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www.sarwclub.com

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Hello SARW Members, Associates & Friends!

This truly is the best time of year in San Antonio—the weather is beautiful, and it's time for **SARW Ole' and Fiesta!** I hope you're planning to join us for our 3rd Fiesta Ole' fundraiser on Saturday, April 11, from 6–9 p.m. at the Quarry Golf Club, in place of our April monthly meeting. Attending Ole' is the easiest—and most enjoyable—way to support both our candidates and our Club. Every dollar raised goes directly to our candidates.

The evening will feature outstanding entertainment by award-winning singer Patsy Torres, a delicious dinner, exciting prizes, a stunning venue with a beautiful view, and, of course, the fun and camaraderie of SARW members and friends. Please plan to attend! Visit sarwclub.com to RSVP.

Our Campaign Chair, Karen Jones, is organizing a forum for the Congressional District 35 runoff candidates, John Lujan and Carlos de La Cruz, scheduled for Saturday, May 2. This is the only CD runoff election in our area. Once details are finalized with the campaigns, we'll share how you can get involved. We will need volunteers—yes, that means you, my friends!—to help coordinate this important event. Your support is greatly needed and sincerely appreciated. If you can help, please contact Karen at 210-842-6063 or me at 210-410-7108. This is a big undertaking, and together we can make it an epic success for SARW!

Our May 14 speaker will be John Guandolo, a subject-matter expert on the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic doctrine, and the global Islamic movement. Given current world events, this topic is especially timely and relevant. It may not be easy to hear, but it is important to understand. Please plan to attend—and bring others with you. I look forward to seeing you at Ole' and on May 14!

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.



APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY	6	7	8	9	10	11 SARW 3rd FIESTA OLE' @The Quarry 6-9 pm RSVP Online!
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 EARLY VOTING for GENERAL BOND ELECTION	21	22	23	24	25
26 LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR PRIMARY RUNOFF	27	28	29	30		

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY 2026

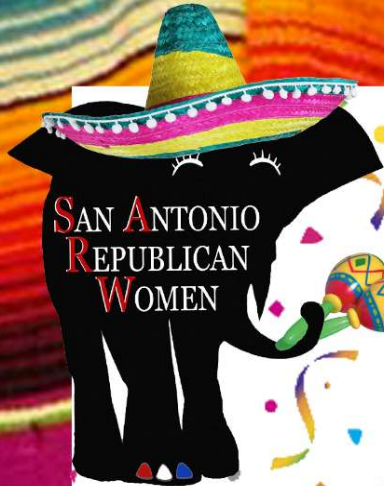
- 10 - Mother's Day
- 14 - SARW General Meeting
- 15 - RPBC Lincoln, Reagan, Trump Dinner
- 25 - Memorial Day
- 26 - Primary Runoff Election Day



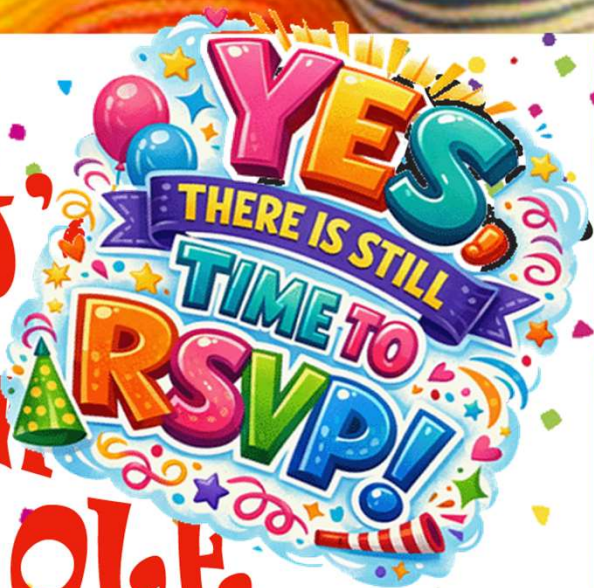
Terry Lippmann – 1st
Linda Harris – 10th
Linda Holland – 14th

