



AzFRW BULLETIN

*Celebrating 90 Years of Leading the Way for
Republican Women in Arizona*

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Summer 2014

A Message from President Mary Williams



I can't believe how fast the year is flying by. I would like to thank Cheryl Pelletier from Palo Verde Republican Women for volunteering to serve as

our newsletter editor. A reminder that the Board voted to cease snail mail of the newsletter. It would be appreciated if clubs would run off the abbreviated version consisting of the first few pages for those members who are actively involved and don't have email. See the information box located on the lower right of this page. Now that we're not constrained by printing costs, the newsletter will have more room for pictures and articles...enjoy! It would be appreciated if all clubs would do their best to fill in missing email addresses for their membership.

We were unable to arrange the Gaslight Theatre for our June meeting as they were **SOLD OUT!** We will, however, be returning to Tucson again next February for our Winter 2015 Meeting and I am already working on putting together an AzFRW event with the Gaslight for then. By popular demand, Bling Bingo is back! For those who didn't join us in

Lake Havasu, you missed a truly fun event. Don't miss it in Tucson! I'm excited about the programs that 1st VP Loraine has lined up for us. I think you will find the presentation by Lisa Atkins on the military bases in Arizona quite informative...invite your friends!

The NFRW Board of Directors Meeting in March was excellent. Please see my report on page 8 of the newsletter. The



Memorial Day is May 26th.

next NFRW Board Meeting will be in Dallas Fort Worth from Sept 18-20th. NFRW meetings are open to any member to attend. An optional tour to the Bush Presidential Library is planned but details are still not

set. Please keep checking the AzFRW website and I will publish as soon as they are firm.

This issue contains informative reports from around the state about how hard everyone is working to host the candidates, work for the candidates and ensure victory for Republicans in Arizona. I am so proud of all that you are doing. Don't forget to research community events in your locales and see what your clubs can do to participate and/or have a Republican booth. It's a great way to attract potential new members as well as register-

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SPECIAL NOTE:

Effective this edition, AzFRW no longer mails hard copies of the *AzFRW Bulletin*. For those clubs with members who do not have an email address, please print Pages 1-7 and provide to them as a courtesy.

Newsletter may also be viewed online at our website which is:
www.azfrw.com

Message from President Mary Williams (cont'd)

ing voters! Home shows, July 4th events, county fairs...they are all great venues for the cause. Also, many districts must have their nominating petitions submitted by the end of this month for PC positions. If you're not already a Precinct Committee person, talk to your local GOP headquarters to determine if there are openings in your neighborhood.

Team 2015 is working hard developing outside fundraising resources as well as ideas and plans for the National convention. Co-Chairs Mary Baumbach and Margo Treece will present a report at our Board of Director's meeting in Tucson. The full committee met while we were in Washington D.C. with Nevada (new President Carol Del Carlo) and New Mexico (new President Krista Edwards). Both states are as excited as we are and we have a GREAT team!

I hope you are enjoying the updates from



This Memorial Day, please take a moment to remember why the holiday matters to our nation.

AzFRW that are going out several times a month including recognition of our elected Republican Women around the state. Thanks to Communications Director Susan Kay Schultz for spearheading this project.

Our Day at the Legislature was a great success and was truly appreciated by our legislators who turned out in droves to be with us along with Governor Brewer and Treasurer Ducey. It was a great day and a big thank you to all who participated.

Fly your flags proudly on Memorial Day remembering that freedom isn't free. It is bought and paid for with the lives and limbs of members of our military, past, present and future. God bless them all and God bless America.

Mary

Upcoming Dates!

June 10: Tucson Radisson hotel room block expires.

June 17: Last day to register for Summer Meeting.

June 26-28: AzFRW Summer Meeting in Tucson.

Oct 23-25: Fall State Meeting in Phoenix.

Feb 27-28, 2015: Winter State Meeting in Tucson.

May 15-16, 2015: Summer State Meeting.

Sept. 10 -13, 2015: NFRW Convention/Phoenix.



The NFRW Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Dallas, Texas from Sept 18-20th at the Grand Hyatt inside the Dallas Fort Worth Airport. Additional details to follow as soon as NFRW releases. Visit the NFRW website at www.nfrw.org

AzFRW Day at the Legislature a Great Success!



AzFRW Members enjoy the 2014 Day at the Legislature.



AzFRW Summer Meeting 2014

Friday & Saturday, June 27 & 28, 2014

Radisson Suites 6555 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85710

Workshops:

- ♦ *"Facebook & Twitter" Coaching* (Thursday PM)
- ♦ *"Constant Contact" Boot Camp* (Saturday AM)
- ♦ *Membership: Panel Discussion*
- ♦ *Robert's Rules of Order (Parliamentary Procedure)*
- ♦ *How to Volunteer for a Political Campaign*
- ♦ *NFRW Convention 2015 Update*

Friday Luncheon Speakers:

- ♦ *Honorable Toni Hellon, Clerk of the Superior Court, Pima County*
- ♦ *Keynote: Lisa A. Atkins | Vice President, Public Policy | Greater Phoenix Leadership|*
Co-Chair of the Governor's Military Affairs Commission

Saturday Luncheon Speakers:

- ♦ *Honorable Senator Gail Griffin LD 14 | Senate President Pro Tempore*
- ♦ *Keynote: James T. Harris | Radio Talk Show Host | Speaker| Conservative Commentator*

It seems that this election year is moving along at warp speed! Upon completion of our Summer Meeting, we will be in the final stretch of the 2014 Primary. Throughout the state our members are supporting Republican candidates and registering voters: and that doesn't even count all the extra meetings and events! Is your head spinning yet? Never fear though, AzFRW is up to the challenge! We have the critical task of helping our Republican candidates with our time, talents, and treasure in their quest for election. I know I'm preaching to the choir on this subject but our candidates do need all the support we can give them. Campaigning is a grueling endeavor on both the candidates and their families. They are all to be commended for stepping up and running for office. Let's do our part in getting them elected!



