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Dear SARW Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for your participation in SARW meetings and events. It is a pleasure to work with you and get to know you better. You are appreciated!

Local elections for City Council, Mayor, and school district offices are May 6th. Do not be discouraged by previous election results. Instead, get informed and meet the candidates at “meet & greet” events so that you can support them and encourage others to get out and vote. Sadly, only 13% of San Antonio voters actually vote. But there is a bright side to the small turnout - it would not take too many conservative voters to change the direction our progressive elected officials have taken. Let’s make it happen!



*Christine Nichol,  
SARW President*

We are fortunate to have a very interesting speaker for our April 13th meeting. Lee Spencer White, seventh generation Texan and founder of the Alamo Defenders Descendants Association, will be speaking to SARW. Lee is an active historian, historical researcher and preservationist who was instrumental in preventing the Alamo cenotaph from being moved from the Alamo grounds. Additionally, she is an author, speaker and consultant. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear more about our local history from this outstanding Texan.

See you April 13<sup>th</sup>!  
Christine

# SARW 2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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## Appointed Standing Committee Chairs

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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 ~ APRIL 13, 2023**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Anne Marie's**

**12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216**

**Special Guest Speakers**



**Lee Spencer White**  
7th generation Texan  
Founder of Alamo Defenders  
Descendants Association



**Suzie Bayne**  
with Infuse SA, speaking about the  
latest news on Justice Charter

**Luncheon Cost: \$30.00**

**RSVP and pay online at [www.sarwclub.com](http://www.sarwclub.com)**

**or**

**Call or Text 210-410-7108 and pay at the door**



# April 2023

## Inspiration Message

*My wish for you this April*

30 days of happiness

720 hours of good health

43,200 minutes of blessings

2,592,000 seconds of peace

### **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> / TFRW Nuts & Bolts Workshop**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm (Registration at 9:00 am)**

Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center

6000 FM 150, Kyle, TX

Cost: \$25.00 / RSVP to Sylvia Gartner (210)286-7609

### **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ PALM SUNDAY**

**Meet, Greet & Learn /** Hosted by Charlotte Folson

Oakwell Farms Clubhouse

1807 Oakwell Farms Parkway, San Antonio, TX

Doors open at 1:30 pm

### **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ LAST DAY to register to Vote**

### **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> ~ EASTER SUNDAY**

### **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> / Republican Party of**

**Bexar County CHAIRMAN'S BBQ & SKEET SHOOT**

San Antonio Gun Club

12:00-8:00 pm / Cost \$35.00

### **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> / SARW General Meeting**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm ~ Anne Marie's Event Center**

**12475 Starcrest Dr., San Antonio, TX**

### **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> / TFRW 2nd Quarterly**

**Board Meeting /** Sheraton Georgetown / Register at [TFRW.org](https://www.tfrw.org)

### **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> / Kendall County Republican Party**

**"GO RED GALA" /** Speaker: The Honorable Rick Perry

Kendall County Equestrian Center

Cost: \$100 per person Tickets at [KCRPTX.com](https://www.kcrptx.com)

### **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> / Hays County Republican Party**

**LINCOLN REAGAN DINNER**

Speaker: Mike Huckabee, Former Governor of Alabama

Embassy Suites Main Ballroom

1001 E. McCarty Lane San Marcos, TX

Check-In opens at 5:00 pm, Ballroom Opens at 6:30 pm

\$100 per person. Tickets at [HaysCountyGOP.org](https://www.hayscountygop.org)

### **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FIESTA SAN ANTONIO!**

### **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> ~ First day of EARLY VOTING!**

### **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Deadline for Articles for Newsletter!**

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# The JUST I ncrease Charter C rime Proposition A E verywhere!



The Justice Charter is a Trojan Horse to engage and hijack your compassion. This proposition will be on the May 6 ballot for the COSA Mayor and City Council elections. While the exact wording is not yet known, you can bet it will contain innocuous, inoffensive, seemingly harmless verbiage on some specific points so the more dangerous aspects of this city charter amendment can slip through with little voter awareness!

