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Message

From President
Loraine Pellegrino

Dear AzFRW Members:

With the new year comes new beginnings, fresh starts and promises of a brighter future. May you and your family enjoy a wonderful, healthy, prosperous year ahead.

As my official term of office gets under way, I would like to once again express to all of you what a privilege it is for me to have been elected as your President for the 2016-2017 term. Thank you for giving me this great honor, one that I will do my utmost to be worthy of.

In reaching out to the membership over the past several weeks, I have been so encouraged by the tremendous support by those who have offered to chair or serve on our many committees. I am personally moved by the enthusiasm of our volunteers and their sincere desire to ensure the ongoing success of the AzFRW.

Since my election, the most pressing question on my mind has been; what defines "success" for this organization? I believe that this is an important question for all of us to ponder, discuss, debate, and give due deliberation, for it is nothing less than the future direction of our Party.

AzFRW is the largest grassroots volunteer women's political organization in the state with the lofty goal of not only helping in the election of Republican candidates, but to preserve those fundamental principles underlying the freedom affirmed in the Declaration of Independence. Needless to say, the "fundamental transformation of America" taking place under the current



administration is eroding those very characteristics and principles which underpins the traditional American philosophy – making the upcoming 2016 election one of the most important in our generation.

As engaged Republican women we will do this important work **TOGETHER**.

We will continue to be strong in our convictions, loyal to our peers and committed to causes that strengthen our families and our communities. We have proven, and will continue to demonstrate through our programs and service projects, that Republican women make a difference and along the way we will make friendships to last a lifetime!

My 'door' is always open to you. Please do not hesitate to call if you have a concern or a suggestion at any time. In addition, your Region Directors and the Executive Officers are always available and willing to help. AzFRW is fortunate to have such a devoted group of women who volunteer not only their time, but also share their talents and treasure with us.

Please join us at the upcoming AzFRW Winter Meeting as we reunite with fellow Republican women from across Arizona to learn about the issues we care about, share our ideas and mentor one another.

With appreciation,

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Special Dates To Note

- AZFRW Early Registration discount ends February 5th. \$35 Registration from February 6th - 19th. After February 19th, registration is \$50.
- Hotel Rooms block expires on February 12th. Check AZFRW.com for additional information

IMPORTANT DATES

FEB. 1 First quarter membership dues and club service charge due at national headquarters	FEB. 5 Early Bird Registration Deadline for Winter State Meeting	FEB. 12 Hotel rooms block deadline	FEB. 26-27 AzFRW Winter Meeting in Tempe	March 15 AzFRW Q2 Membership dues are due to AzFRW State Treasurer	MARCH 17 NFRW Legislative Day at the U.S. Capitol	MARCH 17-19 Spring Board of Directors Meeting Key Bridge Marriott Arlington, Virginia	
MARCH 30 AzFRW Day at the Legislature	MAY 1 Second quarter membership dues and club service charge due at national headquarters	JUNE 1 National Pathfinder and Betty Rendel Scholarship applications due to state president	JUNE 15 State nominees for National Pathfinder and Betty Rendel Scholarships due at national headquarters	JUNE 15 AzFRW Q3 Reports due to AzFRW State Treasurer	JUNE 16-18 AzFRW Summer State Meeting in Prescott	July 18-21 41st Republican National Convention Cleveland, Ohio	AUG. 1 Third quarter membership dues and club service charge due at national headquarters
SEPT. 30 – OCT. 1 Tentative AzFRW Fall State Meeting. Dates & location still to be determined.	OCT. 15 AzFRW Q4 Reports due to AzFRW Treasurer	NOV. 1 4th quarter membership dues and club service charge due at national headquarters	NOV. 8 Election Day!	DEC. 1 Kabis Internship applications due to state president (for 2017 Summer internship)	DEC. 15 State nominees for Kabis Internship due at national headquarters (for 2017 Summer internship)	DEC. 15 Club Officers Report due to AzFRW Secretary Anita Romero	

Important Upcoming Political Events in Arizona!

The Arizona Presidential Primary is scheduled for March 22. Official details have not been announced at this time.

Between March 26-April 9 those delegates who will be voting at the April 30 AZGOP State Convention will be elected at Arizona County and Legislative meetings. Only PCs elected or appointed by Dec 31, 2015 are qualified to vote on the State Convention delegates. No proxies allowed. Any registered Republican can be a candidate for State Delegate.

The April 30 AZGOP State Convention will be held at Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St, Mesa AZ 85201. Only State Delegates who were elected at the LD and County Meetings can vote at the State Convention for National Delegates and Alternate Delegates who the AZGOP will send to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July. No proxies allowed.