Loraine Pellegrino

Join us and become further INFORMED, INSPIRED, ENGAGED and REJUVENATED at the AzFRW Summer Meeting in Tucson. Once again, we have a stellar program and lots of fun planned. I'm looking forward to seeing you!

Yours in Liberty and Freedom,

Loraine Pellegrino

AzFRW 1st Vice President - Programs

Membership Report: Joan Lang, 2nd Vice President



2nd VP, Joan Lang, and President, Palo Verde

Get ready to “Get REAL” about Membership!

At the June AzFRW State meeting in Tucson we will be presenting a Membership Panel discussion. Four of your sister AzFRW members and I will offer ways to increase club membership and initiatives to keep your members happy and engaged within your club.

You will have time to participate in our discussions as well! I have been listening to your concerns and ideas, so be prepared to share with our panel what your club does regarding our topics.

Each panelist will be sharing her club’s methods for:

Recruitment and **R**etention – (**Mary Bombeck**/ Ahwatukee RW).

Education – (**Tina Shaw** / Central Republican Women of Phoenix)

Awards – (**Anne Booth** – Yuma RW)

Leadership – (**Cindy Christy** – River Valley RW)

Yes, ladies, it is time to get REAL about membership! Our State Federation has so much untapped potential. With all of your help we will develop ways to build our membership and make new friends along the way. After all, without YOU, we are nothing....

Ways & Means Report: Yoli Bounds, 3rd Vice President



3rd VP, Yoli Bounds

A special thank you to all the ladies who made the Lake Havasu meeting so outstanding.

We are looking forward to a great meeting in Tucson.

Bling Bingo will be back. Come and enjoy a bingo night filled with laughter and bling prizes. Dinner will be available from a **special hotel menu**. Wear your most sparkling red, white and blue outfit. There will be a special prize for the “Best Patriotic Bling Outfit!”

We are holding a very special raffle. "Miss Liberty" is a plush elephant wearing a lovely tiara and a beautiful sterling silver and diamond pendant. Included in this package is a patriotic flag throw, and on her wrist is a bling bracelet. Tickets will be 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20.

Our Angel Program is ongoing. When you join, you receive a silver pendant or bracelet with the state colors of Arizona. The pendant is \$100, the bracelet is \$110 and the pendant with a chain is \$120. All proceeds stay in Arizona. Become a member of our Angel Program and

attend a private reception, to be held at our Fall Meeting in Phoenix, for all our Angels. And be sure to wear your Angel jewelry proudly all year long. For a list of our Angel members, go to page 5.

See you in Tucson!

Yoli Bounds - 3rd Vice President



Miss Liberty wearing her tiara and sterling silver and diamond pendant.

Thanks to Our Angel Program Participants!



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- ♦ Yoli Bounds, RW of Prescott
- ♦ Pam Calhoon, RW of Prescott
- ♦ Sue Donahue, Lake Havasu RW
- ♦ Sharon Giese, Mesa RW
- ♦ Jan Hermsmeyer, Arrowhead RW
- ♦ Christy Hunter, RW of Prescott
- ♦ Leona Johnston, Paradise RW
- ♦ Diane Lee, Paradise RW
- ♦ Pat Lutes, Lincoln RW
- ♦ Susan Marcell, Central RW of Phoenix
- ♦ Barb McMullen,, Paradise RW
- ♦ Theresa Morales, Palo Verde RW
- ♦ Mary Morse, Graham County RW
- ♦ Patt Parker, RW of Prescott
- ♦ Loraine Pellegrino, Ahwatakee RW
- ♦ Carmel Scharenbroich, Arrowhead RW
- ♦ Susan Kay Schultz, Paradise RW
- ♦ Debbie Smith, Ahwatakee RW
- ♦ Noreen Thomas, London Bridge RW
- ♦ Margo Treece, Ahwatakee RW
- ♦ Lori Urban, Paradise RW
- ♦ Rep. Dr. Kelli Ward, London Bridge RW
- ♦ Mary Williams, RW of Prescott

AzFRW 2014 SUMMER MEETING....Friday & Saturday, June 27-28, 2014

Radisson Suites Hotel, 6555 E Speedway, Tucson 85710

Rooms block expires June 10th! **Please use code 614 AZF** Hotel: 520-721-7100

Rates: \$ 89/double, \$99/triple or \$109/quad + taxes and includes full breakfast!

Area members not staying at the hotel may also join everyone for breakfast buffet. Please check the "breakfast" box on Friday or Saturday and your tickets will be included with your registration packets. Please check what you will attend on Reg Form, next page



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Region II Clubs...
Grande Valley RW
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Thursday, June 26th Optional Events

2:00-5:00pm	Registration & receive Silent Auction items, Silent Auction set up	Catalina I
3:00-5:00pm	Social Media Coaching on Facebook & Twitter	Suite 101
5:00-6:00pm	No Host Social Time in hotel lounge	Patio Breeze Bar & Grill
6:00pm	Dinner on your own in the Old Pueblo with fellow Republican Women!	

