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*Christine Nichol, SARW President*

*Dear Members and Friends of SARW,* Many thanks and appreciation to Terry Carpenter, our Ways & Means Vice President, and her amazing committee members, for making our “All That Jazz” fundraiser a roaring ‘20’s success! The hard work and many hours these ladies invested in planning and preparing for our event really paid off.

And those attending certainly rose to the occasion- we had a crowd of very glamorously dressed ladies and gentlemen! Speaker Scott Toland’s stories about his experiences working in the Trump White House were interesting, often humorous, and encouraging.

We have exciting events coming up in October also. The guest speaker at our October 12<sup>TH</sup> General Meeting will be Representative Mark Dorazio, Texas House District 122, to give us an update on legislative activity in the House. Our *New Member Welcome and Orientation* will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Alamo Cafe, 14250 San Pedro from 11am - 1pm. We have lots of wonderful new members to get to know! So, all members, old and new, are encouraged to attend.

As we head into an election year, candidates will begin to announce for office and events will be scheduled, our Campaign Chair, Bella Martinez, will inform us of what we can do to support our candidates.

*All the best, Christine*

# SARW 2023 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| President                | <b>Christine Nichol</b> / Christine.Nichol@sbcglobal.net |
| 1st VP Programs          | <b>Dessie Bang</b> / dessie.bang@gmail.com               |
| 2nd VP Ways & Means      | <b>Terry Carpenter</b> / tr_carpenter@sbcglobal.net      |
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| Secretary                | <b>Lauretta Smith</b> / Insmith1948@att.net              |
| Treasurer General        | <b>Michelle Lowe</b> / mml@satx.rr.com                   |
| Treasurer PAC            | <b>Jackie Fisher</b> / Richard_fisher@sbcglobal.net      |
| Immediate Past President | <b>Diana Ridgway</b> / 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 / <a href="mailto:sarwclub@yahoo.com">sarwclub@yahoo.com</a> |
| Internal Reviewer        | Marty Carpenter / marty110@att.net   |

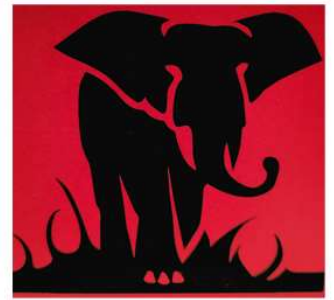
## Appointed Standing Committee Chairs

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
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| Awards             | Cynthia Smith / Cynthia@cdsmithlaw.com       |
| Bylaws             | Sandy Bush / Skbush@gvtc.com                 |
| Caring for America | Kate Blair / kathleenB0424@gmail.com         |
| College Outreach   | Selena Brooks / selenabrooks68@gmail.com     |
| Decorations        | Kathy Zurlo / Kathleenszurlo@yahoo.com       |
| Handbook           | Sandy Bush / Skbush@gvtc.com                 |
| Historian          | <b>OPEN</b>                                  |
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| Jewelry            | Gerri Peters / Gerripeters13@gmail.com       |
|                    | Donna Armstrong / Alamodonna61@gmail.com     |
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| Scholarship        | Cappy Davidson / cappydavidson@gmail.com     |
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|                    | Linda Holland / linda_22333@satx.rr.com      |
| Voter Registration | <b>OPEN</b>                                  |
| Women's Health     | Lauretta Smith (Acting) / lsmith1948@att.net |

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



San Antonio Republican Women  
GENERAL MEETING



**THURSDAY ~ OCTOBER 12th**

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Anne Marie's**

**12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216**

**Special Guest Speaker**



Honorable Mark Dorazio  
Texas House of Representatives District 122

**Luncheon Cost: \$30.00**

**Please RSVP by October 10th**

**Purchase online at [www.sarwclub.com](http://www.sarwclub.com)**

**or pay at the door**

**call/text 210-410-7108**





# October

## Calendar of Events

3<sup>rd</sup>: SARW Board Meeting

9<sup>th</sup>: COLUMBUS DAY

12<sup>th</sup>: SARW GENERAL MEETING

11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Anne Marie's Event Center  
12475 Starcrest  
Speaker: Mark Dorazio,  
State Rep. House District 122  
Meal Cost: \$30.00  
RSVP (210) 410-7108  
or click [HERE](#) to RSVP online

