



The STAR Republican News December 2023

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Christmas Luncheon & General Meeting



Wednesday, December 13
Quail Point

“Keep Texas Red” punch served
at 11:30, lunch served at 12:00

Come enjoy holiday festivities, friendly conversations, delicious food and Prosecco, and fabulous holiday baskets that will make perfect Christmas gifts. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event for \$45 by cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Star Republican Women. Please let us know if you are coming by Friday, December 8th.

Our featured guest speaker will be Wiley (Sonny) McAfee, current District Attorney of the 33rd and 424th Judicial Districts of Texas covering Blanco, Burnet, Llano, and San Saba counties. Sonny has over fifty years of experience in Criminal Justice. He is currently serving his third and final term as District Attorney as he plans to retire at the end of 2024.



November Caring for America Project

Star hosted its third annual Veteran's Day luncheon on November 13th at Quail Point. Sherry Olson, the Star Caring for America chairperson and thirty Star volunteers, welcomed over 90 veterans. Command Sergeant Major Tom Keaton was the guest speaker. It was Star's great privilege to honor these brave and loyal women and men.



Membership News

It's time to renew your 2024 SRW membership. Membership dues may be paid by check, cash, or credit card for \$40 (\$30 for Associate Members). Forms may be printed directly from the Star website from the last tab "Contact/Membership". Checks may be mailed to SRW, PO Box 8675, HSB 78657.

We have SO many new members and are thrilled at the interest of new residents to the area who want to join us in Keeping Texas Red! Spread the word to your friends and neighbors and invite them to attend a meeting.

Text or call Debbie Lambert, VP Membership, at 512.748.0814 with questions.

Star T-Shirts



"Star Republican Women are the life of the Party" tee shirts are available for purchase. Shirts are v-neck (not pictured), soft, lightweight 100% cotton and fit true to size. Bring \$15 cash, check or credit card to purchase your shirt.

LET'S KEEP TEXAS RED!

Sara Speaks



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. I love this time of year and hope to see each of you at our December luncheon on Wednesday, December 13.

There is one phrase that a patriot wrote on my X account that I can't forget and it is the making of a New Year's resolution for me which I hope you'll also adopt. It said "be the variable they didn't count on". This applies individually, as well as to a group, like Star. What does that mean to us in the last month of the year 2023? I can tell you that in December of 2020 they had counted you out. Republican Donald Trump, in a close but questionable election, was getting ready to leave the White House and Democrats were smelling blood. On January 6th, there was a questionable appearance of Trump supporters and opposition in that walk to Capitol. The media, the January 6th Committee, and the scourge of the happenings at the Capitol didn't make sense and added even more turmoil to the very fibers of our democracy. The country was dazed, the new administration questionable and future of the nation debatable. Almost 4 years later, what has changed despite the pending threat of world war and economic collapse? Not the variable they didn't count on! You! The grassroots workers and the Star group are some of those variables. Patriots and the female dynamos who refused to quit, refused to be silent and fought through the negativity at the national, state, and community level. You personalized what take back your country means, YOU! You became the light on the Hanukah tree and the bright star at the top of the Christmas tree that shines every year. My prayer for 2024 is that we, as a Republican club, continue to be that variable they didn't count on as we contagiously recruit others. Let's reach out and infuse our friends and our HSB community with the hope of tomorrow and the variable of today which is a card carrying constitutional patriot! May we keep on keeping on being the factor they didn't count on this year and next. Have a blessed holiday.

Star Republican Women General Meeting Minutes

11/14/23 Quail Point Horseshoe Bay, Texas

Call to Order: Sarah Boyd called the meeting to order @ 1:00pm. She thanked all those that attended the HSB Mayoral forum and to “the Herd” for all of their help. “Community unity was emphasized in the press and is what we were aiming for.”

