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www.sarwclub.com

Hello SARW Members, Associates & Friends!

I hope you stayed warm during our recent winter weather and maybe enjoyed a cozy moment by your fireplace. But now, the rest is over — it's almost time for the March 3rd primary elections! We need to be informed voters and spread the word to friends and neighbors. If we can get Republicans to the polls, we can win important local and state elections. Our opponents are energized, and we must be just as fired up.

Candidates will be at our February 12th meeting. Bring a friend and take the opportunity to speak with and get to know the candidates before and after the meeting. Representative Mark Dorazio will be speaking about his gold and silver bill, which has passed both the House and Senate and been signed by the Governor. This bill allows Texans to establish a currency system backed by gold and silver. It's an amazing concept, and multiple states are now working to implement similar legislation.

To close on a fun note, February is the *San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo*. Let's continue our tradition of "Western wear optional" at our meeting. It's always a joy to see everyone's Rodeo and Western outfits!

See you soon!
Christine



Christine Nichol, SARW President

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Interested in Getting Involved?

We're always looking for passionate individuals to join our leadership team. If you're interested in any open positions, please reach out to the board directly.

New Chairs are especially welcome—we value fresh ideas, different experiences, and new energy to help shape the future of our organization.
Your voice matters, and we'd love to hear it.

GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY ~ FEBRUARY 12, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216

Special Guest Speaker



**Rep. Mark Dorazio,
Texas House District 122**

Mark will be speaking about his gold bill
that has been signed by Governor Abbott

Luncheon Cost: \$40.00

RSVP by 12:00pm ~ February 10, 2026

**RSVP and purchase online at: www.sarwclub.com
or call/text 210.867-4412 to RSVP and pay at the door**



Kris Coons, Chair, Republican
Party of Bexar County will be
speaking on the upcoming
RPT Convention.



February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				SARW 2-12-26 Luncheon Anne Marie's 11am – 1pm / \$40pp Precinct Chair Training 2-12-26 618 NW Loop 410, Suite 207 6-8 pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day	First Day Of Early Voting				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Last Day Of Early Voting for Primary Election	Special CEC Meeting 4pm – 6pm 2216 NW Military Hwy San Antonio, TX 78213

Happy Birthday

Ester Cantu

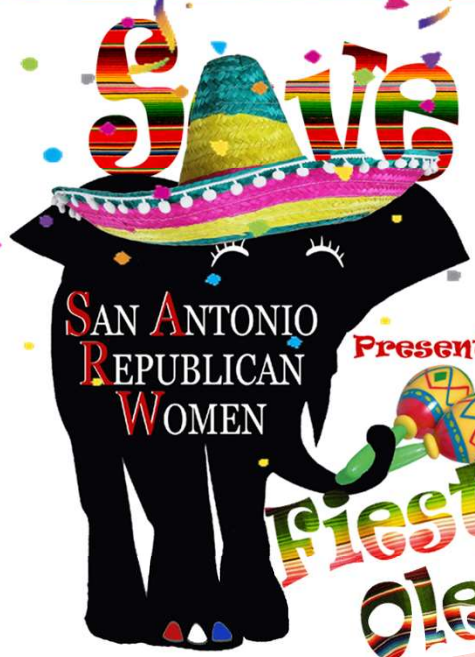
Christina Fierro

Donna Legendre-Hofmann

Elsa Ezell

Anne Santos

Charlie Bush



Save The Date!

SARW's 3rd Annual FIESTA OLE'

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

6:00 - 9:00 PM

THE QUARRY GOLF CLUB

444 E. Basse Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209



Please mark your
Calendar!

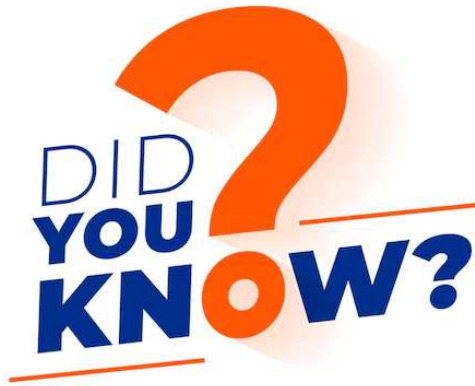
Your Fiesta Ole' Committee is
still
working out the details, but we
have a date and a location!

More information
to come soon!