12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup>: TFRW Convention  
Irving, TX

18<sup>th</sup>: Turning Point USA Presents:  
CHARLIE KIRK  
University of Texas, San Antonio  
No Cost but must RSVP at  
[TPUSA.COM/LIVEFREE](http://TPUSA.COM/LIVEFREE)

19<sup>th</sup>: SARW "NEW MEMBER" Luncheon

11:00am – Alamo Café\  
14250 San Pedro (off 281)

23<sup>rd</sup>: EARLY VOTING  
**Constitutional Election**

31<sup>st</sup>: HALLOWEEN



Sylvia Lent – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Irene Bland – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jennifer Mery – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Rosie Padilla – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Tesoro – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Gabriela De La Cabada – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Helen Kay – 19<sup>th</sup>

Charlene VanderPoorten – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mark Thompson – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Jeannine Owens – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Diana Ridgway – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Lori Lynn Fanning – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Denise Vandermark – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Gumm – 30<sup>th</sup>



As an organization of people who come together for the greater good, it is without saying that we stand in support of one of our very own who is going through a difficult time. Our, second Vice President, Terry Carpenter, has a sweet 4 year old granddaughter who is currently suffering from an inoperable brain tumor. She has undergone countless radiation treatments and the results have not been positive.

Maely Kate has been diagnosed with a Diffuse Midline Glioma (DMG). These funds are to help Kelly and Melanie with future upcoming expenses. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for donating and helping this precious family who we all know and love.


<https://gofund.me/0ab7fba5>

## Mighty Maely Kate's Fight



# Texas Constitution Amendments To be voted on Nov 7, 2023

Would YOU Let Me Watch  
Your Farm?



**Proposition 1 is not  
what you think it is...**  
Worded like it will "affirm" the  
right to farm... It actually  
empowers the government to regulate  
and control your land...

**Vote "NO" to Proposition 1**

## Proposition 1- HJR 126

Vote "NO" AGAINST. This is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It appears to affirm the "rights" of individuals but it actually affirms the right of bureaucracy to establish laws and regulations that may abridge your rights of ownership and use.

## Proposition 2- SJR 64

There are better ways to support child care for Texas families without creating a new tax loophole for special interests. Instead of providing a tax exemption, the state should promote free market competition, consumer choice, and innovation in the child-care sector. Texans should vote no on Proposition 2 and demand a more fiscally responsible and fair solution to the child-care challenge.

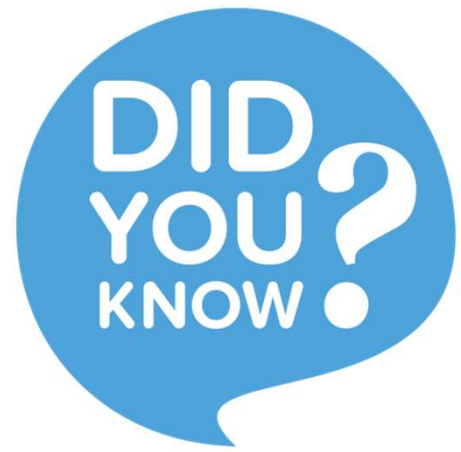
## PROPOSITION 2- SJR 64

- ◆ Shifts Tax burden to property owners.
- ◆ Gives preferential treatment regardless of the level of care for children.
- ◆ does not address the real problems of the child-care system, such as quality, affordability, and accessibility.



**X No**

**TEXANS SHOULD VOTE NO  
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## **Texas was never a British colony.**

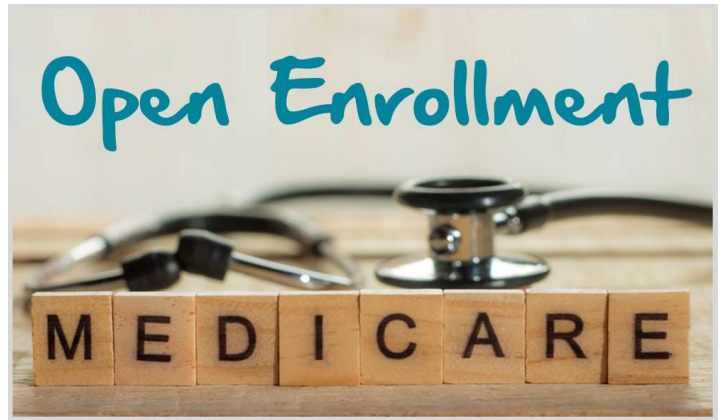
We do know that Texas is over 10,000 years old, and we know the name, Texas, means Friends. Texas has been claimed by six countries. Today we will explore the first and second countries in succession.

