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November 2023



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2 – Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill, Belton – 6:00 p.m.

November 3 – SARW Board Meeting – Salado Library – 10:00 a.m.

November 11 – Warrior Angels in Boots

www.runsignup.com/warriorangels

Barrow Brewing Company, Salado

November 13 – Central Texas Republican Women – The Gin, Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

November 16 – SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center – 11:30 a.m.

November 27 – Bell County Young Republicans, Greenfield Coffee, Salado – 6:00 p.m.

SARW GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 at 11:30 a.m.
Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main Street, Salado
SPEAKER:
Representative Brad Buckley, District 54

Installation of SARW 2024 Officers
RSVP By November 10 to
Sherril.gardipee@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S PEN - Brenda Howard

Hopefully, like me, you VOTED early. If you didn't, make sure and go out on Tuesday, November 7th! Our legislators worked hard to create these Amendments and you can let them know if you agree or disagree by voting!

November is a time for giving thanks and celebrating!! We hope you join us as we install our new officers and share all the awards, we received from NFRW and TFRW. You have worked hard to make it happen and this is YOUR award celebration. Just know, there will be CAKE!

Our own Representative for District 54, Brad Buckley, has been working hard trying to wrangle 150 House members to get them to vote for Education Savings Accounts. He will be giving a Legislative Update...and maybe some battle stories. While he doesn't have a Primary Challenger, he will already be campaigning because his Democrat opponent has already filed and is already campaigning! They want to flip Bell County but we will not let that happen.

Be sure to stop by our table for the Warrior Angels in Boots 5K Race. It's on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. We are celebrating Veterans Day by supporting this worthwhile cause.

We love the month of December and the celebration of Christ's birth. We won't have a meeting and encourage everyone to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. It's hard to believe but I can actually say, see you at our November meeting and then, "See you next year!"

We will see you at our Candidate Forum on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm. This will be an evening meeting to allow as many people as possible to come hear our primary candidates.

In 2024, we will hit the ground running. It will take everyone's effort to **Keep Texas Red!**

Brenda

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TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN 34TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION



The Salado Area Republican Women's Club was well represented at the TFRW Biennial Convention. Pictured above are those who attended as delegates to the 2023 34th Convention: Brenda Howard, Barclay McCort, Shirley Stephenson, Nancy Norris, Barbara Swarthout, and Pam Hatridge.

The Club qualified for, and was awarded, the National Federation of Republican Women Diamond Award and the TFRW Achievement Award.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Shirley Stephenson

How do you stay grounded when the world seems to crumble? We the believers are the search and rescue teams for souls. We are on a mission-The Great Commission! (Mark 16:15).

We live in a day when the Gospel has the opportunity to be heard as never before. We need to be the light, to be bold, and to speak often of God's never-ending love and forgiving grace.

Walk in an abundance of love this holiday season and give thanks to the Lord for all He has done.



3rd VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort



Thank you to everyone who purchased Poinsettias! All funds collected will go to our Scholarship Project. If you ordered plants, please be sure to pick them up on December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING – Sherril Gardipee

Meeting

Fall weather has finally arrived along with the Thanksgiving holiday just around the corner!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming General Meeting on November 16 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by November 10 to sherril.gardipee@gmail.com.

Our speaker Brad Buckley will update us on recent legislative action and the current special session. In addition, installation will be held for 2024 officers.

Be sure and join us for a celebration of 2023 SARW achievements and awards. We hope you can make it. Encourage a friend or others to attend as well.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

At the time of preparation for the newsletter, the Legislature is still meeting. A special email will be sent out as soon as the session closes.

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ACTIVITIES

Political Activities – Christie Justice

A big thank you for all your volunteer hours for the 3rd quarter of 2023. SARW was able to report 2543 hours devoted to our community, state, and country. We are accomplishing mighty things and making a difference.

The 4th quarter brings multiple opportunities for service. Be mindful during October, November, and December of all the hours you are committing to volunteering. Elections, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas...it makes me tired just thinking about it!

Stay safe, healthy, and joyful!



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

What does social media really mean today? It's a way of interacting with others where we create, share, and exchange information or ideas in a virtual environment.

We, as a Club, use it to foster communication, network, and exchange information. Join us in this pursuit through our website, www.saladoarearw.com and our Facebook page @SARW.

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CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley



PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR Veterans Cemetery: Join us at any of the following events.

WREATH PREPARATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

Killeen Special Events Center, 3301S. WS Young Drive

Depending on how many people show up, this activity usually lasts about 2 hours.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.

Ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11463 South Highway 195 in Killeen.

Parking is at Texas A&M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Please No parking on Highway 195.

- Family members lay wreaths on their loved ones' graves first.
- Volunteers then disperse the remaining wreaths until every grave has one.

WREATH RETRIEVAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M.

Wreath retrieval & storage at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

Parking will be at Texas A&M Central Texas and shuttle buses will be running 8:30 a.m. to noon.

www.WreathsForVets.org/FBWreaths

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

November 13, The Gin

Election of 2024 Officers

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP by November 9

Mabeasley62@gmail.com

The cost is \$25 per person.

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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www.belltxgop.org belltxgop@gmail.com

Addie Baird, Chairman

NO NOVEMBER CEC MEETING

DECEMBER CEC MEETING

DECEMBER 11 – 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Bell County Historical Courthouse

101 E. Central Ave., Belton

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

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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: _____ Occupation: _____ Spouse: _____

Required by law for PAC reporting.

Check Membership Type: Primary Renewal New Member

Associate Renewal New Member

A Primary 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 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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