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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 4 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.
January 5 – SARW Board Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Salado Library Conference Room
January 15 – CTRW Luncheon, The Gin 11:00 a.m. – Candidate Forum –
Judges and County Commissioners
January 17 – SARW General Meeting - Salado Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.
Candidate Forum – County Attorney, District Attorney, Sheriff, Constable
No Charge - No RSVP – bottled water and cookies provided.
January 19 – 2024 Kickoff Dinner – Bell County Republican Party,
Tenroc Ranch – Blue Heron Room
January 29 – Bell County Young Republicans – Johnny’s, Salado – 6:00 p.m.

**CHECK OUT THE SARW CANDIDATE
FORUM – AND MANY OTHER
CANDIDATE FORUMS LISTED IN THE
NEWSLETTER**



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PRESIDENT'S PEN - Brenda Howard

Happy New Year! It is 2024 and we have a presidential election coming up. However, we must get through the primaries first. These can be heated, as all candidates file because they are truly enthusiastic about serving their community.

Remember, as a Political Action Organization (PAC), we do NOT endorse any candidates. As part of Candidate Fairness, it is important that if you attend one candidate's event, you must then attend the one for their primary opponent. While it is difficult not to take sides, it is especially important. After the primaries, we have the job of uniting the party and moving on to beating the Democrats in November.

Our mission, during the primaries is to educate republicans so that they can vote with confidence. We do this by providing candidate information and hosting a Candidate Forum. We will host the Candidate Forum for the County Attorney, District Attorney, County Sheriff, and Constable Pct 2 races, at the Civic Center in Salado.

Looking forward, we will have our new member orientation in February and this is for ALL members to attend. We want to make sure that you are maximizing your membership and getting the most out of it. Then on to March, when Senator Pete Flores speaks to us about the passage of his bill to prevent Human Trafficking. We live on the I35 corridor and this problem affects us all. My heart breaks for the people coming to America for freedom, only to be sold into slavery. Let us learn about what we can do to prevent this problem.

2024 promises to be a wonderful year and I look forward to working with each of you to Keep **Texas Red**. Everyone has their sites on flipping Texas, but Republican Women are the wall that prevents that from happening. Let us stand together and get the job done!

Brenda



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3rd VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort

Thanks to everyone who purchased or took orders for our Scholarship Fundraiser. We sold 348 plants and raised about \$1,976 pending the final bill from the Poinsettia company.

We are looking forward to a great new year. We hope you will be a part of it.

**2024 PRIMARY
EARLY VOTING:
FEBRUARY 20 – MARCH 1
ELECTION DAY – MARCH 5**



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1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING – Sherril Gardipee

2024 Republican Primary CANDIDATE FORUMS	
JANUARY 15 11 AM - Hosted by CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN	27th, 146th, 426th District Judges & Commissioner Pct 1 The Gin at Nolan Creek - \$20 lunch included
JANUARY 18 6 PM - Hosted by SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN	District Attorney, County Attorney, Sheriff, & Constables Pct 1, 2, & 3 Salado Civic Center -FREE
JANUARY 29 6 PM - Hosted by BELL COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS	State Representative HD 54 & 55, U.S Representative HD 31, Justice of the Peace Pct 4 Place 1 17 South Main - FREE
JANUARY 30 6 PM - Hosted by REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY	Justice of the Peace Pct 3 Place 1 & Commissioner Pct 3 Moffat Community Center - FREE
REGISTER HERE → 	2024 PRIMARY Early Voting: Feb. 20 - Mar. 1 Election Day: March 5, 2024



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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice

As this year ends, it is time to total your volunteer hours for October, November, and December.

Please send me an email with your total by January 5th. christie@christiejustice.net

Thank you again for all you do. We will continue to work together to **Keep Texas Red** and to restore Peace and Prosperity to our country in 2024.

“Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.”

Ronald Reagan

Happy New Year!



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

We wanted to highlight our SARW website and remind everyone to visit periodically to get the latest information on upcoming programs, Bell County Events, posted minutes from SARW General Meetings, membership forms, upcoming election information, and photos highlighting our members. Visit www.saladoarearw.com Please also visit our Facebook page and share with your friends and family at <https://www.facebook.com/sarwpac>



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CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley

Over the next few months, I will look to organize some opportunities for our club to provide some “caring projects” to our military and veterans. Please do not hesitate to share your ideas on military projects. You can email me at aggiepyro75@gmail.com

Thought statement/fill in the blank for January 2024----- “ *I Can Reflect On Americanism*
By_____”

The Thought Statement will change each month, but please do not let that keep you from thinking about 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. 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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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



CANDIDATE FORUM – JANUARY 15 – 11:00 a.m., The Gin

\$20 Lunch – \$20 Lunch

Forum will feature candidates for the 27th, 146th, 426th District Judges
And Commissioner Precinct 1

For more information go to CTRW website.

www.CTRW-pac.com

SATURDAY 17, 2024

CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN –

60TH DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Central Texas Home Builders Association Hall

For more information and to RSVP use reservation link below.

<https://www.ctrw-pac.com/event-details-registration/central-texas-rw-60th-diamond-anniversary-celebration>



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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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Addie Baird, Chairman

Primary Election: Early Voting

- **February 20, 2024 – February 23** (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
- **February 24** (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)
- **February 25** (Noon to 6:00 pm)
- **February 26 - March 1, 2024** (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)

Election Day: March 5, 2024 (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)





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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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