Members present: recorded on sign-in sheet

Approval of minutes: General meeting minutes of 10/17/23 approved as posted by members present w/o objection

Prayer: led by Rue Wright

Pledges: led by Marquis Cantu

Membership: Debbie Lambert - memberships increased by 7 brand new members today! Debbie welcomed : **Vickie Hill, Carol Scott, Judy Surbuts, Linda Powell, Karen Calderon Schweitzer, Cathi Brasher & Belinda Roberts.** November is membership month, we all need to recruit new members...always have a membership form with you and/or share our website to encourage new members and previous members to rejoin.

Treasurer’s report: Pam St. Clair - STAR current balance: \$20,405.32. Full report available for members at the meeting. The treasurer’s report was accepted by members present w/o objection.

Ways and Means: Marion Gardner - Marion and Sam Silver have planned the annual Christmas luncheon: Wednesday 12/13/23 @ 11:30am @ Quail Point. Miss Vickie will cater, menu announced; cost \$45pp, there will be a silent auction of a variety of filled baskets; if members have baskets they can donate to help defray costs please bring them to Sara’s or Marion’s home.

Sara acknowledged and welcomed those present running for office in Llano county: Perry Thomas for Assistant DA; Marquis Cantu for Constable; Sam Silver for JP1.

Guests introduced: Zenia Warren 2023-24 TFRW President; Gail Teegarden Senate 24 TFRW District Director and Mary Jane Avery TFRW Resolutions Chair; Bonnie Wallace Vice Chairman of the Llano County Library advisory board

Guest Speaker: Bonnie Wallace, spoke of her work to remove pornographic books from the Llano Public Library. She congratulated the Llano County officials for “standing in the gap”. Llano is the first library to be sued on this issue. **Wednesday 11/29 @ 2-6pm: fundraising event at Sandstone Mountain Ranch** to show how communities are fighting to protect our children. There will be several speakers; “100% of all ticket proceeds will help to cover the library legal expenses”. Bonnie read an excerpt from a book available in the library: very explicit and inappropriate for children. She has a list of 508 such books, that children have access to, found in every library.

Caring for America: Sherry Olson shared highlights of the Star 3rd annual Veterans Day celebration held on 11/13; 90 veterans attended and 30 volunteers worked at the event. “Incredible speaker” Sargent Major Tom Keaton gave an emotional talk about his personal experiences and “time standing still”. Sherry was then presented with the NFRW / TFRW Armed Services award for her work honoring our Veterans. The award was presented by Zenia Warren “there is a bond in your sisterhood, be proud”.

Sherry accepted the award and stated this award is “not for me but for all of you who have volunteered to make this happen...it is our privilege to honor the veterans.”

National Achievement award: Gail Teegarden was introduced by Kathy Hussey. Gail presented the TFRW Club Achievement Award, to Sara for Star RW, for the 2022-23 year, “for demonstrating specific achievements in five categories that define excellence in meeting TFRW Bylaws and Organization objectives. Clubs must be in good standing in order to qualify for this award”.

Sara acknowledged and thanked Linda Baker for her diligent work submitting required paperwork for the awards.

VP of Programs: Kathy Hussey - introduced Zenia Warren: she spoke about membership: you join you actually get “3 memberships for the price of 1” including STAR, NFRW and TFRW. Look at your newsletters! There are several ways to get training. We educate and empower women to run for office. Our meetings should motivate you, stir up conversations... issues need to be discussed. If you are committed to having a candidate win...work for them! Democrats are successful because they stick together. Republicans must stop bashing other republicans. Work as a team, get involved. Leadership day is in January, please attend! Continue to build your membership. Zenia will take office as TFRW president in January, there will be new officers from across the state. Women make a difference!

Adjournment: Sara - “Make no mistake...we are in for some hard times, this next election will be vital! Have a blessed Thanksgiving. Go to Bonnie’s event on November 29th! Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Stahl, STAR RW Recording Secretary

Mark your calendars!

11/29/23 Fundraising event at Sandstone Mountain Ranch: Wednesday @ 2-6pm for Llano County legal expenses

12/13/23 Star Christmas luncheon: Wednesday @ 11:30am @ Quail Point \$45pp, (invitations to be sent)