



2017

Winter Bulletin

Arizona Federation of Republican Women

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President's Message: Loraine Pellegrino

Dear Members and Friends,

I am still pinching myself! It is so amazing to know that 2017 will usher in a Republican majority at all levels of our Federal Government. Our Party representatives and activists have an opportunity (and the responsibility) to restore our country to its founding principles and "making America great again" after too many years of the secular progressive movement to "transform America". More people than ever are waking up and realizing that our values and principles of small government, personal freedom and responsibility, capitalism, and a strong military are the keys to a successful way of life.

There is no better time than now to seize this opportunity to engage women – and men – in the political process. When your friends tell you that they are not interested in politics, kindly remind them that politics is surely interested in THEM! Think of what would happen to our clubs if each member encouraged even one friend or family member to join our organization. There is power and influence in numbers! Please consider how you can help us grow our membership this year.

The AzFRW has much to be proud of as each member has contributed in some way to making an impact on local, state, and national levels. Together we have worked on behalf of the conservative platform in support of our communities, our military, and first responders. Scholarships distributed by individual clubs, the AzFRW and the NFRW have made a difference in the lives of our young adults and future leaders. I could go on and on extolling the benefits of our amazing organization. Let us not fail to mention the friendships, camaraderie and the fun!

And speaking of fun...The past year has been very exciting and memorable for me



as I have had the honor and privilege of representing the Arizona Federation of Republican Women as President. It has been great fun visiting so many wonderful clubs throughout our beautiful and diverse state. I look forward to hitting the road again in the coming months. The upcoming County and State GOP meetings and events will bring many of us together as well. Please remember to register for the

AzFRW Winter Meeting in Sierra Vista during February 10-11th.

Last but not least, I would be remiss if I did not give a sincere "Thank You" to my outstanding Executive Committee and to every Board member and Committee Chair for their dedication and loyalty to me and to you this past year.

Don't forget that 2017 is a Convention year for both the AzFRW and NFRW! Thank you to AzFRW Convention Chair Carmel Scharenbroich and her many Committee Chairs who are already working to ensure the success of our State Convention. All dates and information may be found on our website www.azfrw.com and will be disseminated as it becomes available.

My very best wishes for good health and prosperity in the New Year!

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Immigration and National Defense Issues Headline Our Winter Meeting

Truly, we have a celebration meeting coming in February and what better place to celebrate than Sierra Vista! The area's residents have been wonderfully supportive and are ensuring a fabulous Winter Meeting. Mayor Mueller, Sheriff Dannels and many local Ranchers have agreed to participate in AzFRW's Winter Program.

Considering the historic election results and President Elect Donald Trump's commitment to Immigration Reform, we have planned a panel discussion on illegal immigration. Moderator, Sheriff Dannels - Sierra Vista and a distinguished panel of experts will discuss the current problems and how each of us are affected by illegal immigration. Instead of receiving more of the same from experts living far away from what's really happening, we will hear the real story from individuals who live and breath illegal immigration every day. Don't miss it!

Secretary of State, Michele Reagan, will

be on hand to address issues pertaining to our state. We have heard so much about long voting lines throughout Arizona, so now is the time to educate yourself on the issues, the facts and the fixes.



These are challenging times and never has **National Defense** been more in the forefront as we share concerns over the instability of the world. We are so pleased to announce that Col. James Wright the Garrison Commander of Fort Huachuca will brief us on its Mission and importance to our National Defense.

We sincerely look forward to celebrating and tipping a glass of wine to our newly elected Republican Administration. This is our year, we own it, we revel in it and we will continue to make a difference. See you soon!

Donna Tanzi
AzFRW 1st Vice President



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 9, 2017 (Pre event info)	LOCATION
3:00-6:00	Registration Area Check-In open	Foyer
3:00-6:00	Vendors, Candidates, Fundraising Set-up	
5:00-7:00	Cash Bar Happy Hour	The Olde Bar
	Dinner... <i>On your own with GOP friends!</i>	
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 10, 2017	LOCATION
6:00 - 9:00	Complimentary Breakfast	Sunset Grill
8:00-5:00	Registration Area Check-In open	Foyer
8:00-5:00	Vendors & Fundraising Area Open	
	<i>AzFRW accepts Cash, Checks & all credit/debit cards for AzFRW fundraising purchases-</i>	
8:15-10:00	Executive Committee Meeting (closed)	Executive Board Rm
9:00-10:00	Nominating Committee (closed)	Buffalo Soldier Hall
9:00-10:00	Bylaws Committee (closed)	Buffalo Soldier Hall
10:15-11:15	Workshop- 2016-2017 Achievement Awards	Mesquite Room
10:30-11:15	Workshop- Treasurers Training	Buffalo Soldier Hall
11:30-1:15	Luncheon	Grand Ballroom
1:30-2:30	Workshop - Water Conservation	Mesquite Room
3:00 - 4:00	Workshop - 2017 AzFRW Convention	Mesquite Room
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS		
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 10, 2017 continued	LOCATION
4:00 - 4:30	Region Directors' Meeting	Executive Board Rm
4:45 - 5:15	Region Meetings—Please see your Director in advance to determine meeting location.	TBD
5:00 - 7:00	Cash Bar Happy Hour	The Olde Bar
	Dinner... <i>On your own with GOP friends</i>	
7:00-9:00	Blingo!	The Olde Bar
	Food and Cash Bar available for purchase	
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 11, 2017	LOCATION
6:00 - 10:00	Complimentary Breakfast	Sunset Grill
8:00-8:45	Registration Area Open	Foyer
8:00-8:45	Club Presidents' Meeting	Buffalo Soldier Hall
8:00-11:00	Vendors & Fundraising Open- closes at 11:00	
9:00-11:00	General Session /Board of Directors Meeting—All Attend	Grand Ballroom
11:00 - 11:30	Break: pack bags, check out, load cars, etc.	
11:30—1:15	Luncheon	Grand Ballroom
1:15	Meeting Adjourned—Safe Travels	

