



May, 2022



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 4 – 6:30 p.m. SARW, Keep Texas Red, Main Street Social, 21 N. Main Street, Salado
Presenter: Bell County GOP Chairman Elect, Mack Latimer
No RSVP required. Come have a drink and talk politics.
- May 5 - 10:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer, Belton Courthouse
- May 5 – 6:00 p.m. – Pints and Politics, Deadfish Grill, Belton
- April 25 – May 3 – Early Voting for Local Election and State Constitutional Amendments
- May 7 - Local Election & Two State Constitutional Amendments
- May 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Central Texas Tea Party, Harris Community Center, Belton
- May 16 – 20 Early Voting for Run-Off Election
- May 24 Election day for Run-off Election
- May 25 - 11:00 a.m. – CTRW Meeting, The Gin
- June 7 - 15th Annual Fine China Luncheon, Tenroc Ranch, Blue Heron Room

SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN – FINE CHINA LUNCHEON

WHEN: JUNE 7

WHERE: TENROC RANCH, BLUE HERON ROOM
DOORS OPEN AT 10:45 A.M.

WHAT: SARW ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

PURCHASE TICKETS: - CONTACT BARCLAY MCCORT AT
barclaymccort@gmail.com or
254-760-4266 or

ONLINE

[SARW 15th Fine China Luncheon Tickets, Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

If our country ever needed prayer, now would be the time. Please join us on the Bell County Courthouse steps on Thursday, May 7th, at 10:00 a.m. for the National Day of Prayer. It is a time for all of us to come together and pray for our country and our leaders. I hope to see you there, as it is an incredibly special occasion.

We still have two elections that will be decided in May. Please be sure to go out and vote and take 10 of your closest friends. These two elections have historically low turnouts and that can mean that 10% of the population decides for the remaining 90%. You have a voice and you need to exercise it. Don't let someone else decide for you. Your vote counts!

If you aren't sure about what's on the ballot, let's get together on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Street Social. It will be an informal setting, lively conversation and it will all be guided by our own Bell County GOP Chairman, Elect, Mack Latimer. Just show up!

While we are generally all business, we do know how to have fun, and that will be evident at our Fine China Luncheon on June 7th. This fundraiser showcases a friendly competition, a silent auction and a style show. I am delighted that the President of the Texas Federation of Republican Women will be our guest. Let's show her a warm Salado welcome!

I appreciate each and every one of you. As always, thanks for everything you do to **Keep Texas Red!**

Brenda

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – Janice Morin

Lord, thank you for allowing us to live in this country. We are blessed to live in a place that lets us pray to you every day and speak freely. Thank you for the blessing that our country is for its citizens.

Lord, I ask that you continue to have your hand on our nation, and that you provide the leaders with the wisdom to guide us in the right direction. Lord, I pray that they do what is best for all the people in the country, that they continue to provide for the poor and downtrodden, and that they have the *patience* and discernment to do what is right. I also pray, Lord, for our country's safety. I ask that you bless the soldiers that guard our borders, serve overseas and are faced with danger. Please place your loving hand of protection over them. In Jesus' name I Pray. Amen.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS – Sherril Gardipee

We will not be having a May meeting in order to accommodate the **Fine China Luncheon on June 7**. **Note that we will be taking a short break for the summer and will not be having our monthly meetings in July and August.** Please join us for a special **Keep Texas Red on May 4 at 6:30 p.m., at Main Street Social, 21 North Main Street, Salado. No RSVP required.** Mack Latimer, Bell County Republican Chair, Elect, will lead a discussion. Come and enjoy an informal gathering.

Our **September 22 meeting** will feature Mary Jane Avery, SREC Senate District Representative, discussing political campaign methods. At our **general meeting on October 27** our tentative plans are to invite the candidates who won the Primary and will be running in the November election. Moving quickly through 2022 our **general meeting on November 17** will feature Renita Menyhert who will discuss her book entitled ***Army Life: Up Close and Personal***.

I am currently looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping plan our monthly meetings, selecting luncheon menus, serving food and general cleanup at the end of the meeting. I am opening this up to SARW members with the hopes of encouraging individuals who would like an opportunity to participate more than just attending the general meetings. If you are interested, please contact me at sherril.gardipee@gmail.com



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2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP – Brenda Keller

I want to thank everyone for helping to make this year's SARW membership drive a success. Our membership totals are holding steady at 71 Primary members and 40 Associate members for a total of 111 members. If anyone is wanting a copy of our membership list, it is available upon request. Thank you once again for helping to keep our organization growing. We appreciate all that you do.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF FUNDRAISING – Barclay McCort

Hello Everyone! We are about a month out from our famous Fine China Luncheon & Fundraiser. This is our BIG fundraiser of the year and proceeds allow us to fund civic, educational, military, and political campaigns. Currently one of their service projects is the Border Care Project providing needed supplies to the Border Agents. In addition, the club awards two scholarships annually.

