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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

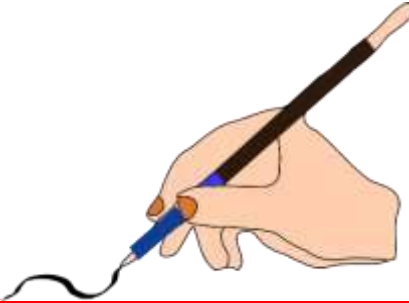
- May 2 – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill – 6:00 p.m.
- May 2 – National Day of Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Historic Bell County Courthouse
- May 3 – Salado Area Republican Women Board Meeting, Salado Library – 10:00 a.m.
- May 13 – Central Texas Republican Women General Meeting
Harris Community Center, 11:30 a.m.
- May 23 – **NO SARW GENERAL MEETING** –
- May 27 – Bell County Young Republicans, 7 South Main, Temple – 6:00 p.m.
- June 4 – **FINE CHINA LUNCHEON**, Blue Heron Room, Tenroc Ranch
5417 Thomas Arnold Road, Salado



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PRESIDENT'S PEN – Brenda Howard

We will **NOT** be holding a meeting in May because we will all be attending the State GOP Convention 2024. I cannot wait to see all our delegates there and to effect change in the Republican Party. 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

If you are attending convention, you **MUST** vote early so that you do not miss voting in the Primary Runoff Election. These usually have a low voter turnout, and it is important that you show up to vote. Here is the voting information. *Do not let a handful of people select your locally elected officials for you.*

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)

Once this primary is over, and maybe even before, please **UNITE!** Let us stop bashing Republicans and start supporting them over their Democratic opponents. Remember, no candidate is perfect, and you will not agree with them 100% of the time. (Imagine deciding on going to the movies with your spouse. No one agrees 100% of the time.) So, find the candidate that most closely aligns with your values and **VOTE** for them. Between Republicans and Democrats, that is an easy choice. Start highlighting the positive of **EVERY** Republican candidate and make sure to encourage all your friends to **VOTE** from the top to the bottom for every **REPUBLICAN!** Let us keep **TEXAS RED.**

Brenda

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Salado Area Republican Women, Brenda Howard, President, Sherril Gardipee, First VP and Pam Hatridge, Awards Chair, attended TFRW's 2nd Quarter Board Meeting. While there, they donated \$200 worth of supplies for our Border Patrol Officers. In addition, they presented a check to Mary Jane Avery, SREC SD 24 Committeewoman, with a check for \$6,500 to be used by the Candidate Resource Committee to elect Republican Candidates.



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LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



Bell County Community Observance
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Historic Bell County Courthouse
(Northside steps)

Sponsored by
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SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN
FINE CHINA LUNCHEON

JUNE 4

BLUE HERON ROOM, TENROC

TICKETS \$40

FOR TICKETS CALL BARCLAY MCCORT AT 254-760-4266

DEADLINE: MAY 28 FOR TICKET PURCHASES



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3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort

We hope to see all of you at the Fine China Luncheon on June 4 at Blue Heron Room at Tenroc Ranch. Cost \$40/per person Buy tickets by mailing check or checks made out to SARW, PAC; c/o Barclay McCort, 406 Royal View Road, Salado, WI 76571. (254 760-4266)

Deadline is May 28th, 2024.

Some of you have asked about the price of our tickets. The reason for our fundraiser is to raise campaign money for Texas Conservative candidates in close races. We are pledging \$6,500 this year.

Bring your friends and neighbors! You do not want to miss out on this fun event. Michele Hercules is still taking auction items until Friday, May 31st. You may reach her at 254 541-7238. Doors open on event day at 10:45 a.m. for table judging and viewing the silent auction items. I hope to see you there!



CHAPLAIN – Shirley Stephenson

Ephesians 6:11-12 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- Gird yourself with truth
- Shield yourself with faith
- Protect yourself with God's Word
- Pray without ceasing

Thank you, Lord, for your gospel of peace and may we find rest in your strength!

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AWARDS CHAIR – Pamela Hatridge

TFRW recently published the majority of its requirements for 2024-25 awards. Included awards are Club Achievement Award, Americanism, Kay Bailey Hutchinson Leadership, Legacy Leadership, Best Newsletter, Most Improved Newsletter, 10 Outstanding, and Campaign Volunteer Award.

You can check these out by logging onto TFRW and going to Members, then selecting Awards from the drop downs presented. I will also have information available at upcoming meetings.

We are off to a good start on award responsibilities, and we will continue to work together throughout 2024-25 on this effort.



POLITICAL ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice

We should all be proud of 3024 hours of volunteer work reported for the first quarter of 2024! Our combined efforts do have an influence.

In addition to voting in local elections going on now and the national election in November, there are always opportunities to do more. Find a candidate and issues that are important for you to support and get involved. Consider poll watching, phone calls, block walking, being an election worker, etc. Volunteers do force change in leaders and policies.

Each of us finds different motivation for our political and community time commitments. Being the mom of an Iraq War veteran, keeping Americans safe and prosperous is a major concern for our country. That is one thing that motivates me. What motivates you?

Thanks again for all you do to make our communities great and our country the best!