2017 Important Dates

January 20: Inauguration Day—Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States!!!

February 10 - 11: AzFRW Winter Meeting, Windemere Hotel & Conference Center, Sierra Vista, AZ.

March 15: AzFRW Q2 Membership Dues are due to AzFRW State Treasurer.

May 19 - 20: AzFRW Spring Meeting, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels, Flagstaff, AZ (This meeting is geared towards convention preparation and elections. VERY IMPORTANT TO ATTEND).

October 26 - 27: AzFRW State Convention, Mesa, AZ (Registration pending).

Caring for America: Winter Project

Good Neighbor Alliance
420 N. 7th Street
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Good Neighbor Alliance is a community based 501c3 non-profit organization which exists entirely upon donations from individuals, churches, local businesses, social clubs, civic organizations and grants. GNA receives no government funding to operate Samaritan Station Shelter program. Their Mission: To Provide and/or assist displaced families and persons in need with safe, temporary shelter and access to supportive services and work toward helping them achieve economic and social self-sufficiency.

In the delivery of services, GNA must pay staff, utilities and maintenance bills, etc. Monetary donations are critical for their continued support and services to their homeless neighbors. Any monetary donation can be made in person, by mail, or through PayPal on their website: www.svshelter.org.

2017 Needs List:

- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Bleach

- ◆ Liquid Dish Detergent
- ◆ Garbage Bags (white 13 gal. & black 30 gal)
- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Coffee Filters (cup shape)
- ◆ Powdered Coffee Creamer
- ◆ Sugar

Please bring your donations to our Winter Meeting. Thank you!

Jan Stephenson
Caring for America Chair



Ways & Means

Happy New Year AzFRW members,

As I reflect on 2016 and all the Regions and their supportive help with our state meetings, I feel so appreciative of our Regional Directors for making each meeting a success. All of you arranged the auctions items, were greeters, provided registration assistance and sold 50/50 tickets during meals.

Our February meeting kicked off the year with a big bang, thanks to Region Director (RD) VIII, Allison Mary, and VI, Nancy Cottle. They came up with new and creative ways to tempt us to participate in their raffle items and they donated the gun bag for our big Gun Bag Raffle. Thanks ladies, it was a lot of fun!

With the efforts of our Prescott ladies, our May meeting brought a new exciting experience with our first High Tea. Donna Tanzi opened her gorgeous home to the Federation, arranged a taste of Prescott with local vendors, and organized a fashion show. Myra Nathenson provided an awesome veggie tree, delicate sandwiches, and delicious desserts. I am sure everyone who attended the tea will remember the amazing three-tiered patriotic cake that was provided by Violet Cumming. Let's get ready for our 2017 High Tea in Flagstaff. My sincere thanks to RD V, Susan Cohen, for pulling it all together to make the Prescott State Meeting a great success.

We ended 2016 in Tucson, with another eventful meeting and the help of RD II Jo Ann Evans and RD IV LaJuana Gillette. There was a memorable silent auction and they made the 50/50 another fun event. We all enjoyed the Gaslight Theater where Frankenstein gave us a big laugh. Our friends from Palo Verde RW were so gracious to lend a hand with Blingo back at the hotel. They provided gift bags and entertainment.

I wanted to express my appreciation to all who participated in the Angel program in 2016. With your support of the Angel program, we were able to meet

our budget requirements. Now that we have entered 2017, we will have a new Angel program. Keep an eye out for our new Angels!

I would also like to send a big thank you to all the clubs who helped us sell tickets for the Gun Bag Raffle. It is of great value, so when we draw that winning ticket in February, you could be the proud owner of a gun of your choosing, access to a great shooting range with lessons and other valuable gifts.

Thank you all for your support, I am looking forward to an exciting 2017!

Mary Baumbach
3rd Vice President – Ways & Means

Arizona Federation of Republican Women

GUN BASKET RAFFLE
Valued at \$800!
Tickets: \$10 each
ONLY 800 TICKETS SOLD!!