The red herring, smoke screens and misrepresentations in the proposition designed to distract you are:

1. Abolish Chokeholds – already prohibited in city policy except in life-or-death situations
2. Abolish No-Knock Warrants – already in city policy
3. Decriminalization of Abortion – falls under State Law and not a decision implemented at a local level
4. Decriminalization of Marijuana – falls under State Law and not a decision implemented at a local level

What citizens don't know is that ACT4SA has a much greater agenda with the REAL objectives:

1. Creation of a **City Justice Director**: unelected, unspecific salary for Director & staff. Duties to oversee city policing but prohibits them from having any law enforcement background. The Mayor, City Manager, City Council and Chief of Police all have oversight responsibilities. Is this crippling of existing leadership or effective use of our tax dollars and scarce City resources?
2. **Theft of Property**: citation or verbal warning for vandalism, shoplifting or theft of any goods up to \$750
3. **Theft of Services**: citation or verbal warning for non-payment up to \$750, i.e. bar/restaurant tab, car repair, any small business services, etc. Criminals get smart!

A **Cite & Release** policy is already in place for misdemeanors; however, this Charter wants to expand the policy even further with a threshold for property and services up to \$750. This means repeat offenders will never be identified because they won't be tracked on the first offense. Unprosecuted criminal mischief will turn our city into chaos!

Who is ACT4SA? Under a different name, this was the group behind Proposition B in the 2021 Municipal Elections to limit the bargaining power of the police union. This was voted DOWN. They are now presenting a policy that was written by an activist Austin-based group called Ground Game Texas, funded by ActBlue, a national organization. Proposition A is not a San Antonio grassroots endeavor!

Passage of Prop. A will codify into Law these initiatives preventing the will of the people from changing future law enforcement policies. Passage will destroy tourism, harm honest businesses, and favor criminals. While efforts have been made to ensure that effective policing is in place despite the officer shortage our city is facing, Proposition A is about demoralizing and undermining local law enforcement.

## VOTE **NO** ON PROP. A

# ADAPTING YOUR HOME TO FIT YOUR CHANGING LIFESTYLE

Many of us baby boomers are reaching the point in our lives where the children are grown up and moved out of the house. After a year or so or as we age we talk about downsizing into a smaller home or could be retirement continuous care community (CCRC) or a garden home. Many of us baby boomers would like to stay in our current home and do some remodeling. If you decide to stay in your home this may be the time to consider to do some modifications as you age. One can do little things at first, such as installing grab bars where needed. That is a start and at a minimal cost and will possibly save you from falling.



Here are a few suggestions when planning to “age in place.” **PRIORITIZE YOUR WISH LIST:** Take a look at the rooms in your home and determine which ones fit your new lifestyle and ones that may need some work. It may be “minor” changes or could be a “redo” altogether. Create a general plan and prioritize the items on your list.

**FOCUS ON IMPROVING LIVABILITY:** Many folks interview a few remodeling firms to help design your new living arrangement. Stairs can be a problem as we age or moving master bedroom downstairs or enlarging the bathroom or installing a “walk-in shower.” Re-do the laundry room to be more accessible. If you have steps from outside to inside of the home, consider a professional installing “ramps”.....may not need them now but sooner or later easier on the joints. You may have small or unused “spaces” that could be utilized or expanded.

**CONTACT REPUTABLE REMODELING PROFESSIONALS:** Remodeling professionals can help you to determine what your options are to remodel or build your home for your lifestyle. They can help find ways to create an open floor plan that is easier to navigate for those with mobility concerns. By incorporating these changes will help create a home that suits a changing lifestyle, may also “increase” the value of your home when you eventually decide to sell your home.

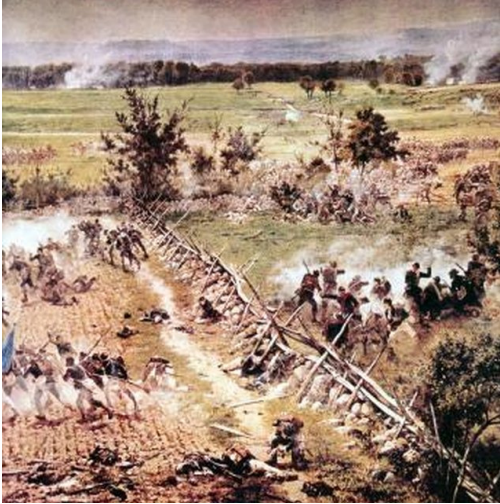
I do not promote just one business but finding a qualified remodeler who can share the most effective ways to remodel your home, go to (as a start) [www.sabuilders.com](http://www.sabuilders.com)

Hope this will help with making a decision – and this is a “big” decision, stay in your current home or downsize.

Brenda Dever-Armstrong, CEO/Owner/CSA/Geriatric Advisor  
The Next Horizon Senior/Military Locator/Resources/Lifetime Advocate



**In 1860 the Democratic party split into the northern Democrats and southern Democrats.**



The southern Democrats wanted to split from the United States and form their own nation which would be keeping slavery. Eleven southern states including Texas succeeded and formed the Confederate States of America.

