

SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN
General Meeting September 28, 2023

WELCOME: Brenda Howard, President, called the meeting to order at 11:29 am at the Salado Civic Center. The invocation was given by Shirley Stephenson, SARW Awards Chair. Pledges were led by Kate McKinley, Americanism/Caring for America Chair. Attendees were invited to get their food. Brenda introduced our guests and elected officials.

MINUTES from the April 27, 2023 meeting were posted on the SARW website: www.SaladoAreaRW.com. Minutes were approved as posted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Balady, Treasurer, provided copies of the August 31, 2023 report which shows a checkbook balance of \$14,184.80 and a total bank balance of \$17,233.19 including savings. With no corrections, the report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP: Katherine Krska, 2nd VP, reported that we have 74 Primary, 33 Associate and 1 Honorary member for a total of 108.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES: Christie Justice, Campaign Activities Chair, placed baskets at all tables for reporting volunteer hours for July, August and September.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: Barclay McCort, 3rd VP, reported that we are now taking orders our annual Scholarship Fundraiser. We will sell poinsettias for \$13 each, with all proceeds going to provide scholarships to SHS students. Pickup will be at the Civic Center December 1, 9-2 pm.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: The committee, consisting of Kate McKinley, Kathy McLeod, Christie Justice and Pam Hatridge, has met and presented a slate of officers for 2024 (attached). President Brenda Howard asked for any nominations from the floor. With none received, the slate was accepted and will be voted on at the October meeting.

PROGRAM: Sherril Gardipee, 1st VP, introduced our speaker, Texas Supreme Court Associate Justice Judge James D. Blacklock. Also in attendance was his Executive Assistant, Cindy Carillo. Judge Blacklock spoke to us on the importance of "Keeping the Texas Supreme Court Conservative". He reminded us that our government belongs to the people. The Court's job is to rule by the Constitution and fairly follow the law. He pointed out the Preamble to the Texas Constitution, "*Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God, the people of the State of Texas, do ordain and establish this Constitution*" and that the Texas Supreme Court opens with a prayer. There were many people who came before us to carve out our freedom. Are we doing all we can to protect our

heritage? With God's help we can protect that heritage. Jesus said that LOVE is the greatest virtue. We can stand together as a party on LOVE.

Judge Blacklock closed by answering several questions from the audience.

Brenda Howard pointed out that there were donation buckets on each table to help provide needed supplies for the Border Patrol.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McLeod, Secretary September 29, 2023

Brenda Howard, President September 29, 2023

Announcements:

- Oct 3 CTRW, The Gin, 6:00 pm, \$10
Legislative Update, Representative Brad Buckley
RSVP: Sep 29, 2023, mabeasley62@gmail.com
- Oct 5 Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill, Belton, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 6 SARW Board Meeting, Salado Library, 10:00 a.m.
- Oct 16 Bell County Republican Party CEC Meeting,
Bell County Historical Courthouse, Belton, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 12-14 TFRW Convention, Irving, TX
- Oct 24 CTRW Annual Chili Fundraiser and Live Auction, Harris Community Center, \$25
11:00 Doors Open, 11:30 lunch served
Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Sid Miller
RSVP: 9/29/23 mabeasley62@gmail.com
- Oct 26 SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center, 11:30 am, \$20
National Mounted Warrior Museum, Clarence Enochs, "Honoring our Heroes"
RSVP: 10/20/23 sherril.gardipee@gmail.com
- Oct 30 Bell County Young Republicans, Greenfield Coffee, Salado, 6:00 p.m.

Nomination Committee Slate of Officers - 2024:
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OFFICERS

1st VP – Programs: Sherril Gardipee – sherril.gardipee@gmail.com

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Treasurer: Nancy Norris – ncnorris8@yahoo.com