AzFRW Clubs that sell 25 or more by the June AZFRW Meeting receive 5 Free Tickets

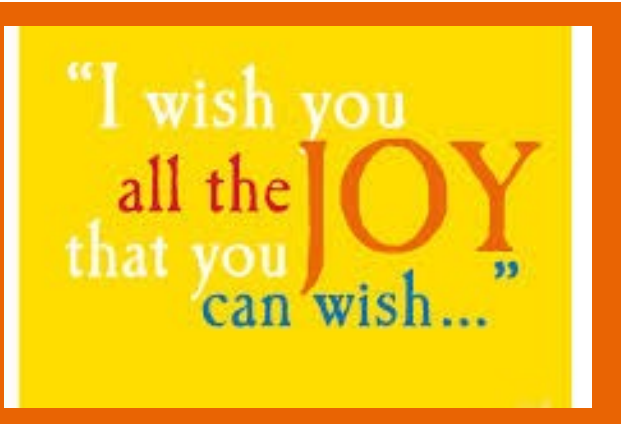
- Introduction to Pistol Class
- Basic Concealed Carry Weapon Class
- \$400 Gift Card
- His and Her Shirts from Ted's Range
- His and Her Caps from Ted's Range
- 2 - Pairs of Ear Muffs
- Water Bottle
- Carry Bag

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Thank You For Being A Patriotic Angel!

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 TERRY GIEBELHAUS
 SHARON GIESE
 RHONDA GOMEZ
 JOANNA HAGEN
 JAN HERMSMEYER
 PEGGY HURD
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 MARY MORSE
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Membership Report

Happy New Year! While 2017 is already in full swing, our clubs wrapped up 2016 with great programs, election outreach and Christmas celebrations; all whilst kicking off the new membership year.

I was fortunate to attend Paradise RW's meeting where we learned more about the millennial vote from Joey Cilano, one of AzFRW's summer meeting speakers. At Tempe RW's meeting, we heard from experts on both sides of the aisle as they debated the use and safety of GMOs and *Frankenfood*.

I attended Chandler RW's (CWR) post-election wrap-up and helped out with their Executive Board election. I also accepted on behalf of AzFRW, a keepsake of the *Republican Revolution* of 1994 signed by then-RNC Chair Governor Haley Barbour.

Thank you CRW President Lisa Askey and 2nd VP Jill Slavin who donated the framed collage and to their members who voted that the Federation gift the framed memento to the AZGOP to be displayed in their offices.

Just a reminder that the first quarter membership filing of 2017 is just around the corner and due on January 15th. Per Treasurer Susan's update, Flagstaff RW (FRW) has earned the title of *First to File*, nice work FRW!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Meeting in Tucson. I was so glad to welcome our nine attendees who joined us for the first time. Congratulations to Ahwatukee RW and Pima County RW—each had the most meeting attendees; RW of Prescott took home the Mileage Award.

See you in Sierra Vista next month!

Cindy Casaus
2nd Vice President – Membership



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The beginning of this new year 2017 is a great time for clubs to start working on the NFRW Achievement Awards and AzFRW forms as officers and boards of directors meet to plan the upcoming year. As you review the forms, you will be amazed at how much you have already accomplished in the past year. The few items that have not been completed can be included in the 2017 agenda. Even though the deadline to submit the forms is June 1, the items may be completed anytime before December 31 to qualify for an award at the AzFRW convention in Mesa or the NFRW convention in Philadelphia.

I encourage those of you who are coming to the Winter meeting in Sierra Vista to bring the forms with you. I will conduct a work-

shop that will address some of your concerns, and I'm counting on those of you who have been award winners in past years to help some of our newer club presidents and awards chairmen. The workshop is open to all. It'll be a great way for newer members to learn more about the Federation.



Leona Johnston, Awards Chairman

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The forms are available at www.nfrw.org and www.azfrw.com. I am always available to help. Would love to see 100 percent participation.

My Two Cents...

It is a New Year with wonderful, HUGE, consequences for us Republicans. And with the New Year comes new dues for all the Treasurers to pay. Once again, the NFRW has changed the method that the membership is reported and accessed. I think this newest way will be the best.

By now, Treasurers should each have received notification from NFRW of your user id# for the new system. You should be able to access your account directly using that number and change any information on your own, such as email, address, etc. HOWEVER, I will ask that if you do this, you let us at AzFRW know also so that we can change our records. If you have not received your unique user ID, you can drop me a note and I should be able to get it for you. I think this way is much better than using our emails as an identifier, since they change and some of us don't have email.

I am planning on doing a program on the new NFRW system for the February Meeting in Sierra Vista. It should be of interest to all because I will walk you through how to use the new system for updating your information and also to let you know what I've learned about using it.

My email to the Treasurers went out 12/12/16, asking for the 1st quarter dues. Please keep in mind that 2017 is a Convention year and we want our membership to be as large as possible to allow us as many delegates to the National Convention that we can get. So get those memberships, and get them turned in early!



NFRW has also notified me that with our new system, there will be **no more ability to change clubs**. The club you join at the beginning of the year (or whenever) will be your club for that year. If you become displeased with your club, you may join another as an associate, but you will not be allowed to change your main club until next year.

So, let's keep busy with recruiting new members and making sure previous members have paid up their dues for this year to encourage our clubs to be as big as possible so we can make a bigger splash at the annual convention in Philadelphia!

Happy New Year!

Susan Marcell
AzFRW Treasurer



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ALERT

The National Federation of Republican Women have focused on the House of Representatives Mental Health Reform Act of 2016 (HR 2646). HR 2646 passed the House by a near unanimous vote in July 2016, passed the Senate in the Fall of 2016, and was signed into law by the president.

