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www.sarwclub.com

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Hello SARW Members, Associates & Friends!

Welcome back from our summer break!

I hope you are well rested because we have some exciting activities planned for the fall.

Our September 10th General Meeting will bring us up to date on current events affecting our city and courts. Our speakers will be San Antonio District 9 City Councilwoman Misty Spears, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals Justice Adrian Spears, and Bexar County Precinct 3 Commissioner Grant Moody. The discussion will focus on what's happening right here in our community, and there is a lot going on. Knowledge is power!

On October 3, we will hold our annual fundraiser at the Petroleum Club. We are honored to welcome **Lorenzo Sewell** as our guest speaker for Celebrate America. He is a passionate patriot with an inspiring life story and will bring an uplifting message that many of us need to hear. Our fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity to support SARW and our candidates. Attend, mingle with fellow conservatives, enjoy great food and fellowship, bid on auction items, and hear from an inspiring speaker. It's an enjoyable and meaningful way to make a difference. Most importantly, proceeds support our candidates, who make significant sacrifices of their time and resources to run for office and serve our communities. **Please return your RSVP** by the **September 18th** deadline. We look forward to celebrating America with you!

Karen Jones, our Campaign Chair, has prepared detailed information on key campaigns. Her materials are factual and informative and will help equip you to discuss and support our candidates with confidence. Please take time to read what she shares so you will be well informed.

In November, our favorite Constable, Mark Vojvodich, will speak about the state of law enforcement in San Antonio. This promises to be an enlightening and timely presentation.

Then, in December, beloved Senator Donna Campbell will join us as our speaker and will install the 2027 SARW officers. We have much to look forward to, and I look forward to seeing you on September 10th.

Christine



Christine Nichol, SARW
President

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 SARW GM Luncheon	11	12
				RNC Mid-Term Nat'l Conv. Dallas, TX		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 RPBC Chairman's BBQ Details TBD
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 CEC (Precinct Chair) Meeting 4-6pm Details TBD
27	28	29	30			

NOTES

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 3rd "CELEBRATE AMERICA"
Fundraiser – Now Accepting Reservations!

NOVEMBER 3rd – ELECTION DAY

SARW 2026 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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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.

San Antonio Republican Women GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY ~ September 10, 2026

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216

Council, Court & Commission



San Antonio City Council
District 9 Councilwoman,
Misty Spears



Texas Fourth Court of Appeals
Justice Adrian Spears II



Precinct 3 Commissioner
Grant Moody



GM Cost Per Person: \$40.00
RSVP online at sarwclub.com
or call/text 210.867-4412 to
RSVP and pay at the door

★ **ONE NIGHT ONLY** ★

★ *An Exclusive Evening with Lorenzo Sewell* ★

CELEBRATE AMERICA

— ★ **with Lorenzo Sewell** ★ —

Saturday, October 3, 2026

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Petroleum Club of San Antonio

8620 N. New Braunfels Ave., Suite 700

San Antonio, TX 78217



**WWW.SARWCLUB.COM
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**



*Don't Miss This Rare Opportunity to
Hear Lorenzo Sewell Live in San Antonio!*



— ★ —
Pastor Lorenzo Sewell is an American
non-denominational pastor who
gave a prayer at the Second inauguration of
President Donald J. Trump
and host of popular podcast
“Politics and Praise”.
— ★ —



RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Lorenzo Sewell live in San Antonio.

*Attendance is limited and advance reservations
are strongly encouraged.*



RSVP today at www.sarwclub.com



ONE NIGHT ONLY
This special event will
not be repeated.



LIMITED SEATING
Seats are filling quickly.
Reserve early!



DON'T MISS OUT
Be part of an unforgettable
evening of faith, patriotism
and inspiration.

★ **ONE NIGHT. ONE MESSAGE. ONE OPPORTUNITY.** ★

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!



Celebrate **AMERICA**

★ **A FUNDRAISER EVENT** ★

We need your support to help make
Celebrate America a success!

— ★ **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!** ★ —

★ **DONATION IDEAS** ★



GIFT BASKETS
Themed baskets for raffle
or silent auction



GIFT CARDS
Retail, restaurant,
entertainment, or
service gift cards



NEW ITEMS
New merchandise,
decor, electronics,
toys, and more



EXPERIENCES
Tickets, event passes,
getaways, lessons,
and memberships



SERVICES
Professional services,
home services, or
unique experiences



MONETARY DONATIONS
Cash donations help
us make the biggest
impact!

Thank You for Supporting our Candidates!



★ **DEADLINE TO RECEIVE DONATIONS:** ★
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

San Antonio Republican Women
www.sarw.com



Contact: Dianna Lorenz



312-316-2510



Thank you for your generosity!





