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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m., Salado Library Conference Room
September 7 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.
September 11 – Republican Party of Bell County CEC Meeting, Belton Courthouse, 6:00 p.m.
September 18 – CTRW General Meeting – 11:30 a.m. The Gin, Cost \$20
September 25 – Bell County Young Republicans, Johnny's, Salado – 6:00 p.m.
September 28 – SARW General Meeting – Salado Civic Center, 11:30 a.m.

SARW GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main Street, Salado
Texas Supreme Court Justice, Judge James D. Blacklock
"Keeping Texas Supreme Court Conservative"

RSVP: 9/22/23: sherril.gardipee@gmail.com

Cost: \$20 per person

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and was blessed with vacation memories. Now that school has started and we are headed into the filing period for the Republican Primary, it's time to get busy again. For those of you that have been following the Special Sessions of the 88th Legislative Session, you've been busy all summer long.

Our Legislators have been working on tax cuts, the impeachment of Attorney General Ken Paxton and they will have an additional session that will address education funding, teacher pay raises and the creation of educational savings accounts – for school choice. I have been told that we could very well go into October. We will keep you posted!

On the home front, we have been working on donating good books to school libraries. September will include a workday to provide gift bags for our women veterans through the VA's, Hats and Heels program. We are donating \$200 to the Border Care Project. Our border patrol agents are in need supplies quickly - and the need is urgent.

We do have an election in November. While there won't be any candidates on the ballot, this is a Constitutional Amendment Election. There will be 14 Propositions on which to vote. We are in the process of working on emailing a sample ballot to all our members.

In November, we will have a table at the Warrior Angels in Boots 5K Race. All the proceeds from this race go to the Boot Campaign. They do amazing work supporting veterans in a specialized way so that they get specific treatment for their mental and physical problems. I can't wait to see everyone at our next meeting! As always, thank you for everything you do to

Keep Texas Red!
Brenda

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING – Sherril Gardipee

Hope you and your family had a great summer – even though it was a hot one!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming General Meeting on September 28 at the Salado Civic Center. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Our Speaker will be **Judge James D. Blacklock**. His presentation will be “Keeping Texas Supreme Court Conservative.”

The cost for the meeting will be \$20 per person. Please RSVP by September 22, to Sherril.gardipee@gmail.com

We hope you can make it – encourage a friend or others to attend as well.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR – Bonnie Conway

SARW is pleased to announce that three scholarships, for \$1,000 each, were awarded to Salado ISD students. Congratulations to all three. We wish you much success! The recipients were:

- Lydia Burleson
- Holly Giesecke
- Alexandria Glann

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3rd VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort

Yes, I know it doesn't feel like fall yet. I hope you had a relaxing summer. I want to report to you our financial results from our 16th Annual Fine China Luncheon. We made a little over \$8,600, almost double last year, and a record! A big thanks to each of you who made the event possible, whether you sponsored a table, offered silent auction items, or bought a ticket. The success was definitely a group effort! Many thanks! We have already booked the venue for next year, June 4th, 2024, and have lined up a great speaker who has spoken to us before.

Here are a couple of pictures from our 2023 Fine China Luncheon.





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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

September brings the impeachment trial of Attorney General Paxton. Texans overwhelmingly voted him into office. He has fought, not only for our State but for our entire Country, combatting Biden's unconstitutional attacks on our freedoms and security. This politically motivated impeachment, if successful, endangers all other elected officers who are out of favor with House leadership. Impeachments, which used to be rare, are used to target officials now. When an elected official commits a crime, it is preferable that they be prosecuted in a criminal court and not impeachment by a legislative body.

Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the big donor Houston-based political group, has spent millions of dollars unsuccessfully seeking to defeat Paxton politically. Now they are telling senators to oppose motions to dismiss impeachment charges. The top three Senate recipients from Texans for Lawsuit Reform include Pete Flores (\$1.2 million), Joan Huffman (\$420,538), and Drew Springer (\$400,137).

Expect a 3rd Special Session in October! Topic...most likely, School Choice, Education Freedom, Money Follow the Child...whichever you'd like to call it. Just be mindful, that oftentimes, the title of a bill can be quite different than its content. Consider SB8 from the 88th Regular session. It passed the Senate and came close in the House, and Lt. Gov. Patrick refers to it as a "universal school choice". But it's far from universal. It limits participation to only students who have been enrolled in public school already and attended public school at least 90% of the previous school year.

The Republic Party of Texas voted for "Parental Rights and Educational Freedom" as a Legislative Priority.

Parents are the primary decision-makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents' rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.