2025 Fiesta Ole'
Commemorative Art Piece
Won by Neil Smith!

New 2026 Art Piece
is in the works!





BEXAR
COUNTY TX
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT



Click link below to visit:

<https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department>

Bexar County Elections has not yet sent out our new Voter Registration Certificates. The old ones expired 12/31/25.

The new Voter Registration Certificates will confirm which Congressional District (CD) you are in. Many of us now have different CD's as a result of redistricting. Districts 21, 23 and 35 have changed. This could lead to confusion at voting time and you could find that your ballot has CD candidates that you are not familiar with.

To confirm the Congressional District that you will be voting in, go to the Bexar County website. There, you will see election information on the first page. Click on the box that says "Who Represents Me/Precinct Finder". Then, click on "Find Precinct" and then "Sample Ballot". The sample ballot for your precinct will show your Congressional District and the candidates.

This little exercise will make sure that you get informed about the right Congressional candidate!

~Christine

Did You Know?

GOVERNOR:	The governor is the head of the executive branch of the government of Texas and is the commander-in-chief of the Texas Military Forces. Established in the Constitution of Texas, the governor's responsibilities include ensuring the enforcement of state laws, the power to either approve or veto bills passed by the TX Legislature, overseeing state agencies, issuing executive orders, proposing and overseeing the state budget, and making key appointments to state offices. The governor also has the power to call special sessions of the legislature and, with the recommendation of the TX Board of Pardons and Paroles, grant pardons.
Lt. GOVERNOR:	The lieutenant governor serves as the first person in the gubernatorial line of succession, as an ex officio member of several state boards, and as the president of the TX Senate. Unlike most lieutenant governors in the U.S., the lieutenant governor of Texas plays an active role in running the chamber. By the rules of the Senate, the lieutenant governor establishes all special and standing committees, appoints all chairpersons and members, and assigns all Senate legislation to the committee of his choice. The lieutenant governor decides all questions of parliamentary procedure in the Senate and has broad discretion in following Senate procedural rules.
ATTORNEY GENERAL:	As the state's top law enforcement officer, the AG leads more than 4,000 employees in 38 divisions and 117 offices around Texas. That includes nearly 750 attorneys, who handle more than 30,000 cases annually – enforcing child support orders, protecting Texans against consumer fraud, enforcing open government laws, providing legal advice to state officials, and representing the state
COMPTROLLER:	The Texas Comptroller's office was originally created by the Texas provisional government in 1835. The Comptroller is the chief steward of the state's finances, acting as tax collector, chief accountant, chief revenue estimator and chief treasurer for all of state government, in addition to administering a number of other programs.
GENERAL LAND OFFICE	Established in 1836, the GLO is the oldest existing Texas public agency established to manage the public domain. With STATEHOOD in 1845, Texas kept control of all public lands from its time as a sovereign Republic, making it the only state to control its own public lands as well as tidelands three marine leagues (10.3 miles) into the Gulf of Mexico. Texas set aside 50% of public lands to establish a PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND (PSF) to help finance public schools. Over the next century, deposits from land sales were a huge source of revenue. Only interest from the PSF could be spent and apportioned among the state's public schools. Today, the GLO serves school children, the Veterans Land Board, State Veteran Cemeteries & Homes, and is leading the development of renewable energy on state land as a sustainable source of revenue for the PSF. The GLO also assumed management of the Alamo in 2011.
AGRICULTURE:	The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is a state agency which is responsible for matters pertaining to agriculture, rural community affairs, and related matters. There are a total of 230,662 farms in Texas alone, 389 farms are USDA certified organic farms. There are about 125.5 million acres of farmland , 89% of Texas farms are operated by families and individuals. About 6% of farms are operated by partnerships along with 4% of farms being operated by corporation
RAILROAD:	In 1850, Bexar Co was the first of many counties in Texas to issue bonds to railway companies to encourage settlement. In 1852, Texas granted railroad companies incentives: 8 sections of land for every mile of completed road. Those subsidies along with the use of money from public funds at low interest rates resulted in railroads booming. In 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas was created for oversight of 17,000 miles of track until establishment of the Federal Railroad Adm. in 1970. However, the RRC of TX had evolved over the years beyond "railroads" into the principal regulatory agency of other public domain industries: • 1917 -- Oil & Gas Pipelines • 1920 -- Gas Utilities & Pipeline Safety • 1927 -- Motor Carriers & Buses • 1939 -- Liquefied Petroleum Gas • 1976 -- TX Surface Mining & Reclamation

Thank You Suzie Bayne for this important information!