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

Facebook is at the top of the social media game! It also tends to have a wider audience than other social media sites. Come join our Facebook page at Salado Area Republican Women and visit our website at www.saladoarearw.com Sharing postings on our Facebook with your friends and family helps us to extend our exposure to others who may be interested in SARW.

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NEVER FORGET

Wednesday night before the NFRW Legislative Day, members of the NFRW Board of Directors were invited to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. We were invited to screen raw footage from the October 7th Hamas attacks in Israel and to be briefed on the current situation. Most importantly, we were asked to be a witness and tell the story. Just as the world said, “Never Again,” and “Never Forget,” after the Holocaust, we must be the voice of our Jewish brothers and sisters as it is happening AGAIN.

I knew this would be heart-wrenching and very hard to watch. In my role as a Board Member of the Texas State School Safety Board, I have sat through some pretty awful and hard discussions. I knew this would be the same. Just as I believed it is my duty to sit through those hard school safety discussions to keep our school children in Texas safe, I felt it was my duty to be the witness to the atrocities of October 7, 2023. If my grandfather, as a 19-year-old sheep herder from New Mexico, could liberate the concentration camps of World War II, I could sit through 45 minutes of footage.

When we pulled up, demonstrators were outside with their bullhorns screaming at the Embassy and us. They had sirens and noisemakers on high volume that faced the Embassy, blaring 24 hours a day. It is interesting to note that these protestors were white, American, college-aged people. I am not sure they have ever even been to Israel. They had their ear protection on from the sirens, bull horns in one hand and their Starbucks in another. Yes, that’s right, you read that correctly, they had Starbucks in their hands. Do they know the privilege of getting a Starbucks or even food in this region? In the Embassy, the noise was deafening even with all doors and windows shut and at least 50 yards away from them. It is their right, and my grandfather helped guarantee that right. But I wondered, do they know their freedom of speech does not exist in most Muslim countries?

We could not bring any recording devices, including our phones, and were asked to sign an agreement that we would not distribute any photos or images seen that evening. The Israeli

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government is very careful about who screens and sees these images to protect the victims and their families, many of whom have not seen this footage of their loved ones. However, we were asked to tell the story.

The next few sentences are hard to read but please read them because we must be a witness and tell the world. The footage was taken from body cameras and cell phones of the Hamas terrorists and some closed-circuit cameras in homes. The terrorists kicked in doors of homes and shot families hiding under tables, threw grenades into safe rooms and cars, pulled passengers from cars to shoot them, set houses on fire and surrounded houses shooting inside. Victims were burned alive in their homes or shot when they retreated outside. Parents were killed in front of their crying and terrified children. Terrorists boldly ate from their victim's refrigerators after killing the entire household.

They dragged people from their homes of all ages, tied their hands, then threw them like animals in the back of trucks to be taken away as hostages. They brutally violated and maimed both live and dead victims. Those actions are just too hard to write about. They shouted "Allahu Akbar" as they maimed and killed, high-fiving each other, laughing and cheering while killing and destroying. One terrorist called his family to say he had killed 10. His parents cried with pride and praised Allah.

When the footage was over, we sat with the lights low for several minutes, absorbing what we had just witnessed. I said a silent prayer and wiped away a few tears as I thought of two boys, my son's age, I had just seen. The images of children in their Mickey Mouse pajamas and teenagers at a music concert burned in my head. When the lights came up, members of hostage families came in with the posters of their loved ones. Hostages from the ages of 1 to 80 were represented. Some knew where their loved ones were, and some did not. One woman who spoke was taken hostage with her family. She was released after 50 days; she does not know where her family is. They asked us to tell their story, and in my heart, I promised I would.

The Embassy officials took questions and asked us to remember three things:

- 1. We stand with Israel.**
- 2. Israel did not start this war.**
- 3. The hostages still held must be released.**

As our ladies descended onto Capitol Hill on Thursday, we were resolute in sharing this message with our lawmakers.

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At the end of the Embassy meeting, before leaving the room, we stood together, held hands, and said the Lord's Prayer. When we went back outside to leave, the chanting and screaming by protestors was even louder. Being Republican Women and Americans, we broke out into "God Bless America" to drown them out!

Never Forget, that's what the world said. Israel is under assault by Hamas. It was the largest killing of Jews in one day since the Holocaust. Memory and education are vital. WE must never forget, never give up, and tell the story. They attacked on Saturday; their next attack will be on Sunday.

I stand in support and solidarity with our valued friend and ally, Israel, and our Jewish brothers and sisters. Please join me.

#NeverForget #BringThemHomeNow

- Jill Tate, TFRW



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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MAY CTRW MEMBER NETWORKING LUNCH – May 13 – 11:00 a.m.

NEW LOCATION: Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander St. Belton

GUEST PRESENTER: Lt. Col. Jeffrey Addicott

RSVP required by May 9, 2024 - Email: rsvpctrw@gmail.com

**Lunch: Reservation required \$20/person cash/check or \$22 credit card
Must RSVP for lunch**

No Lunch: \$10/person cash/check or \$12 credit card

PREPAY: www.ctrw-pac.com/events

11:00 a.m. Registration/Network; 11:30: Call to Order

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AT HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE CALL OR
EMAIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING.**

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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

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