



TRUNK TIMES

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Dear Members and Friends of SARW,

With the world in a bit of a mess right now, I am truly grateful for the shared values and friendships that we have in our club. I believe times like this reinforce the need for us to really work to support and promote strong leaders who will guide our country in the right direction.



Christine Nichol, SARW President

As primaries and general elections approach, we have many opportunities to support and promote! The first opportunity is already scheduled. On February 8th, the Bexar County Republican Party has scheduled a debate for the Texas House District 121 candidates and Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 3 candidates. SARW was honored to be invited to host the event! We will be coordinating with **you** about working on and attending this fun and informative event soon. Save the date!

In our November meeting, the 2024 SARW officers will be elected. In conjunction with a new board, committee chair positions are available. Please take a look at the SARW committees on our website, www.sarwclub.com to see where your experience and skills could contribute to our club or if you are just interested in participating in a particular activity. Your involvement and contributions as a chair or committee member are most welcome and appreciated.

Please plan to be at our November 9th meeting to hear Jesus Saenz, Director of Airports, talk about the plans for our San Antonio Airport. There is quite a transformation in store.

See you there!
Christine

NEWSLETTER TREASURE HUNT

Beginning in this month's issue, you will find words throughout the newsletter written in "PINK" write them all down and find the correct phrase. Write that phrase and your name on a piece of paper and bring to Donna Russell at the GM. If your answer is correct, you'll be entered into the drawing to choose a *jewelry treasure* (earrings, necklace or purse charm) from our SARW jewelry table.

Happy Hunting!

SARW 2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President	Christine Nichol / Christine.Nichol@sbcglobal.net
1st VP Programs	Dessie Bang / dessie.bang@gmail.com
2nd VP Ways & Means	Terry Carpenter / tr_carpenter@sbcglobal.net
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Secretary	Lauretta Smith / lsmith1948@att.net
Treasurer General	Michelle Lowe / mml@satx.rr.com
Treasurer PAC	Jackie Fisher / Richard_fisher@sbcglobal.net
Immediate Past President	Diana Ridgway / ridgwaydiana@gmail.com

Appointed Officers and Board Members

Campaign Chair	Belinda Martinez / ls5050bmx@yahoo.com
Chaplain	Susan Allick / allicksm@flash.net
Corresponding Secretary	Sylvia Gartner / smgartner@hotmail.com
Legislative Chair	Paula Moore / Pacmo43@aol.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
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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
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Photographer	Marty Carpenter / marty110@att.net
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Telephone	Brenda Armstrong / deverb@att.net
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	OPEN
	Lauretta Smith (Acting) / lsmith1948@att.net

Slate of 2023-2024 Nominated Officers

Vote November GM

President – Christine Nichol
1st VP – Terry Carpenter
2nd VP – Sylvia Gartner
3rd VP – Susan Allick
Secretary – Lauretta Smith
Treasurer – Sandy Bush
Pac Treasurer – Jackie Fisher

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



GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216

Special Guest Speaker



Jesus H. Saenz Jr., IAP
Director of Airports, City of San Antonio

Luncheon Cost: \$30.00

Please RSVP by November 7th

Purchase online at www.sarwclub.com

or pay at the door

call/text 210-410-7108



November

Calendar of Events

1st : SARW Board Meeting

3rd: Last day of Constitution Early Voting

7th: CONSTITUTION ELECTION DAY!

9th: SARW GENERAL MEETING

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Anne Marie's Event Center
12475 Starcrest
Speaker: Jesus Saenz, Jr.
Meal Cost: \$30.00
RSVP (210) 410-7108
or click **HERE** to RSVP online

9th: CEC Meeting

5:00 – 9:00 pm / San Antonio
Professional Firefighters Association
8925 Interstate 10, frontage rd.

11TH: VETERAN'S DAY

23RD: THANKSGIVING DAY

SAVE THE DATE!