Nancy Norris and I will still be taking silent auction items until Friday, June 3. Do NOT bring items the day of the auction, please. We will have 24 fabulous tables for you to view and to vote on for your favorite table. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, please contact me at barclaymccort@gmail.com or 254 760-4266 or to purchase online,

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Friday, June 3 is the ticket deadline. You won't want to miss this event! Pictures from last year's event are below. Additional information is available on our website: www.saladoarearw.com





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TREASURER – Diane Balady

Fine China Luncheon will be here before you know it. Coming in May, you will now be able to order and pay for your tickets online using Eventbrite. (See Barclay McCort’s article in the newsletter.) Due to rising costs for the event, tickets will now be \$40.00.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Hercules

Don’t sit this one out! On May 7 local political subdivisions, such as cities and school districts, have their regular general elections for members of their governing bodies or special elections to fill vacancies. Additionally, this May uniform election date will include proposed constitutional amendments passed by the Texas Legislature during its recent special sessions.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION No. 1

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION No.2

“The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.”

As we unite to **KEEP TEXAS RED**, knowing all roads to a better, brighter future for our republic could run through the Lone Star State, questions must be asked. Where are you? Are we using our position to its fullest potential? As individuals, we each have such opportunities. Each of us is placed somewhere in which we interact, directly or indirectly, with thousands of people. President Eisenhower famously said, “History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.”



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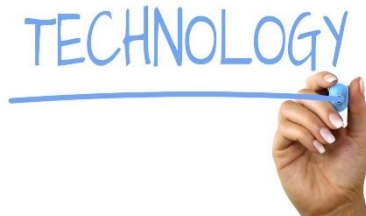
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES – Christie Justice

Total Salado Area Republican Women volunteer hours reported to TFRW for the first quarter of 2022 was 2098! Teamwork is a powerful tool.

We offered an award to the member with the most volunteer hours for the first quarter. That member was Kathy McLeod. Congratulations Kathy! Your lunch for our April meeting is complimentary. Keep up the great work.

Remember to keep track of your Political Activities and Community Service hours for the second quarter. A form is attached to the newsletter email to assist you in this effort. Forms will also be available at the April meeting. The next reporting period ends June 30th.

Thank you again for your ongoing efforts to **Keep Texas Red.**



TECHNOLOGY – Michele Melsha

Social media allows us the opportunity to share ideas and opinions with a far wider audience. It also permits us to get our message out without any filters. In the past, unless you spoke to people directly, you had no way to get your message across to such a large number of like-minded individuals. Now we have that capability. Social media has changed us and I feel it's for the better!

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Facebook: Salado Area Republican Women

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AMERICANISM/CARING FOR AMERICA – Kate McKinley



MAY 5, 2022

Governor Greg Abbott has declared May 5, 2022, as the Texas National Day of Prayer. Please attend our local event on the Bell County Courthouse steps at 10:00 a.m. on that same date. There will be a color guard, a reading of the Governor's Proclamation and a reading of the National Prayer. This is a special event that you will not want to miss.

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CENTRAL TEXAS REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Central Texas Republican Women will meet Monday, May 16, 2022, at The Gin, Belton, Texas. Registration: 11:00 am: Meeting called to order 11:30 am. Cost is \$20.00 per person. **RSVP is required.**

Anthony Triola (CW4, US Army Retired) will be our featured speaker.
His Topic: **“Putin’s Plan for America”**.

Anthony served as the Russian Ground Officer for the European Command as well as an adjunct professor of Russian History and Russian Military History at the Regional Joint Intelligence Training Facility, RAF Molesworth, England, from 2009 to 2012.

Anthony has been teaching Russian History at Senior University, Georgetown for the past four years and was sought after to support the Aerial Recovery Group in leading the Ukraine orphan rescue mission with timely Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) in order to provide indications and warning up to the moment of risk assessment, route clearance, and enemy front-line trace in order to keep rescue volunteers safe within the battlespace.

This will be our last meeting until August 15th. We will be briefly taking a short break for summer. Please Join us! **RSVP is required by Thursday, May 12, 2022**

You may Prepay through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/may-16-2022-ctrw-membership-luncheon-tickets-328089463417>

Additional information is available on our website: www.ctrw-pac.com

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HEADQUARTERS HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

9 am – Noon

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May 7, 2022 Election

Two Constitutional Amendments

Will post on Website & Hardcopy at Headquarters

Candidates running in School Board and Municipal Elections

BISD Bond Election

May 24, 2022 Runoff Election

Four Candidates will be on Runoff Election

Bios will be posted on Website and

Hardcopies at Headquarters

Six Contested Precinct Chair Races

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State Convention: June 16-18, 2022. Convening at 10 a.m.

June 16th at George R. Brown Convention Center

1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010

For more information on Texas Republican Convention visit:

<https://www.texasgop.org/convention/>

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2022 Dues - \$35
MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2022

Personal Information:

Title: (Check one): Mrs. ___ Miss ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___ Judge ___ Mr. ___ Other _____

First Name: _____ **Middle Name:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **St** _____ **Zip** _____

Name of spouse _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Work Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Required by law for PAC reporting

Check Membership Type: Primary ___ Associate ___ // **Renewal** ___ or **New Member** ___

A SARW 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 payable to: SARW, PAC; PO Box 373; Salado, TX 76571

SARW Information:

- 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

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