

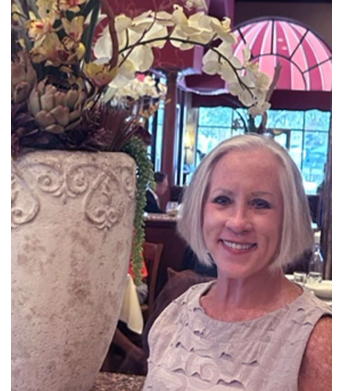


TRUNK TIMES

December, 2023 ~ Issue No. 10 ~ Donna Russell, Designer/Editor

Dear Members and Friends of SARW,

What a **great** year we had! Thanks to your efforts and participation, our membership has grown and we raised the most money ever at our fundraiser this fall so we are in a wonderful position to support our candidates in 2024.



Christine Nichol, SARW President

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We are planning to invite the candidates to speak at our February meeting so we can get to know them and help them with their campaigns. For our Christmas project this year, SARW is going to support the USO **again**. The group that we will be contributing to is the service men at USO Joint Base San Antonio - Ft Sam Houston. To participate, please bring a gift card with a cash value of \$25 or less to the December 14th general meeting. The USO suggested a VISA or Amazon card because most of the servicemen there are medical students and many don't have transportation to leave the base. Let's give these soldiers some Christmas Cheer! The new board is looking forward to next year. Please let us know of any speakers, topics or activities that you would like to see the Club pursue. We want to keep making San Antonio Republican Women informative, relevant and fun!

See you December 14th, Christine

NEWSLETTER TREASURE HUNT

In this month's issue, you will find words throughout the newsletter written in "**PINK**" write them all down (do not include the word PINK!) and find the correct phrase. Write that phrase and your name on a piece of paper and bring to **Donna Russell** as you arrive at the GM. If your answer is correct, you'll be entered into the drawing to choose a **jewelry treasure** (earrings, necklace or purse charm – only!) from our SARW jewelry table. **Happy Hunting!**

SARW 2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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Incoming 2024 SARW Officers

President – Christine Nichol
1st VP – Terry Carpenter
2nd VP – Sylvia Gartner
3rd VP – Susan Allick
Secretary – Lauretta Smith
Treasurer – Sandy Bush
Pac Treasurer – Jackie Fisher

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	OPEN
	Lauretta Smith (Acting) / lsmith1948@att.net

The “**Open**”
Committee Chairs
are available to
any member who
would like to
participate! Please
let us know if you
are interested!

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 14th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Anne Marie's, 12475 Starcrest
San Antonio, TX 78216



Special Guest Speakers



Thaddeus Cleveland
Sheriff of Terrell County, Texas



Kit Whitehill,
outgoing President of
Texas Federation
of Republican Women
will perform the induction of
the 2024 SARW Officers



Honorable Clayton H. Perry
will speak on CPS rate increases
and Workforce Training

Luncheon Cost: \$30.00

Please RSVP by December 12th

Purchase online at www.sarwclub.com

or pay at the door

call/text 210-410-7108

SARW CHRISTMAS PROJECT
We are donating to the USO
Please bring a \$25 (or less) Gift Card
to say "Thanks and Merry Christmas"
to a service member!



Calendar of Events

- 5th SARW Board Meeting
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- 11th Filing Deadline for Primary Candidates
10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- 14th SARW GENERAL MEETING
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Anne Marie's Event Center
12475 Starcrest
Meal Cost: \$30.00
RSVP (210) 410-7108
or [click HERE to RSVP online](#)
- 21st Statutory Ballot Drawing for 2024
Primary Candidates
6:00 – 9:00 am
Bexar GOP Headquarters
10300 Heritage Blvd, Suite 240
- 24st Christmas Eve
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st New Year's Eve



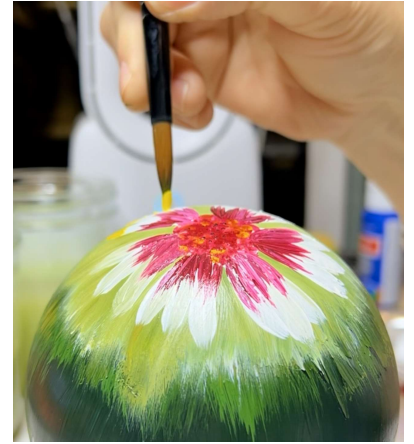
Mary Louise York – 7th
Debra Smith – 11th
Betty Eckert – 12th
Susan Bayne – 17th
Cynthia Smith – 19th
Alma Jackson – 24th
Kathy Beer – 30th

SAVE THE DATE!
TFRW Leadership Day
Saturday, January 27, 2024
More details to come!

SARW puts the San Antonio spirit of Christmas at the Capital!