Friday, June 27th Preliminary Agenda

6:00-9:00am	\$10 Optional full Breakfast for non-hotel guests (<i>included for hotel guests</i>)	Patio Breeze Bar & Grill
8:00-4:00pm	Registration & Silent Auction	Catalina I
9:15-11:15am	Executive Committee (<i>Closed Meeting</i>)	Suite 101
11:30-1:00pm	Luncheon Program-guest speakers Hon.Toni Hellon & Lisa Atkins	Catalina II & III
1:00-2:30pm	Workshop for All...(2:45 Committees should attend this session)	Reddington Room
1:00-2:30pm	Awards Committee, Bylaws Committee, Nom Comm (<i>NC only is closed</i>)	Locations to follow
2:30-2:45pm	15 Minute Break	Reddington Foyer
2:45-4:15pm	Workshop for All-Repeats (<i>1pm Committees should attend this session</i>)	Reddington Room
2:45-4:15pm	Americanism & Caring for America, Literacy, Campaigns & Scholarship	Locations to follow
4:30-5:00pm	Region Meetings...(put elsewhere in newsletter or do list for Tucson)	Locations to follow
5:00-6:00pm	No Host Campaigns Social Hour honoring our AzFRW Women Candidates!	Patio Breeze Bar & Grill
7:00-8:45pm	AzFRW BLING Bingo fun!!	Catalina I

Saturday, June 28th Preliminary Agenda

6:00-9:00am	\$10 Optional full Breakfast for non-hotel guests (<i>included for hotel guests</i>)	Patio Breeze Bar & Grill
7:15-8:25	Constant Contact Boot Camp...Susan Kay Schultz, AzFRW	Location to follow
8:00-9:00am	Registration & Silent Auction	Catalina I
8:30-9:15am	President's Meeting (<i>Club presidents or their proxies should attend</i>)	Suite 101
9:30-11:15am	AzFRW Board of Directors Business Meeting (<i>Everyone should attend</i>)	Reddington Room
11:30-1:00pm	Luncheon Program-speakers AZ Senator Gail Griffin & James T. Harris	Catalina II & III
1:00pm	<i>Adjourn...safe travels home!</i>	



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SUMMER MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting Registration Fees:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early bird—register by JUNE 3rd	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Postmarked after JUNE 3rd	\$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thurs-optional no host social hour	\$ 0	\$ 0
Friday Luncheon			
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRI-NON-hotel guest breakfast	\$10	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breast of Chicken Entree	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pan Seared Orange Roughy Entree	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	VEG-Layered Grilled Veg on Marina	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRI-No host social hour	\$ 0	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRI-Bling Bingo!		
Saturday Luncheon			
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAT-NON-hotel guest breakfast	\$10	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beef Lasagna with Ratatouille	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sole Florentine Entree	\$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	VEG-Lasagna, Red Pepper Coulis	\$25	\$ _____
Please make checks payable to: AzFRW			
Questions? Allergies?		Total:	\$ _____
Call Kathy Dolge 602-510-8986 or Arrangements@azfrw.com			

SOCIAL MEDIA COACHING OPPORTUNITIES!

OPTIONAL EVENTS...Must RSVP individually!

NO fee, but you must RSVP to reserve your space!

☐ **THURSDAY from 3:00-5:00pm**

FACEBOOK & TWITTER COACHING

Contact: Loraine Pellegrino, 1st VP

Email: ARWomen@aol.com

Phone: 480-460-7101

☐ **SATURDAY from 7:15-8:25am**

CONSTANT CONTACT BOOT CAMP

Contact: Susan Kay Schultz, AzFRW Comm Dir

Email: detailshm@cox.net

Phone: 480-945-1490

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Club: _____

If an elected official, please provide name of your Office/Title: _____

☒ **Are you a Candidate? Please provide name of office you are seeking:** _____

Are You A First Time Attendee?

Please circle:

Yes

No

Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

A reservation made is a reservation paid!

All AzFRW Members must pay Meeting Registration

Fee to attend luncheons or other events...thank you!

Please complete form and send with your remittance to:

Kathy Dolge, Arrangements Chair

3607 Camino Bella Rosa

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

Last day to reserve for the AzFRW Meeting is June 17th.

Hotel rooms block expires on June 10th

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GET CREATIVE!

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST!!

"Desert Dazzle"

"NFRW Desert Dazzle 2015"

We like the name...it embraces our beautiful southwestern states, but
we need a LOGO DESIGN to go with it!

Winning design will be selected by NFRW Executive Committee and
used for convention publicity and materials.

No prize other than recognition and no ownership of the artwork.

Winning artist must release to permit NFRW to use the artwork.

Design artist will be recognized in the

NFRW Convention Program Guide.

Please submit a high resolution jpg (vector preferred!) of your design
to **your State President by July 15, 2014.**

State President's...please forward all designs to
Host Committee Chair Mary Williams by July 30th.
(928-830-3373 or president@azfrw.com)

NFRW will make all final decisions on Convention Name & Logo



President's Report: NFRW Board of Directors Meeting



Secretary Eileen Sobjack calls roll while NFRW President Kathy Brugger (yellow suit) looks on and timekeeper gets ready.



Mary Williams, Nancy Gunn Harsha and Margo Treece as we prepared to tour the White House.



Nancy Gunn Harsha and Margo Treece pose in front of the White House.