- Spain was the first European country to explore and document Texas. A Spanish explorer was hired by Jamacia in 1520 to find a passage between the Gulf of Mexico and Asia for trade. The explorer drew a map of the area thus formally documenting the existence of Texas as part of the Gulf Coast. Early Spanish explorers came into the region looking for overland routes to the Mississippi River and were involved in trade routes and slavery. For over 160 years the Spanish traders abandoned the land.
- French Texas: 1684-1689 The French expedition left France on July 24, 1684, to find the Mississippi River. The French bumbled their targeted journey's location due to inept map construction and the loss of a supply ship to Spain during the voyage. They instead claimed the 160-year Spanish deserted territory and built Fort Saint Louis. One ship returned to France and the remaining two were destroyed by a storm. Disease and hardship destroyed the colony leaving approximately 45 people. Their final attempt to find the Mississippi River resulted in disaster. For five years the French claimed Texas.

*Article by Selena Brooks*

## Medicare Open Enrollment

October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>  
2023



The Medicare Open Enrollment starts on October 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on December 7, 2023. This timeframe gives you an opportunity to review your plan choice and make changes, if necessary. Review your current plan and if that plan is making any changes for the coming year. The changes you can make is to switch to a different Medicare plan like Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) or drop your Medicare Advantage plan and go back to Traditional Medicare (Parts A & B). Medicare has added more accepted care. You can look at Supplemental Insurance that may cover the remaining 20% that Traditional Medicare does not – they cover 80%. Now, if your Veteran spouse served 20 years or more – after the age of 65 you are covered with Tricare For Life....Best coverage – Medicare (Primary) Tricare For Life (Secondary) – you do NOT need an additional medical insurance policy. (If divorced from a Veteran not eligible).

**WHAT ARE THE CHANGES FOR MEDICARE PART B IN 2023?** – The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$164.90 for 2023, a decrease of \$5.20 from \$170.10 in 2022. The annual deductible for all Medicare Part B beneficiaries is \$226 in 2023, a decrease of \$7.00 from the annual deductible of \$233.00 in 2022.

**CAN YOU SWITCH TO MEDICARE ADVANTAGE DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT?** If you are in Traditional Medicare, you can switch Part D plan or switch to a Medicare Advantage Plan during the Medical Open Enrollment period that runs from October 15-7 December 2023. One CANNOT use the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment period(from 1 January to 31 March) unless you are enrolled in Medicare.

**WILL MEDICARE PART D PREMIUMS INCREASE IN 2023?** With a premium stabilization-capped 2024 base beneficiary premium of \$34.70, the average basic Part D premium is projected to increase from \$34.09 in 2023 to \$34.50in 2024, a 7.5% increase.

**IS MEDICARE AGE CHANGING TO 67?** The progressive changes are nearing their conclusion: Beginning in 2022, the standard age for full benefits will be 67 for anyone born after 1960. Besides the Medicare eligibility age of 65, what remains unchanged is that you can opt to begin drawing partial Social Security benefit as early as 62.