Northern Democrats wanted to maintain slavery but did not want to divide the country. Instead, the northern Democrats split into two parties, war democrats and the Copperhead/anti-war Democrats.

### **Texas is Unique!**

Texas became a country in 1836 and was an independent country for 16 years. It is the only state with this distinction. On 2 March 1836 — **187 years ago** — Texas declared independence from Mexico and established itself as a sovereign republic.

It is the second-largest U.S. state by area and population. The results of the Civil War forced Texas back into the United States.



*Articles from Selena Brooks, College Outreach Chair*

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You Are Invited to a  
**Meet, Greet & Learn**

Hosted by *Charlotte Folson*, your Host & Precinct Chair

**Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023**  
**2:00 pm**

Oakwell Farms Clubhouse  
 1807 Oakwell Farms Pkwy.  
 San Antonio, Texas 78218  
*(Doors open at 1:30 pm...not before)*

~ Guest Speakers ~

- Pastor AD Smoot & MJ Smoot .....Flags & Prayer
- Marc Whyte.....Candidate for City Council Dist. 10
- Chris Schuchardt..... Candidate for Mayor
- Jeff McManus.....Chairman of GOP
- Danny Diaz .....President Police Officer Association
- David Moore..... Retired SAPD
- Suzie Bayne.....“Infuse San Antonio”
- Carlton Soules..... Former City Councilman Dist. 10
- Jon Melendez .....Precinct Chair on Migrant Centers
- Frank Lopez Jr. ....Retired Border Patrol, Del Rio, TX
- Hon. Weston Martinez.....Pres. Voter Fraud Bureau of Investigation



RSVP: Text Charlotte Folson at 210-313-2883



**Get  
 Out  
 &  
 Vote!**

**Election  
 Day**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**7am -7pm**

**Early  
 Voting**

**Apr 24 – May 2, 2023**

*No Early Voting Fri. April 28 & Sun. April 30  
 (Battle of Flowers Parade)*

**8am -8pm**

*Deadline for Voters Registration: April 6, 2023*

[bexar.org/elections](http://bexar.org/elections)

[bexargop.org](http://bexargop.org)



# EVENTS

## Out & About



Jennifer Mery, Diana Ridgway, Patti Guido & Sylvia Gartner attend District 8 Town Hall Meeting



Paula Moore, Terry Carpenter, Cappy Davidson, Christine Nichol, Sylvia Gartner take a tour of Great Hearts Charter School



CHAT (Chicks Having an Awesome Time) gathered at La Fonda and enjoyed good food, fellowship and door prizes!

# EVENTS

# GM PHOTOS



## **BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership for 2023, 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](http://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](http://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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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 having the ability to log your volunteer hours directly through our website.

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



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**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
Every Second Thursday of the month  
January-May / September-December

**11:00am - 1:00pm**  
(No meetings, June, July and August)  
For more information email  
[sarwclub@yahoo.com](mailto:sarwclub@yahoo.com)

Reservations for the  
**FEBRUARY** General meeting  
are now available!

February General Meeting is an  
Evening Event for the same price  
as our Luncheon!

\$30.00 per person paid at the door or online!

[Click Here](#) to make your Reservation/s

**Log Your Hours  
WEEKLY!**

- The SARW Brochure
- Log Your Volunteer Hours HERE!
- SARW's Honorees at TFRW

**Join our Facebook page today!**

**Visit the Republican Party of Bexar County**

**Organizations we support**

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## TFRW NUTS & BOLTS REGIONS XIII & XIV WORKSHOP

**ALL TFRW CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**(Registration Starts at 9:30 AM)**

**Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center**  
**6000 FM 150 Kyle, TX 78640 (Map attached)**  
**Cost: \$25.00 Casual Attire**

**PRESENTERS: Debra Harper, TFRW VP Bylaws; Corrine Miklosh, VP Campaign; Melanie Grammar, VP Membership; Susan Friedrich, Treasurer & Zenia Warren, VP Special Events**



**\*\*\* SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER! \*\*\***

RSVP to Sylvia Gartner at (210) 286-7609 or email at [smgartner@hotmail.com](mailto:smgartner@hotmail.com)  
You may also mail your reservation form and check Payable to: CINDY PAYNE  
at 177 Coral Cove, Spring Branch, TX 78070  
Your reservation **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Friday, March 24, 2023

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
CLUB \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_



TEXAS FEDERATION  
*of*  
*Republican Women*

**TFRW 2023 Board Meetings:**

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