AzFRW Winter Meeting Tempe - February 26-27

Program Highlights

Friday:

Bylaws Committee (closed)

Region Directors Workshop (open meeting)

Meet & Greet for ALL Attendees

Club Scrapbooks to be submitted

Vendors & Fun Fundraising

Executive Committee (closed meeting)

Awards Committee—Scrapbooks Judges(closed)

Nominating Committee (closed meeting)

Luncheon Guests - Candidates for U.S. Congress (CD1)

Paul Babeu, Ken Bennett, David Gowan, Gary Kiehne, Shawn Redd and Wendy Rogers

MatForce—Against Recreational Marijuana Legalization Initiative

Treasurer's Workshop

Panel Discussion "How to Grow your Membership"

Cookie Break sponsored by Dr. Kelli Ward, Candidate for U.S. Senate

Region Meetings

Hotel Happy Hour for Registered Guests

Depart for Dinner Show

(Tickets purchased in advance)— or Dinner-on your own with GOP friends!

Evening Social in Private Dining Room

Saturday:

Club President's Meeting

Hosted Coffee sponsored by Congressman David Schweikert

Vendors & Fundraising

General Session Meeting

Luncheon Guests

Candidates for U.S. Senate: Dr. Kelli Ward & Alex Meluskey

Please join the Arizona Federation of Republican Women for the 2016 AzFRW Day at the Legislature.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 from 10:00am - 2:30pm
WHERE: Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington Phx. Az 85007
BOX LUNCH COST: \$20

We will meet with our Republican Elected Officials, visit the House and Senate galleries and sit in committee hearings to see our legislators in action. Boxed lunches are available for purchase from Duck & Decanter while we hear from leadership, and we will gather for a group photo to commemorate the day.

Tradition states that we flood the Capitol with RED. So, please wear your RED hat, scarf, jacket, blouse, slacks, dress, shoes or whatever else that is RED and will show off our Republican Pride.

More details to follow. . .



Programs at Winter Meeting

Happy New Year!

It's going to be an exciting year politically as the news resonates daily with polls, candidates' talking points, tweets and Facebook postings. We the People will decide the best candidate to represent the Republican Party strategizing to defeat the Democratic nominee, presumably Hillary Clinton. We have a similar process happening in Arizona's 1st Congressional District with a total of five candidates running. Who will prevail? We have confirmed Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, former Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Arizona Speaker of the House of Representatives David Gowan, rancher and businessman Gary Kiehne, and a conservative businessman Shawn Redd. They will attend our February luncheon with a "show and tell" on why they are the best candidate to represent the people of CD1.

As we prepare our 2016 membership, we are excited about our workshops designed to educate and support the various AzFRW clubs with new and fresh ideas. Our first workshop will include a presentation from MATForce, no stranger to AzFRW. Half of Arizonans support the legalization of recreational marijuana. It is our fundamental obligation to make sure each club participates in this workshop and educates their membership on what is likely to happen if we do not draw a line in the sand and say "no" to this atrocity. Our safety is at stake.

Our second workshop is a panel discussion on "Proven Ways to Grow Your Membership." All club membership vice presidents are encouraged to attend as well as working committee members. This panel discussion will show you step-by-step the methods that were

employed that grew membership by 50 percent over a two-year period. Many club presidents have expressed that they want substantial growth for their club as well for the state federation. Remember, each of us can make a difference, so please do not miss this opportunity.

Our third Workshop is presented by AzFRW's Treasurer Susan Marcell for each club's Treasurer and others interested in AzFRW Treasurer's Policies and Procedures. I was very impressed with AzFRW's budgeting process and hope you will share that same excitement as we move into a critical election year. Saturday's luncheon will include Arizona's U.S. Senate candidates – Senator John McCain, Dr. Kelli Ward, and Alex Meluskey, and will include fresh, new ideas in our Republican-dominate Senate.

Your participation at each of the three 2016 AzFRW State meetings is critical as each of us has the opportunity to reflect and support the candidate/s with true Republican values dear to our hearts.

I sincerely look forward to meeting each of you at our first meeting February 26-27. It is in unity that we are strong. From this strength, may we foster the very best as Republicans – both for our organization and for our candidates.

Warm regards,

Donna Tanzi
AzFRW 1st Vice President – Programs

In The News!

