



# AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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Jim Ward, Chairman 480- 371-7820

## ***The Lincoln Link – April 12, 2012***

*Judy Eisenhower, Distributor*

### **District Meeting – April 12, 2012**

**6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Civic Center Library**  
3839 North Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale

**This is not a normal meeting. It is strictly for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention and alternates. There will be no business District 8 business conducted at this meeting. It's only purpose is the election of these delegates and alternates.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD**

April and May will be busy months for all of us. First, Arizona must select Republican delegates to attend the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, in August. As such, we must elect delegates to attend the Arizona State Republican Convention to be held on May 12. You should have already received the official call for our LD8 meeting to be held on Thursday, April 12th at the Civic Center Library Auditorium in Scottsdale. Please read our First Vice President's report in this newsletter for more detailed instructions. We need 61 elected delegates and 61 alternates to attend the State Convention. If you are interested, now is a great time to get involved and if you can commit to attending the National Convention in Tampa using your own resources which we estimate at a cost of \$3,000 you could be part of history being made. But you need to get on the ballot by contacting Barb no later than Friday, April 6th.

Our meeting on April 12th will be followed by the State Convention on May 12th. I hope you can be involved.

We also have our Legislative District 8 Annual Breakfast and Auction on Saturday, April 28th at 8:30 AM. Please plan to attend as we will have not only great food and auction items but interesting speakers as well.

I hope to see you at both events this month.

## **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN**

We are entering into a very exciting time and I hope that all of you come to the April 12<sup>th</sup> Caucus Meeting to vote for 61 delegates and 61 alternates to attend the State Convention on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> which is being held at the Grand Canyon University 3300 W. Camelback, Phoenix. The April 12<sup>th</sup> Caucus meeting and the State Convention are unique in that there is **no proxy voting**. You must attend if you want your vote to count! There is the potential for over 1200 delegates from around the state to be in attendance at the State Convention. At our Caucus we will start credentials at 6:15 pm. Please bring ID. You will sign in and will be issued your ballot. I am accepting names to be placed on the ballot until Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can get a ballot printed. If your name isn't on the printed ballot, you can place your name as a write-in candidate the night of our caucus. Some of our Precinct Committeemen were not eligible to vote because their appointments were not made until after Dec. 31, 2011 by the County Supervisors. They can however have their name on the ballot to be elected as a delegate. In addition, the State Party is posting the locations of all District and County Caucus meetings and any registered Republican living in Legislative District 8 can attend our Caucus and have their name placed on the ballot. But only those PC's elected or appointed before December 31<sup>st</sup> will be able to vote.

We will be using the scanner program for the election that was used at both the Maricopa County Republican Meeting and State Mandatory Meeting, so we should be able to announce the results at the Caucus vote. I will then transmit the results to the State Party along with the delegate and alternate contact information, so that a Call to the State Meeting can be sent to them.

Petition and Affidavit Forms will be available at both the Caucus on April 12<sup>th</sup> and at the Legislative Breakfast on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The County Elections Department has said that they will accept the current Legislative District 8 and Precinct as well as the Proposed Legislative District 23 and Precinct Name. The District Locator application on the County Recorder's website <http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov/> shows information for both. For the new Precinct Committeemen you need to fill these forms also. As of the Primary in August any PC who is not elected is no longer a PC.

Welcome to the following new PC's Lynne and Richard Breyer, McCormick East and William and Janet Oliver, Dreyfus. Their names were just submitted for approval by the County Supervisors. Farewell to Marc Paquette, Meredith Munger and Mike Triggs. They all moved out of their precincts. As of March 28<sup>th</sup> we have 374 Precinct Committeemen.

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES**

There is no regularly scheduled April meeting for routine LD 8 business. Instead there will be a Special Caucus on April 12th and the Annual Breakfast and Auction on April 28th. The Special Caucus will be for the election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention to be held on Saturday, May 12th at Grand Canyon University, 32nd Avenue & Camelback, Phoenix. The caucus will be Thursday, April 12th (our regular meeting night) at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library, 3839 North Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Our 1st Vice Chair, Barb McMullen, has more information about this.

Also scheduled this month is the Annual Breakfast and Auction on Saturday, April 28th at Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Both Congressman David Schweikert and Ben Quayle have accepted our invitation and will be the keynote speakers.

The LD 23 (our future district name) candidates will also be given a short opportunity to speak as both Congressmen have busy schedules and must leave early. Candidates for other offices are expected to appear and be introduced.

With many candidates present, it is a good idea to come early and meet and greet them and ask questions one-on-one. This is also an opportunity to sign petitions for potential candidates and to get signatures on your own petition for Precinct Committeeman. Our future meetings will concentrate on candidates for the August Primary and the November general election. Expect two to three candidates at each meeting. Confirmed speakers are as follows: May 10 – Senatorial candidate Clair Van Steenway; June 14 – Senatorial candidates Bryan Hackman and Will Cardon.

## **DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY**

The March 8, 2012, General Meeting for the LD 8 Republican Committee was held at the Mustang Library Auditorium in Scottsdale, AZ. First Vice Chair, Barb McMullen, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. There were 73 members and 9 guests in attendance.

C. T. Wright was recognized to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

As the first item of Chairman's Business, Barb introduced our first speaker, Tom Morrissey, Arizona Republican Party Chairman. Chairman Morrissey began his remarks by emphasizing how important our work is during the current election cycle. He stated that he is committed to providing leadership to our State party by keeping things fair, honest and transparent.