\*Check with your current medical plan and contact them with questions you may have or go onto the website: [www.medicare.com](http://www.medicare.com)

\*\*Next month topic will cover: What are Medicaid Advantage Plans

*Brenda Dever-Armstrong, CEO/CSA/Geriatric Advisor  
The Next Horizon Seniors & Military (Veterans/Spouses) Advocate/Resource*



# Out & About

## EVENTS



Charlene Vanderpoorten, Charlotte Folson and Sandy Bush attend the Grand Opening of Rep. Mark Dorazio's new SA District Office



Mary Louise York with Steve Munisteri, former RPT Chairman



Betty Eckert and Gerri Peters visit the Walker Ranch Senior Center



Christine Nichol, Donna Russell and Jackie Fisher will be the SARW delegates attending the National Federation of Republican Women



SARW attends the Bexar County RW meeting to wish them a "Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday" Special guest speaker, U.S. Congressman Chip Roy



Yvonne & Becky Perez attend the Pastors meeting at Mi Tierra Restaurant, sponsored by Bienvenidos

# EVENTS

September 2023  
GM Photos



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## ALL THAT JAZZ

### Sponsorship Tables

**Elisa Chan**  
**Beverly Birnbaum / Sandra Weingart**  
**Dawn Baamonde / Cappy Davidson**  
**Christine Nichol / Donna Russell / Jacqueline Klien**



### Thank You to our Donors!

**Governor Greg Abbott**  
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**Donna Armstrong**  
**Beverly Birnbaum**  
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**Francis Boffo**  
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**Kandy Wittenberg**



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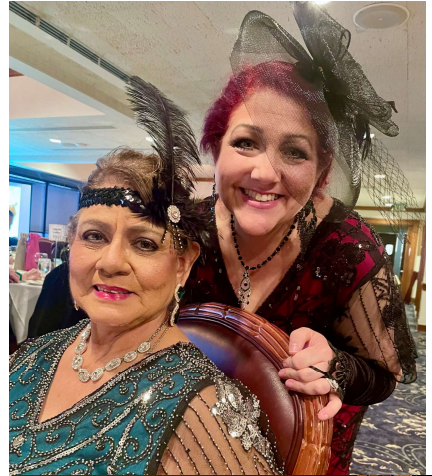
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## **BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

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***

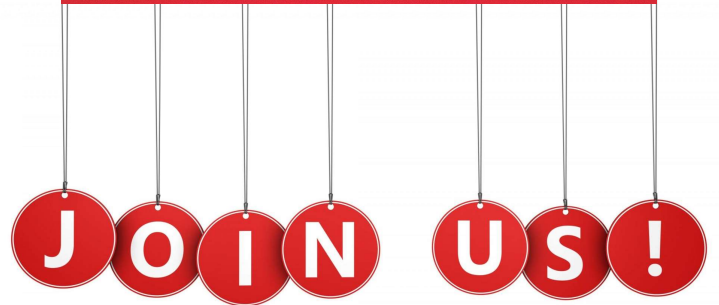
Associate membership is for women who are active members of another Republican club affiliated with the TFRW or men associated with the Republican Party.

#### ***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](http://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](http://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**

**\*A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 527 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME  
PURPOSES CONTRIBUTIONS CORPORATION, LABOR UNIONS AND FOREIGN NATIONALS ARE PROHIBITED.**

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**W**ant 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 hope you enjoy your visit!

## 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](mailto:sarwclub@yahoo.com)

### SARW 2023 Officers:

President - *Christine Nichol*  
1st VP Programs - *Dessie Bang*  
2nd VP Ways & Means - *Terry Carpenter*  
3rd VP Membership - *Vicki Durst*  
Secretary - *Lauretta Smith*  
Treasurer General - *Michelle Lowe*  
Treasurer PAC - *Jackie Fisher*  
Legislative Chair - *Paula Moore*  
Immediate Past President - *Diana Ridgway*  
Director of Social Media - *Donna Lent-Russell*

JOIN US ON  
**facebook**  
CLICK HERE

Log Your Volunteer Hours **HERE!**

The SARW Brochure

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE VIDEO

Interested in Attending one or both Conventions this year? Click on the links below to visit TFRW and NFRW Convention Information sites:

[TFRW.ORG](http://TFRW.ORG)

[NFRW.ORG](http://NFRW.ORG)

Organizations we support

Visit the Republican Party of Bexar County

## 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



TEXAS FEDERATION  
*of*  
Republican Women

### TFRW 2023 CONVENTION:

October 12-14 ~ Irving Convention Center, Irving, TX

**Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas**

*Irving, Texas*

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Texas Federation of Republican Women  
34th Biennial Convention

October 12-14, 2023  
Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas  
Irving, Texas