Sue Donahue of Lake Havasu RW is the newest member of the Arizona State Legislature representing District 5. Sue was appointed to replace Dr. Kelli Ward who has stepped down to focus on her U.S. primary race for senate against Senator John McCain. Sue is no stranger to government. She recently retired after 13 years as administrative assistant to Mohave County Supervisor Buster Johnson. **Congratulations Sue!**
Source: AZCentral.com, January 2, 2016

Happy New Year! 2016 is officially here and there is so much at stake this election year. Our first state filing is on January 15th and most of you have successfully kicked-off your 2016 membership drives at your recent fall events and Christmas parties. Way to go ladies!

As you continue your membership efforts, be sure to keep your Club websites and social media outlets up-to-date with information regarding your upcoming meetings and events. If your Club isn't currently using social media, please consider doing so as it's an inexpensive and effective way of promoting your Club. Another resource available to all Club leaders and members is the NFRW website and its digital resource library, where you can find a wealth of information and documents to help recruit and retain members.

Please encourage members to attend our Winter Meeting in Tempe next month. Not only will it be informative, it offers an opportunity to meet other Federation members from all around the state and it is just downright fun!

I am honored to be your 2nd Vice President; I am so excited to work with all of your Clubs and meet the members that are the lifeblood of our Federation. Communication is key for us to share ideas and best practices that will help grow and retain our membership statewide. While it is my intent to reach out to every Club, I encourage you to do the same and contact me. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I am here to act as a voice for our members and serve you.

Thank you for all you do,

Cindy Casaus
2nd Vice President – Membership

Ways & Means

We are so excited to Kick Off our 2016 Patriotic Angel Fundraiser at this Winter Meeting in Tempe! This is a fabulous opportunity to show your support for our State Federation. Here are several ways to participate:

LEVEL THREE: For a generous gift of \$50 you will receive an amazing American Angel Pin which is handmade by a jewelry designer for AzFRW! The size is 1 3/4"!

LEVEL TWO: For a generous gift of \$100 you will receive United States 3' X 5' cotton flag made in the USA and flown over the U.S. Capitol US Flag made in America, flown over the United States Capitol in honor of AzFRW complete with a certificate.

LEVEL ONE: For a generous gift of \$120 you will receive BOTH ITEMS!

1. United States 3 X 5 cotton flag made in the USA and flown over the U.S. Capitol US Flag made in America, flown over the United States Capitol in honor of AzFRW complete with a certificate.
2. In addition you will receive a and a beautiful patriotic handmade American Angel Pin (1 3/4")!

Thank you for always supporting the Federation and participating in our fundraising projects.

Mary Baumbach,
3rd VP Ways and Means
John McCain (invited)



Fun Special Event

Everyone is invited to join AzFRW for an evening of wholesome fun on Friday, February 26th at the Arizona Opry Arizona Family Music Entertainment Theater!



The Opry doors open at 5:15, meal is served at 6:30, show is from 7:30 to 9:45. Each meal consists of roast beef and chicken. The cost is \$50 pp for the show and dinner! Car pooling can be arranged with advanced notice. Please prepay using the Winter Meeting Registration Form. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we hope you can join us on Friday for this event. Friends and spouses always welcome!

Barleen's Arizona Opry Dinner Show
2275 E. Old West Hwy. Apache Junction, AZ
480.982.7991

Welcome to a new year and I hope you join me in my expectations of a fantastic year culminating in a wonderful Republican sweep this November!

I'm sure there are a lot of new club Treasurers out there and I welcome you to our the ranks. By the time this newsletter comes out you should have submitted to me your 1st Quarter 2016 memberships. I hope your numbers were great!

To all of our new and continuing Treasurers I hope you can attend our upcoming State Meeting in February. I plan on doing some training to introduce you to the system that the NFRW has now put in place. I'm also



planning on doing a little training on Excel for those of you who need some refreshers or are new to using the computer to make up your spreadsheet. As we go along and your clubs increase in size, it will be very important for you understand how to use Excel spreadsheets.

As always, if you have any questions I can help with, feel free to contact me at LSmacell2@gmail.com or 602.370.3435.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcell

Arrangements

Don't Miss Out On Your Club's Opportunity to Earn Some Money

At the Winter Meeting at the Tempe Embassy Suites, 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 near the registration area and will be available from 3:00pm-6:00 pm on Thursday, February 25; from 8:00am-5:00pm on Friday, February 26; and from 8:00am-noon on Saturday, February 27.

The deadline to reserve a table(s) is **Friday, Feb. 12**. 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.

Questions? Contact Kathy Dolge, Arrangements Chair, arrangements@azfrw.com, 602-510-8986.

P.S. Plan ahead for Prescott, June 16-18. Vendor tables will be available at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center!

Americanism

It's a Grand Old Flag Every Day of the Year

Borrowing from the musical sentiments of George M. Cohan, our U.S. Flag is the emblem of the land we love.