Phyllis Yvette McArthur – 15th
Yvonne Perez – 18th
Kathleen Blair – 24th

JUNE 11-13 RPT Convention,
George R. Brown Convention
Center, Houston, TX



SARW 3rd Annual FIESTA OLE



SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
6:00 - 9:00 PM
THE QUARRY GOLF CLUB
444. E. BASSE RD., SAN ANTONIO, TX 78209

The evening will be filled with **Delicious Food**, **LIVE MUSIC**
by **Patsy Torres**, and *Pure Alegria!*

(Cash Bar / \$75.00 per person)



COME IN YOUR FIESTA WEAR
TO HAVE A CHANCE TO BE
CROWNED SARW
FIESTA KING OR QUEEN!



The New 2026 Fiesta Ole'
Commemorative Art Piece
Will be available to
WIN!

RSVP TODAY!

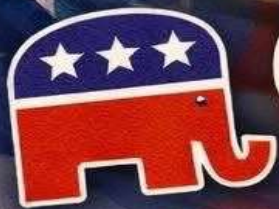
www.sarwclub.com

Or contact: Dianna Lorenz at 312.316.2510

★ BEXAR COUNTY ★ SENATORIAL CONVENTIONS

**THANK YOU &
GOOD LUCK**

TO ALL OF OUR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES!



**ONWARD TO THE
GOP STATE
CONVENTION!**





Kingwood Area Republican Women

On January 31, 2026, the Kingwood Area Republican Women's Club hosted a vibrant and well-attended fundraising event, and we were thrilled to be there in support of our niece, Danielle Barron, one of the organization's newest—and youngest—members.

To show our support for twenty-one-year-old Dani's growing involvement in local politics, Charlie and I traveled to Kingwood, TX to join her for the evening. The event featured an impressive lineup of speakers, including **Governor Greg Abbott** and **Congressman Dan Crenshaw**, and drew several local and state leaders who recently ran in the Primary Elections.

Photos from the evening include Governor Abbott, John Messinger, Kelly Hancock, Charles Cunningham, and Laryssa Korduba with her son. Also in attendance, though not pictured, were Dan Crenshaw and Don Huffines.

Charlie and I couldn't be prouder of Dani. Her enthusiasm and commitment to civic engagement are truly inspiring. Earlier in January, she helped organize a **Charlie Kirk event in Kingwood that drew more than 350 attendees**—an impressive accomplishment for anyone, let alone someone her age. After mentioning the idea to her pastor, she pulled together the right team and launched the event in just a couple of weeks. We only wish she lived closer so she could join and contribute to our **San Antonio Republican Women's Club** as well. She's a remarkable young woman with a bright future in leadership.

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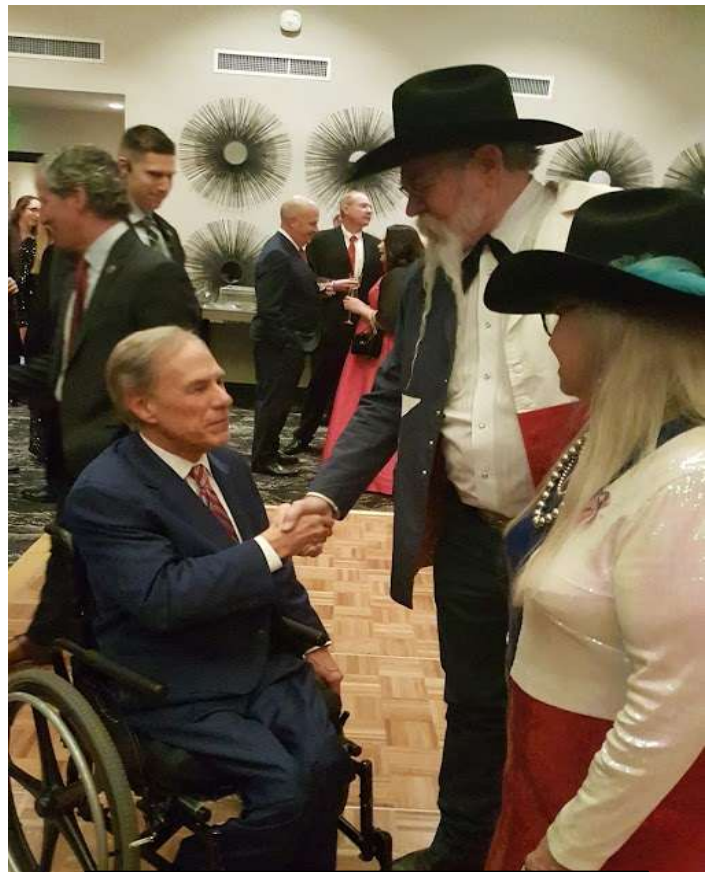
Sandy Bush, SARW PAC Treasurer