This past October, Mark and Monica Dorazio asked SARW's very own Social Media Director, and local Artist, Donna Lent-Russell to paint an ornament with a design that encompasses House District 122. This area includes the Stone Oak Area, Hollywood Park, Hill Country Village, Shavano Park, Fair Oaks, Leon Springs Area, Helotes, Fiesta Texas, Floore's Country Store, Holiday Luminarias, and the Helotes Cornyval, (famous for their pig races), as well as several other iconic locations.

There are 150 districts in Texas, and each year, House members are invited to select a constituent, to imagine and create a visual representation of what makes their Texas House District special. The ornament will decorate a beautiful, Texas-grown Christmas tree that will stand in the House Chamber of the Texas Capital during the holiday season. This tradition is now in its 14th year. At the end of the holiday season, each ornament is taken down, carefully placed back in its box and stored in the state historical archives.



Prior to painting on the ornament, given to her by Monica, Donna decided to paint what she imagined onto a panel board, which she chose to gift to Monica and Mark when she presented the ornament. This helped her decide what would come to fruition on the actual ornament, as there was still so much to include.



As you will see, the 5" clear glass ball ornament (and painting) starts with the Leon Springs Dance Hall, which is now a part of history since it was torn down almost two years ago, January 2022. A White Tail Buck, stands tall representing the beautiful wildlife that run freely throughout the various areas such as Hollywood Park and Hill Country Village. Fiesta Texas is big and bright over the Texas sky, while everyone who's been there will recognize the historical olive colored antique truck parked in front of Floore's Country Store. Ending with the annual family fun event, "Cornyval" with a pig race underway, one shown representing his district! The lower half gives credit to the Holiday Luminarias, while the entire design is framed with Texas Mesquites, and a beautiful Indian Paintbrush flower, native to the area, completes the ornament in majestic beauty. The ornament itself is filled with tiny lights providing an internal glow, which represents the light of our city.

This ornament is sure to shine bright while adorning the State Capital Christmas Tree. If you visit the Capital this month, be sure to check out the tree to see if you can find it!





HOW TO HELP SENIORS ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

There are simple ways you **can** support an aging loved one you know and help seniors enjoy the holidays a little more this year. For most, the holidays bring feelings of joy, anticipation & excitement. Spending time with friends and family attending holiday gatherings and exchanging gifts all symbolize the season of goodwill. However, close to 18 million seniors live alone. Many often struggle with grief over the loss of a loved one, sadness, confusion and isolation, especially if they do not have family close by. This can bring on the holiday blues and **make** it difficult for seniors to enjoy this time of the year. Whether it's an aging parent, friend or neighbor, there are simple ways you can help seniors enjoy the holiday a little more this year.

BE A COMPANION. Make it a point to visit and spend time with a senior(s) loved one. Participate in an activity, play their favorite game or ask them to tell you about their life. You can give a puzzle with the grand-great grand kids pictures on it. Make a Family Tree by printing out pictures of family and relatives & create a Family Photo Tree! Go to Tapestry Family Tree (thetapestree.com) or Simple Shapes Family Tree Wall Decal (\$99), at Amazon.com. Storytelling and memory sharing is a great way to lift a senior's spirit and important to the aging process. Listen to music, take them to a movie, play or out for dinner. You can also help them Skype. Zoom or Facetime so they can visit with out of town family or friends.

BE A CHEF. Prepare one of their favorite meals and stay to visit. Invite them to your home and help prepare a dinner with family and friends. Make a favorite recipe together. Family members need to include their loved one(s) and let them help with placing the table (for Memory patients...let them fold napkins, place silverware (with assistance if needed), be part of watching the cooking for the holiday meal(s).

BE A HOME HELPER. For some senior, housework can be difficult due to their mobility. Helping them around the house by cleaning, decluttering and picking up anything on the floor that could be a tripping hazard to ensure their safety. Help with yard work, if needed getting the outdoor Christmas decorations ready. (Keep it simple)

BE A CHAUFFEUR. About one in five seniors over the age of 75 **do** not drive. Offer to take them to the store, movies, doctor appointments, dental check ups and eye exams. If possible help take them to their senior center, volunteer opportunities and holiday events so they feel comfortable knowing there is someone to safely transport them...quality time.

BE SANTA'S LITTLE ELF. Help with setting up and decorating their Christmas tree or helping with putting ornaments on the tree. Help decorate their living area, or help with gift wrapping and write /mail their holiday cards. Make holiday cookies together.

The holidays can get busy, hectic and overwhelming for all of us. It's important to remember what the holidays are all about—a season of peace, joy and giving! Remember the aging senior in your life. Just by spending time with them you can help them have a happy and joyous holiday!

Merry Christmas/Hanukkah to All!
Keep Christ in your heart!!