**Britta's Chase 5K:
Celebrating Freedom, Honoring Heroes and Helping Children Soar**

On Saturday, October 3, 2026, the fourth annual Britta's Chase 5K takes place @ Morgan's Wonderland. This race is Meant to Soar's largest community event that brings so many together and spreads its children's focused mission to all.

The theme of this year's Britta's Chase is **FREEDOM 250**. For San Antonio, a city with such a proud military heritage, celebrating freedom also means remembering the men and women who have protected it. Veterans will be specially honored during this year's event as runners, families and supporters gather to recognize their service and sacrifice.

Meant To Soar's mission is to "help children with wounded hearts due to parental addiction and human trafficking, giving them a chance to soar." Children affected by parental substance abuse can face increased risks of early substance use, mental health and addiction issues, academic difficulties, behavioral challenges and difficulty developing healthy relationships.

Meant to Soar takes a personalized approach to each child, providing healing experiences and restorative services designed to help children heal, grow and reach their full potential. Those experiences include sports, visual arts, animal encounters, music lessons, culinary arts and counseling services.

The organization's goal is not simply for these children to survive difficult circumstances. It is to help them become over comers—to discover their unique gifts, chase big dreams and recognize the positive impact they can have on the world around them.

Every Child Is Meant to Soar

Run. Walk. Cheer. Honor a veteran. And most importantly—Help a child soar.
Learn more and register at www.brittaschase.com

★ YOU'RE INVITED ★



\$100 GRAB:
The fastest MALE
and FEMALE
runners at the 1
and 2 mile markers
grab a \$100 bill!



FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.BRITTASCHASE.COM



Border Care Project made its final trip on 7 August of this year. For five years our goal was to bring hygiene supplies to law enforcement on the border.

We began with going to the border patrol in Edinburg, then they would distribute all along the border to agents in the field. We also took supplies to Edinburg DPS station to be distributed.

We then responded to an urgent need for supplies in Del Rio during the Haitian crisis with water and hand sanitizer for border patrol. We began concentrating our efforts in this area because they were hardest hit during the invasion. The Sheriff in Kinney, Co., the Del Rio Border Patrol Union, and the Terrell Co. Sheriff were drop-off points. Then they would distribute to other law enforcement from Ft. Stockton all the way to Eagle Pass.

Our wonderful republican women were always there with first aide supplies and snack for these men and women who kept the danger away. The agents gave us the unvarnished truth of life on the border, those four years were devastating to many people who live there.

We always made it a point to tell the guys that the supplies were from Women's Clubs all over Texas, it made a difference hearing that support.

Our last trip saw the Sheriff, deputy, and Border Agents in very good spirits. Their jobs are back to normal with just usual Cartel activity, no more high-speed chases! The trip reaffirmed to us that we can never let that crisis happen again.

Border Care Project truly thanks the **San Antonio Republican Women** for their continued support of our border law enforcement, it is appreciated. *Deborah Wall, Organizer, Border Care Project*





KEN PAXTON

★ FOR TEXAS SENATOR ★

FAITH. FREEDOM. COMMON SENSE.

Ken Paxton has a plan to put more money back in your pocket, protect your family, and defend Texas values.

PAXTON'S PLAN: SOLUTIONS THAT PUT TEXANS FIRST



1 \$25,000 DEDUCTION

from all healthcare expenses so that people can afford to pay for their insurance.



2 \$5,000 TAX DEDUCTION

called the Healthy Living Deduction. It allows you to deduct expenses for healthy living: gym memberships, nutrition programs, sports programs, etc.



3 BUYING HOMES

First time home owners get a \$50,000 DEDUCTION. AND if you later buy another home as a primary home, you will get another \$50,000 DEDUCTION.



4 CONTINUE THE TRUMP ACCOUNTS!

That allows us to invest in our grandchildren.



5 DOUBLE THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.

Trump increased it to \$2200. Paxton wants to increase it to \$4400.

PAXTON ASKED US TO DO THREE THINGS AS REPUBLICANS:



1. PRAY FOR TEXAS.

If we lose Texas... we lose everything.



2. SEND ANY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY

in to help with this campaign.



3. TAKE 5 MINUTES. EACH DAY

and talk about this race to others. Inform them.



KEEP TEXAS STRONG. KEEP TEXAS RED.
VOTE KEN PAXTON FOR TEXAS SENATOR!

★★ FAITHFUL. FIERCE. FIGHTING FOR TEXAS. ★★

THE ONLY COMMON SENSE CANDIDATE IN THIS RACE

PATRICK VON DOHLEN

for **BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE**

FIGHTING FOR BEXAR COUNTY RESIDENTS
ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2026



Howdy! I'm Patrick Von Dohlen. I am a husband, father of nine children, 5th generation Texan, fightin' Texas Aggie '92 and trusted financial adviser.