HR 2646 sponsor, Pennsylvania Representative Tim Murphy, reports that, between the time Congress left in September 2016 until the first of November 2016, over 32,000 lives were lost due directly or indirectly to mental illness. In the wake of recent fatal shootings, including those of police officers, suicides and other preventable tragedies related to serious mental illness, passage of the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, with the strong support of NFRW members all across the country, is a wonderful success.



Rae Chornenky,
AzFRW Legislative Chairman

Here's a Chance for YOUR Club to Earn Some Money

At the Winter Meeting in beautiful Sierra Vista, tables will again be available for Clubs, vendors who are members of an AzFRW Club, non-member vendors, and candidates.

The cost per table is based on whether a Club receives all profit (\$10/table) or whether a Club-member vendor keeps all profit (\$25/table); all candidates and non-member vendors pay \$50 per table.

The tables will be in a highly visible space in the corridor outside the meeting rooms and will be available from 3:00pm-6:00pm on Thurs., February 9; from 8:00am-5:00pm on Friday February 10; and from 8:00am-noon on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The deadline to reserve a table(s) is **Friday, Jan. 27**. Reserve early for guaranteed availability! You may use the Meeting Registration Form and include the appropriate fee along with your meeting registration and meal fees—or you may reserve a table by emailing Kathy Dolge at arrangements@azfrw.com. Tables will be confirmed upon receipt of the fee.

Thanks to the Clubs that have already reserved vendor tables!

Questions? Please contact **Kathy Dolge**, arrangements@azfrw.com, 602-510-8986.

P.S. Plan ahead for Flagstaff, May 18-20. Vendor tables will be available at the Doubletree by Hilton Flagstaff!



What Is Americanism?

Republican Women know that Americanism is more than respectfully reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and honoring the American flag.

Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary offers several definitions of Americanism, the first of which is, "a characteristic feature of American English esp. as contrasted with British English". John Witherspoon, signer of the Declaration of Independence and president of what later became Princeton University, is credited with coining the term in reference to distinctly American words and phrases. What has since that time come to be thought of as Americanism has been related more to a sense of patriotism and ideals that are uniquely American. Additional definitions of the term found in *Webster's* reflect this second meaning: "attachment or allegiance to the traditions, interests or ideals of the U.S." and "the political principles and practices essential to American national culture."

Several of our country's Republican Presidents during the last century offered their own instructive explanations and descriptions of Americanism. For example:

Theodore Roosevelt – "Americanism is a question of principle, of purpose, of idealism, of character."

"Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood – the virtues that made America."

"There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only 100% Americanism, only for those who are Americans and nothing else."

Calvin Coolidge – "We have been, and propose to be, more and more American. We believe that we can best serve our own country and most successfully discharge our obligations to humanity by continuing to be openly and candidly, intensely and scrupulously, American."

Dwight Eisenhower – "Without God there could be no American form of government nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first, the most basic, expression of Americanism."



Herbert Hoover gave us this candid insight [with a slight modification inserted, so as to render the wording somewhat less colorful than the original] – "I don't know much about Americanism, but it's a [doggone] good word with which to carry an election."

Unlike Herbert Hoover (or our current Chief Executive), our soon-to-be Republican President, **Donald Trump**, seems to have a good understanding of what Americanism means. At the Republican National Convention last July, he drew cheers when he said, "Americanism, not globalism will be our credo." He did carry the election, gaining the victory by speaking plainly and unapologetically about America's greatness, about the patriotism, character, and values that have defined and distinguished our country and its people.

A renewed sense of, and commitment to, Americanism can make this nation great again.

Priscilla Poese/AzFRW Americanism



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic to which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Region I

Director: Joan Harris

Clubs: Flagstaff RW, Verde Valley RW, Yavapai County RW



Flagstaff RW: Coconino County Fair Booth – FRW joined forces again this year with the Coconino County/Republican Committee and the Flagstaff Tea Party to present a united front supporting Republican candidates and conservative issues.



Flagstaff RW: President Judy Sall holds a check before it was sent to Turkeys for Troops.



Flagstaff RW: The FRW 2017 Board was installed at our November meeting, with AzFRW President Loraine Pellegrino conducting the installation. Pictured here, left to right: Jean Ferguson, Membership; Joan Harris, President; Trudy Wieber, Treasurer; Lorrie Hull, Programs; Julie Richie, Ways and Means, Katy Smith, Recording Secretary, and AzFRW President Loraine Pellegrino.

Flagstaff, Verde Valley and Yavapai County Republican Women (YCRW) shared the highest priority with all Republicans this past quarter: "To promote the overall success of the Republican Party of Arizona and these United States." Each of our clubs hosted a long list of candidates for a variety of offices, from local, to state, to national. Hooray for all of us! All of our hard work has paid off! In

Out side of the election, our clubs sponsored Caring for America projects such as food banks for the neediest in our communities, military and veteran support, and scholarships for young Republican women.

Of course, fun was included in the programs: YCRW has set a great example for all of us, combining patriotism, community support, and education in a series of fun special events such as their annual Christmas party. Flagstaff participated in the County Fair, providing positive public contact for the organization and informing the public on critical issues. Verde Valley ladies always have fun, even when they are busy working hard for their candidates!

Region I joins with AzFRW and NFRW in continuing the good work that has just begun.

Region I (cont.)