February 8th hosted by SARW
Bexar GOP Live Debate for Incumbents,
HD 121 and Bexar Commissioner's Court Pct. 3.
6:00-9:00pm
Aggie Park
6205 West Avenue 78213



Sylvia Gartner – 3rd

Jill Vemeulen – 6th

Dessie Bang – 8th

Janet Atkins – 11th

Janice Barsun – 25th

Laura Michelle Matheu – 25th

Cynthia Struse – 21st

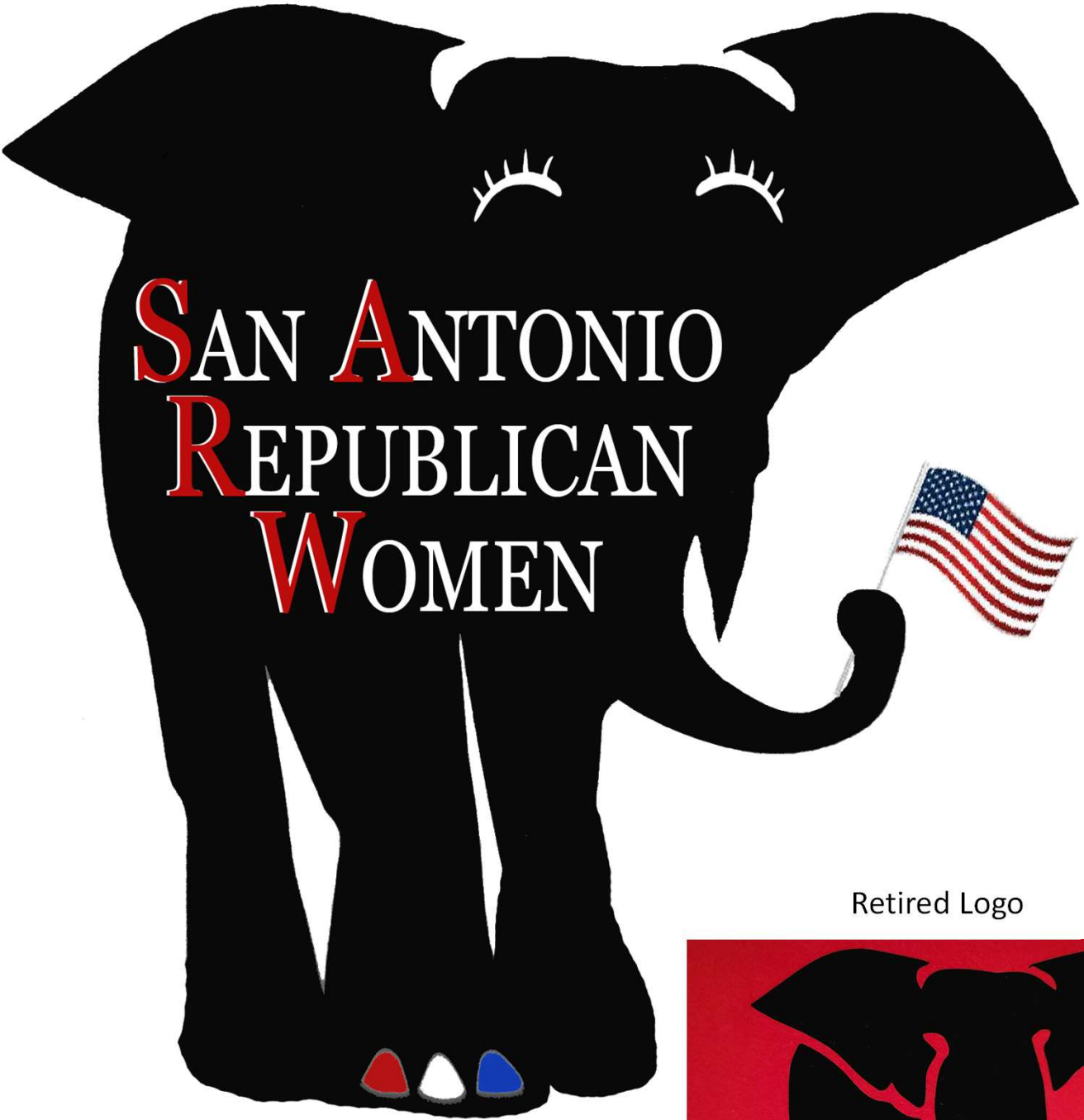


In Memoriam

JOANN HOLBROOKS,
a longtime member of
San Antonio Republican Women,
passed away Monday, October 2, 2023.
She was a beautiful lady and so beloved.
She served as Secretary of SARW
for several years.
We miss her dearly.
May she rest in peace.



