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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3 – CTRW, Legislative Update – Representative Brad Buckley The Gin, 6:00 p.m.

October 5 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill, Belton – 6:00 p.m.

October 6 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Public Library – 10:00 a.m.

October 12-14 – TFRW Convention, Irving, Texas

October 16 – Bell County Republican Party CEC Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Bell Couty Historical Courthouse, Belton

October 24 – CTRW Annual Chili Fundraiser and Live Auction –
Doors Open – 11:00 – Lunch – 11:30
Harris Community Center

October 26 – SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center – 11:30 a.m.

October 30 – Bell County Young Republicans, Greenfield Coffee, Salado – 6:00 p.m.

SARW GENERAL MEETING Thursday, October 26 at 11:30 a.m. Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main Street, Salado

Clarence Enochs, National Mounted Warrior Museum "HONORING OUR HEROES"
RSVP:10/20/23

SPEAKER:

sherril.gardipee@gmail.com Cost per person \$20

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Fall has arrived on the calendar and the mornings are cooler. Before you know it, the November 7th Constitutional Election will be here. I hope you received your email about the 14 Amendments. It's important that you review these prior to going to your poll location. Here is the Early Voting Schedule:

October 23 through October 27 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) October 28 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) October 29 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) October 30 through November 3 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

There isn't any reason not to get out and vote! If you have any questions, please let any of us know. That's why we are here; to make sure that all voters are informed voters. Another reason we are here is to support our local community. We are donating to purchase a brick at the National Mounted Warrior Museum for every primary member that is a veteran. If you have served our country in the military, please let me know. We want to honor your service and support our local military museum, at the same time. Of course, we support our military members year-round.

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 hope you sign up to walk/run or come by and see us at our sponsorship table.

Keeping Texas Red is quite the challenge, and we have our work cut out for us. I appreciate everything you all do to preserve our "Texas Way of Life"!

Brenda

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING – Sherril Gardipee



Welcome... to cool Fall weather (soon).

SARW's October meeting is on Thursday, October 26, at 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main Street, Salado.

Our speaker will be:

Clarence Enochs of the National Mounted Warrior Museum located on Ft. Cavazos. His topic of "Honoring our Heroes" includes history of the museum and Phase 2 expansion

He will also discuss the "Brick Program", videos of interest put on kiosks for visitors, and fundraising events for the Museum.

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3rd VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort

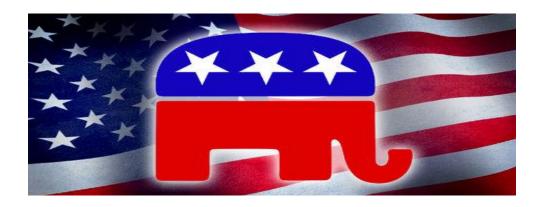


Ladies, we are now taking poinsettia orders for our Scholarship Program. The poinsettias are gorgeous plants with 4 to 6 blooms and are more elegant than the box store variety. (Ask anyone who has ordered before!)

The flowers do have to be prepaid.

If you would like to purchase some of these gorgeous plants, please send me your money (\$13 each to Barclay McCort, 406 Royal View Rd: Salado, TX 76571) Make check out to SARW, PAC.

Your order will be available for pickup at the Civic Center Friday, December 1st. **Deadline for Orders: October 26, 2023.** We appreciate your participation in supporting our scholarship program.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

The temperatures outside are beginning to drop but inside the Capitol and around the Great State of Texas... grassroot fires are igniting. Calls for the resignation of Speaker of the House, Speaker Dade Phelan, have gotten louder after the Senate's acquittal of Attorney General Paxton.

For Dade Phelan to cry foul and question the integrity of the Senate jurors and of my office when his rushed, no-facts, no-record process failed to achieve the results he wanted is disgusting and proves he is unworthy of his leadership position. -Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has also called for a full audit of the House's impeachment cost.

In a 58-2 vote, the Republican Party of Texas overwhelmingly passed a resolution calling for the Speaker's removal. https://texasgop.org/phelan-resign/

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. Governor Abbott has warned lawmakers that he is dedicated to passing school choice legislation.

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

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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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Representatives continue to urge Governor Abbott to call an immediate special session to address the invasion on the southern border.

On September 20th, the Biden Administration cut the razor wire Texas set up on parts of the border, on the same day Gov. Abbott officially declared an "invasion". Despite all of Texas' efforts thus far, thousands of illegals per day enter Texas.

A very BIG victory for Texas came through our Texas Supreme Court, allowing SB 14, (Law Protecting Children from Harmful Gender Transitions) to go into effect!

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



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Political Activities – Christie Justice

Fall is a very busy time in our community, and I know our SARW members will stay active accumulating volunteer hours as usual. Other Salado organizations are having annual fundraisers. The Texas Legislature is meeting for special sessions, and there is an important election in November. Stay engaged as our Texas Legislature meets in special session in October. Some hearings are streamed live; citizens are usually allowed to attend sessions at the Capitol, and our representatives and senators can always be contacted via phone or email. Very important decisions will be made.