Director: Joan Harris

Clubs: Flagstaff RW, Verde Valley RW, Yavapai County RW



Flagstaff RW: Left to right: Representative Bob Thorpe and Congressional candidate Shawn Redd.



Yavapai County RW: At the annual Christmas party, the sale of beautiful and whimsical ornaments raised funds for the local food bank - just one of the ways YCRW combined a fun event with Caring for America.



Yavapai County RW: Al Bradshaw, Trump Coordinator for Verde Valley and Northern Arizona.



Verde Valley RW: VVRW President Chris Lutz and Kelli Ward, a candidate for U.S. Senate.



Yavapai County RW: When Rosie, the NFRW campaign bus arrived in Prescott, it was greeted by a cheering crowd and a contingent of luminaries including, left to right, Patt Parker, President YCRW, Carrie Almond, NFRW President, and Senator John McCain.



Yavapai County RW: Prescott High School Color Guard presents the colors at the YCRW Toys for Tots event.

Region II

Director: Jo Ann Evans

Clubs: Grande Valley RW, Pima County RW, RW of Pinal County, Oro Valley RW, RW of San Tan Valley, Tucson RW

2016 was a trip to remember for all of our clubs. Trump won, and Republicans won the majority of the races at the Federal, State and Local levels.

Republican support came in many ways: voter registration, signs, club speakers, and working at party headquarters. Each Region II club worked hard for their candidates and ballot propositions. The defeat of the Marijuana Initiative was of great importance to our state! Sadly we lost Peggy Hurd this December. She had been a longtime leader at both the AzFRW and in Region II. She will be sorely missed.

The Grande Valley Republican Women are working hard to recruit new members. They worked at election Headquarters, and hosted local and state candidates at their meetings. Irene Littleton, former Chairman of the Pinal County Republican Committee, has taken over for Peggy as president of the club.

In Pima County, Pima County RW (PCRW) member Beth Ford was re-elected as Pima County Treasurer. PCRW were busy during the election season working in the multiple Victory Offices and at county headquarters. At those locations, our members worked diligently four days a week phoning and representing the party to enthusiastic walk-ins. On election night, club members decorated the ballroom for an evening of great joy and triumph as Trump claimed his victory, in addition to the unseating of a Democrat Sheriff in a predominately Democrat county.

Other election victories for our club came in December when four of our members were elected to the Executive Committee of the Pima County Republican Committee. Susan Smith, Debe Campos Fleenor, Mary Preble, and Delores Johnston will serve on the 2017/2018 Board. Another member, Cindy Coleman, will serve as a Legislative District Chairman.

In Pinal County, Pinal County Republican Women helped defeat Prop. 205 with videos highlighting the negative effects of marijuana on both children and adults. We were able to make donations to the Oracle School Foundation, Wreaths across America, and over \$400.00 worth of baby clothes donated to the Women Veterans Health Center.

The Tucson Republican Women worked hard this fall to support two winning candidates, Sheriff Mark Napier and U. S. Representative Martha McSally. The election of Sheriff Napier is particularly significant since Pima County is strongly Democratic.

Looking to the future we need to get our message out by concentrating on membership. We need to accommodate our younger members, many of whom work full time by scheduling our meetings to fit their schedules. Holding two meetings a month, if necessary, with flexible times and days.

We must begin now to look at our elected officials and question their stand on issues we disagree with. We have the tools to educate the public, but first we must increase our membership.

Increased membership should be the major goal for Region II in 2017.

Region II (cont.)

Director: Jo Ann Evans

Clubs: Grande Valley RW, Pima County RW, RW of Pinal County, Oro Valley RW, RW of San Tan Valley, Tucson RW



Tucson RW: Ann Hollis (left) with candidate Ana Henderson.



Pima County RW: Kurt Steffins, Sheriff Paul Babeu and Molly Steffins.



Pima County RW: Oracle School Superintendent, and board President receiving a donation from PCRW Treasurer Teri Taylor.



RW of Pinal County RW: Sheriff Paul Babeu, LaVerne Tucker, PCRW President Barb Treick, and Under Sheriff Steve Henry.

Region II (cont.)
Director: Jo Ann Evans
Clubs: Grande Valley RW, Pima County RW, RW of Pinal County, Oro Valley RW, RW of San Tan Valley, Tucson RW



Grande Valley RW: Region Direct Jo Ann Evans pictured with President Irene Littleton and Representative David Cook at the October meeting.



Pima County RW: A scene from the club's holiday party.



Tucson RW: Ann Hollis participates in a Veterans Day parade.



Grande Valley RW: Pinal County Assessor Douglas Wolf addresses the October meeting.

Region III

Director: Judy Langer

Clubs: Graham County RW, Huachuca Area RW, Thunder Mountain RW

Members from all clubs worked for candidates and worked the polls. We all gave thanks for the most part, a successful outcome. December was a busy month for or each club. Graham County Republican Women held a Christmas cookie exchange.

Huachuca Area Republican Women hosted their annual Caring For America event at their December meeting. The members generously provided a healthy collection of food items for St. Vincent DePaul's food locker and a big-hearted stockpile of toys for the firemen to distribute to less fortunate in the Sierra Vista area. The club also hosted a December Tea.

Thunder Mountain Republican Women took a break from politics and hosted a festive event for December—many of their members attended the Gaslight Theater in Tucson for the Christmas performance.