For over 28 years, I have been fighting as a private citizen against big government and as advocate for common sense, lower taxes and the freedom to choose and do what is right.

PRIORITY #1: INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY

Bexar County is drowning in \$3.7B in debt because of 25+ years of bad policies. We need an overhaul of our government starting with public safety. As judge, I will eliminate inefficient and ineffective bureaucrats and policies, and add 1,000 more County deputies to ensure our residents are safe.



PRIORITY #2: FIX THE JAIL CRISIS



The reason people are dying in our jail is not a mystery. They are dying because of management choices. As judge, I will publish a complete jail operations and diversion audit. I will add 2,000 beds in Bexar County jail and will establish an intermediate care center for people who do not belong in a jail.

PRIORITY #3: AUDIT EVERY COUNTY DOLLAR

We will balance the Bexar County budget and focus on core services. Every tax dollar will be audited based on three questions: Is it working? Can we prove it's working? Does it justify its full cost? — Every department will answer these questions on the record before any appropriation is approved.



PRIORITY #4: PROTECT THE AQUIFER / RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS



Respect for the Edwards Aquifer and private property rights for development are not opposites. They require careful, candid measures that do not sacrifice either. I believe both can be protected through thoughtful land use policy. We must restore common sense governance at Bexar County.

READY TO **PUSH BACK** AGAINST BIG GOVERNMENT IN BEXAR COUNTY?

WE CAN WIN WITH YOUR VOTE
ON **NOVEMBER 3**

EARLY VOTING: October 19 - October 30

PAID FOR BY PATRICK VON DOHLEN CAMPAIGN



#BIGGOVERNMENTSUCKS

RON IS WRONG 4 BEXAR COUNTY.COM

RON DOUBLED CITY DEBT AS MAYOR AND DOUBLED HIS NET WORTH

DURING HIS TENURE AS MAYOR OF SAN ANTONIO, RON PURSUED POLICIES THAT HARMED RESIDENTS:

- 😞 FIRST ACT WAS TO SIGN PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD WHICH GAVE INTO OUTSIDE ENERGY INFLUENCE (2017)
- 😞 FOUGHT TO IMPLEMENT CITY MANDATED PAID SICK LEAVE AGAINST TX CONSTITUTION (2018)
- 😞 REFUSED TO PURSUE NATIONAL CONVENTION THAT COULD HAVE BROUGHT MILLIONS TO SA (2018)
- 😞 WORKED TO DEFEAT CITIZEN EFFORTS TO RECALL BAD CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS (2018)
- 😞 COST TAXPAYERS MILLIONS PASSING MEASURES AGAINST STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS (2018, 2019, 2023)
- 😞 KICKED CHICK-FIL-A OUT OF AIRPORT (2019)
- 😞 BACKED CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE OVER WORKING FAMILIES WHICH LED TO USELESS EMISSIONS TESTING IN BEXAR COUNTY (2019 - 2026)
- 😞 FORCED RESIDENTS TO STAY HOME + WEAR MASKS PAST STATE COVID RECOMMENDATIONS (2020)
- 😞 SHUT DOWN PLACES OF WORSHIP AND RESTRAINED YOUR FREEDOM TO WORSHIP (2020 - 2023)
- 😞 FACILITATED OVER 600K ILLEGAL ALIEN IMMIGRANTS THROUGH SA (2020-2024)
- 😞 RISKED SAFETY OF RESIDENTS BY INDIFFERENCE ON DEFUND POLICE EFFORT (Prop B) 2021
- 😞 FOUGHT TO FORCE TAXPAYERS TO PAY FOR ABORTION TRAVEL (2024)
- 😞 IN 12 YRS, FAILED TO SPONSOR A TAX DECREASE TO HELP HOMEOWNERS
- 😞 FAVORED READY-TO-WORK TRAINING OVER AQUIFER PROTECTION AND THEN BOTCHED READY-TO-WORK BY PLACING ONLY 5,756 WORKERS AT A COST OF \$41,000 PER JOB.

"Hope comes from a government that keeps its promises..."

Ron Nirenberg, in delivered remarks, regarding his vision for Bexar County, Primary Victory Party, Mar. 3, 2026

Former Mayor (2017 - 2025) and Councilman (2013 - 2017) of San Antonio



NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY NO TO RADICAL RON

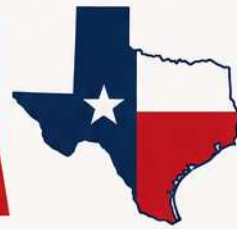
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#nokingsinbexarcountry

#BIGGOVERNMENTSUCKS

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BRANDON HERRERA



REPUBLICAN NOMINEE
FOR TEXAS' 23RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

PROVEN LEADER. BUSINESS BUILDER.
FIGHTING FOR A STRONGER AMERICA.



BUSINESS BUILDER

Proven record of building and growing successful businesses.