While the Stars and Stripes can be displayed any and every day of the year, weather permitting, there are holidays and other specific days during the year on which flying your flag is particularly appropriate. As 2016 begins, here is a listing of specially designated days for flying our nation's flag this year. Information for the days and dates below is from military-related organizations and other patriotic sources.

- *New Year's*
- *Martin Luther King Day* - 3rd Mon. in Jan.
- *Lincoln's Birthday* - Feb. 12
- *Washington's Birthday* - Feb. 22
- *President's Day* - 3rd Mon. in Feb.
- *Easter Sunday* - Mar. 27 this year
- *National Day of Prayer* - 1st Thur. in May
- *V-E Day* - May 8
- *Mother's Day* - May 8 this year
- *Armed Forces Day* - 3rd Sat. in May
- *Memorial Day* (half-staff until noon) May 30th
- *Flag Day* - June 14 (half-staff)
- *Father's Day* - June 19 this year
- *Independence Day* - July 4
- *Korean War Veterans Armistice Day* - July 27
- *Labor Day* - Sept. 5 this year
- *V-J Day* - Sept. 2
- *Patriot Day* - Sept. 11 (half-staff)
- *Constitution Day* - Sept. 17
- *POW/MIA Recognition Day* - 3rd Fri. in Sept.
- *Gold Star Mothers/Family Remembrance Day* - last Sun. in Sept.
- *Columbus Day* - 2nd Mon. October 10
- *Veterans Day* - Nov. 11
- *Thanksgiving Day* - Nov. 24 this year
- *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* - Dec. 7
- *Bill of Rights Day* - Dec. 15
- *Christmas Day* - Dec. 25

Other days to fly the flag include Inauguration Day, election days, statehood anniversaries (February 14 in Arizona), state holidays, and "other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States". Personally, I'm for adding Ronald Reagan's birthday, February 6th, to the list.

The flag should always be displayed in a respectful manner, in accordance with the protocols of the official U.S. Flag Code. Numerous websites, such as www.vfw.org, www.americanflag.org, www.usflag.org, and www.publications.usa.gov, offer more information about our American flag, its history, the U.S. Flag Code, and the proper display and care of our country's honored national emblem.

Priscilla Poese,
AzFRW Americanism



According to our handbook, the Caring for America Committee institutes community service projects for the organization. Caring for America is based on the belief that problems can be solved more effectively through the generosity and combined energies of individuals than through dependency on government programs.

Each Club is encouraged to look around your community to find opportunities to help those in need and to show that Republican Women Care! I would like to know what each club is doing to lend support to those who need a helping hand. This is my first year as State Caring for America Chairman and I'm hoping that as clubs share their projects, we can all get new ideas and combine our energies to make Arizona a kinder, more CARING place to live.

Please send a description of your project/s to: Jan Stephenson, 9836 E Sidewinder Trail, Scottsdale, AZ 85262 or stephensonaz@cox.net.

We're here to talk SCRAPBOOKS! The contest that WOULD have been held at the AzFRW Convention 2015 was postponed due the National Convention. However, the time is NOW to pull out those 2013-2015 club scrapbooks for judging at the 2016 WINTER MEETING!

The criteria for judging is essentially the 2013 criteria with a couple of portions removed (referring to AzFRW meetings) and streamlined to make it easier to submit your product for judging. Any "extra" material included will be given "bonus" consideration. The criteria does NOT have to be in any particular order this time! Put your contents in a way that makes sense for YOUR club!

There will also be winners in BOTH "traditional" (paper) scrapbooks AND digital scrapbooks! They're really too different to be compared side by side. Criteria is included if you have an "electronic" submission as that's how criteria was written for 2013's contest.

Please have all club scrapbook entries to the Winter Meeting registration area by 11am on Friday, February 26! A short form will be available for entrants to note a club contact to be sure your scrapbook is returned to you after judging and an opportunity for all to admire your work.

Club Newsletter contest criteria is in development at this moment and will be posted after the Winter Meeting so all will know expectations for this 2-year competition. Club Scrapbook contest criteria will be finalized and posted for the 2017 competition as well. YOU WILL KNOW WHERE TO FIND CRITERIA!

If you have any questions or thoughts about Scrapbook or Newsletter contests from your past experience here, we look forward to hearing from you!

IF YOU'RE AVAILABLE TO JUDGE SCRAPBOOKS at the Winter Meeting, we'd LOVE to hear from you NOW. We're looking for folks familiar with scrapbooks but honestly – if you can follow a criteria sheet and are willing to assist – that would be great! We need to ask for judges from clubs that do NOT plan to submit a scrapbook to the contest.