Graham County Republican Women: Sharon Gonzales and Rhonda Gomez at their November 2016 meeting.



Graham County Republican Women: Mary Morse, 1st VP, Barbara Stailey, President; Judy Langer, Region III Director and Judy Reed, Secretary.



Graham County Republican Women: Mary Morse and Barbara Stailey.



Graham County Republican Women: Each month different GCRW members take turns serving all the members a delicious lunch.

Region III (cont.)

Director: Judy Langer

Clubs: Graham County RW, Huachuca Area RW, Thunder Mountain RW



Huachuca RW: August 2016 – Caring for America ViCap and Sue Mitchell, HARW President. They presented a check to this organization which provides medical appointment transportation for those who do not drive.



Huachuca RW: Gail Griffin, Arizona Senator, Majority Whip, shared her experiences at the GOP Convention in Cleveland.



Huachuca RW: HARW President Sue Mitchell and November 2016 speaker Peggy Davis who shared with us her experiences as a rancher on the border.



Huachuca RW: HARW board meetings are always productive and fun and the food is always delicious!



Thunder Mountain RW: Left to right, Ro Decker, Leah Davis and Pam Collins, TMRW officers, enjoying a presentation at the AzFRW Fall Meeting in Tucson.



Thunder Mountain RW: Karla Rothrock (left) as well as Ro Decker and Leah Davis (right) have fun at Gaslight.

Region IV

Director: LaJuana Gillette

Clubs: Colorado River RW, Kingman RW, Lake Havasu RW, London Bridge RW, Rio Colorado RW, Yuma County RW



London Bridge RW: LaJuana Gillette and Pam Ford presenting Virginia Buckalew with the award of Woman of the Year for LBRW.



London Bridge RW: Board for LBRW for 2017: from left to right: Ellen Albert, Karen Vanderjagt; Pam Ford; LaJuana Gillette; Helen Moran; Alice Ann Vawter; Ginny Buckalew (President) and Linda Ira.



Kingman RW: Welcome back to KRW Dorian Trahan. Here she is enjoying the annual Christmas dinner.



Kingman RW: The room's all ready for our annual Christmas dinner held on December 6, 2016.

Region V

Director: Susan Cohen

Club: RW of Prescott

It's been a great quarter in the final stretch of 2016...with eight great years ahead of us!

In October, we had the honor of President Elect Trump visiting Prescott Valley where a crowd of 15,000+ attended with another 7,000 outside the arena. Inspiring and unrelenting...the American people got it right this time!

The RWOP November Veterans Day Luncheon was well attended with 470 people, of which 185 Veterans were treated as our guests from collections throughout the year. Some of the soldiers even wore their original uniforms! 'Toys for Tots' was our Caring For America recipient.

As of this writing, the membership is 306 full members with another 100 associates and 3 students. A new member program was initiated in 2016 where new members could meet for morning coffee and learn all things Republican, where they could volunteer, get out the vote, as well as understand the club's role within the state and national federations.

The year wrapped up with the induction of the eight members of the Executive Committee with Secretary of State Michele Reagan conducting the swearing in ceremony. President Donna Tanzi gave the President's award to Kathy Schulte for going above and beyond her duties as the Merchandising Chair.

Happy, oh so Happy, New Year!



RW of Prescott: Kathy Schulte, Billie Orr, President Elect Trump, RWOP President Elect Linda Nichols and Susan Cohen get a chance to meet the Man...who will Make America Great Again!



RW of Prescott: December induction of the 2017 Executive Committee at the Republican Women of Prescott (RWOP). (L-R) Julie Petit, Programs; Elsie Tyree, Ways & Means; Carrie Huges, Membership; Pat Lorenzen, Communications; Secretary of State Michele Reagan; Marla Bassler, Education; Nancy Barrett, Treasurer; Darlene Packard, Secretary; and Linda Nichols, President.



RW of Prescott: Merchandising Chair Kathy Schulte receives President's award for her hard work in volunteering, from outgoing President Donna Tanzi at the Christmas Board Party.

Region V (cont.)

Director: Susan Cohen

Club: RW of Prescott



RW of Prescott: Merchandising/Jewelry team Olivia Kelly, Micki Warburton and Chair Kathy Schulte—selling all things shiny and Republican.



RW of Prescott: A proud Marine collects Toys for Tots at our Veterans Luncheon as Past President Pam Jones chats with an attendee.



RW of Prescott: Caring For America Chair Myra Nathenson introduces U.S. Marine Corps Reservist Joe Iungerman, as President Donna Tanzi looks on.



RW of Prescott: The Membership Team greeting everyone at the Christmas Luncheon.

Region VI

Director: Nancy Cottle

Clubs: Ahwatukee RW, Chandler RW, Tempe RW

Region VI Clubs finished the last quarter of 2016 with a whirlwind of activity.

From continual hard work to elect Republicans at the national, state and local levels—holding “packed house” forums, phone banking, club officer elections and year-end Christmas parties—Region VI clubs closed out 2016 with a bang.

We are certainly looking forward to 2017 and can't wait to see what's in store for us in the coming year.



