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SARW ~ ISSUE #3

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Dear SARW Members and Friends,

I hope your holidays were merry and bright - and warm!

We are kicking off 2023 with some exciting activities. On Friday, January 6th, we will get together to call and send postcards to our Representatives requesting that they vote to award committee chairmanships to the majority party. This is a priority of the Republican Party of Texas and 81% of Republican primary voters voted in favor of this rule. Please come to Bexar County GOP headquarters from 1:00-4:00 to help with this project, they are located at 10300 Heritage, San Antonio, TX.



Christine Nichol, SARW President

Then, on Tuesday, January 10th, we've chartered a motorcoach to go to Austin for opening day of Texas' 88th legislature. Our member Jeannine Owens, a retired professional tour guide, has graciously offered to be our guide for the day. She has guided groups through the Capitol during legislative sessions many times and her expertise will make the trip especially interesting and informative. Our Representatives Mark Dorazio, Steve Allison and John Lujan know that we will be there and will visit their offices after the swearing in ceremony to show our support. Let's fill the bus!

Thursday, January 12th is our first General Meeting at our new venue, Anne Marie's, 12475 Starcrest. I believe we are going to love our new "home". Check your email and the newsletter or call 210-410-7108 for further details on these activities. Most of all, please put them on your calendar and be there.

All this and it's only January! There is lots more to come this year as candidates announce for City Council and proposed city charter changes come to light. So, stay tuned. Please renew your SARW membership, invite your friends to join us, and let's get together to have fun and get things done in 2023. See you soon,

~Christine

SARW 2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President	Christine Nichol / Christine.Nichol@sbcglobal.net
1st VP Programs	Dessie Bang / dessie.bang@gmail.com
2nd VP Ways & Means	Terry Carpenter / tr_carpenter@sbcglobal.net
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Secretary	Gabrielle Miglis / Gabrielle.domenge@gmail.com
Treasurer General	Michelle Lowe / saga_michelle1@yahoo.com
Treasurer PAC	Jackie Fisher / Richard_fisher@sbcglobal.net
Immediate Past President	Diana Ridgway / ridgwaydiana@gmail.com

Appointed Officers and Board Members

Campaign Chair	Dawn Baamonde / 1sascootergirl@gmail.com
Chaplain	Gabrielle Miglis / Gabrielle.domenge@gmail.com
Corresponding Secretary	Sylvia Gartner / smgartner@hotmail.com
Legislative Chair	Paula Moore / Pacmo43@aol.com
Parliamentarian	Marty Carpenter / marty110@att.net
Director of Social Media	Donna Russell / sarwclub@yahoo.com

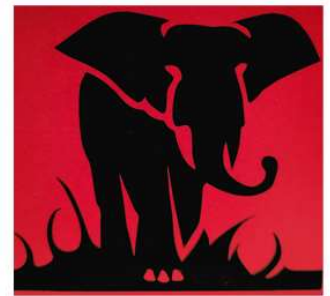
Appointed Standing Committee Chairs

Americanism	Lee Allen / sadlstar@aol.com
Awards	Cynthia Smith / Cynthia@cdsmithlaw.com
Bylaws	Sandy Bush / Skbush@gvtc.com
Caring for America	OPEN
College Outreach	OPEN
Decorations	Kathy Zurlo / Kathleenszurlo@yahoo.com
Handbook	Sandy Bush / Skbush@gvtc.com
Historian	OPEN
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Scholarship	Cappy Davidson
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Women's Health	Gabrielle Miglis / Gabrielle.domenge@gmail.com

The "**Open**"
Committee Chairs
are available to
anyone who
would like to
participate! Please
let us know if you
are interested!



San Antonio Republican Women
GENERAL MEETING



THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216



Special Guest Speakers

**Angie Lemmons & Jeanne Powell
with Texans for Vaccine Choice**



Angie Lemmons



Jeanne Powell

**The Deadline Date for all ticket purchases is
12:00 Noon - Monday, January 9, 2023**

Luncheon Cost: \$30.00 at the door (must be pre-registered) / \$33.00 register & pay online

To Pre-register (cash or check only):

Call or Text - 210-410-7108

Register & Pay Online:

Please visit: www.sarwclub.com
and follow the instructions online to
ensure that your reservation is
successfully received.



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January

2023

Friday, January 6th

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - "BAN DEM CHAIRS" – Calling our Representatives!

Meet at Bexar County GOP Headquarters located at 10300 Heritage

Saturday, January 7th

SARW 2023 Officers and Committee Chairs Workshop

10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Little Italy restaurant, 824 Afterglow, San Antonio, TX.