Please contact Lezlee Alexander of Arrowhead RW at garthandlee@cox.net or Carol Wilson of Ahwatukee RW at dcttwilson@aol.com to volunteer as a judge or if you have any questions.

Region/Club Reports

Region I

Director: Joan Harris

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



Flagstaff RW member Ashley Heerding was named the National Teenage Republican (TAR) of the Year for 2015. Ashley was the recipient of the first annual Flagstaff RW Gerri Wainwright Memorial Scholarship, and is in her first year in the University of Arizona Honors Program. Go Ashley!



2016 Flagstaff RW OFFICER INSTALLATION
L-R: Joan Harris, Region Director; Laura Vineyard, 1st VP (Programs); Trudy Wieber, Treasurer; Joyce Chriscoe, 3rd VP (Fund Raising); Judy Sall, President; Janie Stanton, 2nd Vice President (Membership); and Maria Miller, (Secretary). Congratulations ladies!



Just one example of many donated items for Flagstaff RW's jewelry fundraiser.

Region I Continued



Verde Valley RW's November Meeting featured Yavapai Sheriff's K-9 Unit Officers Dartt and Lopez and their K-9 partners Miley and Cyrus.



Verde Valley RW President Chris Lutz presents well-earned treats for K-9's Miley and Cyrus.



Arizona State Senator Sylvia Allen with her granddaughter at a fund raiser held at the Copper Star Shooting Range in Camp Verde



Former Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett informs and entertains at the August Verde Valley RW meeting.



Verde Valley RW President Chris Lutz with Congressman Louie Gohmert at the 2015 Lincoln/Reagan Dinner in Prescott.

Yavapai County RW

Yavapai County RW is the newest club in the AzFRW. They join with Verde Valley RW and Flagstaff RW in Region I. The YCRW club serves the Quad City area of Yavapai County - Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt and Prescott - meeting the 2nd Thursday of every month from 5:00pm - 6:30pm at the Stepping Stones Conference Center in Prescott Valley. Yavapai County RW's mission:

EDUCATE: The Laurel represents giving insight selflessly and becoming students who excel in learning, striving to become informed voters.

EMPOWER: The Crown represents power. Sharing knowledge is empowering which comes with greater responsibility allowing us to serve our community, our nation and wisely engage in the political process.

ELECT: The Shield represents defending truth, achievement, and triumph. We work to elect and appoint qualified Republicans to serve our community, our state, and our nation. We strive to ensure our efforts reflect Republican principles and values.



Yavapai County RW celebrates its Inaugural Installation and Charter Celebration.

AzFRW is now 28 clubs strong. The installation was conducted by Loraine Pellegrino, AZFRW President Elect and Rae Chornenky, Immediate Past President, NFRW. The newest club's leadership team includes Patt Parker, Yavapai County RW Founding President; Mary Williams, Treasurer; Yoli Bounds, 3rd Vice President; Kristine Hanson, 2nd Vice President; Sandra Laney, 1st Vice President. Absent and not pictured, Sarita Williams, Recording Secretary



The Yavapai County RW's First Community Service Project

was for Stepping Stones women's shelter in Prescott Valley. The club donated 60 gift cards to help children who are living in the shelter to have a merrier Christmas. Pictured here are Patt Parker, Yavapai County RW President, Stepping Stones Director, Robin, and Yoli Bounds, Yavapai County RW 3rd Vice President.

The club's contact info: president@ycrw.us
www.ycrw.us (c) 928.910.9255

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

2015 was an exciting year for Region II with the combined AzFRW and NFRW conventions held in Phoenix in September, and each of the Region II clubs sent a delegation.

Now looking forward to 2016, all of Region II clubs are busy working for candidates and having them speak at their meetings, and working on voter registration. This should be an exciting year for Republicans.

Grande Valley Republican Women

The women of Grande Valley have been busy. . . in September their CD1 candidate forum brought together members, friends and candidates to enjoy good food, good company and good Republican values! In December, they remembered those who are serving in our Nation's military by packing boxes to send for the holidays. In January, the club welcomed their new AzFRW President, Loraine Pellegrino and Second Vice President, Cindy Casaus to their meeting.

Republican Women of Pinal County

The fall season kicked off with Sheriff Paul Babeau as their guest speaker. He was the first of the Congressional candidates to meet with the club.

The club was honored to have the President of the Gold Star Mothers, Sherron Jones, as their November speaker. She spoke of her work heading up the Wreaths Across America project in Tucson. Because of the generosity of our members, we were able to honor the memory of 30 veterans by placing wreaths on each of their grave sites.