Brenda Dever-Armstrong, CEO/Owner/
CSA The Next Horizon Seniors & Military
Advocate/Resources/Services/Locator,
www.nexthorizonlocators.com

EVENTS

Out & About



Sylvia Gartner attends TFRW Christmas reception at the Governor's Mansion in Austin



Marty Carpenter and her daughter, Linda, at the "Missing Man" ceremony at Westwood Terrace Elementary School



Susan Allick, Terry Carpenter, Christine Nichol, Sylvia Gartner and Mary Louise York, attend the Greater San Antonio Council meeting at Anne Marie's



Gale Sayers with Grant Moody, County Commissioner Pct 3 Campaign Kickoff



Sandra Murphy, Linda Holland, Christine Nichol, Sylvia Gartner and Jacqueline Fisher attend the fundraiser for Donna Campbell at Club Giraud



Diana Ridgway attends the South Texas CattleWomen Association Event

EVENTS

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Cynthia Smith performs with the San Antonio Mastersingers at the Andrea Bocelli Concert



Betty Eckert and Gerri Peters at Olmos Park Terrace NA supporting Town & Country Optimist Thanksgiving Pie Sale.



Sandy Bush dresses up for Halloween as her husband, Charlie's twin brother!

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Jackie Fisher, Sylvia Gartner,
Linda Holland, Sylvia Lent,
Sandra Murphy,
Mary Louise York, Dessie Bang,
Kathy Zurlo, Donna Lent-Russell,
and Paula Moore
Attend the Women's Club of San
Antonio Christmas Luncheon at
the Woodward Mansion in
San Antonio.



Sylvia Lent (bottom row) and Donna Lent-Russell attend the Green Thumb Garden
Club of Uvalde Christmas Luncheon at The Laurel Tree in Utopia, TX.

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BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership for 2024, NOW IS THE TIME! We are currently compiling a directory listing of members and their contact information. Don't be left out!

Being a member provides an opportunity to build relationships with "like-minded" people! It is also having the ability to stay informed about current political events and elections. As a member, should you like to become involved, there are many things that count as "Volunteering", such as:

- Campaign Activities
- Block Walking
- Phone Banking
- Campaign events (forums, fundraisers, rallies)
- Poll Greeting
- Government Activism
- Legislative advocacy & local government advocacy
- Petitioning
- Sending Emails, faxes, etc.
- Participating in Club Activities

Membership Levels Available:

Active Membership or Renewals \$30.00

Active members receive all privileges of membership and may be asked to assist with volunteer work and fundraising.

Associate Membership \$25.00

Associate membership is for women who are active members of another Republican club affiliated with the TFRW or men associated with the Republican Party.

Young Affiliate \$25.00

Young affiliate membership is for young women between the ages of thirteen and seventeen, and may serve on committees.

You may join at one of our monthly meetings, or go online (www.sarwclub.com) and process a membership form and payment, or mail a check. If you mail a check, please make checks payable to: **San Antonio Republican Women**. A membership form is available on the next page for your convenience.

Mail to:
San Antonio Republican Women
Treasurer
PO Box 700523
San Antonio, Texas 78270



JOIN NOW

Join Today!

San Antonio Republican Women Membership Form

Date _____

Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Spouse (if applicable)

Address _____

City _____

Texas

Zip _____

Birth date: _____

Month & Day

Home Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

SD _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Required for TFRW

Required information for PAC reporting

Membership

Active : \$30 (a woman whose primary club is SARW-- Voting member)

Associate - \$25 (a woman whose primary club is another Republican Women's club, or any man)

What is your primary club? _____

Young Affiliate - \$25 (a young woman age 13 through 17)

I would like to volunteer

Optional

SARW Magnetic Nametag - \$6 - Desired Name on Nametag _____

Mail your form and check to: SARW P.O. Box 700523, San Antonio, Texas 78270-0523

Please make check payable to: SARW

You may also fill out this form and payonline (at no extra cost) at: www.sarwclub.com

For Questions: Call Vicki Durst, 3rd VP Membership at 210-831-9342

SARW is a member of the Texas Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women

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General Meetings

Every Second Thursday
of the month
January-May & September-December
at Anne Marie's
12475 Starcrest Dr.
SA, TX 78216
11:00am -1:00pm
(No meetings, June, July and August)
For more information email
sarwclub@yahoo.com

[Contact Us / click here to send us an email](#)

San Antonio Republican Women
PO Box 700523

Want to know the latest and greatest? Check out our website daily to learn of upcoming events for the current month or reach out to our editor for an article or photos you'd like to submit!

It is kept up-to-date with current information, including this new edition of the SARW Newsletter, "Trunk Times"! Find out who will be speaking at our next monthly meeting, read about the club's history and what we are about, as well as have the ability to log your volunteer hours directly through our website.

This website is about keeping our organization together and informed! We wish you the best and hope you enjoy your visit!

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!
REPUBLICAN vs DEMOCRAT

✓	Small Business Job Creation	X
✓	Religious Freedom	X
✓	School Choice	X
✓	Protecting the Unborn	X
✓	Lower Taxes	X
✓	Border Security & Fighting Crime On The Border	X

National Platform Comparison