Charlie and Sandy Bush
attending the Kingwood Area
Republican Women Event



John Messinger running for Texas Court of appeals Place 9



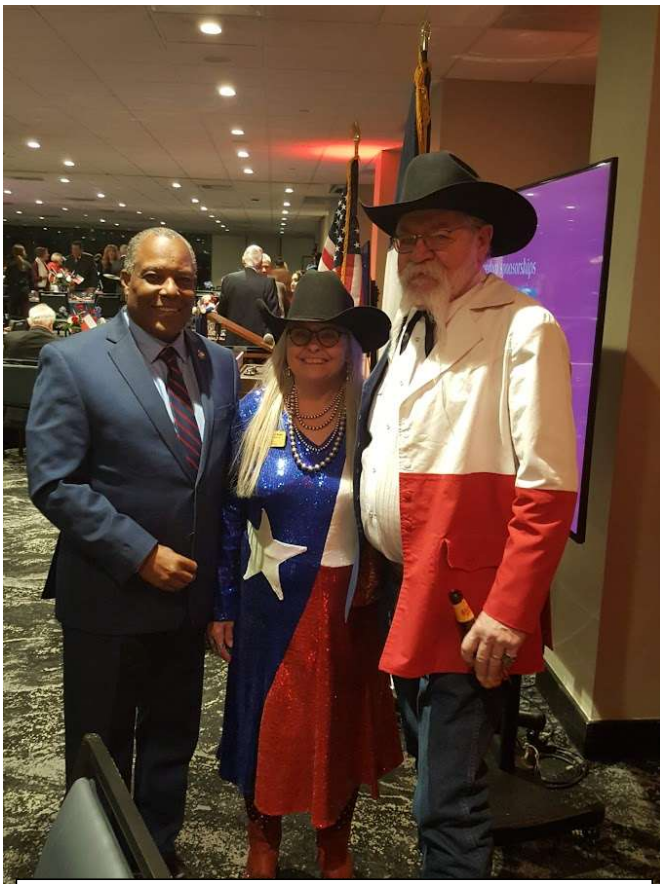
Governor Greg Abbott, Charlie and Sandy Bush



Kelly Hancock Candidate for Texas State Comptroller



Governor Abbott and Danielle Barron (Member of Kingwood Area Republican Women)



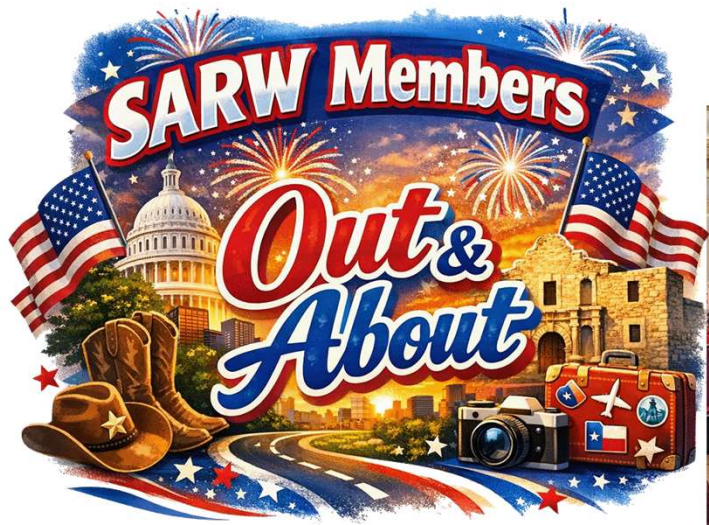
Charles Cunningham Texas State Representative, Charlie and Sandy Bush



