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Dear Members and Friends of SARW,

Wow! Can you believe we are in the final stretch of this historic election cycle? So many SARW ladies have been supporting our candidates through block walking, working at GOP headquarters, phone banking, attending meet & greets and fundraisers, and other volunteer activities.

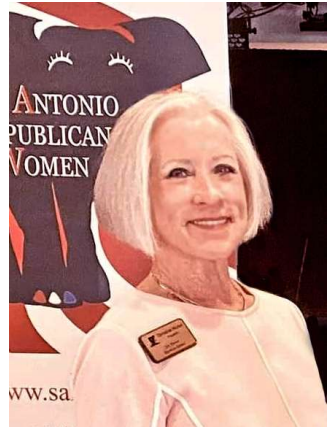
You are amazing and encouraging. Thank you all for representing our club in so many ways. We must keep up the good fight.

If you think you have “election fatigue”, imagine how the candidates must feel. Let’s continue what we’re doing and also help in some way at the voting locations when early voting starts. I have sign-holding down to a fine art and it can be fun!!

Most of all, VOTE. And get everyone you know to vote. All the way down the ballot. That is absolutely how we can make the most difference. Of course God is in control, but He needs happy warriors with boots on the ground.

Thanks again for all you do and will continue to do.

Christine



*Christine Nichol,
SARW President*



SARW 2024 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President	Christine Nichol / Christine.Nichol@sbcglobal.net
1st VP Programs	OPEN
2nd VP Ways & Means	Sylvia Gartner / smgartner@hotmail.com
3rd VP Membership	Susan Allick / allicksm@flash.net
Secretary	Lauretta Smith / lsmith1948@att.net
Treasurer General	Sandy Bush / skbush@gvtc.com
Treasurer PAC	Jackie Fisher / Richard_fisher@sbcglobal.net
Immediate Past President	Diana Ridgway / ridgwaydiana@gmail.com

Appointed Officers and Board Members

Campaign Chair	Naomi Narvaiz / naomi@narvaiz.us
Chaplain	Susan Allick / allicksm@flash.net
Corresponding Secretary	Cynthia Struse / cynelson41@gmail.com
Legislative Chair	Pamela Millisor / pmillisor3@gmail.com
Parliamentarian	Marty Carpenter / marty110@att.net
Director of Social Media	Donna Russell / sarwclub@yahoo.com
Internal Reviewer	Marty Carpenter / marty110@att.net

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	Kate Blair / kathleenB0424@gmail.com
College Outreach	Selena Brooks / selenabrooks68@gmail.com
Decorations	Kathy Zurlo / Kathleenszurlo@yahoo.com
Handbook	Sandy Bush / Skbush@gvtc.com
Historian	OPEN
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Jewelry	Gerri Peters / Gerripeters13@gmail.com
	Donna Armstrong / Alamodonna61@gmail.com
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Photographer	Mary Louise York / marylouise402@gmail.com
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Senior Americans	Brenda Armstrong / deverb@att.net
Telephone	Sandra Murphy / smurphymit@yahoo.com
	Linda Holland / linda_22333@satx.rr.com
Voter Registration	OPEN
Women's Health	

2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, **Pam Millisor**, has reported the following nominees for **SARW 2025 Officers:**

President:
Christine Nichols

1st VP Programs:
Sherry Braslau

2nd VP Ways and Means:
Sylvia Gartner

3rd VP Membership:
Susan Allick

Secretary:
Lauretta Smith

Treasurer- General:
Sandy Bush

Treasurer-Pac:
Jackie Fisher

Officers will be elected at the General Meeting in November. Nominations from the floor are permitted if consent of the nominee has been secured.

*Special Thank You to the
Nominating Committee:
Pam Millisor
Laurette Smith
Diana Ridgway
Sylvia Lent
Charlene VanderPoorten*

SARW Membership



RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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

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San Antonio Republican Women

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

www.sarwclub.com

SARW Membership Form

Date: _____

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 \$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 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: Susan Allick, VP Membership (210) 421-5539

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October 5th - SARW Fundraiser Gala

“THE WILD WILD WEST”

Petroleum Club of San Antonio

October 7th – LAST DAY to register to Vote in the November 5th Election!

October 17th – Concert Fundraiser for Grant Moody
to GOTV featuring Trey Taylor,
6pm – 9pm at BIG’z Burger Joint, 5539 UTSA Blvd. San Antonio, TX 78249.

