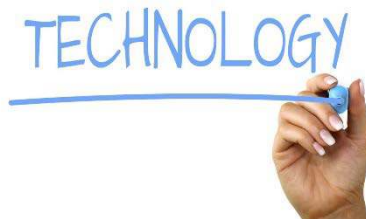
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice

“Already the hour is late. Government has laid its hand on health, housing, farming, industry, commerce, education, and, to an ever-increasing degree, interferes with the people’s right to know. Because no government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size, government programs once launched, never go out of existence.” Ronald Reagan

What words of wisdom for our country today. It is as if he was seeing the future and knowing what was to come. What can we do about it? We are doing it every time we volunteer at an event, work on a campaign, attend a debate, or educate ourselves on current events.

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours for January, February, and March. The next reporting date is March 31st. Time spent on anything “political in nature or supporting Republican Philosophy” counts in your total quarterly hours.

SARW accomplishes remarkable things. Thank you for all you do.



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

Facebook is a wonderful marketing tool! It helps us build Club awareness, grow our online following, and build an authentic relationship with you! So, join us in our mission to promote our message by liking and following us on Facebook to reach many more individuals in our community! We cannot do it without your help. Be sure and periodically check out our website for additional information.

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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Each month I will include a ‘thought statement’ that you can use to give yourself time to reflect on your own behaviors, starting a conversation with family and friends, meeting a new person, sharing on social media, etc. This month’s ‘thought statement’ is: *I Can Reflect On Americanism By _____* We can each find ourselves improved by our next elections and bring others to new thoughts on candidates, issues, and elections.

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Over the next few months, I will look to organize some opportunities for our Club to provide some “caring” to our military and veterans.

As some additional ‘food for thought’, I decided to provide a brief paragraph on The Statue of Liberty. The sculptor was a gift from the people of France to the United States of America. Some description of this statue from the National Park Service follows: the crown on her head has seven points representing rays of light, the seven seas and continents; broken chains/shackles at the feet are a symbol of freedom; in her left hand she holds a tablet which has the date of the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776) in Roman numerals July IV MDCCLXXVI; in her right hand, the Statue of Liberty has raised a torch. Originally the torch was an actual flame, but in 1986 the light was replaced with a copper torch covered in 24 karat gold which reflects sunlight and is lit at night. Hope you enjoyed this brief overview of our statute “*Liberty Enlightening the World.*”

For more information, see <https://www.statueofliberty.org/statue-of-liberty/overview-history/>

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



CTRW's next monthly meeting is Monday, March 20, at The Gin, 219 South East Street, Belton. Registration begins at 11:00; meeting start time is 11:30 a.m. **RESERVATIONS** are required: \$20/per person. You can prepay through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/central-texas-rw-march-luncheon-meeting-tickets-558933965537> or email mabeasley62@gmail.com

Our guest speaker will be nationally renowned Nick Adams. His topic will be "*Crushing Political Correctness and Wokeism*".

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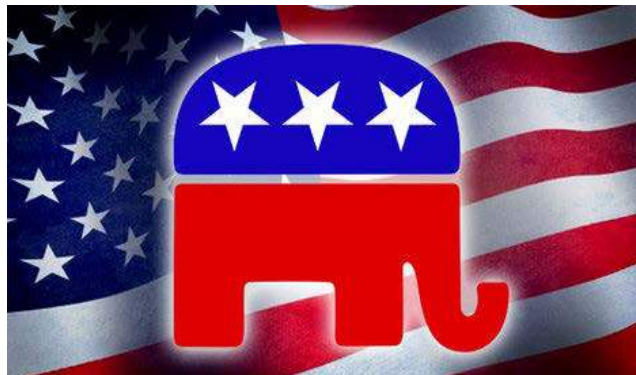
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www.belltxgop.org belltxgop@gmail.com

Mack Latimer, Chairman

The next Republican Party CEC meeting is on March 13 at the Bell County Historical Courthouse, 101 E. Central Avenue, Belton. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Come be a part of the business of the Bell County Republican Party. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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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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
- _____ Contacts to Candidates/Elected Officials

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

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| _____ PALS-Public Arts League of Salado | _____ USO Ft. Hood |
| _____ Historical Society Bell County/Salado | _____ Tablerock |
| _____ KSB-Keep Salado Beautiful
Garden | _____ Community |
| _____ Salado Education Foundation
Relief | _____ Salado Family |
| _____ Church Committee Work (not worship services)
Clubs | _____ Lions/Rotary |
| _____ Salado Community Chorus | |
| _____ Special Events (The Stroll, Jingle Walk, Sirena Fest, Empty Bowl, etc.) | |
| _____ Other (briefly describe _____) | |

Political Phone Calls # _____

_____ Total Hours

Report Hours to Christie Justice: christie@christiejustice.net