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Dear SARW Members and Friends,

The Texas legislative session is under way. Let us hope and pray that our elected officials make wise decisions that are good for our schools, our children, and our state. It is now time for us to focus on local elections.

The general election for Mayor and City Council seats is May 6, 2023. These local offices are perhaps even more critical to us than the larger state and federal offices.

The decisions made by our mayor and city council affect every aspect of life in San Antonio including streets, law enforcement, schools, taxes and how our tax revenue is spent. We need to replace the current officeholders with real leaders who can direct San Antonio in a conservative and fiscally responsible direction. Through our newsletter and flyers, election information will be provided as it becomes available.

You will want to attend the February 9th **evening** social at Anne Marie's. We are meeting in the evening rather than having our regular afternoon luncheon. An award winning comedy magician and a jazz combo will provide entertainment. If you would like to sponsor the Churchill High School student jazz combo for \$200, your gift will be most appreciated and recognized at the event. Please come and bring your friends. This promises to be our most fun "general meeting" ever!



*Christine Nichol,
SARW President*

See you soon! Christine

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The “**Open**”
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are available to
anyone who
would like to
participate! Please
let us know if you
are interested!



San Antonio Republican Women
GENERAL MEETING

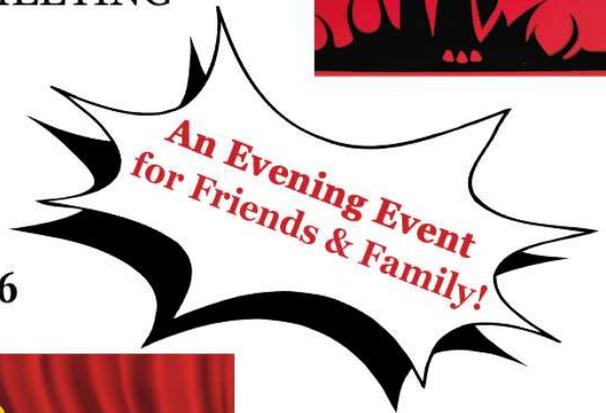


THURSDAY, February 9, 2023

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216



\$30.00 per person
Heavy Hors D'oeuvres & Cash Bar
Pay by cash or check
at the door or online at
www.sarwclub.com

RSVP by 12:00 Noon - Monday, February 6th

RSVP and pay by cash or check at the door:
Call or Text - 210-410-7108



February



LADIES LUNCH

LEGISLATIVE POLICY BRIEFING
& PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, February 2nd / 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Texas Public Policy Foundation Ladies Lunch –
Click link below to RSVP!**

[Ladies Lunch - A Legislative Policy Briefing & Panel Discussion Tickets, Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Thursday - Saturday, February 2nd – 4th

Texas Federation of Republican Women Leadership Day
AT&T Hotel & Conference Center
Austin, TX 78705



Thursday, February 9th / 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

SARW General Meeting / An Evening of Magic & Comedy!

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar
Anne Marie's (New Location)
12475 Starcrest, SA, TX 78216



Sunday, February 19th / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

GRAND OPENING of New Location for Life Choices

790 S. Zarzamora
San Antonio, TX 78207



Wednesday, February 22nd

Deadline Date for Article Submissions for MARCH Newsletter!
Please email Donna Russell at sarwclub@yahoo.com

Caring for America

Our "Caring for America Program" will once again host a Baby Shower for the **Life Choices Clinics**.

We are asking for donations of **baby products and diapers for newborn to age three** (with an extra focus on the larger pull up pants for the age 3 babies).

We will be collecting these items at our **March luncheon** where Dr. Ingrid Scott will be speaking to us about the new Life Choices Clinic.

Let us all be generous for our newest generation of Americans.

Kate Blair
SARW Caring for America Chair



Did Someone Say "Diapers?"

Yes! SARW is collecting diapers, sizes newborn to age 3 for a "Life Choices" Baby Shower! Most needed are largest size Pull-ups. Please bring to the SARW Luncheon in MARCH!

SARW's "Caring For America" supports "Life Choices" on an annual basis you can learn more by visiting: <https://www.lifechoices-sa.com> or visit SARW Website at: sarwclub.com



Migrant Resource Center Tour

A small group of SARW went on an eye-opening tour at San Antonio's migrant resource center last week. There were San Antonio police manning the entrance and numerous port-a-potties in the parking lot. We were not allowed inside the grounds but had a visual over the privacy fencing. It appears to be more of a temporary housing project and relocation service than anything "humanitarian".

