



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – January, 2012

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**District Meeting – January 12, 2012
6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Mustang Library
10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale**

LEGISLATORS GIVE PREDICTIONS/PLANS FOR 2012

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

It's a new year. And an important year for us all.

Please come to our next meeting on January 12 at 7pm at the Mustang Library to reengage in LD8 activities. We will have a full legislative discussion with our sitting state and federal legislators who will outline the issues we will face for this year.

In addition, please sign up for a committee. Defeating Barack Obama won't happen on its own. It will only happen because people like you will do the necessary hard work to elect our Republican candidates. Our committees are still not full. Don't let the Democrats have their way. Do something about it. Get involved. Join a committee by going to our website. Your country needs your help.

I hope to see everyone on January 12.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

The fun now begins. 2012 is here and we can finally start the countdown to a GOP Victory!! Our membership as of December 31st reached 373 elected and appointed PC's. I really think that the Republican Presidential Candidate Debates have been our most effective recruiting tools. In November and December we welcomed 17 new PC's.

November: *Thom Frank*, FTN Hills 9; *Lori Condon*, Stonegate; *William Protexter*, Sera Brisa; *Don Murray*, McDonald; *Dennis and Jeanne Weiland*, Mountainside; *Judith Allen Crider*, Scottsdale; and *Debra Komanicki*, Mirada

December: *Jefferson Morgan*, FTN Hills 3; *Taylor Spicier*, FTN Hills 5; *Marco Almedia*, San Simon; *Travis Junion*, Scottsdale; *Yesenia Serrano*, FTN Hills 5; *Judson Uhre*, Malapai; *Josh Holden*, Windrunner; *Cheryl Pelletier*, Del Joya; and *Jean Slater*, Chaparral

Saturday, January 14, 2012 is also the date that we have our County AZGOP Meeting which most of our PC's will be eligible to attend. Because of the County Bylaws, only PC's elected or submitted before the middle of November 2011 for appointment can have a vote at the 2012 County Meeting. We want to have as close to 100% attendance of our eligible membership. If you cannot attend the meeting, only another person **from your precinct** can carry your proxy. Usually this is another PC in your precinct. The Area Directors will be contacting the precinct captains to make sure that everyone is represented either in person or by proxy at this meeting. If your precinct does not have a captain, the Area Directors will appoint a captain.

Saturday, January 28, 2012 will be the State AZGOP Mandatory Meeting. Only the State Committeemen elected at the LD 8 Organizational Meeting in November of 2010 are eligible to vote. If a State Committeeman cannot attend he or she can have another State Committeeman carry their proxy. The proxy carrier does not have to be a PC in their precinct, but must be an elected State Committeeman from LD 8.

The County and State Party will be mailing the "Calls" (Invitations) to these meetings in early January. So check your mailbox and be sure to come. Our delegations to these two meetings will be some of the largest and because of that our votes will definitely be a deciding factor in any contested elections.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

Last year I said that for the immediate future, we would be concentrating on candidates for election in 2012 since there will be both primary and general elections in 2012. That will still be the emphasis this year until after the election.

We will start the New Year off with a joint appearance of four Legislators who represent us in the U.S. Congress and the AZ State Capitol. Although each of the four is up for re-election this year, they will speak to us as elected legislators rather than as candidates. Congressman David Schweikert, State Senator Michele Reagan, and State Representatives Michelle Ugenti and John Kavangh will talk to us about their plans and predictions for the coming year, then listen and answer questions. If you e-mail your questions to me at ro_james@yahoo.com in advance, I will give them to the candidates and they might answer them during their

initial talks. Other questions will be asked after their presentations, as time permits. I expect that all four will arrive early and meet and greet in the lobby. This should be a very informative and interesting meeting. I expect that other candidates will be present to meet and greet and collect petition signatures in the lobby. The meeting will once again be held at our normal meeting "home" in the Mustang Library. Although District business related to PC's is a primary purpose, attendees need not be PC's to attend. I encourage you to invite your politically aware neighbors to come hear the legislators and candidates themselves. Bring a friend or two to each meeting if you can.