AzFRW President, Mary Williams

For the March 27-29, 2014, NFRW Board of Directors Spring Meeting, the weather was cooperative, considering the winter the East Coast has had, and we all arrived safely with no delays. Unfortunately, the cold, cold winter delayed the cherry trees so we didn't see even a hint of pink blossoms. It is interesting to note the trees were donated to the United States in 1912, the same year we became a state! Arizona was well-represented at the meetings with the following attending:

NFRW Immediate Past President **Rae Chornenky** (Central RW)
Myself as your President and as Chair, NFRW Host Committee
 NFRW Convention Co-Chair **Margo Treece** (Ahwatukee RW)
 NFRW Public Relations Committee **Leona Johnston** (Paradise RW)
 NFRW Caring for America **Diane Lee** (Paradise RW)
 NFRW Resolutions Committee **Nancy Gunn Harsha** (Pima Co RW)
 We attended our various committee meetings and the NFRW 2015 Committee, which included Nevada and New Mexico, went very well. We heard from excellent speakers including from the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) about why we will win the Senate and which I shared with all of you at Day at the Legislature, which is most encouraging!



Ben Shapiro from Breitbart Media.

As NFRW Host Committee, we want to keep the enthusiasm we all felt in Kentucky uppermost in everyone's minds. We took lovely bookmarks with pictures of the hotel and Arizona reminding all to "mark their calendars" for their dream vacation in 2015 and

signed it "Hugs from your AZ, NV and NM Convention Team." NV and NM provided the Hershey Hugs which were placed on top of the bookmarks at everyone's assigned seat in the Board of Directors meeting. I had spare bookmarks made for all of you which we will distribute in Tucson.

Our luncheon keynote speaker was Ben Shapiro

from Breitbart Media and his remarks were enjoyed by all...they just let him roll! During the Q & A time, one member told him about people who literally just move from state to state to register at the last minute to vote... and get paid for it. She claimed to have back up and he was most interested in talking further with her. So, if at some point this story breaks you know where it started.

Courtesy of Senator Flake's office, we had passes to tour the White House, so Margo Treece, Nancy Gunn Harsha and I went. We enjoyed the tour and happily didn't run into the current residents...what a great time!

As always, thank you for the honor of representing you as your AzFRW President.

Mary

AzFRW Scholarship Committee Report: Pat Lutes



From left to right, Lilia Dashevsky, Mackenzie Shane, Lois Fitch, Lori Oien and Pat Lutes. Lilia and Lori are past recipients of the AzFRW TARS award.



Mary Williams with Pat Lutes as she shows the Scholarship Board.

2014 Laura Bush Memorial Scholarship Contributions have been received in memory of:

Linda Hasslen

Bill McMullen

Raymond Bobin

"Honoring the memory of those who have passed by empowering and educating the next generation."



Pat Lutes,
AzFRW
Scholarship
Committee
Chair

In January the Scholarship Standing Committee organized a Committee of 5: Pat Lutes, Noreen Thomas, Nancy Gunn Harsha, Zanetta Boughan, and Gayle Salter.

Scholarship solicitations

were mailed to Arizona's public colleges and universities the first week of March announcing the annual funding of **THE LAURA BUSH SCHOLARSHIP** for the 2014-2015 academic years. We have received several confirmations of academic postings from colleges and universities which can usually be found at each institution's *Outside Scholarships listings*. The Committee voted in 2011 to open the Laura Bush Scholarship to 18 year old graduating seniors, using new guidelines written for that class of applicants, which are also posted on the 2014 AzFRW website.

On April 5th, AzFRW Scholarship Chair, Pat Lutes, presented the 2014 **Dodie Londen TARS Memorial Scholarship**, as recommended by the AZ State TARS Advisor, Lois Fitch, to **Mackenzie Shane** a junior and member of Saguaro High TARS, at the TARS State Convention at Scottsdale Plaza Resort. Mackenzie's name is engraved on AzFRW's memorial plaque which hangs permanently at AzGOP State Headquarters.

To advertise our Committee's mission we created a perpetual graphic recording progress of member contributions, and a "story board" displayed at all AzFRW Convention and Quarterly meetings, illustrating the past year's winners. Four AZ achievement points are given for clubs

who donate to the AzFRW Laura Bush Scholarship.

Several years ago we encouraged our clubs to make a donation in memory of a deceased member. Many clubs made donations to AzFRW Scholarship in this manner, suggesting that the minimum donation should be \$25. We are reinstating this idea to include donations made in the name of family member also, and memorializing them on the Laura Bush Scholarship Certificate of Scholarship for that year.

It appeals to many as a good alternative to sending flowers to the deceased member's funeral. Donations can be transmitted on the new [AzFRW Scholarship Donations](#) form, to be

found with other **Scholarship Forms** on our AzFRW website. Be sure to copy the Scholarship Committee so we can memorialize.



2014 Dodie Londen TARS Scholarship recipient Mackenzie Shane.

Buck up or stay in the truck.

—Sarah Palin

Literacy Committee Report: Nancy Kay Arnold



***Nancy Kay
Arnold,
Literacy
Committee
Chair***

The primary goal of the Literacy Committee is to promote reading, and in doing so, encourage NFRW organizations to donate books named on the MELP recommended list, to schools, libraries, and centers for children. The MELP recommended list consists of books screened and

chosen by the committee, which are patriotic, conservative, and historically based.

Our Arizona Chapters will celebrate September Literacy Month with a program entitled "Bucks for Books!" Each chapter across the state will be asked to choose one, or several places to donate books, and during the month of September collect money from their members to purchase MELP books for this purpose. The Chapter President, or chosen representative, will have the opportunity to buy books from a Literacy Committee table consisting of MELP books, at the October meeting in Phoenix. Chapters will receive points for donating these MELP books.