October 21st – FIRST DAY EARLY VOTING In Person

October 21st – NNA Meet & Greet / 2024 Candidates
6:00 – 7:30pm
Northeast Senior Center, 4125 Thousand Oaks Dr., SA, Tx 78217

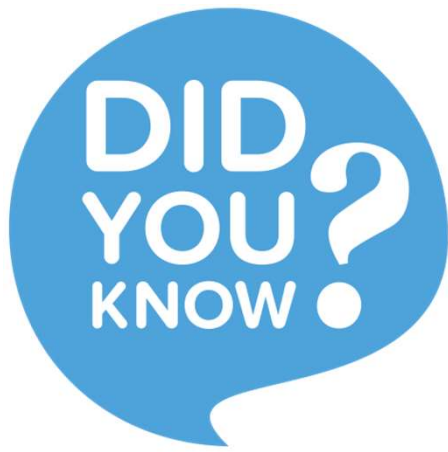
October 25th – LAST DAY to apply for “Mail Ballot”

October 25th – Republican Party of Bexar County
Lincoln-Regan Dinner – 5pm – 9pm.
The Club at Sonterra, 901 E. Sonterra Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78258

October 26th - TEXAS FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
“TRIBUTE TO WOMEN”
Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center, Georgetown, TX

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Halloween isn't Trick or Treat

What is Halloween for? As a child I was taught that we celebrate the end of October as the final days of harvesting. All the field crops were to be in the barn and winter's meat was properly stored in the smoke house. Women were having quilting parties and celebrating fall weddings. It was the end of summer's hard work, and all was settled for a long hard winter.

Another aspect of Halloween was celebrating the thrill of the end of hurricane season with the possible replacement of missing roofs or barns. Spring calves and piglets were ready for the market. We were ready to celebrate the biggest holidays of the year, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Based on my completed research it is very clear my family and community celebrate the October holiday as a Christian day of Celtic origin. We celebrated with bonfires and parties and county fairs. We didn't wear masks and frighten children with scary events.

I was introduced to the very different definition of Halloween as an adult by Disney Productions. It's safe to say the world was introduced to a different version of Halloween. 31 October and 1 and 2 November are called, "Days of the Dead". My view of the fall celebrations I enjoyed will remain with me forever. I try to instill the same meaning of it as a joyous time of the year without fear.

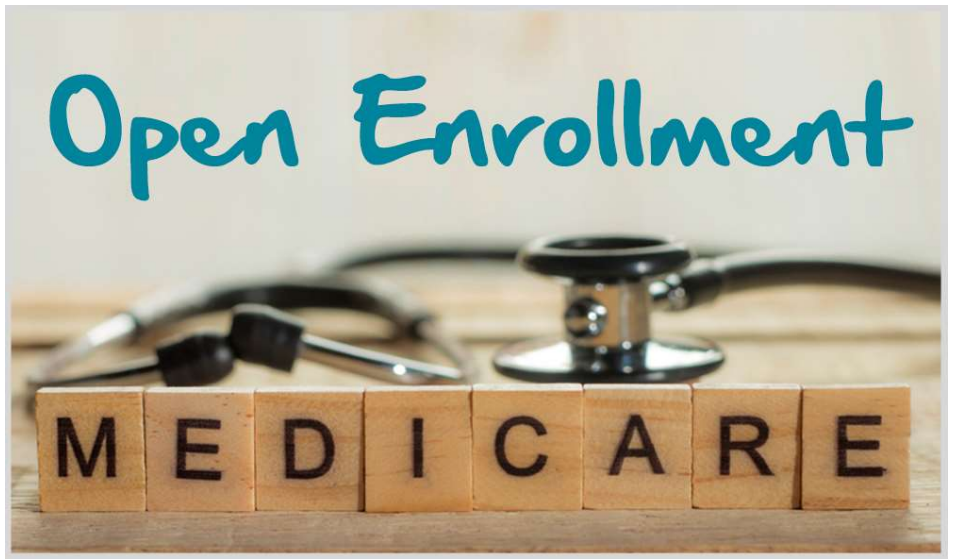


Article by Selena Brooks

Open Enrollment

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Medicare Open Enrollment starts from 15 October – 7 December 2024. This timeframe gives you an opportunity to review your plan choice and make changes, if necessary. Review your current plan. Medicare has added more accepted care.



Now, if your Veteran spouse served 20 years or more – after age of 65 you are covered with Tricare For Life....Best coverage – Medicare (Primary) Tricare For Life (Secondary) – you do NOT need an additional medical insurance policy.

MAJOR MEDICARE CHANGES FOR 2025 AND HOW THEY WILL IMPACT YOUR COVERAGE:

In 2025, Medicare will undergo some of the most significant changes in a generation. Changes to Medicare will include a \$2,000 limit on out-of-pocket Part D drug costs, an opt-in payment plan, and some potential broad changes in Medicare Advantage plans.