He also emphasized that it was a critical part of his job to help the party win our elections. It was his feeling that the Republican Presidential Debate held in Mesa in February was an important part of that election process. He recognized Steve Chucri and thanked him for his important contribution in the fundraising and planning process that accompanied the debate.

Chairman Morrissey said he felt than in the past there were divisions within the Arizona Party and since becoming Chairman he has worked very hard to heal some of these divisions and with much hard work, a new message and a new spirit of cooperation, these efforts have shown good success. He has also been very pleased that Republicans control a majority of important offices and positions across the State of Arizona.

He emphasized that the role of the Republican Party leadership is to serve the members of the Party and the Precinct Committeemen. He further stated that he wanted to encourage the membership to make their views known to the party leadership. While he understands that there may be some disagreement, the views of the membership will be heard and respected.

He spoke about the current campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination and expressed how he thought there was real value in the process. While being somewhat contentious in nature, we are all getting a very clear picture of what each candidate stands for and how they plan to govern if elected. He also felt that we could learn a lot by looking at the strengths of each candidate. By combining the strengths of each into a single candidate, our candidate will be stronger and better prepared for the General election in November.

He also emphasized how important fundraising efforts will be in the upcoming election. He stated that we needed funds to combat the re-election campaign of Barack Obama and challenged each PC to donate \$100 to the AZ GOP so that they might make a greater contribution to defeating Obama.

In closing, Tom recognized John Strasser for his invaluable service to the AZ GOP. John has been working countless hours as a volunteer and has revamped the antiquated IT infrastructure, making it infinitely more efficient, secure and safe. Both Tom and Kristine Morrissey present John with a small token of the AZ GOP's appreciation for all of his efforts on behalf of the party.

First Vice Chair, Barb McMullen, requested a motion for the approval of the Minutes from the last meeting. It was so moved by Linda Rizzo and seconded by Leona Johnston. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of the membership in attendance.

#### FIRST VICE CHAIR REPORT – MEMBERSHIP

First Vice Chairman, Barb McMullen began her report by reminding us of some important dates that were coming up in the near future. The dates were:

Arizona Republican Convention – May 12, 2012  
Republican National Convention – August 27-30, 2012  
Petition Signature Deadline – May 30, 2012  
Arizona Republican Primary – August 28, 2012  
Election Day – November 6, 2012

She reminded the membership that all Area Directors would have petitions for all PCs. She also stated that the petition form would be posted on the District website. She emphasized that all petitions must be on legal sized paper.

Barb also helped us understand there had been some changes in precincts. Some precincts have been folded into others and it is important for every PC to determine which precinct they are currently in under the new boundaries. More information will be forthcoming on this as we receive additional information from the Maricopa County Recorder's Office.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The beginning bank balance on February 1, 2012, was \$9410.57. Income during the month of February 2012 was \$590. Expenses during the month of February 2012 were \$1,187.16, with the largest expense being the deposit for the District Christmas Party. The ending bank balance for February 2012 was \$10,000.57.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

First Vice Chair, Barb McMullen recognized several individuals for announcements for upcoming events.

Debbie Hay was introduced as the Auction Chair for the Legislative Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and we need auction items. Our LD had its highest grossing auction this past year and we would like to beat this for 2012. Please contact her with any auction items. Her email address is: [debrahay@cox.net](mailto:debrahay@cox.net)

Linda Rizzo was recognized to provide a report from the Finance Committee. In their February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, they reviewed the processes and procedures from the Christmas party. Those recommendations were

presented and approved at the LD 8 Board meeting held on March 6, 2012. A copy of those recommendations will be provided to anyone on request. To request a copy, please contact LD 8 Secretary, Doug Little via email at [doug@douglittle.com](mailto:doug@douglittle.com)

Arch McGill was recognized to announce the Take Back America Tea Party rally to be held at the Carefree Resort in Carefree, Arizona, on March 24, 2012. He encouraged everyone to attend and to come early because a large turnout was expected.

Boe James was recognized to announce the Fountain Hills Republican Club Breakfast on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Ken Bennett will be the keynote speaker for the event to be held at the Fountain Hills Community Center. Cost of the breakfast is \$17 per person. Reservations can be confirmed by phone or email.

## SECOND VICE CHAIR REPORT

Second Vice Chair, Boe James was recognized to introduce our keynote speaker tonight, Maricopa County Attorney, Bill Montgomery.

Bill talked about the commitments he made during his campaign for the remainder of the term originally held by Andrew Thomas. He pointed out his commitment to end conflicts between county organizations, restore trust to the office of the County Attorney, reduce costs and lead by example. He also outlined his significant achievements in Child Advocacy and his commitment to insure that the children of Maricopa County were protected not only by social services but also by a group from his office dedicated to investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases.

He further discussed the public service programs spearheaded by the offices of the County Attorney and other community organizations to encourage our youth to remain drug and alcohol free.

In conclusion, Bill solicited our support for his re-election to a full term as Maricopa County Prosecutor.

After a brief question and answer session with Bill, the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

## TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

**March 31, 2012**

Beginning bank balance	\$10,000.57
Deposits	915.00
Checks issued	<u>(381.20)</u>
Ending bank balance	<u>\$10,534.37</u>

Thank you to the following PC's for their contributions during the month of March, 2012:

Elizabeth Mascot  
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