AZFRW Committee Chair, Nancy Kay Arnold, is requesting volunteers to enlist as

part of the Literacy Committee, meet with her during the June Tucson gathering and help her promote the above project.

If you are interested in helping encourage our clubs to support this worthwhile project, please contact Nancy Kay:

Email: nancykayarnold@gmail.com or call Nancy at 602-999-3736.

Did you know?

MELP stands for the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project. As part of our Literacy goals, we strive to donate books from the MELP list to promote awareness of our traditions, history and conservative values. For further information, contact Literacy Committee Chair Nancy Kay Arnold.



***Presented by:
Susan Kay Schultz
AzFRW Communications Director***

Susan Kay Schultz will be teaching a Constant Contact class at our Summer meeting in Tucson. If you want to know more about how to design professional emails, please sign up using the Summer Meeting Registration form found on page 6.

Communications Director Report: Susan Kay Schultz



If you are interested in being featured in our new monthly series, *Women Leading The Way*, please submit the following current information to the Communications Director: photo, biography, name of Arizona Federation of Republican Women's club and your preferred email address. Check your Inbox prior to the first of the month for this notice. Thank you.

Susan Kay Schultz, Communications Director

Home: 480 / 945-1490 Cell: 480 / 205-1919

detailshm@cox.net

Americanism Committee Report: Billie Orr



**Billie Orr,
Americanism
Committee Chair**

On the weekend of May 26th, flags wave in the breeze; red, white and blue bunting graces banners; and parades fill the main streets of America to

the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. It wasn't until after World War I that Decoration Day was expanded to honor those who sacrificed their lives in all American wars.

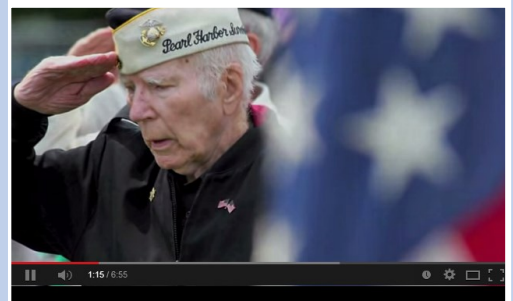
In 1971, Congress passed the National Holiday Act, which moved Memorial Day

to the last Monday in May. In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Resolution. At three o'clock in the afternoon, local time, Americans are asked "to



voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps."

Please take the time this Memorial Day to remember our brave men and women who serve today, the millions of veterans who have served in years past, and especially the 1.8 million who have given their lives for our great country. Click on the link below to hear and view "A Memorial Day Tribute."



[Click here](#) to watch this very moving Memorial Day tribute. And make sure you have a couple of tissues handy.

Since Americans are by nature individualistic and entrepreneurial, by definition, then, the socialist program is anti-American, to say nothing of totalitarian. Socialism is an old dream. Some dreams are nightmares when put into practice.

Ben Carson, M.D. writing in *America the Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great.*

celebrate Memorial Day. Originally intended to be a somber day of remembrance of the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country, Memorial Day has

evolved into a day of celebration, a nice day off from work, or a day of bargains at the local mall. Let us, as Republican women, revisit the history of this great day of remembrance and do our part to honor the 1.8 million brave patriots who have died for our liberty and freedom.

How Memorial Day initially began is not known for certain, but Charleston, South Carolina, is often credited as being the original location when thousands of freed slaves and Union soldiers gathered at a racetrack to celebrate the Civil War victory in 1865. Such celebrations began to spring up throughout the country.

Three years after the Civil War, on May 5, 1868, an organization of Union veterans called the Grand Army of the Republic created Decoration Day. It was to be a day of remembrance and reflection for the many lives sacrificed during the Civil War. It is believed that the date of May 30 was chosen because flowers would be in bloom across the nation. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated

Ladies of the AzFRW gathered for **AzFRW Day at the Legislature** held on April 2, 2014. With the exception of the photo on page 23, the photos appearing in the left-hand column beginning on this page and continuing through page 27, were taken at this event.



It was a gorgeous day and our Capitol grounds were in bloom... with the color **RED!**

Awards Committee Report: Leona Johnston



Leona Johnston, AzFRW Awards Committee Chair

Will your club be Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Copper, or Turquoise in 2015? Your club can attain one of these special designations by following the criteria established by the NFRW (Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze) or the AzFRW (Turquoise, Gold, Silver, Copper) in the following categories: Club Function, Membership Development, Programs, Community Relations, Campaign Activities. Not only will you be presented with a prestigious award at the Biennial Conventions, you will have followed a blueprint for developing a successful Federated club.

The newly revised NFRW Club Achievement Awards form is now available at www.nfrw.org and the AzFRW form will be available after the Awards Committee review at the state meeting in Tucson, June 27-28. The Awards Committee is open to any member who wishes to participate. Contact President Mary Williams or me if you are interested.

Our goal for 2015 is participation by all AzFRW clubs. Wouldn't it be wonderful for the host state to lead the way?



Thank you Club \$100 Contributors!!!

The following clubs have already completed their \$400 pledge to AzFRW to help meet our obligations as hosts of the NFRW 2015 Convention. Your help and support is TRULY appreciated. Team 2015 will present an update in Tucson and plans are moving forward. If clubs have a question as to how much they still owe, please contact the 2015 Fund Treasurer Joan Parker. Club \$100 remittances should be made out to "**AzFRW 2015 Fund**" and mailed to: **Joan Parker, 10378 E Morning Star, Scottsdale 85255.**

- ♦ Ahwatukee RW
- ♦ Huachuca Area RW
- ♦ Paradise RW
- ♦ Arrowhead RW
- ♦ Mesa RW
- ♦ RW of Prescott
- ♦ Colorado River RW
- ♦ Oro Valley RW
- ♦ Rio Colorado RW
- ♦ Grande Valley RW
- ♦ Palo Verde RW
- ♦ Verde Valley RW

Your contributions are a line item in our 2015 Budget...thank you for your support!!