SARW greatly appreciates our member support
by stopping by and shopping our Gift Items & Jewelry Table!
All items are greatly discounted and are available at each monthly Luncheon!
Stop by and say "Hi" to our hard-working members, Sylvia Lent & Lori Langelier.





Advertising Opportunities are now available in the SARW Monthly Newsletter!

Reasons to advertise with us:

- Cost effective
- Direct Link to your website from our digital newsletter
- Get your name and message seen by a large book of members
- Low-cost opportunities to save on additional website advertising linking your business and/or platform.



Contact us today to learn more!

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EVENTS

January 2026 SARW GM Luncheon



Will You Be My "SARW" Valentine?

It's Time to JOIN or RENEW your Membership!

Yearly dues \$50.00 Payable online
www.sarwclub.com or at our meeting.

Invite a friend and help SARW GROW!

Questions: Sylvia at (210) 286-7609



SARW gals attend the Melania movie and enjoy a collector's bucket of popcorn.



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SARW MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP!

It's Time to JOIN or RENEW your Membership.
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Invite a friend & help us GROW!
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January 2026 SARW GM Luncheon



SARW members Volunteer and attend the RPBC CD 21 Candidate Forum at the Norris Conference Center.



SARW members attend a Candidate Meet & Greet.





FERN BURKE SCHOLARSHIP

In May of each year, the San Antonio Republican Women's club grants the Fern Burke Scholarship fund of \$1000 to a high school senior.

The scholarship is named in honor of Fern Burke, Club President 1996-1998, In recognition of her outstanding involvement and passion for GOP principles and Programs.

SARW grants the scholarship based the following criteria:

- Grades
- SAT/ACT scores
- An essay submission
- involvement in any honors class participation
- school award(s) received
- school activities
- school academic recommendations
- character references
- Volunteer work and activities
- Republican Party activities.

The recipient is selected by the Scholarship Committee.

The application deadline is March 31st of every year.

Please mail the completed application to:

SARW

ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PO BOX 700523

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78270-0523

Thank you for your participation!

For more information or to file electronically, please visit:

www.sarwclub.com



San Antonio Republican Women
P.O. Box 700523 San Antonio TX, 78270
www.sarwclub.com

SARW FERN BURKE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Grades: _____

SAT/ACT SCORES: _____

Honors Class Participation: _____

School Awards Received: _____

School Activities: _____

One Page Essay: "Why I Love America" (please attach document)

Academic Recommendations: _____

Character References: _____

Volunteer Work: _____

Any Republican Party/Conservative Activities: _____

Do you consider yourself a Republican/Conservative? _____

Have you applied to any colleges/universities and/or been accepted? If so, to which?

Signature of Applicant

Date

SARW Membership



RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Membership Levels Available:

Active Membership or Renewals \$40.00

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

Associate Membership \$30.00

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



San Antonio Republican Women

Date: _____

P.O. Box 700523, San Antonio, TX 78270

www.sarwclub.com

SARW Membership Form

Name: _____, _____, _____ Spouse (if applicable): _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

City: _____, TX Zip _____ - _____ Birth date: _____
Month & Day

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

SARW Newsletter will be sent via email, unless you do not have email. Special accommodations can be made, please ask.

Occupation _____ Employer _____
Required information for PAC reporting

or Retiree of _____

Senate District (SD) # _____ Congressional District (CD) # _____ Precinct # _____

Are you a Registered Voter? YES _____ NO _____

Membership: New or Renewal (circle one and then select one of the three membership types below)

_____ **-Primary \$40** (a woman whose primary club is SARW — voting member)

_____ **-Associate - \$30** (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 aged 13 through 17)

_____ **SARW Magnetic Name Tag - \$6.** Desired Name on Name Tag: _____

Referred by: _____

Please make checks payable to: SARW

Mail to: SARW, P.O. 700523, San Antonio, TX 78270-0523

For Information Contact: Sylvia Gartner, VP Membership (210)286-7609

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)

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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



Religious
Freedom



School Choice



Protecting the
Unborn



Lower Taxes



Border Security &
Fighting Crime
On The Border



National Platform Comparison