Ahwatukee RW: ARW had 11 members plus associate members attend the Fall Meeting in Tucson. Pictured: Debra Himes, Terry Giebelhaus, Cindy Casaus, Leigh Ann Baumbach, Loraine Pellegrino, Carol Jacobsen, Mary Baumbach, Mary Pellegrino, Priscilla Poese and Nancy Dombrowski.



Ahwatukee RW: ARW members helped greet NFRW's Rosie at the Arizona State Capitol on Labor Day weekend. Pictured: Cindy Casaus, Carol Jacobsen, Loraine Pellegrino and Priscilla Poese.



Ahwatukee RW: In August Ahwatukee RW hosted a fundraising breakfast featuring Senator Jeff Flake. Pictured: Senator Flake and ARW members.



Ahwatukee RW: ARW held a rummage sale in October. A lot of hard work goes into our sales, but they are a great and fun fundraiser! Pictured: ARW Treasurer Nancy Dombrowski, Loraine Pellegrino, Carol Wilson, 3rd VP Mary Baumbach and Terry Giebelhaus.

Region VI (cont.)

Director: Nancy Cottle

Clubs: Ahwatukee RW, Chandler RW, Tempe RW



Ahwatukee RW: ARW wrapped up 2016 and celebrated our President-Elect and election results at our annual Christmas Party. Pictured: Leigh Laubham, Les Sawdy and Nancy Cottle.



Ahwatukee RW: In November ARW hosted its annual Membership Appreciation Dinner & Chili Cook-off. We heard from various candidates before the General Election and voted for our favorite chili. Pictured: Chili Cook-off winners, Eve Morse - 2nd Place, Jennifer Szatkowski - 3rd Place, Cindy Casaus and Loraine Pellegrino - 1st Place (Two time champion).



Ahwatukee RW: We also collected donations and supplies for the Maggie's Place Elizabeth House in Tempe. Pictured: Cindy Casaus, Christi Boujikian - Maggie's Place and Kathy Diekelman - ARW Recording Secretary and Caring for America Chair.



Ahwatukee RW: Maricopa County School Superintendent Steve Watson and Representative Jill Norgaard discuss constituent-focused topics with ARW members and guests at ARW's 'Open Table' meeting.

Region VI (cont.)

Director: Nancy Cottle

Clubs: Ahwatukee RW, Chandler RW, Tempe RW



Chandler RW: On Dec 15th, the 2017-18 Chandler Republican Women Executive board was installed by special guest Christine Jones. The event took place at The American Way Café located inside Merchant Square in Chandler. The new board is: President, Lisa Askey; 1st Vice President – Programs, Venessa Whitener; 2nd Vice President – Membership, Jill Slavin; 3rd Vice President – Ways & Means, Rachele Lindblom; 4th Vice President – Media & Webmaster, Jeni White; Secretary, Jess Lopez; and Treasurer, Mary Fritsche. With a full board, the club is looking forward to the next two years of growth through education, community involvement and special events to support the women of the Southeast Valley.



Mesa RW: MRW's Godzich, wows special December meeting emcee and radio host Mike Broomhead with a rousing rendition of "Santa Baby."



Mesa RW: MRW President Sherry Pierce honoring Sharon Giese, at the Sept AzFRW State Meeting in Tucson.



Mesa RW: MRW was honored to host Freedom Caucus members Rep. Matt Salmon, Rep. David Schweikert, Rep. Trent Franks, Rep. Paul Gosar, pictured with VP of Programs Nancy Cottle.

Region VI (cont.)

Director: Nancy Cottle

Clubs: Ahwatukee RW, Chandler RW, Tempe RW



Mesa RW: County Candidate Day at MRW pictured left to right MRW Member Alice Hoss and husband Paul; Supervisor Steve Chucri, Supervisor Denny Barney, and MRW Secretary Lisa Godzich.



Tempe RW: Tempe members having fun at their Halloween Potluck - notice the dead Democrat voter on the left!



Tempe RW: TRW President Jessica Merrow, Recording Secretary Wendy Howe, and Associate Bob Barnes at their Christmas Party.



Tempe RW: TRW October GMO debate between GMO-free AZ and the director of the AZ Dept. of Agriculture. (You can watch the debate on YouTube by searching for Tempe Republican Women.)



Tempe RW: The installation of Tempe Officers by Region VI Director Nancy Cottle along with left to right – Peggy McClain, Treasurer; Stephanie Jan Stocker, Vice President; Jessica Merrow President; and Wendy Howe, Recording Secretary.

Region VII

Director: Carol Jones

Clubs: Arrowhead RW, Central RW of Phoenix

Region VII shares in the excitement of Federation following the November election.

Activities throughout the year focused on electing Republican candidates and we were successful! In both of the clubs in Region VII we had successful candidates and we congratulate them. For those who ran but were not elected, we thank you. The fact of your candidacy gives us hope and focus. It is important that we continue to find women who are willing to work for the issues we deem important to the future of our families and our government.

This report includes photos of the various activities of both Arrowhead Republican Women and Central Republican Women of Phoenix. As we begin a New Year, we wish for all of you success and prosperity.



Central RW of Phoenix: Ladies of CRWP visiting Rosie at the Arizona State Capital: Jan Powell, Carol Jones, Robyn Cushman, Jan Webb, Miryam Gutier-Elm.



Central RW of Phoenix: Kathy Hedges at the AZGOP Table.