**We are happy to present the new
San Antonio Republican Women
Logo!**



Retired Logo



EVENTS

National Federation of Republican Women Convention September 29-October 1

The NFRW Convention was held Friday, September 29th through Sunday October 1st. The SARW delegates that attended convention were, Christine Nichol, Donna Russell and Jackie Fisher.

All three delegates arrived on Friday evening, just in time for a Texas mixer in the basement Vault of the First National Building. The background image on this page is a photo of the ceiling in this room, it was amazing!

On Saturday, the day was started with a General Meeting where many important issues were discussed and voted on. **We** had the opportunity of listening to some really great speakers, such as Gordon Chan from Fox News, Riley Gaines, and the Governor of Oklahoma!

Sunday continued with a breakfast meeting, followed by the awards ceremony where **SARW received the Diamond Award.**



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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
42nd Biennial Convention

**OKLAHOMA
CITY**

September 28-October 1, 2023



Texas Chapters



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TFRW Convention



SARW received the Club Achievement Award!



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Out & About



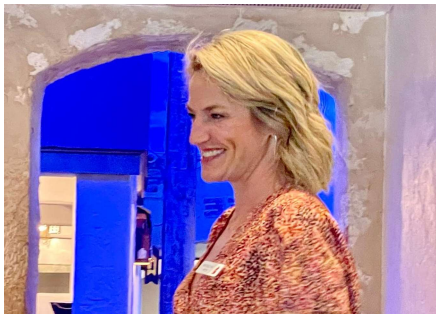
Donna Russell with Councilman Clayton Perry and Marc Whyte, Councilman District 10 at the Eden MarketPlace Ribbon cutting ceremony.



Sylvia Gartner hands over her TFRW District Director Position. Carolyn Besselman, of Canyon Lake RW, is the newly elected District Director



Betty Eckert and Gerri Peters attend the Olmos Park Terrace National Night Out!



Jacqueline Klein, new Associate Member of SARW



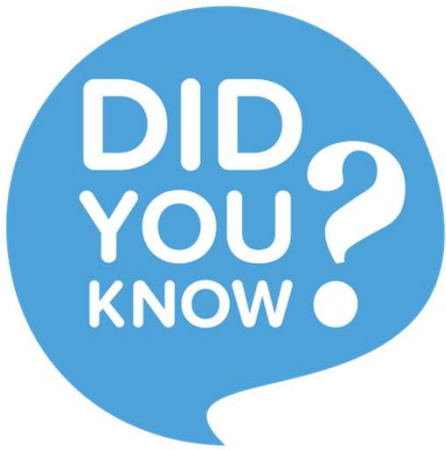
Monica Dorazio and Donna Russell. Monica delivered glass ornament to artist, Donna Russell to paint a representation of District 122 for the state capital Christmas Tree.



Gail Sayers participated in the Life Chain held on San Pedro St. in San Antonio.



Jennifer Mery, Sandra Murphy, Senator Ted Cruz, Charlotte Folson, Verna Quaranto, and Dianna Marbach at a fundraiser in Terrell Hills



Flag of Mexico. Image available on the [Internet](#) and included in accordance with [Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107](#).

Texas was never a British colony.

Believe it or not Spain reclaimed Texas from France in 1690 and retained ownership until 1821. In 1821, Mexico won the conflict with Spain. Texas at that time became a part of Mexico. Texas was now part of its third country of ownership.

Mexico had a need to strengthen itself and the method chosen was to increase the size and strength of the newly won nation. In an attempt to show the new nation's ability to grow and control its holdens. What was felt to be a bit of boasting and a chip on the shoulder. The new territory, Mexico, made a political decision to allow people from the United States to move in and colonize the area.

The colonists moved into the territory expecting to continue the practice of slavery as they had in the states. The newcomers changed the name for Texas to Mexican Texas. Texas was now divided in its citizenry. However, Slavery was officially abolished in Mexico in 1829 leaving the colonist with little choice but to fight for independence. The colonists fought for independence and within six months, October 1835 – April 1836 the new country was founded and called the Republic of Texas.

The new Republic of Texas developed and adopted a new constitution. The new constitution endorsed the practice of slavery. Reestablishing the law prohibited in Mexico. At this point Texas has been owned by four different countries. Next month we will discuss the remaining two countries.