The migrants can come and go at will for the three days that they are allowed to live there while waiting on plane tickets out of town. They mostly stay close, hanging around the nearby restaurants, businesses and neighborhood. We don't know where they go if they don't have tickets or transportation after three days.

We observed one budding entrepreneur with an outside barber shop set up around a street post. He has been operating successfully for several months. Do you suppose he has the required permits and cosmetology licensing and pays sales tax? These tidbits are just the tip of the iceberg. With our current city council and mayor, we cannot change this situation. This is a clear example of why we need to elect strong leaders for San Antonio.

~Christine Nichol, SARW President



The NCAA recently held their annual convention in San Antonio and it created an opportunity for us to highlight the fact that men should not be competing in women's sports. This is legislation that's a priority for us to pass for college sports this year. [Donate today to help keep men out of women's sports!](#)

Texas Values was actually denied a booth at the NCAA convention, but that didn't stop us! We held an incredible rally and press conference outside with two (2) dozen female athletes, which got significant statewide and national attention. We will not let the NCAA or anyone else silence us!

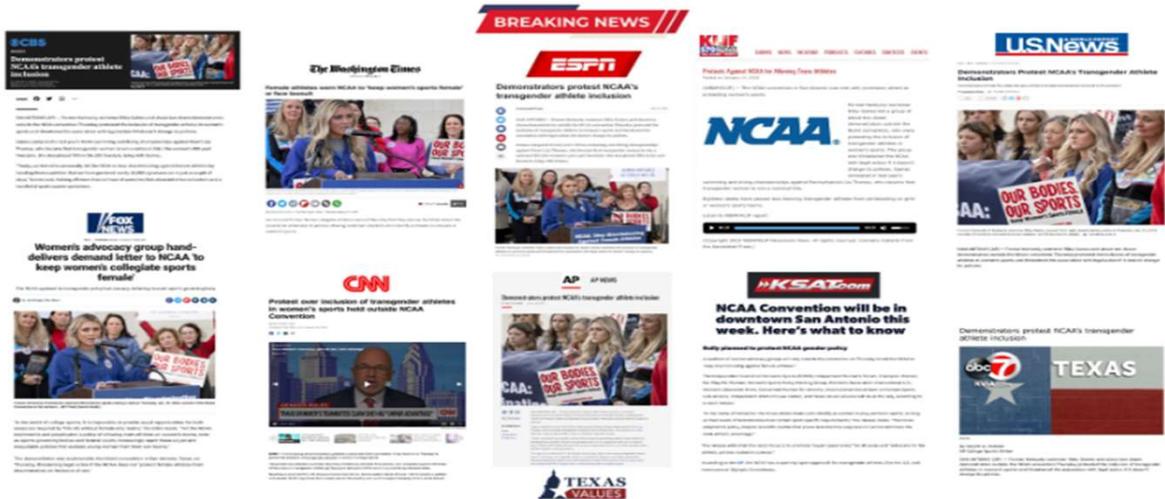
Texas Values partnered with other state and national organizations and our rally hit national attention and got picked up by Fox News, ESPN, Washington post and many more!

With your help we hand delivered a petition to the NCAA officials with over 10,000 names with people concerned about there stance on this issue!

[Donate today](#) to Texas Values so we can continue to #SaveWomensSports in the 2023 Texas legislative session.

And make plans to join us on March 13th for the Texas Faith and Family Day at the Texas Capitol. [Get your tickets here](#) before they sell out!

~ Paula Moore, SARW Legislative Chair



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Men in Women's Sports?

To All Mothers, grandmothers, daughters, sisters, cousins aunts, great grandmothers!!

On Thursday, Jan. 12, I went downtown to Market St. in front of N. Henry B Gonzales Center, and stood with about 20 female college athletes, all ages who were in San Antonio at the NCAA convention to protest biological men in college women's sports. So many women with heart rending stories of their climb to be national college women's champions over the years. The rowing champion was there, the tennis doubles and singles tennis champion was there, soccer champion, and so on. A college volleyball national champion told us that men's volleyball nets were 7 inches higher than women's nets, but of course when bio men compete in women's sports the net is 7 inches lower. Totally unfair!

The bio men are destroying college women's records all over simply because they are biologically stronger in so many ways. Their hearts are larger, their lung capacity larger, and reaction times all give them the advantage.

