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April 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 8 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill, April 4 - 6:00 p.m.
- April 5 – SARW Board Meeting, Salado Library – 10:00 a.m.
- April 15 – CTRW General Meeting, The Gin, 11:30 a.m.
- April 15 – Bell County Republican Party, CEC Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 101 E. Central Ave.
- April 25 – SARW General Meeting Salado Civic Center – 11:30 a.m.
- April 29 – Bell County Young Republicans, 7 S. Main, Texas – 6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Eric Bruntmyer

**Aggressive Politics:
The Cause, The Dangers and The Cure**

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

Salado Civic Center
601 N. Main Street, Salado
RSVP: sherril.gardipee@gmail.com \$20



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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Brenda Howard

Spring is finally here, Precinct and County Conventions are complete, and it is time to get ready to go to State Convention. It will be held on May 23-25 in San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. If you need more information, hop on over to: convention.texasgop.org Before then, we have the School Board and Municipal Elections. We also have the runoff elections from the Republican Primary. Here is the voting information. Most people skip these, but they are extremely important. Do not let a handful of people select your locally elected officials.

City/School Election: (local) Early Voting: April 22, 2024 – April 26, 2024 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) April 27 (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) April 28 (noon to 6:00 pm) April 29 to April 30 (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)

Election Day: May 04, 2024 (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)

Primary Runoff Election: Early Voting: May 20, 2024 – May 24, 2024 (7:00 am to 7:00 pm) Election Day: May 28, 2024 (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)

If you are headed to State Convention, you need to vote EARLY in the Primary Runoff, so that you do not miss voting. When we get through May, all eyes are focused on November! It will be a time for Republicans to UNITE and come together.

There are millions of dollars being poured into Texas and we must fight, with all our might, to make sure that we keep **Texas Red!**

Brenda

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2024 BELL COUNTY CONVENTION

Below are pictures from the recent Bell County Convention - SARW attendees - On to State Convention



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Scholarships

Just a reminder that April 22 is the last day for Scholarship Applications to be postmarked. If you know of a student from Salado ISD who will be graduating this year, please advise them of this scholarship. We will be awarding three scholarships for \$1,000 each.



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3rd VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort



Ladies, Are you ready for Spring? Plans are in place for another great Fine China Luncheon on June 4. This year we will have twenty-six hosts/hostesses for the event. I hope you are excited about the event. Michele Hercules is still in need of auction items. We make much of our money from the auction, so she could use your help (Her contact number: 254-541-7238.) Tickets are now on sale and may be ordered by mailing your \$40 check made out to SARW, PAC; c/o Barclay McCort; 406 Royal View Rd; Salado, TX 76571. I will mail you a ticket. If you are wanting to sit with a special group of friends, it is best to mail the checks together or make a note in the mailing. Deadline for reservations is May 28th. I hope to hear from you soon!

Tom Maynard, State Board of Education District 10 member, presented SARW with a beautiful **hand-carved jewelry box** for our silent auction.





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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

I truly believe there is a bright change coming to the Texas Capitol!

Border: According to Michael Banks, Texas Border Czar, 75% of all border crossings are happening in other states, not Texas. The recent efforts are working. SB4 which passed last session allowing law enforcement to arrest and deport anyone crossing our border illegally is back and forth between the courts, but the consensus is that Texas will prevail. Tom Homan, the former head of ICE has promised, that if President Trump wins, he (Homan) will head up the biggest mass deportation effort we have ever seen.

Education: Governor Abbott prevailed at the polls in his fight to bring school choice to Texas families! Texas Republicans voted 87% in favor of allowing the funding to follow the child in 2022. Next year, with the support of new legislators, Texas will join the majority of other states in passing school choice for our students and families.

Texas State Board of Education pulled over 8.5 billion investment dollars out of Black Rock. Black Rock's ESG (Environment Social Corporate Governance) policies are destructive to key industries in our great state. The divestment is in alliance with SB13 from 2021's 87th legislative session and is a BIG WIN for Texans!

Speaker Who?: During the remainder of 2024, I would encourage you to reach out to your representatives and share your thoughts and concerns regarding our next House Speaker. The race between Dade Phelan and David Covey will be decided soon enough, however; multiple candidates will most likely put their hat in the Speaker race...let us get it right this time! More than ever, we need a Speaker of the House who will NOT appoint minority party members as committee chairs, not waste the valuable 140-day session and has the integrity to honor the constituents of each member.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Help get your candidate across the line in the upcoming Primary Runoff! Use these last few weeks to find a role in supporting your top-choice candidate. We all have platforms within our circles and these candidates need us to use them! Ways to help include DONATE, VOLUNTEER, HOST A MEET & GREET, GIVE A PERSONAL ENDORCEMENT, ORGANIZE A NETWORK THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA/EMAIL/TEXT, and most importantly, GET OUT THE VOTE!

LOCAL ELECTIONS: On Saturday, May 4th, elections will be held for cities and school boards! These are designed for low voter turnout. We encourage all our members to educate themselves on these local races and ask that you not only participate but also help spread the word to get out the vote!

VOTER REGISTRATION: Use the months ahead to spread the word ensuring everyone in your circle is registered for November! Do you have a new neighbor, child, or grandchild who recently turned 18, a California refugee...think of who you know that may need reminding or a little help getting registered! It is a quick and easy two-minute process online!

Register here: **[GET REGISTERED HERE](#)**

*Monday, April 29th is the last day to register to vote for the Tuesday, May 28th primary runoff election.

This is a time of hope & optimism for us! Let's all pledge to seize on this opportune year, to contribute to the value and effort being put forth, and to show the enemies of our great state, that God truly does **BLESS TEXAS!!**

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AMERICANISM – Kate McKinley



It is important election time. Local, Municipal, and School Board Elections are slated to be held on Saturday, May 4. The last day to register to vote in this election is Thursday, April 4.

The Bell County Elections Department will conduct the Party Primary Runoff Election on May 28. Last day to register is Monday, April 29 and last day to apply for ballot by mail (received and postmarked) is May 17. Early voting will be from May 20 to Friday, May 24. Election day will be Tuesday May 28.



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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN



ANNUAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

APRIL 15

11:00 a.m. – REGISTRATION/NETWORKING

11:30 a.m. Call to Order

SPEAKER: CHRISTY CRADDICK
TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

RSVP or prepaid ticket – is required by 4/11/24.
\$20 cash/check or \$22 credit card

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BELL COUNTY

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Addie Baird, Chairman

BELL COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

CEC MEETING

6:00 P.M.

101 E. CENTRAL AVE.

BELTON

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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 **Disclaimer:** Paid for Salado Area Republican Women, PAC, PO Box 373, Salado, TX 76571 A Nonprofit Organization under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to SARW-PAC are not Tax Deductible as Charitable Contribution for Federal Income Purposes. Corporate Contributions are not permitted. - Not authorized.