



SAN ANTONIO REPUBLICAN WOMEN



- 4** – SARW Board Meeting, 11:00 am, TGI Friday's, 90 NE Loop 410
- 4** – CEC Meeting, 5:00 pm, Bexar GOP Headquarters
- 11** – Filling Deadline for Candidates, 10am – 6pm, Bexar GOP Headquarters
- 12** – Volunteer Deputy Voter Registration Classes, 10am-11am, Bexar County Elections Department, 1103 S. Frio St. #100, 78207. Info: (210) 335-8683
- 14** – SARW General Meeting, 11am-1pm, Old San Francisco Steakhouse, 10223 Sahara Dr., \$25.00/person, RSVP@sarepublicanwomen.com
- 25** – Christmas Day

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What an incredible wonderful year for SARW!

Our club was so blessed; so much was accomplished. We stayed informed on important issues, made new friends and made a difference in our community.

Thank you all for your continued support. I am looking forward to another great year.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Sylvia Gartner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BEXAR COUNTY, HALL OF FAME DINNER



Congratulations!

KAREN MARSHALL

Recipient of the "Rising Star" Award

OUT & ABOUT

SARW President, Sylvia Gartner attends Senator Donna Campbell's Birthday Part in New Braunfels, TX. Reception for Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Reception for Texas Governor, Greg Abbott.



MEMBERSHIP

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2018 SARW MEMBERSHIP!

Membership Forms will be available at all SARW meetings.
For inquiries, Contact Laura Koerner at membership@sarepublicanwomen.com



VOLUNTEER DEPUTY VOTER REGISTRAR CLASSES

If you are interested in the volunteer deputy voter registrar classes, please call 210-335-6625 if you plan to attend.

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**SAN ANTONIO REPUBLICAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
OLD SAN FRANCISCO STEAK HOUSE**

President Sylvia Gartner called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Charity Farrar gave the invocation and led the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

In honor of Veterans Day, a Missing Man Ceremony was read by Grant Moody with Laura Koerner doing the re-enactment. Veterans, Earlyne Sheets and John Ahearn, were recognized for their service. A medley of military songs were played and as each song was played, the veterans and families stood up in support of their military branch.

President Gartner welcomed and introduced first time guests.

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A motion to approve minutes for October 12, 2017 General Meeting was made by Cynthia Smith and seconded by Charolette Folson. Minutes were approved as written.

Report of Officers:

President Gartner gave a report on the TFRW Convention held in Dallas, TX on October 19-21, 2017. SARW brought home the following awards:

- 2017 Americanism Award
- 2017 Campaign Activities Award
- John Goodwin Tower Award of Excellence
- Sylvia Gartner, Club President Recognition

3rd.VP Membership: Laura Koerner reminded members to renew their 2018 memberships.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chairman, Jackie Fisher, recognized and thanked her committee: Allison Garcia, Linda Bulger, Debbie Wall and Jennifer Mery. She then read the proposed 2018 SARW Slate of Officers:

- President, Sylvia Gartner
- 1st VP Programs, Charlotte Folson
- 2nd VP Ways and Means, Cynthia Smith
- 3rd VP Membership, Faythe Brunk,
- Secretary, Charlene Vanderpoorten
- Treasurer, Jackie Fisher
- PAC Treasurer, Marty Carpenter

There were no nominations from the floor. The 2018 SARW Slate of Officers were approved by the membership and will be installed at the December 14 General Meeting.

1st VP Programs: Charlotte Folson introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Jeffrey Addicott, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University. Dr. Addicott talked about the different cases he was involved in when charges were brought against military servicemen for performing necessary actions to protect their soldiers.

San Antonio Republican College Outreach (SARCO) Coordinator, Sylvia York, introduced Jonah Wendt, Trinity University student and Vice Chairman of Texas Federation of College Republicans, who spoke briefly on the dangers of Opioids in colleges today. He co-founded Students for Opioid Solutions (SOS) with the goal of preventing opioid deaths on college campuses.

Americanism: Debbie Wall spoke on the World War I project and asked members to check out the information on display.

NEW BUSINESS/Announcements:

The next SARW General Meeting is Thursday, December 14, 2017. Installation of Officers and guest speaker, CHRISTI CRADDICK, Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Republican Party of Bexar County HALL OF FAME DINNER, Thursday, November 19, Club of Sonterra.

FREE Self Defense Class by the office of Constable Mark Vojvodich for SARW Members and guests is Saturday, December 2, 1:30 p.m. at 1583 Thousand Oaks. Attendees can RSVP on Eventbrite.

SARW Christmas Project: Stuffed Animal donations for "Forgotten Child", a non-profit organization who serves abused and neglected children in protected custody, will be collected at the December 14 Meeting.

Candidates were invited to speak for two minutes.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Holbrooks, Secretary

MILITARY OUTREACH: OPERATION HAPPY CARD

Submitted by Deborah Wall
December Board Meeting

The naval unit in Afghanistan that SARW Associate Member and Soldier's Angel's Board Member, Grant Moody, connected SARW with April thru November has happily returned to the states.

I contacted another member of Soldier's Angels, Julie Cohen, who is doing a special stocking project for the troops. She is working on several thousand stocking for soldiers and was very glad to receive 60 cards. Two-hundred additional card have been made to give to her on December 5th.

Sylvia and I will visit the Fisher House at the Medical Center on December 5h and give them a portion of the Happy Cards, some paper goods, and cookies for the residents.

My wonderful co-chair, Faythe Brunk, will be taking over Operation Happy Card. As a former military wife and mother of a soldier, she knows the significance of this simple project and will do spectacular things with it. She will maintain the display board, announce the projects, and be responsible for donation of the cards to a suitable group.

Many thanks to SARW President, Sylvia Gartner for taking a risk on a new project. It has been incredibly rewarding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah M. Wall

Operation Happy Card Chair

AMERICANISM REPORT

Submitted by Deborah Wall

An announcement was given at the November Meeting regarding the special WW1 concert given by the County Line community band and the San Pedro Playhouse. I attended the concert; it was very enjoyable with an assortment of patriotic tunes. Many thanks to Karen Marshall and Monica Dorazio for also attending.

A sample of the San Pedro Playhouse's "Silent Night" was performed. This is a famous event in WWI history where German and American soldiers stopped fighting for a few hours and exchanged gifts on Christmas Eve. This play will be performed at the San Antonio Playhouse on December 24th.

A \$50 check from the proceeds of the April Poppy seed sale was given to Dr. Amy Jo Baker. She is in charge of a special project that will place flags on the headstones of WWI soldiers buried in San Antonio for Veterans Day 2018.

Copies of all the WWI Commission newsletters were provided at the WWI display to read. Last month's issue was quite special as it featured the history of the battle that laid in motion events leading to the Soviet take over in Czarist Russia.

I would like to thank Sylvia Gartner for allowing me to bring this project to the club. Awareness of this war is crucial to our understanding of the 20th century and today. The Texas World War I Commissioner, Mike Visconage, has repeatedly expressed his gratitude for our participation. The calendar of events will run until November 2018.

Karen Jones has graciously agreed to help with announcements to the club for 2018. I truly appreciate her help on this worthwhile project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah M. Wall

NOVEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

Guest Speaker: Jeffrey Addicott





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