Danielle with Laryssa Korduba, and her son. Laryssa is a Justice of the Peace who handled 48,000 cases last year and is running for re-election.



Charles Cunningham Texas State Representative and Danielle Barron (Member of Kingwood Area Republican Women)



Sylvia Gartner, Rosie Padilla, Mary Louise York, Becky and Yvonne Perez attend the Senatorial Convention on Saturday, March 28th at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, San Antonio.



Donna Russell, Sylvia Lent and Lori Langelier enjoying the sunshine at the Wildflower Market in Dripping Springs. .



Sandra Murphy celebrating her special day with a beautiful smile!



Sylvia Gartner at the Wizard of Oz, Las Vegas



Chris and Sylvia Gartner, Irene Bland, Jennifer Mery, Sandra Murphy and Diana Marbach attend the live play "DREAMGIRLS" at the San Pedro Playhouse, a must see!



Rosie Padilla, Mary Louise York and Sylvia Gartner Attend the Holy Spirit Alter Society "Let's go Tropical" Annual Luncheon & Style Show!



March GM Luncheon







The Golden Years

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

*Articles by SARW Member Brenda Dever-Armstrong,
CEO/Owner/CSA/Geriatric Advisor/Lifetime Advocate, The Next Horizon.*

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN



Did you know that over 266,000 grandparents in Texas are primary caregivers for their grandchildren, often stepping in due to parental substance abuse, neglect or incarceration. Organizations like Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (TGRG) provide essential resources, support groups, and advocacy to help these families navigate financial and legal challenges, as many grandparents' face poverty, lack of resources and sudden lifestyle changes.

KEY ASPECTS OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IN TEXAS:

Need of Support: Many grandparent caregivers face high costs (roughly \$23,000) per year and roughly 23% live in poverty, requiring assistance for food, clothing and legal aid.

Key Support Organization: Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (TGRG) based in San Antonio, offers 24+ support groups and resources, assisting over 2,800 families across the state, according to YouTube Video.

Challenges: The transition is often abrupt leading to immense strain on retirees' finances, physical health and emotional well-being.

Resources & Rights: Texas Law Help highlights that caregivers might be eligible for one-time Temporary Assistance for Needy families (TANF) payments and other benefits.

Legal Standing: Texas Family Code Section 153.432 allows grandparents to request visitation or access in certain circumstance, though they do not have automatic, absolute rights.

COMMON REASONS FOR CAREGIVING:

Parents drug or alcohol addition
Neglect or abuse
Incarceration

The Golden Years

**TEXAS
LAW
HELP
★ORG**



IMPORTANT CONTACT RESOURCES: (Click on image to visit website)

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
(<https://texaslawhelp.org>)

Grandparents raising grandchildren need specialized legal options. Explore legal options like guardianship and grandparent power of attorney to ensure well-being of grandchildren you're raising.
(www.texastrustlaw.com)

National Grandparents Day: Parenting Redux (San Antonio Area Foundation) (<https://saafdn.org>)
(national grandparents day parenting)

The Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Founder is one of our members on one of the agencies as I am a member: Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG). Mexican-American Mercedes Bristol is a single grandmother in Texas raising her five grandchildren and the Founder of Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. She became an Advocate for grandparents raising grandchildren at City, State and Federal levels.

If you like more information contact Texas Grandparents Raising Grandchildren San Antonio, TX Ph: 210-762-3208. They are a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under IRS Sec. 501©(3). (Always looking for Volunteers)



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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