Around the State...

AzFRW Clubs are busy leading the way and working hard for Republican victories this year!

Region I Report



AzFRW member Governor Janice Brewer loved joining the members of AzFRW for our 2014 Day at the Legislature.



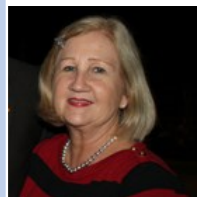
Arizona State Treasurer Doug Ducey joined us for Day at the Legislature and gave a great report on Arizona's finances. He also opened his office up for tours which everyone enjoyed.

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Region I Director
Sara Rosevear

Yuma County RW

Our membership has not only grown but we are happily retaining our members from year to year.



***Yuma County
RW
President
Anne Booth***

Candidates like Yuma, so most months we are hosting two speakers at our meetings.

We are raising money for our scholarship by raffling off a patriotic basket in May filled with donations and homemade items from our members. We have enough money for another scholarship which will be our sixth.

We are excited to be doing more service projects. We collected much appreciated socks this winter for the Crossroads Mission Veterans Program. In April our

club donated snacks and water to Amberly's Place, a shelter for abused women and children. We have plans for more service projects in the future.

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Rio Colorado RW
President
Olivia Kelly

Rio Colorado RW

Under the direction of their new President, Olivia Kelly, the RCRW is having a great year.

Members of the club have been busy registering voters and helping candidates get their petitions signed at the Yuma County Fair and Sam's Club.

Member also are volunteering their time at GOP Headquarters.

Service projects include donating food to the Food Pantry at MCAS and continuing to provide help to the Marine family they adopted at Christmas.

"Servant-leadership is all about making the goals clear and then rolling your sleeves up and doing whatever it takes to help people win. In that situation, they don't work for you, you work for them."

~Ken Blanchard



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hard for Republican victories this year!*

Region II Report



***Jo Ann
Evans,
Region II
Director***

The women of Region II are actively preparing to support our winning candidates in the November elections.

Grande Valley RW

We hosted a 'Meet and Greet' in March focused on LD 8 and LD 11 candidates. Held during the Pinal County Fair, we were fortunate to have a number of statewide candidates take a break and join us for the evening. It was a 'grande' event! In April, we offered a Governor Candidates' Forum and eight Republican candidates answered questions in front of nearly 100 people. Our members worked the Fair registering people to vote and we attended the opening of the Victory Office. We have women scheduled to work phones, write letters and ring doorbells. . .to keep Pinal County **RED** in 2014!



***Grande
Valley RW
President
Peggy Hurd***

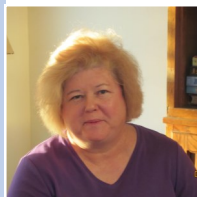
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Submitted:
Oro Valley
RW
President
Bev Van
Horn***

Oro Valley RW

We are scheduling lots of candidates, trying to hear especially from individuals running for Governor.

We raise money via a monthly raffle enabling us to give a scholarship to a college student.

Pima County RW



***Pima County
RW
President
Tiana Smith***

We are proud to celebrate our 90th Anniversary this year – we are the oldest Republican Women's Club in Arizona! We've planned a scrumptious barbecue and some musical entertainment, featuring members, candidates,

and daring elected officials. We hope many from other clubs will join us on June 7th in Oro Valley.

We agreed earlier this year on several goals: to increase our membership, get our members more involved in campaigns and voter registration, and feature candidates and voter education in our programs. So far, we are doing well with our goals.

We covered the GOP booth one day at the Pima County Fair and we will have a voter registration table at the Erik Hite Foundation run. We hope to schedule several more voter registration days this year.

Because of our June fundraiser we will not have a regular lunch/dinner program, but we do hope to have a good contingent at the June quarterly. In July we will offer an Americanism program. Details are not firm as of this date, but we are hoping to hear from a pro Davis



AzFRW member Senator Kelli Ward was effervescent, then she took a picture of all of us to tweet out and post on her Facebook page!





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AzFRW member, Representative Karen Fann, shared her thoughts on the importance of protecting our schools and education.



State Senator, Judy Burges, speaks to the ladies of AzFRW at the AzFRW Day at the Legislature.

Monthan AFB group, as well as feature a flag education presentation.

In August, Leslie White of Americans for Prosperity will speak to us and give us some ideas on how to motivate the grass roots. In September, we will feature the legislative candidates from our area. We also are planning a fund raiser at the Great American play house (Oro Valley area) which also will help benefit the Pima GOP.



RW of Pinal County President Barbara Treick

RW OF PINAL COUNTY

Since our mission is to educate and motive our membership, during this first quarter we heard from a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings. In January we learned about options for increasing economic activity and employment in SW Arizona from Richard Brinkley, one of the authors of The Prosperity Plan for Arizona. February featured County Attorney Lando Voyles speaking about the functions of his office in expediting trials for offenders. In March all the candidates for LD 11 spoke about what they could bring to the office, and in April Mr. Saad Allawei, born in Iraq, and now a Tucson businessman, talked to us about the animosity in the Middle East and how he thinks the United States should react.

Most of our members flee the Tucson heat during the summer months so our

next meeting will be in October. Those remaining here will host coffees and work on behalf of the candidates of their choice.



