



Happy New Year!

The STAR Republican News January 2024

Join us as we kick off 2024 with an outstanding program!

January 16, 2024 Meeting

featuring Senator Bob Hall

12:30 PM Tuesday

Quail Point, 107 Twilight

Light lunch served at 12:30, meeting begins at 1:00

Currently in the 88th Legislature, Texas Senator Bob Hall, is the Chairman of the vital Senate Committee on Administration and an influential voting member on the Senate Committee of Finance, Health and Human Services, Local Government, and Veteran Affairs. He has earned the reputation of being open minded and willing to discuss ideas but absolutely unwavering in holding to his core conservative principles and Judeo-Christian values. He believes in the Declaration of Independence and follows the Constitution. He is pro-life, pro-gun, pro-liberty, pro-property rights, pro Judeo-Christian conservative values, a staunch proponent of the free market, fiscally responsible, and pro-limited government. Senator Hall was instrumental in making Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State, as well as, protecting religious organizations and churches from government shutdown.

Welcome to these new Star members!

**Cathi Brasher
Jeryl Fields
Vickie Hill
Victoria Humada
Jacqui Johnson
Jenifer Levins**

**Linda Powell
Marie Primm
Carol Rains
Belinda Robers
Karen Calderon-
Schweitzer**

**Carol Scott
Oma Tally
Rue Wright
D. J. Yows**

December Caring for America Project

On Monday, December 18, Star board members joined together to prepare a holiday meal of chili, cornbread and hand decorated cookies to thank first responders for all they do in Horseshoe Bay.



Membership News

Thank you to ALL Members and Associate Members who have paid their dues to continue to be involved in Star Republican Women for 2024! We currently have 67 Members and 12 Associate Members. That is certainly lower than we would like considering we ended last year at 120+, so please encourage any members you know to renew and get on board for this very important election year.

Click on the link "Contact/Membership" to print and complete your membership form and either mail it with a check to our PO Box 8675, HSB 78657, OR bring it with you to our January 16th General Meeting where we can take credit card payments.

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

January Membership Contest *Win a Star Tee Shirt!*



A "Star Republican Women are the Life of the Party" tee shirt will be awarded (size of your choice) to the current member who brings the most guests to our January 16th meeting. Tell Louraine or Debbie when you sign in at the door who your guests are and we will announce the winner during the meeting! Let's get some newbies to the meeting!!

LET'S KEEP TEXAS RED!

Sara Speaks



Happy New Year Patriots 2024

I hope each of you had a happy holiday with time to reflect on new beginnings. If you were fortunate enough to have attended the Christmas luncheon that Sam Silver, Marion Gardner, and Kathy Hussey arranged, you may already have your New Year Resolutions. Our guest speaker Sonny McAfee, Llano District Attorney, gave his thoughts on Stephen Covey's book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People". His perspective of the principle of 90/10 where 10% of life is made up of what happens to

you and 90% of life is decided by how you react, made me take inventory of my own life. It prompted a personal reminder that happiness really is a choice. One of my favorite principles of Covey's book states both happiness and unhappiness are proactive choices. So how do we find solace despite our weariness in the face of all the predicted political noise of 2024?

Even in the bubble of Horseshoe Bay, the message is not to hide out or go into a state of denial of where we are as a nation, but to choose courage. It is the same message God gave to Mary in Luke 1:30 or Isaiah 41:10 which is "Fear Not"! I cannot think of a better goal in 2024 than to choose COURAGE over fear and ACTION over complacency. There is no greater gift to the next generation than to preserve American values such as free speech, secure elections and the right to bear arms. If we do not find the courage to save this country, how do we answer our children or grandchildren when they ask "What were you doing when the lights went out in America"? I vow to pray privately, pray during my Bible study, and with the 8:30 prayer group around the pole at Quail Point. Let's pray for God's guidance for our nation, our state, and our community. Come join us! We need additional prayer warriors, cheer leaders, informed citizens, and volunteers. Come join us at Star Republican Women as we put on our collective armor and stand shoulder to shoulder against both fear and a changing culture with great friends, guest speakers and community projects. Fear not, Let's Go Patriots!!

Sara Boyd, President

Find more information about Star Republican Women, find us at startxrw.org.

Follow Star on Facebook at facebook.com/starrwhsb.

Invite a friend!

The Annual Star Christmas Luncheon was held at Quail Point on December 13th. Board members decorated tables with beautiful holiday decor. A catered lunch was served and Llano County District Attorney Sonny McAfee was the featured speaker. A silent auction offering many beautiful gift baskets was well received. It was a beautiful luncheon and day. We hope to see you at our next luncheon!



Star Republican Women General Meeting Minutes

12/13/23 Quail Point Horseshoe Bay, Texas

Call to Order: President Sarah Boyd called the meeting to order @ 12:00pm. “ Do not be afraid”, we have a lot of work ahead but we will get through this difficult time”

Members present: recorded on sign-in sheet

Prayer: led by Chaplain Lorraine Robinson

Ways and Means: Marion Gardner and Sam Silver planned this annual Christmas luncheon: “marvelous job! Thank you! Miss Vickie is catering the luncheon, many thanks to her. Sam noted: a silent auction of a variety of filled baskets available to bid on until the end of the meeting today.

Guests introduced - Sara acknowledged and welcomed guests and those present running for office in Llano county; Sara asked that all elected officials and those running for office stand to be recognized: Marquis Cantù, Sam Silver, Sonny McAfee, Judy Salvaggio, and Perry Thomas. Sara acknowledged the presence of Gail Teegarden, Senate district 24 TFRW District Director

Pledges: Gayla Bowen led the pledges

Sara noted: Gayla has started a group who will meet Tuesdays 8:30am @ Quail Point for “see you at the flagpole” to pray for our community, our state and our country.

Approval of minutes: Approval of general meeting minutes of 11/14/23 without objection Sara: Thanks to Paula Murray for getting the general meeting minutes into the newsletter.

Membership: Debbie Lambert - We had 130 members last year, we have only 60 so far this year! Please continue to promote STAR and encourage more to join, carry membership forms with you!

Treasurer’s report: Pam St. Clair - report deferred to January meeting

VP Programs - Kathy H. - presented TFRW Presidential pin to Sara, a Christmas gift from the board in recognition and gratitude. Kathy H introduced guest speaker. “Sonny” McAfee. He has served as a police officer, worked with the FBI , and as a prosecutor for greater than 30 years, district attorney in Llano County. He gave an inspirational talk including his thoughts re: Steven Covey’s book “ 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and the 90:10 principle: 10% of life is made up of what happens to you, 90% of life is decided by how you react. He spoke of having a foundation of faith, family and community to be able to affect outcomes. We need to “ first seek to understand”. Sonny will be retiring in at the end of 2024 and was presented with gifts from STAR.

All present enjoyed the catered Christmas luncheon.

Adjournment: Sara - ended the meeting with thanks to the board, telling those present to “go forth” with good news.... Make democrats wonder “what is wrong with those people “ who are so happy?! Meeting adjourned @ 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Stahl, STAR RW Recording Secretary

Mark your calendar!

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