Tuesday, January 10th



AWESOME AUSTIN ADVENTURE

Motorcoach to Austin for opening day of Texas' 88th Legislature

8:00 am – Depart from the Bexar County GOP Headquarters
located at 10300 Heritage

5:00 PM – Return to San Antonio

Thursday, January 12th



SARW General Meeting

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – NEW LOCATION: Anne Marie's, 12475
Starcrest, SA, TX 78216

Wednesday, January 25th



Deadline Date for Article Submissions for FEBRUARY Newsletter!

Please email Donna Russell at sarwclub@yahoo.com

sarwclub.com

If you haven't visited the sarwclub.com yet, we highly recommend it! 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 having the ability to log your volunteer hours directly through our website! If you have any photo's from events to share, there is even a spot to click to submit your photo's. This website is about keeping our organization together and informed! We hope you enjoy your visit!



Log Your Hours WEEKLY!

HOME ABOUT US NOVEMBER GM / PAST EVENTS HISTORY/LINKS PHOTOS MEMBERSHIP

See drop-down menu for more Events & Meeting Info!

San Antonio Republican Women

GENERAL MEETINGS
Every Second Thursday of the month
January-May / September-December
11:00am - 1:00pm
(No meetings June, July and August)
Old San Francisco Steak House
10223 Natura, San Antonio, TX
For more information email
sarwclub@yahoo.com
[Click Here](#) to make reservations for the November General Meeting.
[Click Here](#) for October GM slide show

SARW's Honorees at the TFRW

The SARW Brochure

[Log Your Volunteer Hours HERE!](#)

COMING SOON!
The SARW Newsletter

Join our NEW Facebook Page!

Visit the Republican Party of Bexar County

SARW Fall Spectacular ~ Event Photos

Early Voting is:
10-24-22 through 11-4-22

Vote

[Click Here to see the 2022 Sample Ballot](#)

SARW 2022 Officers
President - Christine Nichol
1st VP Programs - Charlotte Polson
2nd VP Ways & Means - Kathy Beer
3rd VP Membership - Vicki Durst
Secretary - Gabrielle Miglia
Treasurer General - Toya Turner
Treasurer PAC - Jackie Fisher
Legislative Chair - Paula Moore
Immediate Past President - Diana Ridgway
Director of Social Media - Donna Lent-Russell

General Meetings

History / Links

Upcoming Events

Who We Are

Photo Gallery

Membership

Volunteer

Become Part of this Amazing Group!

While there are many reasons to join our organization one of the most important reasons is that it 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

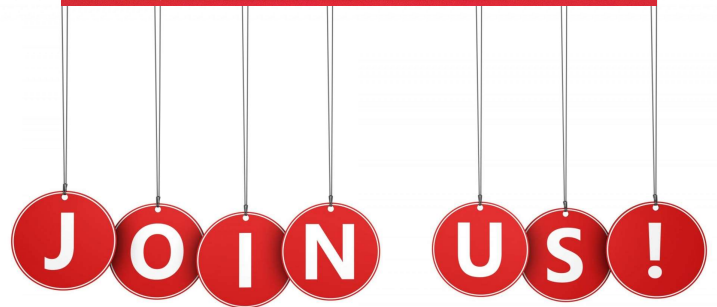
Associate membership is for women who are active members of another Republican club affiliated with the TFRW or men associated with the Republican Party.

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

Call Vicki Durst, 3rd VP Membership at 210-831-9342 or

Toya Turner, Treasurer at 210-485-8548 if you have any questions.

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

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CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME
PURPOSES CONTRIBUTIONS CORPORATION, LABOR UNIONS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE PROHIBITED.**

EVENTS

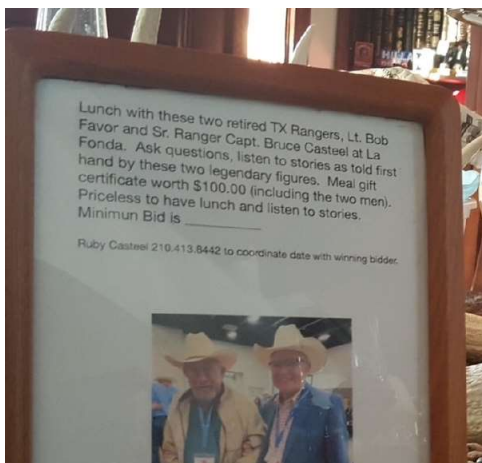
Out & About



Congressman Chip Roy, Dawn Baamonde and Bexar County GOP Chairman Jeff McManus at Red Line Conservative's Republican Roundtable.



SARW Christmas Luncheon & Installation of Officers by guest speaker, Trey Ware.