The whole issue is ludicrous that men should be competing against women in any sport except maybe ping pong. By the way, this event got great coverage all over the US, Breitbart.com, zero hedge.com covered it and many more.

I was there with my sisters, with CWA, Concerned Women 'for America, Patrick Von Dohlen with SAFA, and Jonathan Saenz with Texas Values members. We will all be going to Austin soon, when the bill comes up to ban bio men from college women's sports. I hope that you can join us and /or make phone calls and emails in the coming weeks. Just showing up will help this cause greatly!! Remember the left has a vast cast of 100's at UT. The opposition calls and they respond, and say anything they want them to say. Some get paid. This is what we are against with pro life pro family bills. Getting a bill passed is hard work, but well worth the effort. Those of you who went to Austin on Tuesday got a taste of it!!

My great granddaughter, Everleigh Mae Ruppel, was born on Thursday morning, Jan. 12, right before I went downtown. She and her future sisters, cousins, etc. are why I stand for this cause and all other pro life pro family causes.

Thank you!

Paula Moore, SARW Legislative Chair



Paula Moore with Barbara Ehardt, State Rep. Idaho, who pushed no bio men in college sports bill in Idaho and will help issue in Texas.



Paula Moore with Ann Hettinger, CWA chair of Texas with SAFA at rally.



"Chicks Having an Awesome Time"

Join us for some good food, fun and friendship!

Thursday, March 16th - 11:30am

La Fonda on Main

(separate billing per individual is not accepted. Please bring cash to pay for meal. One statement for entire group).

Please RSVP to 210-492-2986

Border Bill that must pass!

Please call your congressman and ask them to support it. **Read through the next 2 pages carefully, share it with others.** It is a practical approach to the problem. If your congressman does not support this bill, please ask to explain why!

It is critical to get this bill passed!

H.R. 29, THE BORDER SAFETY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2023

FACT CHECKER: HOW H.R. 29 HELPS ADDRESS THE BROKEN ASYLUM SYSTEM

One of the first bills that the new House majority is scheduled to bring to the floor for a vote is Rep. Chip Roy's (TX-21) *Border Safety and Security Act of 2023*. If enacted, this three-page bill would help secure the border, discourage asylum fraud, and deter human trafficking. Failure to pass the policies contained in this bill will undoubtedly result in the continuation of the humanitarian border crisis created by the Biden Administration's failed policies.

CLAIM: H.R. 29 abolishes/bans asylum claims

X FALSE: The bill does not ban asylum claims. Instead, the bill gives the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) three options for how they handle **illegal aliens** apprehended at the border: (1) detain them while they are in expedited removal proceedings under Section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA); (2) reimplement 'Remain in Mexico' while they await an immigration court date for removal proceedings under INA 240; or (3) immediately expel the alien if DHS fails to follow option 1 or 2. **Illegal aliens placed in mandatory detention or 'Remain in Mexico' are still allowed to make an asylum claim as a defense to removal.** This includes the ability for the alien to obtain legal counsel (not at U.S. taxpayer expense). The alien is also afforded the opportunity to make a claim before an immigration judge or a USCIS asylum officer, depending on how DHS processes the credible fear screening. Additionally, any alien already in the country—whether lawfully or unlawfully—is still able to make an asylum claim with USCIS. **H.R. 29 makes no changes to the "affirmative" asylum process.**

The bill mandates turning away aliens at the border **only if** DHS refuses to detain aliens during consideration of an asylum claim. This option is similar to Title 42, but the bill creates this authority under immigration law so the Biden Administration will not continue to rely on a public health emergency authority that was always intended to be temporary.

Additionally, the U.S. is not required to grant asylum to all aliens who may qualify for humanitarian relief. Instead, under the INA, asylum is discretionary relief. This means an otherwise approvable claim could be denied, including in cases in which a mandatory bar to relief applies.

CLAIM: Illegal aliens have a "right" to claim asylum

X FALSE: Despite inaccurate media reporting and statements to the contrary, illegal aliens have no "right" to claim asylum in the U.S. The INA sets the rules for the admission of

aliens into the U.S. An alien who arrives at the border—including a port of entry—without a visa or other valid entry document is inadmissible under INA 212(a)(7). Any alien who crosses the border illegally is inadmissible under INA 212(a)(6). Additionally, any alien who was previously removed from the country is inadmissible for five years under INA 212(a)(9). **All of these aliens are removable from the U.S.**, but they may raise an asylum claim as a defense to stop the deportation. Only aliens who meet the INA definition of “refugee” qualify for asylum and are allowed to remain in the country.

