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www.sarwclub.com

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Hello SARW Members, Associates & Friends!

Our third Fiesta Ole' was Grande! We enjoyed great Fiesta outfits, hats, entertainment, and festive decorating by our own RosieBella Gastelum who was just featured on KENS 5 for her award-winning Fiesta hats and floats. To top it off, the guests were a great group of fun loving, singing and dancing Republicans who joined to help support our candidates.

The runoff elections are almost here. Voting is critical. Our elected officials must share our priorities: border security, government fraud & waste, election integrity, sanctity of life, and the Islam threat. Get to know the candidates - check out their experience and voting record - and support the one who best represents your values.

Our **May 14th General Meeting** is the **last meeting** until **September 10th**. The program promises to be interesting and informative. Our keynote speaker, **John Guandolo**, is an expert on counterterrorism and the Islamic threat. We are very fortunate to have him. Later this month, he will be the speaker at an event in Washington DC where ticket prices begin at \$125.00. Additional speakers will address city council issues and local elections.

SARW officers will let you know about candidates' campaign activities, volunteer opportunities, and club social events. Make plans to attend - ***You really don't want to miss this meeting!*** Your Board is already lining up fall speakers and working on our annual October fundraiser to support our conservative candidates when we get back together in September. As a reminder, "Trunk Times" will break for summer, with the next edition coming out in September.

I hope to see you May 14th

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.



2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Early voting General & Bond Election
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 SARW GM Luncheon At Anne Marie's, visit www.sarwclub.com	15 RPBC Lincoln Regan Trump Dinner	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Primary Runoff Election Day	27	28	29	30
31	June 11-13 RPT Convention George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX					



Verna Quaranto – 8th
 Paula Moore – 11th
 Lori Langelier – 22nd
 Lee Klein – 23rd
 Lynn Kolenberg – 30th

Susan Lynch – 10th
 Jackie Fisher – 14th
 Elaine Hawkins – 22nd
 Renee Oliver – 29th

Reality Check

Time for Real News...because it's not all fun and games...

*Support your REPUBLICAN Candidates by attending
SARW luncheons and fundraisers*



WOW!



BREAKING: Niqab-clad former longtime Democrat LaKeshia M. Alston poses in her official candidate filing photo for North Carolina State Senate District 22 — standing between the U.S. and North Carolina flags.

This woman was a Democrat voter through 2024, switched parties at the last minute, ran unopposed, and now has the Republican nomination locked up. The Durham County Board of Elections originally posted her full niqab photo before pulling it amid the backlash.

Critics are sounding the alarm: Is this a genuine conversion or a Trojan horse for Sharia-influenced values in the GOP? Party-switching opportunists in full Islamic face-covering while waving the American flag? This isn't "diversity" — this is exactly how cultural and religious shifts undermine secular governance, women's rights, and the republic from within.

We cannot afford to be naive. Transparency and loyalty to American values first.



Ilhan Omar realizing her name starts with eleven



Save the Date!



Pastor Lorenzo Sewell will be our
Keynote Speaker at SARW's Fall
Fundraiser "AMERICANA"
~ October 3, 2026 ~

 **ChipRoy**
For Attorney General

SAN ANTONIO MEET & GREET
WITH REP. LAUREN BOEBERT & BRANDON HERRERA!

 **TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**  **6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

THE ANGRY ELEPHANT, 19314 US-281 SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258
CLICK THE LINK PROVIDED TO RSVP

"Chick's Having an AWESOME Time"
Is back THIS Summer for
Fun and Fellowship!
Stay Tuned for Dates, Time & Location
Held 2nd Thursday of the month
June, July & August