A big thank you to Shirley Cordasco and her committee for the great program prepared for our party at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. What a pleasure to attend such a well run event. Thanks and congratulations for another job well done.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

There are no minutes for December inasmuch as we had that wonderful party at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Shirley Cordasco did her superb job. Thank you again Shirley for a job well done.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

INCOME:

Contributions	\$1,120.00
Holiday party	2,640.00
Badges	<u>30.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$3,790.00

EXPENSE:

Name badges	<u>14.27</u>
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NET INCOME \$3,775.73

Cash in Bank –November 1, 2011	\$7,829.95
Net Income	<u>3,775.73</u>
Cash in Bank –November 30,2011	<u>\$11,605.68</u>

Thank you to the following PC'S for their voluntary contributions during the month of November, 2011:

Cassidy Campana	Richard & Judith Rutkowski
Georgia & Martin Jessen	Ronald & Lois Holler
James & Karen Burke	Chris Roden
Max McNeely	Robert Isbell & Brenda Burns
Warren & Joan Parker	Judy Lewis
Sharon Erickson	Susan Wheeler

Carole Klein
Michael & Marta Maroon

Luther Taylor

A special thank you to the PC'S that qualified for the Chairman's Level:

Chad Willems
Ronald Schott

DECEMBER 31, 2011

INCOME:

Contributions	\$ 330.00
Holiday party	2,380.00
Auction	449.00
Bake sales	127.00
Badges	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,316.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Badges	\$ 41.27
Holiday party	4,417.68
Miscellaneous/prize	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE:	<u>\$4,498.95</u>

NET LOSS (\$1,182.95)

Cash in Bank-December 1, 2011	\$11,605.68
Net loss	<u>(1,182.95)</u>
Cash in Bank-December 31,2011	<u>\$10,422.73</u>

Thank you to the following PC'S for their voluntary contributions during the month of December, 2011:

John Strasser
Donald Murray
Joan Lang
David & Joyce Schweikert
Lori Condon

A special thanks to the PC who qualified for the Chairman's Level:

Donna Reagan

A big thank you to all who participated in our special drawing at the Holiday Party. There were 62 names in the hat and **Yaakov Zohar** was the winner. He received a check for \$40.00.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting on Saturday, January 21st will feature registered Republicans running for Town Council or Mayor.

In November, Congressman Jeff Flake gave a very interesting talk informing the audience about Washington activities, his personal preferences and his views and predictions on future legislation. The December meeting featured radio personality Mike Broomhead and was combined with a special holiday program which included Christmas music by Tommy Holloway. Photos of the party can be seen at <http://fhrepublicanclub.org/> and then clicking on Photo Gallery. It was an extremely well received event with many participants saying it was the best ever.

All Fountain Hills Republican Club meetings are open to the public. FHRC meetings are an excellent way to meet and greet elected officials, to hear more about the issues facing our state, and to learn about other political matters. They are also a great way to network with fellow Republicans in a social setting. All are welcome especially the October 15th picnic.

The club is planning its second trip to the Reagan and Nixon libraries (the first was a 2 day trip in 2008). The trip scheduled for Friday - Sunday, March 23-25th, will be very similar to the highly successful trip conducted by the Paradise Republican Women's Club. Additional details are at <http://fhrepublicanclub.org/librarytour.pdf> or can be obtained from Roxanne or Hank at 480 837-8665 or by e-mailing Roxanne@ArizonaTrails.com. The trip is open to all PC's and all members the Arizona Federation of Republican Women or other Republican Clubs, as well as their families.

The FHRC normally meets the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in the FH Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Anyone desiring more information may visit the club's website at <http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org>, or contact Boe James, club president at FHRepublican@yahoo.com or 480 588-7612.

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A Message From Shirley Cordasco

Another year is behind us and our Holiday Party of 2011 was a great success. We broke our own personal best numbers for attendance and I am thrilled. My frequent calls the last few days to our banquet director at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club changing numbers daily gave me a reason to have another glass of wine before 5 o'clock. Preparation for this event seemed to take days and hours but on the night of the party the time just flew by and another year was gone.

I can't say enough without sounding like a broken record, but to all of the people who attended I thank you over and over again. To my committee, same faces every year, thank you.

Bruce and Paula Linker who worked closely with me creating programs and running numbers almost nightly I thank you. Linda Rizzo waited patiently for all raffle prize lists and the raffle prizes to start her posters, I thank you. Shirley Bachman, a regular bake sale chair person added another job of collecting food items for charitable causes, I thank you. Judy Eisenhower, our dictate, sends out flyers until our people are seeing double. When that isn't working and the numbers aren't coming in fast enough for me, she reverts to harassment on the internet but it works.

My wonderful raffle ladies, Maddy and Laurie Monascalco, Mary Ryan, Debbie Hay, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. When guests are visiting with one another these women are working the room trying to raise as many funds as possible. Marilyn Byerly, our photographer who has never finished her dinner because she is constantly up taking those fantastic photographs, I thank you.

Last but not least, a big thank you to our chairman, Jim Ward, and our Board of Directors and Officers for giving me the latitude I needed without question. As for me, I have been working with the Gainey Ranch Golf Club folks for fifteen years and they actually make me look good. Another great year and I look forward to seeing you in 2012.