KEY TAKEAWAYS: Medicare changes include the elimination of the “donut hole” and a limit on how much you’ll pay out of pocket for covered prescription drugs.

There will be a new payment plan you can opt into to spread out your medication costs. A new optional payment plan can ease budgeting, particularly for expensive drugs. Depending upon the cost of your drug, remember out-of-pocket expenses are capped at \$2,000 annually, you won’t pay more than \$166.67 per month (\$2,000 divided by 12).

In response to these changes, insurers will likely change pricing and coverage for Medicare Advantage and Part D plans.

Medicare Advantage beneficiaries should receive a letter in the middle of 2025 about unused benefits.

Other changes impact the availability of mental health care, prior authorization use, and unpaid caregiver support for Medicare recipients with dementia. Medicare aims to enhance access to these critical services.

*Check with your current medical plan and contact them with questions you may have or go onto the website: www.medicare.com

*Brenda Dever-Armstrong, CEO/CSA/Geriatric Advisor
The Next Horizon Seniors & Military (Veterans/Spouses) Advocate/Resources*

EVENTS

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Out & About



The 3rd grade class at Westwood Terrace elementary School was excited to receive Dictionaries from the San Antonio Republican Women's club, presented by Christine Nichol and Marty Carpenter



Jacqueline Klein and Christine Nichol attend the September meeting of the Greater San Antonio Council of TFRW



Jennifer Mery, Verna Quaranto, Sherry Braslau and Sandra Murphy attend Lori Massey Brissette for 4th Court of Appeals Fundraiser at The Dominion



Jennifer Mery, Sandra Murphy and Diana Ridgway Volunteer at the Lina Prado Campaign

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Members of the San Antonio Republican Women, attend Hispanic Heritage event at Club Giraud hosted by Bievenido.



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SARW board members, Sylvia Gartner and Donna Russell attend the Canyon Lake Republican Women "Fish Fry" Event in New Braunfels, TX
Fun 50's, 60's & 70's themed event!





ARE YOU ALREADY REGISTERED?

To confirm your voter registration status, visit [Am I Registered](#) application. If you moved from one place to another in the same county, you can change your information online at the Secretary of State's [Voter Registration Name/Address Change](#) website.

WAYS TO REGISTER: To register to vote in Texas, simply complete a voter registration application and return it to your county election office at least 30 days before the upcoming election date. To complete an application, you may: (1) Complete an application using the SOS ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION. Simply fill in the required information, print, sign and mail directly to your county election office. (2) Request a PRINTED APPLICATION. The office will mail a voter registration application to the address provided. (3) Contact or visit your local VOTER REGISTRAR to complete registration process.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE

IF: (1) You are a United States citizen (2) You are a resident of the county where you submit the application (3) You are 18 years of age on Election Day! (4) You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation and parole); and (5) You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

SHOW OF (7) ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF

PHOTO ID: (1) Texas Driver License; (2) Show Texas Handgun License; (3) Texas Personal ID Card; (4) US Citizenship Certificate with Photo; (5) Texas Election ID Certificate; (6) US Military ID card with Photo; (7) US Passport – Card or Book

MILITARY & OVERSEAS VOTERS:

“Overseas” is defined as anywhere outside the U.S. (Includes Mexico/Canada). You can use the regular registration and early voting by mail process (known as “absentee” voting)

VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES: (1) Citizen and 18 years of age (3) Have not been convicted or a felony or if they have been convicted, have completed all of their punishment, parole, supervision, probation or have received a pardon (4) Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote (5) Individuals who have legal guardians may be eligible to register, depending on whether the court took away their right to vote. All guardianship orders issued after 1 September 2007 must state whether the individual can vote (6) People with disabilities can receive assistance registering to vote from any state agency that provides services to persons with disabilities or from any person they choose (7) On 1 September 1999, Texas became the first state to require all new voting systems be accessible to voters with disabilities and provide a practical and effective means for voters with disabilities to cast a secret ballot. **ALL POLLING PLACES IN TEXAS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE!**

VOTERS MAY VOTE EARLY, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL: Voters who vote during Early Voting Period may vote at any early voting site in the political subdivision that is holding the election. If a voter will be 65 years of age or older on Election Day, has a disability or will be outside the county during early voting hours and on Election Day, the voter can apply to vote by mail. Submit a completed and signed Application for a Ballot by Mail any time from the 60th to the 11th day before Election Day to the proper county early voting clerk. For more information read “Early Voting In Texas”

Secretary of State – Elections Division, PO Box 12060 Austin, TX 78711-2060

Brenda Dever-Armstrong,
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The Next Horizon Seniors/Military
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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](#)

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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