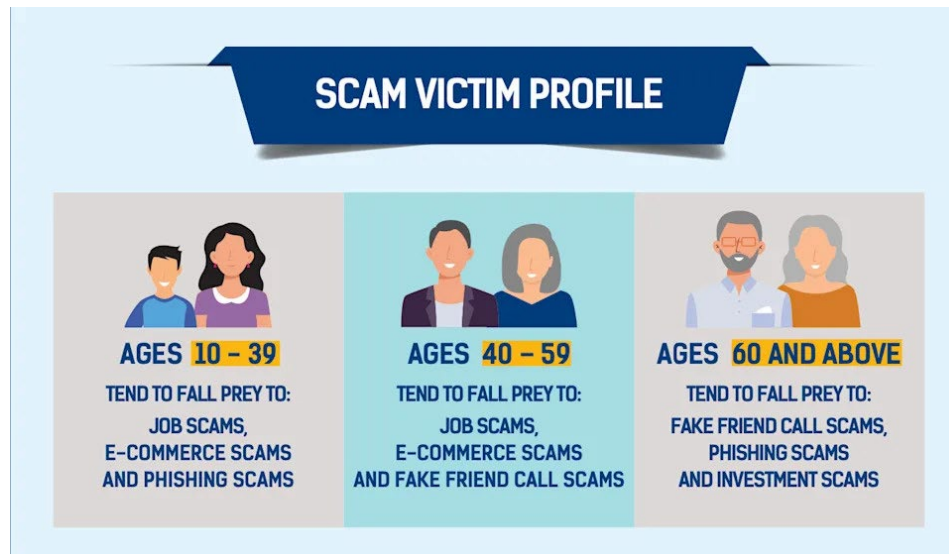


The Information Bar

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

Articles by SARW Member Brenda Dever-Armstrong,

CEO/Owner/CSA/Geriatric Advisor/Lifetime Advocate, The Next Horizon.



*Scammers are Impersonating ALL Ages
~ Especially Seniors!*

Even if your caller ID, text or email says your bank, credit union or other personal institutions, be cautious! Watch out for scammers who want to video call you or take control of your screen. Don't click links in texts you were not expecting or share one-time codes and passcodes. Call the institutions!!

Here are some examples!

Unsolicited Contact: If you get an unexpected email, text or call of social media message asking for money or information, could be a scam.

Posing as someone you trust: Scammers pretend to be figures like government officials, companies, financial institutions, IRS, Courts saying you owe money or a family member in jail – bail them out, or even friends/family.

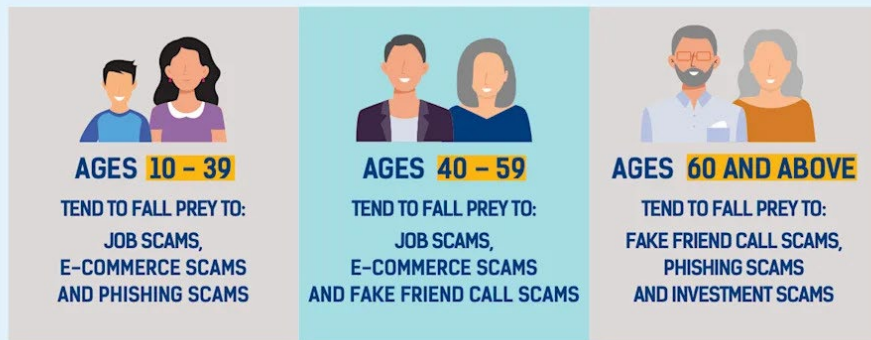
Don't trust caller ID to verify their identity.

Pressure to act fast: Scammers often use limited-time offers, threats or emergencies to rush you into making quick decisions.

Emotional manipulation: If someone is playing on emotions like fear, sympathy, or excitement to influence your decisions, it might be a scam.

Requests to pay in specific ways: Scammers often insist on payment through cryptocurrency, wire transfers, payment apps or gift cards.

SCAM VICTIM PROFILE



THE STOP METHOD CAN HELP PROTECT YOU

These steps can help you stay ahead of scammers:

Stay Cautious: Always be on alert when someone asks for information or money.

Take Your Time: Scammers want to rush you. Slow down and think before you act.

Only Trust Verified Sources: Double-check information through trusted channels.

Protect Your Info. Never share personal or financial details unless you are sure who you are dealing with.

FALLING FOR A FAKE JOB LISTING

Some folks get a message on LinkedIn from a “recruiter” at well-known tech company offering a remote position with a great salary. After the interview and they will hire you, they sometimes send a check to cover equipment costs. You go to deposit the check but it bounces, and the equipment never arrived. The recruiter and the company disappear, leaving you unable to get the money back.

DO YOUR RESEARCH: Do an online search for their names along with terms like “scam” or “complaint.” BE CARE WITH CHECKS: Scammers can make them look real before they bounce. VERIFY THE COMPANY: Remember: scammers use technology and social media to appear credible. If you think it is fraud – you can also contact the Texas Attorney Office and report.

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These photos say it all — community, celebration, and the unforgettable energy of SARW Fiesta Olé Fundraiser 2026.

We were honored to share the laughter, friendship, and Fiesta spirit that made this year's SARW Fiesta Olé Fundraiser truly special. From vibrant moments to heartfelt connections, Fiesta Olé 2026 gave us memories worth celebrating!

Congratulations to the King and Queen of SARW Fiesta Ole' 2026, Sherrie Hay and Neil Smith, and to all winners of the evening, especially RosieBella who took home this year's commemorative Art Piece created by SARW's very own resident artist, Donna Lent-Russell



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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

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