At the club's December holiday brunch, Regional Director Jo Ann Evans installed new officers. State Representative Vince Leach gave the club a preview of legislation that may be discussed in the upcoming legislative term. They also organized a baby shower for the Women Veterans Health Center. Handmade baby blankets, little layette items and diapers brought additional happiness to a number of new Moms who have served our country.



**State Representative Mark Finchem
Speaks to the club.**



Grande Valley RW Candidate Forum.



**Sheriff Paul Babeau, Lifetime member LaVerne Tucker,
President Barbara Treick and Deputy Sheriff Steve Henry.
RW of Pinal County**



**Kurt Steffens, Sheriff Paul Babeau and Molly Steffens
Oro Valley RW**



**Corporation Commission Candidate Senator
Al Melvin uses his campaign table to
collect signatures at a recent meeting.**

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

Graham County RW

Graham County RW installed their officers in January 2016: President Barbara Stanley, Vice Mary Morse, Treasurer Pamela Anderson, Secretary Judy Reed



Cochise County Sheriff
Mark Dannels (December 2015 speaker) and Iris Lynch (Americanism Chair.)
Huachuca Area RW



Kathy Dolge, Recording Secretary; Nancy Dever, Outgoing Corresponding Secretary; Enid Reinhart, President; Leah Davis, 2nd Vice President Membership; Leah Barnes, Second Vice President; Lona Jensen, Chaplain; Karla Rothrock, Immediate Past President, and new 5th Vice President Communications.
Thunder Mountain RW



DECEMBER 2015 – Huachuca Area Republican Women/Caring for America – St. Vincent DePaul's food locker and Sierra Vista Firefighters toy collection. We had VERY generous Huachuca Area RW members this year! (Kathy Clark, HARW Caring for America Chair.)

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

All six clubs in Region IV, Rio Colorado and Yuma County in Yuma, Lake Havasu and London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, Kingman, and Colorado River in Bullhead City are doing well. They are busy planning events. President Loraine was in Bullhead City in December to install the officers for Colorado River RW. The region's newest club, Kingman RW, is doing extremely well under the leadership of Nancy Mochcau, the club's president. Lake Havasu RW has a new president, Sue Steivo. Sue Donahue from Lake Havasu RW has been appointed as the new State Senator to replace Dr. Kelli Ward who stepped down to focus on her U.S. primary race for senate against John McCain. Many good things going on in Region IV.

Kingman RW

Kingman Republican Women will begin their first year as a chartered club, and there is a lot in store for 2016. They will hear candidates for county, state, and federal positions, and determine who will be the best for the party. Throughout the year, they will be "Women Working to Restore the Constitution" and will discuss various Articles of the Constitution and discuss the Bill of Rights. Their Caring for America committee has been working the last several months crocheting chemo caps for the cancer patients of Kingman Cancer Center, and they have some postcards ready to go to our servicemen and women to thank them for protecting

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Huachuca Area 2016/2017 Officers l. to r. Marie Blair, Recording Secretary, Suzanne Johnson, 2nd Vice President, Sue Mitchell, President, Susan Marcell, AzFRW Treasurer conducting the Installation of officers, Judy Langer, Past President, Vivian Bruns, Past 2nd Vice President, Nancy Goldcamp, Treasurer. (Nicki Dannels, 1st Vice President was unable to attend.)



Lake Havasu's Chemo Caps for Cancer project

Region IV continued

our country, and to show our appreciation for all that they do. The club also will participate in several debates in the Spring and Summer. The Literacy Committee is busy soliciting donations for books to present to local school libraries. Members of the club are so happy to be a part of the Federation once again, and look forward to meeting you at the winter meeting in Tempe!

Lake Havasu RW

The Lake Havasu Republican Women's Club has had a very successful year. Exceptional monthly programs are helping to increase our membership. Several women attended the NFRW conference in the fall, and we were proud to receive both the Turquoise and Diamond awards. The club hosted a Bunco fundraiser which enabled the club to maintain sufficient funds for upcoming activities. In December they held a Christmas party. The club, however, is most proud of their current club president – Sue Donahue – who was recently named Arizona

state senator to replace Dr. Kelli Ward who stepped down to focus full time on her campaign to unseat Senator John McCain in our state's 2016 primary election.

2016 will be an exciting one since we'll be electing a new president in November. We hope to organize several events around this, as well as host Meet and Greets for local candidates. The club says that other 2016 events may include several fund raisers: a February garage sale, Bunco and cards, and perhaps a Tasting bake sale this fall. They are also looking to organize a visit to President Reagan's library and to state Senator Sue Donahue when the state legislature is in session.