FISCAL CONSERVATIVE

Committed to reducing the national debt and curbing wasteful spending.



AMERICA FIRST

Securing the border, strengthening our economy, and protecting our Constitution.



PEOPLE OVER POLITICS

Term limits, transparency, and accountability in Washington.

ABOUT BRANDON HERRERA

- ✓ 30 years old, entrepreneur, and job creator
- ✓ Gun manufacturer and Second Amendment advocate
- ✓ Endorsed by President Donald Trump and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson
- ✓ Republican nominee for TX-23 after former Congressman Tony Gonzales withdrew from the primary runoff in March 2026
- ✓ Ran against Gonzales in the 2024 primary, losing by only 354 votes
- ✓ Will face Democratic nominee Katy Padilla Stout in the general election
- ✓ TX-23 stretches from San Antonio to El Paso and reaches the border
- ✓ A district considered favorable to Republicans

ON THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARTIES

"The Democratic Party of 2026 is the party of free pizza every day. And the Republican Party is the party of asking how you'll pay for the pizza." – Brandon Herrera

A PROVEN ENTREPRENEUR

Brandon Herrera owns and operates businesses in:



SOCIAL MEDIA



TEXTILES



ENERGY DRINKS



PROTEIN



STREAMING SERVICE



4M+
YOUTUBE
SUBSCRIBERS

Sharing knowledge of guns and freedom.



700K+
FOLLOWERS ON X

Sharing policy positions and common-sense solutions.

★ TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES ★

- ✓ Secure the border and enforce immigration laws
- ✓ Oppose any spending bill that does not fund comprehensive border security
- ✓ Reinstate "Remain in Mexico" and stop abuse of the asylum system
- ✓ Fight to rein in wasteful government spending that fuels inflation
- ✓ Move toward single-subject spending bills
- ✓ Support term limits: 3 terms for House, 2 terms for Senate
- ✓ No New Taxes pledge – keep more of your hard-earned money



THE NATIONAL DEBT
\$39.8 TRILLION
\$116,700 FOR EVERY AMERICAN

As of August 10, 2026 | Source: Peter G. Peterson Foundation

Brandon Herrera will fight to reduce the national debt and stop the cycle of debt, inflation, and economic slavery for our children and grandchildren.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE. COMMON-SENSE SOLUTIONS.

"If I ran my business the way that the government runs its budget, I would be homeless three times over. My experience running profitable businesses will help me reduce the federal deficit and get our country back on track." – Brandon Herrera

IT'S NOT THE YEARS,
IT'S THE MILES.
LET'S PUT AMERICA
BACK ON COURSE.

VOTE BRANDON HERRERA
FOR A STRONGER TEXAS.
FOR A STRONGER AMERICA.



LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

 brandonherrera.com



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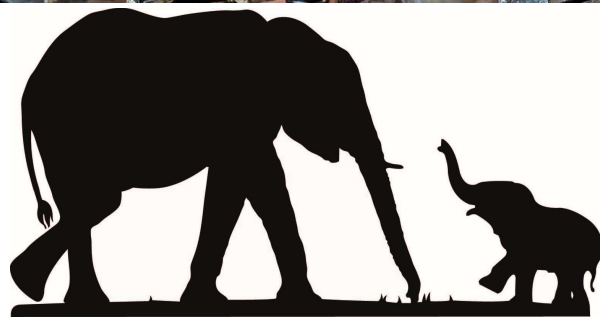
Excerpts from "Brandon Herrera is a Congressional candidate from Texas to watch"
Bonnie Kavoussi, writer and SARW Member, edited for newsletter

May 2026 General Meeting



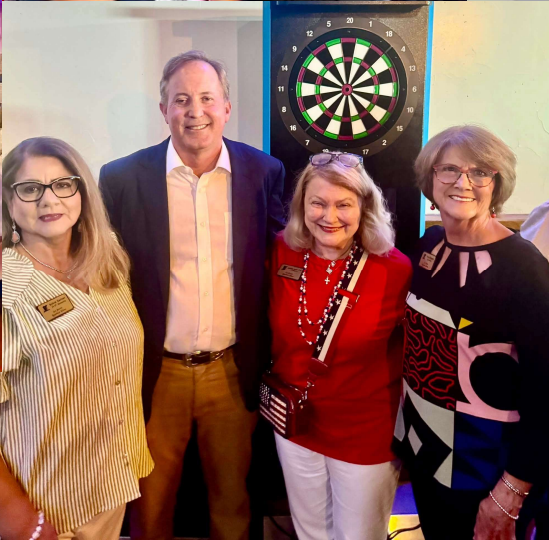


★ Join us in welcoming our newest members by saying “Hello” when they arrive at our General Membership meeting on September 10th! ★





SARW Out & About



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

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