INA 101(a)(42) defines “refugee” as “any person who is outside any country of such person’s nationality... and who is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.”

Trying to escape economic hardship, poverty, gang violence, domestic violence, or general fear of criminal conduct is not grounds for asylum. As a result, **only 15%** of the illegal aliens who claim asylum at the southern border qualify for humanitarian relief, and **40%** fail to even file an asylum claim once released into American communities.

CLAIM: Turning away illegal aliens at the border violates international humanitarian obligations

X FALSE: Neither the 1951 U.N. Convention nor the 1967 Refugee Protocol is directly enforceable in U.S. law, but some of their obligations have been implemented through new laws and regulations. In April 2018 guidance, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees affirmed that “refugees do not have an unfettered right to choose their ‘asylum country.’” For the better part of the last decade, as “credible fear” claims significantly increased, nearly all of the aliens apprehended at the southern border crossed through at least one other country where they could have sought humanitarian relief, including Mexico. Instead of seeking relief in the first safe country they passed through, which would be expected if they were genuinely fleeing persecution, these aliens are choosing to come to the U.S. for economic and family reunification reasons.

CLAIM: H.R. 29 harms border communities

X FALSE: The asylum system is being exploited because of the Biden Administration’s policy of releasing illegal aliens who **claim** credible fear or asylum into American communities. Border communities are overwhelmed as they lack the resources and capacity to handle the record number of illegal aliens released into these communities. Specifically, these illegal aliens are overfilling shelters, draining local emergency resources, and burdening schools before they move on to other American communities. Again, only around 15% of these aliens qualify for asylum, and the remainder disappear into American communities, take jobs from Americans, and have a very low likelihood of being deported. H.R. 29 would not harm border communities but would instead address the serious issues they are currently facing.



EVENTS

Out & About



SARW visits the State Capital on the first day of the 88th Legislature.



Christine Nichol (Top), Guest Speaker George Rodriguez and Sylvia Gartner (below) at the January meeting of the Great SA Council of TFRW GSAC at Anne Marie's.



Cyndi Dominguez and Janie Fonseca at MLK March



Mary Louise York and Sylvia Gartner attend Governor Abbott & Lt Gov Dan Patrick's swearing in ceremony at the State Capitol in Austin.



Linda Holland, Jennifer Mery, Charlotte Folson, Diana Ridgway and Sandra Murphy at an evening event.

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

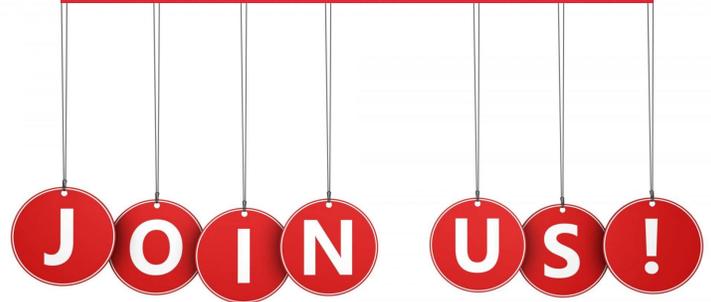
Associate membership is for women who are active members of another Republican club affiliated with the TFRW or men associated with the Republican Party.

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) 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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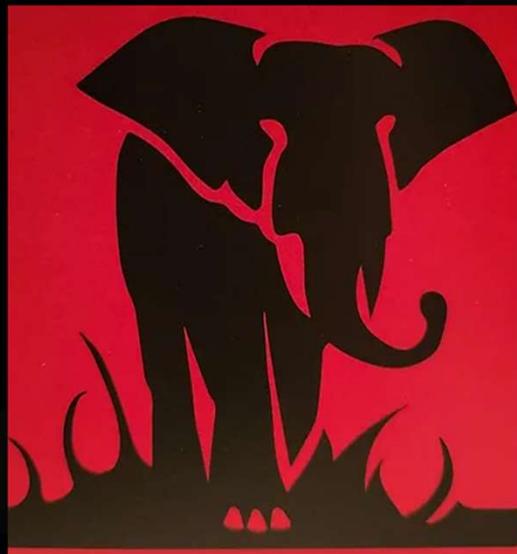
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Want to know the latest and greatest? Check out our website daily to learn of upcoming events for the current month, or reach out to our editor for an article or photos you'd like to submit!

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!

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)

For more information email
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

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Visit the Republican Party of Bexar County

Organizations we support

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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