Yuma County RW

We are busy with membership renewals and plans for a March vintage fashion show/tea. Additionally, we intend to collect socks and underwear for veterans at our February meeting. Finally, we will install our officers at our January meeting.

Region V

Director: Susan Cohen

Club: Republican Women of Prescott

RW of Prescott

As the largest club in Arizona (and because of its size), the Republican Women of Prescott is its own region. As such, the club will be developing a mentor program so they don't lose the momentum to take back our country in 2016. There is much that can be done, especially when women are motivated, guided, and step up to the plate.

The club's president, Susan Cohen intends to encourage each of the club's members to attend at least one of the three state meetings held this year and again, three in 2017. This year, the June 16-18 state meeting will conveniently be held in Prescott, and she hopes to see a record attendance from RWOP. RWOP looks forward to working with the best state federation in America and to focus on keeping Arizona a RED state through the most informed and inspired group of Republican Women!



"...my entire career has been spent dealing with women issues...I mean "women's" issues..."

Region VI

Director: Nancy Cottle

Clubs: Ahwatukee RW, Chandler RW, Mesa RW, Tempe RW

Ahwatukee RW

The second half of 2015 was an eventful one for Ahwatukee Republican Women! They held a Day at the Capitol where attendees were guided through the legislative process by LD18 Representative Jill Norgaard. In August, the club hosted a breakfast featuring Governor Doug Ducey which drew a large crowd. Seventeen Ahwatukee RW members attended the NFRW Convention and three of their members were elected to the AzFRW Executive Board at the Arizona state biennial meeting. In the fall, they kicked off their 2016 membership drive at their Member Appreciation and Chili Cook-Off Dinner featuring Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The club wrapped up the year installing their new Executive Board and donating nearly \$1,000 to the veteran-focused foundation, Operation Enduring Gratitude. Bring on 2016!

Mesa RW

Mesa RW will continue to work hard in 2016 to educate, inform and inspire their members so that they can help get Republicans elected in November, especially in the White House! Together we DO make a difference.



Sheriff Joe Arpaio was the guest of honor at ARW's Member Appreciation and Chili Cook-Off Dinner.



Ahwatukee RW's Day at the Capitol held in July 2015 was facilitated by LD18 Representative Jill Norgaard.



In November, Ahwatukee RW elected our 2016-2017 Executive Board.



Ahwatukee members donated \$1,000 to Operation Enduring Gratitude at our Christmas Party. Pictured: Kathy Diekelman, Charlie Ellis of OEG and President Debbie Smith.



Ahwatukee RW hosted a breakfast featuring Governor Doug Ducey in August 2015. Pictured: Ahwatukee RW Executive Board with Governor Ducey



Chandler RW hosted the fantastic Girls with Guns in November 2015, with Rep. Matt Salmon joining the event to speak about 2nd Amendment Rights.



Chandler Republican Women installed two new officers for 2016 - Diane Ortiz-Parsons was installed as 2nd Vice President over Membership, and Marilyn LaFoe was installed as 1st Vice President over Programs. Chandler RW was honored to have LD18 State Representative Jill Norgaard in attendance and to do the swearing in of the club's new officers.



Chandler City Councilwoman Nora Ellen enjoyed the Chandler RW Girls with Guns event, shooting alongside Republican women Sylvia Montierth and Debbie Lane.



In November, Mesa RW delivered their Caring for America donations to A New Leaf's homeless shelter for men.



Mesa RW ladies attending the AzFRW State Convention and NFRW National Convention in Phoenix.



Congressman Matt Salmon brings ladies of Mesa RW to date on federal issues.



Mesa RW's Annual Christmas Party and Membership Drive and special performers and speakers included former Secretary of State Ken Bennett and Rep. Rusty Bowers; AZGOP Chairman, Robert Graham; Councilmember Chris Glover and brother Ryan Glover; Senator Bob Worsley, Erica Soelberg, New AzFRW President Loraine Pelligrino installed the club's 2016-17 Executive Board which consists of Sherry Pierce, President; Nancy Cottle, 1st Vice President; Linda Stapley, 2nd Vice President; Lisa Godzich, Recording Secretary; Kathy Jacobs, Treasurer; Kathleen Winn, Corresponding Secretary; Sharon Giese, Parliamentarian.



Tempe RW 1st Vice Chair with Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz at the NFRW convention in Phoenix.



Region Director Nancy Cottle with Tempe RW preparing care packages for troops.



Tempe RW member Sheila Bryce sorting through donations to Packages from Home.