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LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

Fourteen Constitutional Amendments will be on our ballots on Nov. 7th in Texas. As they typically are, the language and wording will be written to confuse the voter. SARW will ensure that our voters are fully educated on each amendment as we draw closer to the election. In the meantime, you can preview them here. <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/amendments/analyses23.pdf>

In the News...Texas State Troopers Abandoned Children Rescue

Over the last several days, troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety have rescued four abandoned children along the Texas-Mexico Border. The children were immediately turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol since Texas cannot process illegal alien children. Meanwhile, the Biden administration has reportedly lost track of 85,000 illegal alien children inside the country. Reports from Axios and Reuters indicate that the Biden administration has lost track of nearly 40 percent of unaccompanied minors released to sponsors, including dozens in Houston.

Praying for this injustice to end and for the protection of our men and women serving at the border. I can't imagine what they endure both physically and spiritually.



Literacy Chair – Nancy Norris



Nancy Norris presented the Tuttle Twins books to Ann Reinicke, the Administrator at Vintage Christian Academy on behalf of SARW. They were very appreciative of the donation!

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Political Activities – Christie Justice

Vacations are ending, school is starting, and we are all praying for rain!
It's time to get back to our Political and Community Activities to **Keep Texas Red**. As SARW meetings resume, remember to keep track of your volunteer hours. The next reporting date will be September 30th. Reporting forms will be on lunch tables at our next meeting.
Stay safe. See you in September.



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

Technology is so much a part of our lives today that, sometimes, we don't even notice it: computers, smartphones, tablets, E-readers, apps, etc. SARW utilizes technology to communicate with our members. Check out all the latest news at our website www.saladoarearw.com. Be sure and follow our Facebook page – we include upcoming events, pictures from our various meetings, and information to stay abreast of what is coming in 2024 elections. See you at our September meeting. In the meantime, follow us on those sites that we have just outlined.



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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Thought statement/fill in the blank for September 2023--“ *Name one way the Constitution of the United States of America affects you.*__ ” The Thought Statement will change each month, but please don’t let that keep you from thinking on previous Thought Statements. Use these to give yourself time to reflect on your own behaviors, starting conversation with family and friends, meeting a new person in the grocery cashier line (!), sharing on social media, etc. I believe we can each find ourselves improved by our next election in November. This will be Amendments to our State Constitution put forward by our State Legislature which met earlier this year. There will still be a need to hold Voter Registration to ready not only for the General Election in November, but to also ready for the Primary Election in March 2024 and the Presidential Election in 2024.

Ready yourself and bring others to new thoughts on candidates, issues, and elections by attending forums and reflecting on the Thought Statements from those I have put forward this year.

Our SARW Executive Committee has agreed to look into other activities with the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (VAVS) at the Olin E. Teague VAMC in Temple, Texas. Watch this newsletter for those events. Some will be needing members volunteering and some will ask for either items to be donated or a special donation per our “small, galvanized buckets” at our membership meetings throughout the year.

We have been asked to provide to participate in the TFRW’s Border Project in some manner. We participated in this project two years ago. One of the Club’s members on the Board is the coordinator of this project. We will find out specifics needed and let SARW members know how we can participate.

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Monday, September 18, 2023 – CTRW General Meeting

11:00 a.m. Registration & Networking

11:30 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

Cost \$20 per person.

RSVP Required by Sept. 14, 2023

Email: mabeasley62@gmail.com

or Prepay by EventBrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/698574143067?aff=oddtcreator>

The Gin at Nolan Creek

219 S. East Street, Belton

GUEST SPEAKER: Rafael Baer, Outreach Director with Texas Public Policy Foundation

TOPIC: “Hispanic Conservative Voters in Texas”

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Addie Baird, Chairman

Central Texas State Fair -

The Republican Party of Bell County will be hosting Voter Registration and Republican Party Outreach Booths during operation hours. Bring your friends and stop by! Win \$5 for answering the Constitutional Question correctly! Volunteers and VDR's for the booths are still needed!

Next CEC Meeting -

Monday, September 11th - Join us for a brief ceremony at 6:00 p.m. before our regular meeting begins. Wear RED, WHITE, AND BLUE in remembrance of 9/11.

October CEC Meeting Moved to 10/16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Bell County Courthouse.

Precinct Chairs Needed! Interested in becoming a Precinct Chair? Come to Precinct Chair Training Saturday, September 2nd, or 16th at 10:00 a.m. to learn more. The training session will be held at the Headquarters Office - 204 N East St, Belton, TX 76513

Vacant Seats include: 106, 109, 116, 117, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212, 304, 308, 310, 318, and 419.

If you are interested in running for any precinct chair seat in the March Primaries, this would also be a great session to come to! Please reach out to Addie Baird at addie@rancholago.com.

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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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