



TRUNK TIMES

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Hello SARW Members, Associates & Friends!

I hope you are all enjoying our beautiful weather and getting out to vote and support the candidates of your choice. We will soon know who made it to the May 26th runoff elections. Wow - it's a busy election year! Karen Jones is working hard to prepare for forums for the runoff candidates in CD 21, 23 and 35. If you are in one of these districts, look for details soon after the primary elections. These forums will give us the opportunity to ask questions and get to know more about the remaining candidates.

Our March 12 General Meeting promises to be informative and interesting. **Keynote Speaker is Ashley Foster**, candidate for **Bexar County District Attorney**. She has practiced law for 25 years and will speak about the role of the District Attorney and her plans for the office. After hearing her speak, you will be convinced that we need her as our next District Attorney. **Emily Baucum, Associate Director of Public Relations for the Alamo**, will also speak. She is an EMMY and AP award winning storyteller with nearly two decades of storytelling experience. Her presentation coincides perfectly with SARW and San Antonio's upcoming Fiesta celebration! Don't forget that **our 3rd Fiesta Ole'** fundraiser is **Saturday, April 11th** at the Quarry Golf Club. Once again, Patsy Torres will be our entertainer so we know it will be a very lively evening! What a great way to get together and raise money for our candidates. "Save the Date" messages have been sent, and Invitations will be out soon. Make your reservations before it's a sell out!

I look forward to seeing you March 12th!

Christine



Christine Nichol, SARW President

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.sarwclub.com

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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 ~ MARCH 12, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's
12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216

*Reminder! No GM Luncheon
in April! Instead Come to our Fiesta Ole'*



Special Guest Speakers



Ashley Foster

Candidate for Bexar County District Attorney



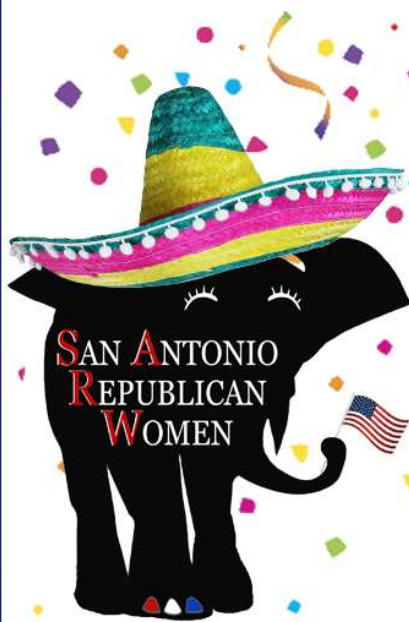
Emily Baucum

Associate Director of Public Relations for
The Alamo

Luncheon Cost: \$40.00

RSVP online at sarwclub.com

or call/text 210.867-4412 to RSVP and pay at the door



Why Voting Matters!

Message flying over Los Angeles, CA – March 1, 2026

THANK U TRUMP FROM IRANIAN PEOPLE



Republican Primary Election
Day is March 3, 2026
Voting is between
7 AM and 7 PM
2026 Republican Primary
Candidates and Propositions
GO VOTE!



Linda Holland, Charlotte Folsom, Jennifer Mery
and Sandra Murphy attend Marc LaHood's
Fundraising Event



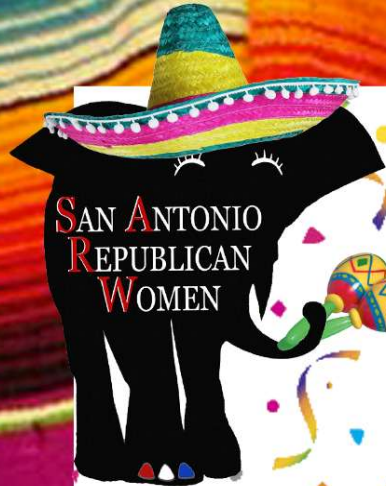
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		3 Primary Election Day! Precinct Conventions 7:30 – 9:00pm	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time	9	10	11	12 SARW Luncheon Anne Marie's 11am – 1pm \$40pp	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day!	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Senatorial Conventions 8am – 5pm (TBD)
29	30	31	 FIESTA OLE' – APRIL 11TH			

Happy Birthday

Sandy Bush
Sylvia Chandler
Sandra Murphy
Richard Fisher

Marty Carpenter
Letty Daniel
Cordelia Wright



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

The evening will be filled with **Delicious Food**, **LIVE MUSIC**
by **Patsy Torres**, and *Pure Alegria!*

(Cash Bar / \$75.00 per person)



COME IN YOUR FIESTA WEAR
TO HAVE A CHANCE TO BE
CROWNED SARW
FIESTA KING OR QUEEN!



The New 2026 Fiesta Ole'
Commemorative Art Piece
Will be available to
WIN!

RSVP TODAY!

www.sarwclub.com

Or contact: Dianna Lorenz at 312.316.2510



Honorary Membership

*We the undersigned do hereby proudly present this
Honorary Membership to*

Ms. Betty Eckert

*for her many years of volunteerism
and support of the
San Antonio Republican Women*



EVENTS

February 2026
SARW GM Luncheon



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The Golden Years

Raising the Bar for Senior Well-Being one article at a time

Articles by SARW Member Brenda Dever-Armstrong,
CEO/Owner/CSA/Geriatric Advisor/Lifetime Advocate, The Next Horizon.

WHAT IS AN ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY?

Active Adult Communities are for individuals 55+--whether age-restricted or age-targeted--offer low-maintenance homeownership with a built-in-lifestyle focus. These neighborhoods typically consist of single-family homes, cottages, patio homes, condominiums, or townhomes. A monthly association fee covers exterior maintenance, landscaping, and shared amenities, allowing residents to enjoy a worry-free lifestyle. Homes are usually designed with aging in-place in mind, offering open layouts, single-level living and accessible features.



55+ apartment communities provide rental-based living with similar age restrictions but without the responsibilities of homeownership. These apartments are ideal for those who prefer flexibility, minimal upkeep, or want to avoid long-term property commitments. Amenities often include on-site staff, fitness rooms, social activities, and maintenance services.

While both types of communities offer opportunities for active, independent living and social connection, the key difference lies in ownership and commitment. Homeownership provides long-term investment potential and a sense of permanence, while apartment living offers mobility and convenience for those looking to downsize or keep options open.

Both appeal to older adults seeking community, security and lifestyle-enhancing amenities – just in different ways.

Most of my clients or those inquiring about the active adult community lifestyle are deciding it is time to down-size as the children(s) are grown adults and moved out more individuals or couples want to travel more and less maintenance with home. It is time for you!!

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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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