Region VII

Director, Carol Jones

Clubs: Arrowhead RW, Central RW of Phoenix

Arrowhead RW

In an effort to raise awareness of combat veterans in need, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, in full regalia, spoke of Veterans helping Veterans. The club continues to collect crew socks for our troops and for the homeless Veterans who gather at the Arizona Stand Down. The club's annual Membership Tea will be held in February and a Candidate forum on June 11.

Central RW of Phoenix

Central RW of Phoenix had the challenge of finding a new venue for meetings held on the first Thursday of each month. The new location is Phoenix Hilton Suites at Central and Thomas Avenues. They held a wonderful male associate member's night which resulted in one of the largest turnouts in recent memory. The club maintains a consistent Social Media presence using Facebook and Group Facebook pages. Their electronic Newsletter continues to be appreciated by their members and friends.



Tempe RW helping our troops by preparing care packages for Packages from Home.



2016 Tempe RW Board Members.

Clubs: Lincoln RW, Palo Verde RW, Paradise Valley RW

Lincoln RW

On December 4, 2015, the Lincoln Republican Women dedicated their Christmas Party to the memory of Judy Eisenhower. Judy was serving as club Treasurer, when she died, and had been an integral part of the Lincoln RW for many years. Members of Judy's family, personal friends and many club members reminisced about the wonderful experiences they had shared with Judy during her lifetime.

Did you know that Judy was the first female Chief of Staff on Capitol Hill?

Judy will be fondly missed by all who knew her!

LRW held their installation of officers at the January 11, 2016 meeting.



Lin Sue Cooney, channel 12 news anchor in Phoenix for thirty years, and now Director of Community Engagement at Hospice of the Valley, was Palo Verde RW's guest speaker at their December Christmas party.



To document the Christmas party, at the request of speaker Lin Sue Cooney, a large group of ladies from Palo Verde RW's December Christmas party stayed after for a photo.

Palo Verde RW

On Wednesday, December 16, 2015, Palo Verde RW installed their new officers and celebrated Christmas. Julia Graham, Palo Verde RW member and wife of AZGOP Chairman, Robert Graham, administered the oath of office to: Jan Stephenson—President, Roberta Heine – 1st Vice President, Sherry Gray – 2nd Vice President, The new officers are: Joan Lang – 3rd Vice President, Cheryl Pelletier – Secretary, Karen Garrett – Treasurer, Helene Gross – Assistant Treasurer.



Paradise Valley RW

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, the Paradise Valley Republican Women held a Christmas Luncheon and installation of officers. Incoming AzFRW President, Loraine Pellegrino, administered the oath of office.

The new officers are:

Judy Lawrence – President, Ashley Fritz – 1st Vice President, Anna Morrison – 2nd Vice President, Ruth Foster – 3rd Vice President, Carol Zraket – Recording Secretary, Diana Marsh – Corresponding Secretary, Barb McMullen – Treasurer

Julia Graham, Palo Verde RW member and wife of AZGOP chairman Robert Graham swore in the club's new executive board: Jan Stephenson, President; Roberta Heine, 1st VP Programs; Sherry Gray, 2nd VP, Membership; Joan Lang, 3rd VP Community Service; Cheryl Pelletier, Secretary; Karen Garrett, Treasurer; and Helene Gross, Asst. Treasurer. Julia challenged each board member with a specific goal as they lead our club: Jan to help us to work together and unite as friends; Roberta to celebrate the good around us; Sherry to soar to new heights for a bright future; Joan to have courage to stand firm where we stand; Cheryl to pray for peace within our party and country; Karen to learn to love those who we serve; and Helen to remember those who go before us to keep us free.

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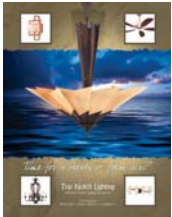
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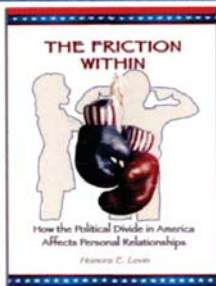
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	Early Bird! Register by Feb 5th	\$25	
	Registration Feb 6 – Feb 18	\$35	
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	Grilled Chicken Breast w/ raspberry balsamic	\$30	
	Brined Pork Loin w/ mashed potatoes and mustard demi-glaze	\$30	
	Ratatouille: Portabella mushroom, zucchini, roasted tomatoes, marinara & parmesan cheese	\$30	
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	Saturday Luncheon Entrées:		
	Sonoran Chicken Caesar Salad	\$25	
	Wedge Salad w/ Shrimp	\$25	
	Grilled Vegetable Wrap	\$25	
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