Article by Selena Brooks

Be Aware of the latest scam activity



Phantom Hacker Scam

The FBI is warning the public of a recent nationwide increase in "Phantom Hacker" scams, significantly impacting senior citizens. This Phantom Hacker scam is an evolution of more general tech support scams, layering imposter tech support, financial institution, and government personas to enhance the trust victims place in the scammers and identify the most lucrative accounts to target. Victims often suffer the loss of entire banking, savings, retirement, or investment accounts under the guise of "protecting" their assets.



Tech Support Imposter

- Pretends to be technical support
- Directs you to install software on your computer to allow them remote access
- Can observe overall finances



Financial Institution Imposter

- States your computer and financial accounts have been hacked
- Directs you to move your money to a US Government entity, such as the Federal Reserve, for "safety"



US Government Imposter

- Poses as US government employee
- May provide official-looking letterhead to appear legitimate

Between January and June 2023, 19,000 complaints related to tech support scams were submitted to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), with estimated victim losses of over \$542 million. Almost 50% of the victims reported to IC3 were over 60 years-old, comprising 66% of the total losses. As of August 2023, losses have already exceeded those in 2022 by 40%.

THE SCAM

Phase 1 - Tech Support Imposter

1. A scammer posing as a tech or customer support representative from a legitimate company contacts the victim through a phone call, text, email, or a pop-up window on the victim's computer and instructs the victim to call a number for "assistance."
2. Once the victim calls the number, a scammer directs the victim to download a software program, allowing the scammer remote access to the victim's computer. The scammer pretends to run a virus scan on the victim's computer and falsely claims the computer has been or is at risk of being hacked.
3. Next, the scammer requests the victim open their financial accounts to determine whether there have been any unauthorized charges - a tactic the scammer uses to determine which financial account is most lucrative for targeting. The scammer chooses an account to target and tells the victim they will receive a call with further instructions from the fraud department of the respective financial institution hosting that account.

Phase 2 - Financial Institution Imposter

1. A scammer posing as a representative of the financial institution mentioned in phase 1, such as a bank or a brokerage firm, contacts the victim. The scammer falsely informs the victim their computer and financial accounts have been accessed by a foreign hacker and the victim must move their money to a "safe" third-party account, such as an account with the Federal Reserve or another US Government agency.
2. The scammer directs the victim to transfer money via a wire transfer, cash, or cryptocurrency, often directly to overseas recipients. The scammer may instruct the victim to send multiple transactions over a span of days or months.
3. The scammer tells the victim to not inform anyone of the real reason they are moving their money.

Be Aware of the latest scam activity



Phase 3 - US Government Imposter

1. The victim may also be contacted by a scammer posing as an employee at the Federal Reserve or another US Government agency. If the victim becomes suspicious of the government imposter, the scammer may send an email or a letter on what appears to be official US Government letterhead to legitimize the scam.

2. The scammer continues to emphasize the victim's funds are "unsafe" and they must be moved to a new "alias" account for protection until the victim concedes.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Do not click on unsolicited pop-ups, links sent via text messages, or email links or attachments.
- Do not contact the telephone number provided in a pop-up, text, or email.
- Do not download software at the request of an unknown individual who contacted you.
- Do not allow an unknown individual who contacted you to have control of your computer.
- The US Government will never request you send money via wire transfer to foreign accounts, cryptocurrency, or gift/prepaid cards

REPORT IT

The FBI requests victims report these fraudulent or suspicious activities to their local FBI field office and the FBI IC3 at www.ic3.gov. Be sure to include as much information as possible.

- The name of the person or company that contacted you.
- Methods of communication used, to include websites, emails, and telephone numbers.
- The bank account number(s) where the funds were wired to and the recipient's name(s).

GuideStone.org/About-Us/Security

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership for 2024, 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

You may also fill out this form and payonline (at no extra cost) at: 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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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](#)

San Antonio Republican Women
PO Box 700523

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	X
✓	Religious Freedom	X
✓	School Choice	X
✓	Protecting the Unborn	X
✓	Lower Taxes	X
✓	Border Security & Fighting Crime On The Border	X

National Platform Comparison