Tucson RW President Donna Alu

TUCSON RW

During the first quarter, Dr. Maureen Hannley educated us on Agenda 21, a surreptitious takeover of private property by the federal government implemented by counties and cities.

Mark Brnovich, candidate for Attorney General, was our speaker in March.

Our 12th Biennial Lunch With the Candidates was held on April 28. Candidates for Governor and Congressional District 2 made this event part of their campaign. Arizona has a lot of great people from which to choose.

AZGOP opened a Victory office in Tucson with phone banks. Our members will be encouraged to help out at this office to get our candidates elected. We will continue to hear from other candidates leading up to the November election.

We also will continue to provide books and other tools to inner city schools, and we will give a scholarship to a Pima Community College Republican woman.



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Region III Report



Thanks to Barbara Cook (left) Tina Shaw (right) for their help signing everyone in. You can always count on these ladies!



Left to right, RW of Prescott President Susan Cohen and Prescott 1st VP Billie Orr (also AzFRW Americanism Chair) pose in the rotunda by the new Barry Goldwater statue.



***Mary Morse,
Region III
Director and
President,
Graham
County RW***

Graham County RW

We have been busy the last quarter having guests such as David Bell (Arizona Courier Editor) who explained how the paper decides what to print based on what will help to sell newspapers. Leanne McElroy from the

Safford Library talked to us about what librarians do and what the future of the Safford Library looks like.

Our club will provide two Scholarship Awards at the June 6th meeting. The winners have already been determined. They are Taylor Barney and Jacy Larson. Each will receive a \$300 EAC Bookstore Visa so they may use the funds for books or other items needed for next school year.

Our state Senator Gail Griffin, as well as Rep. David Gowan and Rep. David Stevens, continually keep our members up to date on Arizona legislative politics including bills that have passed and bills that are pending.

Huachuca Area RW



No report submitted.

***Huachuca
Area RW
President
Judy Langer***



Thunder Mountain RW

The first quarter of 2014 has been a busy and exciting one as it always is during election year.

***Thunder
Mountain RW
President
Karla Rothrock***

We kicked off the year with the wonderful Patt Parker giving us a lesson on leadership style with a presentation entitled,

"Growing your Passion for Leading. Matching your Leadership Style to the Shoes You Love!" It was a delightful program enabling us to get in touch with both our leadership qualities and styles, while marrying them to the shoes in our closet!

If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.

- Katharine Hepburn.



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Thunder Mountain RW report, continued from previous page:

From February until October, our Club will, as in the past, dedicate its programs to informing our members about the candidates via forums. So far, we have heard from candidates for Corporation Commission, Governor, and Secretary of State. Admittedly, we have had some spotty candidate attendance as a result of being down in the far corner of the state but we have been diligent in contacting *every-one* running for a particular office to offer them a forum to be heard. We look forward to additional forums featuring both local and federal candidates in the coming months.

As mentioned in last quarter's report, we are working to make some changes to streamline meetings, add more fun opportunities for service, and recruit more members. We have been able to cut one half of an hour from our General Membership meetings (even with candidates) by putting more news in the newsletter. For fundraising, our Innovative Chair has been developing some new ideas that have been fruitful such as selling used political books donated by members and coordinating what we hope to be our first of many TMRW Art Shows.

Sadly, I again must miss seeing all of you at the Summer meeting as I have another inflexible commitment in Phoenix the same weekend as the Tucson meeting. Have a wonderful, productive time in the Old Pueblo!



ViciLee Jacobs, RW of Prescott and AzFRW Public Relations Chair.



Governor Janice Brewer along with the ladies of AzFRW at the Day at the Legislature.



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From left to right, AzFRW President Mary Williams, former State Senator Linda Gray and former State Representative Lucy Mason at AzFRW Day at the Legislature.



Former Representative and candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission Lucy Mason chats with President Williams and Joyce Mercado.



Left to right, Virginia and Rae Chornenky.

Region IV Report



***LaJuana
Gillette
Region IV
Director***

We have four clubs in Region IV and I am proud to say that they are all doing well.

Colorado River RW



***Colorado
River RW
President
Nancy
McClain***

Colorado River Republican Women welcomed AzFRW President Mary Williams for their January meeting and AzGOP Chairman Robert Graham in February. CRRW has started their series of candidate appearances with Jeff Dewit and Randy Pullen running for Arizona Treasurer. Their committees are forming and all are eager to start to work. Their "New to You"

jewelry sales program is still very successful and has raised several hundreds of dollars. President Nancy McClain is proud of the women who have stepped up and she is looking forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary.



***Lake Havasu
RW
President
Sue Donahue***

Lake Havasu RW

Lake Havasu RW has been very busy! Sadly, they said goodbye to Linda Hasslen who passed away suddenly on December 21st. She had just been

elected as the District IV Director and was looking forward to serving in that capacity. The club voted unanimously to give an annual award to the club member who donated the most time and energy to the success of LHRW. The award was named "The Linda and Doug Hasslen Award" in appreciation for their dedication to the club.

They've changed their meeting date and place to the first Tuesday of the month in the Shugrue's Bridge Room. For the Caring for America project the "Heart Bucket" is being passed around at each meeting for donations to the Wounded Warriors. After collecting \$171.00 and \$107.00 for the Wounded Warriors, the collections are now going to the Lake Havasu City Military Moms. That collection was \$173.00! LHRW annual yard sale in March raised money for scholarships. Future events include Bunco on November 8th and a Wine and Cheese social, date to be determined.