The November elections will offer 14 Propositions to vote on yes or no. These are actual changes to our Texas Constitution. The <u>saladovillagevoice.com</u> has had full-page articles explaining these propositions for the past two weeks. Information is also available at <u>sos.texas.gov.</u> Also, on the ballot in November is a Salado ISD bond proposal. The proposal has two parts, A and B, to vote on. Our newspaper has had articles, and public discussions sessions are promised. Educate yourself so when you enter the voting booth you will be ready. This is the future of our community. Thanks again for all you do to promote Republican values.

Your total hours for July-September are due now. If you did not report them to me at our monthly luncheon, email them to me at christie@christiejustice.net. Include your name and number of total hours. That's it! A form for your use as a guide of what can be included is attached at the end of this newsletter.



TECHNOLOGY - Michele Melsha

Election Year 2024 is fast approaching. To stay abreast of the latest information be sure and check out our website www.saladoarearw.com and our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/sarwpac Encourage your friends and family to do so as well (even if they are not SARW members)!

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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Salado Area Republican Women continue to support our Border Agents with supplies and understand that the need has immensely increased. Instead of supplies, we are requesting monies to purchase supplies for these agents. If you can help today, please send us a check made out to:

SARW, PAC, P.O. Box 373, Salado TX 76571

Please specify on the check information line: Border Care

Thank you for supporting our Border Agents who are totally overwhelmed with the masses of people.



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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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The Gin – 6:00 p.m.
RSVP: September 29 – mabeasley62@gmail.com
Cost per person - \$10.00

October 24 – CTRW Annual Chili Fundraiser and Live Auction Doors Open: 11:00 a.m.; Lunch Served: 11:30 a.m. Speaker: Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller Harris Community Center

RSVP: <u>contactctrw@gmail.com</u> or prepay at www.ctrw-pac.com Cost per person: \$25

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Addie Baird, Chairman

October CEC Meeting

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{October } 16-6\text{:}00\text{-}7\text{:}30 \text{ p.m.} \\ \text{Bell County Historical Courthouse, } 101 \text{ E. Central Avenue, Belton} \\ \text{Registration starts at } 5\text{:}30 \text{ p.m.} \end{array}$

HEADQUARTERS VOLUNTEERS

We still have volunteer areas available at the headquarters. This is a fantastic way to get involved within our Party and an awesome way to meet "Like Minded Individuals." Just give headquarters a call at (254) 831-5200 or come by and talk with any of our volunteers and let's get you involved. Do you have a skill or passion that would help the Party in any of these areas?

- Staffing the Headquarters
- Fundraising
- Elections Judge/Clerk/Poll Watchers
- Block walking
- Phone Banking
- Precinct Chair
- Events Volunteer
- Event Volunteer for Set Up/Tear Down
- Voter Registration Volunteers
- VDR's Volunteer Deputy Registrars
- Precinct Volunteers

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Salado Area Republican Women

Membership Form January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 \$35.00



First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
Address:	City: _	St:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell:	Work Phone: _	
Email:		Spouse:	
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A <u>Primary Member</u> is a Republican woman who wants SARW to be her primary Federated Republican Women's club. An <u>Associate Member</u> 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 for \$35.00 payable to: SARW, PAC; PO Box 373; Salado, TX 76571

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.

Republicans Believe in - The U.S. Constitution written from Judeo-Christian Principles. God - Country - Family

- Respect individual achievement with self-reliance
- Pro-Life Family Values Parental Authority
- Right to Bear Arms
- Strong National Defense Security for the Homeland
- Smaller Government
- Balanced Budget Cut Spending Lower Taxes Decreasing Regulations
- True Balance of Powers

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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

Hours to Christie Justice: christie@christiejustice.net		-
Political Phone Calls #	_Total Hours	Report
Other (briefly describe		
Special Events (The Stroll, Jingle Walk, Sirena Fest, Empty	Bowl, etc.)	
Salado Community Chorus		
Clubs		
Church Committee Work (not worship services)		_Lions/Rotary
Relief		
Salado Education Foundation		_Salado Family
Garden		
KSB-Keep Salado Beautiful		_Community
Historical Society Bell County/Salado		_Tablerock
PALS-Public Arts League of Salado		_USO Ft. Hood
FSPL-Friends of Salado Public Library		
Non-Partisan State, County, Village Boards/Including Election	ons (School, L	Library, etc.)
SLCL-Salado Ladies Community League		
Chamber of Commerce		
SISD Volunteer (PTO, Room Mom, Book Fair, etc.)		
# Hours		
Community Activities		
Contacts to Candidates/Elected Officials	8	
National, State, Local GOP Seminars/Workshops/Trainings/	Meetings	
Republican Party TX and TFRW Conventions/Meetings		
Campaign Work		
SARW Committee Work/Board Meetings		
Bell County Headquarters Volunteer/Fundraising		
Voter Registration/Election Worker/Poll Watcher Pints & Politics		
Bell County Executive Committee Meetings		
SARW Monthly Meetings/Fundraisers/Special Events		