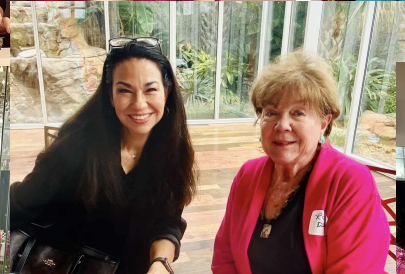
Charlie and Sandy Bush at Texas Rangers Luncheon. Sr. Ranger Capt. Bruce Casteel, Ranger Lt. Bob Favor and Ranger Tommy Ratliff.



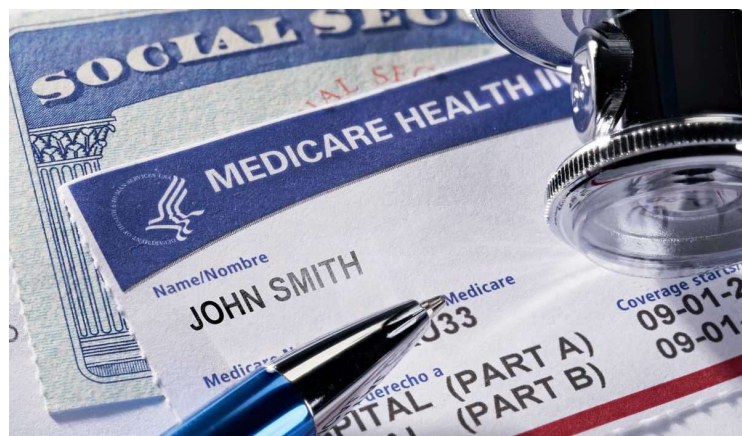
Sylvia Gartner, Marty Carpenter and Christine Nichol visited a local school and donated 96 dictionaries to 3rd graders at Westwood Terrace Elementary. These "Student Dictionaries" provided much more than just definitions, but also included brief write-ups about each state, maps of the US and world maps.

EVENTS

GM PHOTOS



HOW MEDICARE BENEFITS ARE CHANGING FOR 2023



Changes for 2023 include premium & deductible increases for Part A, lower rates for Part B, and better Part D coverage due to the Inflation Reduction Act.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- The Standard Part B premium is decreasing to \$164.90 for 2023.
- The Part B deductible is also decreasing to \$226 in 2023.
- Part A premiums, deductible and coinsurance are all increasing for 2023.
- The income brackets for high-income premium adjustments for Medicare Part B and D will start at \$97,000 in 2023 (up from \$91,000 in 2022).
- Medicare Advantage enrollment is expected to continue to increase in 2023 and average premiums are decreasing.
- Kidney transplant recipients can keep limited Part B coverage for life, to cover immunosuppressive drugs (full Part B ends 36 months post-transplant).
- The maximum allowable out of pocket cap for Medicare Advantage plans is increasing to \$88,300 in 2023 (but most plans have lower out-of-pocket caps).
- Part D donut hole no longer exists, but a standard plan's maximum deductible will increase to \$505 in 2023, and the threshold for entering the catastrophic coverage phase (where out of pocket spending decreases significantly) will increase to \$7,400. But the Inflation Reduction Act will ensure that Part D enrollees no longer have to pay for covered vaccines, and will have access to insulin for no more than \$35/month.

There are changes to Original Medicare cost-sharing and premiums, the high-income brackets and more.

- The standard premium for Medicare Part B is \$170.10/month in 2022, BUT it's decreasing to \$164.90/month in 2023. This is the first year-over-year decrease since 2012. Since Medicare Part B spending was lower than expected in 2022, it left a surplus that is being used to decrease premiums for 2023.

We always tell individuals to check with your current medical provider, review their increases/decreases and any additional medical care that may be added for 2023. How is your health? Better than 2022 or needing more health care? Many individuals are better to go straight Medicare and look at a Secondary Insurance policy – but again, the Advantage Plans are offering so much more and the enrollment in the Advantage Plans has been steadily growing for more than 15 years, outpacing overall Medicare enrollment growth.

For more information on Medicare Benefits for 2023, go to: www.medicare.gov.

Brenda Dever-Armstrong,
CEO/Owner/CSA
The Next Horizon Seniors & Military
Advocate/Healthcare/Resources/Services/Placement



TEXAS FEDERATION
of
Republican Women

TFRW 2023 Board Meetings:

Feb 3 - Legislative Day

Feb 4 - 1st Quarter Board Meeting / AT&T Center, Austin, TX

April 15 - 2nd Quarter Board Meeting / Sheraton, Georgetown, TX

July 15 - 3rd Quarter Board Meeting / Courtyard by Marriott,
Austin-Pflugerville

TFRW 2023 CONVENTION:

October 12-14 ~ Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX

NFRW 2023 CONVENTION:

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 ~ Oklahoma City, OK