

TRUNK TIMES

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Dear Members and Friends of SARW,

The 2024 Election Year has arrived - We have the March 5th Primary Elections, May 23rd-25th Republican Party of Texas Convention here in San Antonio, and November 7th Election Day. It should be an exciting year as we elect new leaders.



Christine Nichol, SARW President

Volunteers are important, always appreciated, and very much needed during this election year! You can participate in many ways, for example:

- Volunteer at Bexar County Headquarters for a few hours 10 am-4 pm and they will give you a task.
- You can choose a specific candidate and work for that campaign by phone calling, putting up signs, block walking, registering new voters, or working at the polls.
- You can also become a delegate and attend the RPT convention!

And, because this is such an important election year, SARW needs a Campaign Chair on our Board to help our members get involved with the candidates and their campaigns and to coordinate our volunteer activities. Many of you know the campaign and election process well and have years of valuable experience. We could use your help! If you are interested in this position (or know of a member who would be), please let me know.

January is International Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and we are fortunate to have Chara McMichael, Executive Director of the Human Trafficking Interdiction Division in BCFS as our guest speaker. Come hear about her victories and the progress she is making against this crime. Coincidentally, our meeting day is on the officially designated “**wear blue day**” which is intended to bring awareness to the issue so please wear **blue**!

~ Happy New Year! Christine

SARW 2024 OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

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Voter Registration	OPEN
Women's Health	

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

January

Calendar of Events

11th SARW GENERAL MEETING

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's Event Center

12475 Starcrest

Meal Cost: \$35.00

RSVP (210) 410-7108

or [click HERE to RSVP online](#)

26th TFRW First Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

Sheraton Austin Georgetown

Hotel & Conference Center

1101 Woodlawn Avenue

Georgetown, TX

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

RSVP at TFRW.org

26th TFRW Leadership Day Welcome Reception

7:00 - 8:30 pm

27th TFRW Leadership Day

Sheraton Austin Georgetown

Hotel & Conference Center

1101 Woodlawn Avenue

Georgetown, TX

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

RSVP at TFRW.org



Ally Rodriguez – 4th

Janie Fonseca – 2nd

Betty Rivera – 6th

Beverly Bimbaum – 9th

Abigail Antuna – 12th

Gerri Peters – 13th

Donna Russell – 14th

Araceli Davis – 23rd



GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY ~ JANUARY 11th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Anne Marie's

12475 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78216

Special Guest Speaker

Luncheon Cost: \$35.00

Please RSVP by
January 9th

Purchase online at
www.sarwclub.com
or pay at the door

call/text 210-410-7108



Chara McMichael

Executive Director of Human Trafficking Interdiction Division
BCFS Health and Human Services

The Scholarship Committee will be
accepting donations for the
Fern Burke Scholarship at the
January General Membership Luncheon

About our Speaker



Chara McMichael Biography

Chara McMichael serves as Executive Director of the Human Trafficking Interdiction Division (HTI) within BCFS Health and Human Services. Under Chara's leadership, HTI provides relational advocacy services, operates a 24/7/365 hotline, runs care coordination services, leads a task force with law enforcement partners, and recruits local community members to expand a survivor's village.

After more than 30 years in the political realm, with leadership positions in political advocacy groups, the Texas State House, United States Congress and the Embassy of Israel, Chara possesses a wealth of knowledge in policy formation, agency rule-making authority, regulations, and inter-governmental relations. She also served in an international non-profit as the Director of Government Relations and Grants, adding non-profit and government grant writing capabilities.

Passionate about the fight against human trafficking, Chara's involvement extends back over two decades with key highlights including spearheading passage of landmark anti-human trafficking legislation in Texas, leading to the creation of the first statewide human trafficking prevention task force, significant reforms to better facilitate investigation and prosecutions, enhanced protections for minor victims, and increased penalties for predators.

Chara has a Bachelor of Science from Southwest Texas State University and an International Master of Business Administration from Texas State. She is delighted to be home in "God's Country," and actively engaged with a team driven to help turn victims into survivors and thrivers.



San Antonio Republican Women

P.O. Box 700523, San Antonio, TX 78270

www.sarwclub.com

Fern Burke Scholarship

In May of each year, the San Antonio Republican Women's Club grants a \$1000 Fern Burke Scholarship to a high school senior.

The scholarship is named in honor of Fern Burke, Club President 1996-1998, in recognition of her outstanding involvement and passion for GOP principles and programs. SARW grants the scholarship based on grades, SAT/ACT scores, an essay submission, involvement in any honors class participation, school award(s) received, school activities, school academic recommendations, character references, volunteer work and activities, and Republican Party activities.

The recipient is selected by the Scholarship Committee. The application deadline is March 31, 2024. Please mail the completed application to:

SARW Scholarship Committee
4530 Western Pine Woods
San Antonio TX 78249

Thank you for your participation!



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www.sarwclub.com

SARW FERN BURKE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Grades: _____

SAT/ACT SCORES: _____

Honors Class Participation: _____

School Awards Received: _____

School Activities: _____

One Page Essay: "Why I Love America" (please attach document)

Academic Recommendations: _____

Character References: _____

Volunteer Work: _____

Any Republican Party/Conservative Activities: _____

Do you consider yourself a Republican/Conservative? _____

Have you applied to any colleges/universities and/or been accepted? If so, to which?

Signature of Applicant

Date

EVENTS

December GM



EVENTS

Out & About



SARW attended the Greater San Antonio Council of TFRW Christmas Luncheon at Anne Marie's



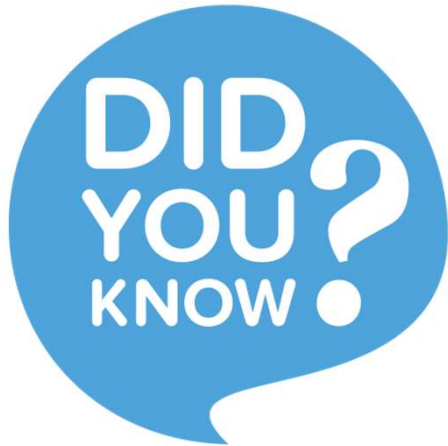
Gerri Peters & Betty Eckert ready to celebrate Christmas!



Christine Nichol, Donna Russell, Vickie Durst, Paula Moore and Terry Carpenter attend the Mark Dorazio Benefit Social at La Familia Restaurant.



Mexican Republic Independence from Spain



Did You Know? Spain Reclaimed Texas from the French but slavery caused the next transition to the Republic of Texas.

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 point became a part of Mexico. Mexico became the third country to claim ownership of our illustrious Texas.

After the battle with Spain, Mexico acknowledged its weakness. There was a struggle to strengthen itself and the method chosen was to increase the size and strength of the newly won nation through politics. To show the new nation's ability to grow and control its holdens the decision was made to allow colonization. Mexico's political decision was to allow people from the United States to move in and colonize the area. The forgotten or not deeply discussed issue was the impact of slavery on the nation. Mexico was a slave free country.

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. Either they freed their slaves, or they would 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.

Flag of the Republic of Texas (1836-1839)



Article by Selena Brooks

References:

[Texas PBS](#)

<https://texasourttexas.texaspbs.org> › *the-eras-of-texas*
www.txfb-ins.com

[Texas State Historical Association](#)

<https://www.tshaonline.org> › *handbook* › *entries* › *me*

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

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

P.O. Box 700523, San Antonio, TX 78270

www.sarwclub.com

SARW Membership Form

Date: _____

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 \$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 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: Susan Allick, VP Membership (210) 421-5539

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](#)

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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 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