Central RW of Phoenix: AZFRW Fall Meeting (left to right) Susan Marcell, Robyn Cushman, Jan Webb, Jan Hermsmeyer, Carmel Scharenbroich, Carol Jones, Kathy Hedges, Alice Lara.



Central RW of Phoenix (CWAC): CWAC Men's Auxiliary Appreciation Night: Glenn, Barry, Ken, Ron, Jorge, CWAC Chair Susan Fair, Steve, Tom, CRWOP President Robyn Cushman.

Region VII (cont.)

Director: Carol Jones
Clubs: Arrowhead RW, Central RW of Phoenix



Central RW of Phoenix: Candidate to represent Maricopa County for Central Arizona Water Conservation District takes a selfie!



Central RW of Phoenix: CRWOP Call Night volunteers at AZGOP Headquarters.



Central RW of Phoenix: Kathy Hedges, Jan Webb, Julia Graham, Tessa Watson with Maricopa County School Superintendent Candidate Steve Watson and AZGOP Chairman Robert Graham.



Central RW of Phoenix: CRWOP volunteers at AZGOP Headquarters: Susan Fair, Jan Webb, Melissa Bankston, Kate Bankston and Kathy Hedges with future Republicans.



Central RW of Phoenix: CRWOPers at AZGOP Election Night Central: Susan Fair, Monique Bontrager, Robyn Cushman.



Central RW of Phoenix: Officer Installation with AzFRW President Loraine Pellegrino: (l-r) Lei Lani Cortez, Jan Webb, Alice Lara, Robyn Cushman and Region VII Director Carol Jones.

Region VII (cont.)

Director: Carol Jones

Clubs: Arrowhead RW, Central RW of Phoenix



Central RW of Phoenix: CRWOP volunteers with RNC Vice-Chair Sharon Day at AZGOP Headquarters.



Arrowhead RW: Arrowhead RW welcomed County Attorney Bill Montgomery in October to become informed about legalizing marijuana.



Arrowhead RW: Arrowhead RW learned of the challenges of being a college Republican from President of Arizona State University College Republicans, Kevin Calabrese, at the November meeting.



Arrowhead RW: October kicked off Arrowhead RW's membership Renewal Round-up! Jan Boydston and Janet Heintz.



Arrowhead RW: Bring on the holidays with Arrowhead RW President Arlene Goldblatt and meeting check-in team of Joanne Huckins, Judi Board and Marilyn Sage.

Region VII (cont.)

Director: Carol Jones

Clubs: Arrowhead RW, Central RW of Phoenix



Arrowhead RW: Arizona State University College Republican President Kevin Calabrese with NFRW Past-President Rae Chornenky.



Arrowhead RW: Generous Arrowhead RW members! Donations of stuffed bears for Phoenix Children's Hospital patients.



Arrowhead RW: November - Excited for a new year with installation of the 2017 Arrowhead RW Executive Committee!



Arrowhead RW: Jan Hermsmeyer "resolved" to recognize outgoing President Bonnie Hochberg for four years of service as president.



Region VIII

Director: Allison Mary

Clubs: Lincoln RW, Palo Verde RW, Paradise RW

The Clubs of Region VIII put the final touches on 2016 by celebrating Republican victories and the Holidays at their December meetings.

Lincoln Republican Women hosted J. D. Mesnard, incoming Arizona Legislature Speaker of the House, and Robert Graham, Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party. The dinner featured a Silent Auction, with terrific prizes going to the highest bidder.

Paradise Republican Women hosted Secretary of State, Michele Reagan. The luncheon included installation of the 2017 Board of Directors, great entertainment and wonderful raffle opportunities. President, Judy Lawrence, presented three Excellence In Volunteerism awards. Congratulations to Past President, Lori Urban, newly elected Secretary, Cynthia Love and Scholarship Chairman, Marney Thompson!

Regretfully, I was unable to attend the Palo Verde Republican Women meeting, but I understand the Acapella Music Syndicate was wonderful entertainment during the luncheon.

From my heart, I wish to thank the clubs of Region VIII. These groups of women exemplify the meaning, purpose and ideals of being Federation Members. As Republicans, we have a lot to be grateful for due to many of these members' hard work and dedication.

Wishing all AzFRW members a healthy, prosperous and successful 2017!

Let's Celebrate!



Lincoln Republican Women: At their December 5th Christmas meeting, AZGOP Chairman Robert Graham (top photo) and Arizona Legislature House Speaker Elect, J.D. Mesnard (bottom photo).



Paradise Republican Women: December 10th Christmas Luncheon and Officer Installation Joanna Hagan, President of Lincoln RW, and Pat Kaufman, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer of LRW, enjoying the festivities.

Far left: Secretary of State, Michele Reagan, administers the oath of office to the 2017 Paradise Board of Directors.

Region VIII (cont.)

Director: Allison Mary

Clubs: Lincoln RW, Palo Verde RW, Paradise RW



Palo Verde RW: In December, Palo Verde RW helped out with Shop with a Cop. The club was able to raise \$1,000 for the project. And many members of the club helped out by wrapping the gifts selected by the children.

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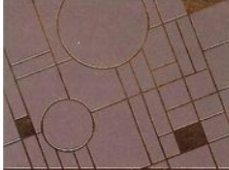
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