**When I stand before
God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would
not have a single bit of
talent left, and could
say, 'I used everything
you gave me'.**

– Erma Bombeck.



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All clubs that attended the **Arizona Day at the Legislature** received Award Certificates which will apply to the biennial Club Awards Forms...thanks ladies! Pictured above, left to right, Mary Williams with Jan Martinson, Arrowhead RW.



A huge thanks to Deborah Miller and Alice Lara for co-chairing our Day at the Legislature. Pictured above, Mary Williams, right, presented Deborah, left, with a certificate at the after luncheon at Macayo's.

Region IV (cont'd)



London Bridge RW

***London
Bridge RW
President
Anita Romero***

London Bridge RW held their annual Membership Brunch in April which was well-attended. They are collecting toiletries for our veterans and a delivery was made to the VA Hospital in April. They are also collecting "PJ's for DJ's" for the benefit of the Boys and Girls clubs in our area. LBRW stays active through the Summer and plans on donating to the local Salvation Army and the Local Food Bank. Candidates are scheduled for all the meetings until the election. The annual fundraiser, Casino Night, is planned for later this year.



River Valley RW

***River Valley
RW President
Emma Jean
Watson***

AzFRW's newest club, River Valley RW, meets on the first Saturday of the month and has recently moved their location to the Mohave Valley Fire Department. In March, they held an essay contest for local third grade students and the winners were awarded movie tickets. It was a great success. They continue to host forums for local candidates.

What qualities should every leader possess?

- *Possess integrity*
- *Does not participate in gossip*
- *Does not harm others*
- *Speaks out against wrong*
- *Honors others who walk in truth*
- *Keeps their word even at personal cost*
- *Isn't greedy to gain at the expense of others*
- *Is strong and stable*

Shared by Loriane Pellegrino, AzFRW 1st VP



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RW of Prescott President
Susan Cohen.

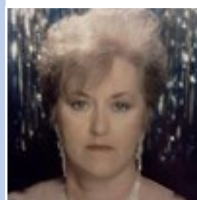


Oro Valley RW member Della
Kwasman.



***Patt Parker,
Region V
Director***

Region V has been very busy since our last newsletter. Below you will learn about some of the programs we have had and are anticipating in the next few months. Our focus is to support candidates running for office in the primaries. Although we do not endorse particular candidates, we are excited about putting our full support behind the Republican nominee and winning the elections at the local, state and federal levels in November. If you are in the area during one of the events mentioned below, please be sure to join us! I am looking forward to Tucson and sharing even more!



***Flagstaff RW
President
Catherine
Smith***

the primaries arrive we will be ready to make informed decisions based on our knowledge of the Candidates and their platforms.

Flagstaff RW

Our candidate forums.

We have been busy starting in February of 2013 inviting candidates running for Arizona offices and we have continued into 2014. When

Supporting our local young Republicans!

We are also excited to donate to our local Teenage Republicans (TARs) and College Republicans in order to support their efforts to attend their state and national conventions. We are proud of their efforts and desire to grow their leadership and skills.

We're having our annual picnic! It's our main fundraiser for the year and it will be held on June 14, 2014. We invite all members of conservative groups in Flagstaff along with their families. Also, candidates for the 2014 election will be invited to speak. Areas will be available for the candidates to place their brochures.

On Independence Day, July 4th, the Coconino County Republican Party and Flagstaff RW will ride together on a float in the Flagstaff Parade. CCRC and FRW members dress in 1776 Notable Patriot's Period clothing. If you are in the area we invite you to come and join in on the fun!

Coconino County Fair. The FRW and CCRC will have a booth at the Coconino County Fair from Aug. 29 – Sept 1, 2014. We will make available brochures on candidates and information about the Arizona Republican Party. We will also register individuals to vote.



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Supporting our community. At our FRW's monthly luncheons we place a red, white, and blue hat on each table and request everyone to throw in their loose change. With the funds we collect, canned food is purchased and donated to our local Food Bank.



Pat Kaufman representing Lincoln RW.



RW of Prescott

***Prescott RW
President
Susan
Cohen***

At the start of this Mid-term Election year, the Republican Women of Prescott membership is engaged in getting Republicans elected. To date, we have close to 500 members due to the exceptional programs designed and presented by our 1st Vice President and Programs Chair **Dr. Billie Orr** with the persistence of Membership Chair **Tana Kuykendall** and her assistant **Myra Day**.

Our forums are held during our monthly luncheons, and include the offices of Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, State School Superintendent, Arizona Corporation Commission, Superior Court Judges and County Constable. These forums took on a different kind of format. So well planned and executed, many seasoned politicians and candidates commented that our

forums have been the best they have ever seen.

Here are a few additional events that not only keep our membership entertained, but informed:

Soap Boxes on Taxes – For our April meeting, **Dr. Billie Orr** and three other members got on a soap box to express their feelings on “taxed enough already.” This is how it was done in the late 19th century when people would stand on a soap box and express their opinion to anyone in listening range. Each speaker came with their A-game to express their frustrations, and fortunately we didn’t have to use the hook to get them off the stage.

Day with Yavapai County Superior Court Judges – Deputy Court Administrator **Shelly Bacon** plus all five of our female Yavapai County Superior Court judges are members of RWOP. Shelly arranged with RWOP liaisons **Pam Jones** and **ViciLee Jacobs** to invite 70 of our members to courtrooms to hear actual cases during their afternoon session. At the end of the day, the judges sat on a Question and Answer panel at a local hotel to discuss our justice system and answer questions from the audience.



Senator Gail Griffin, LD 14.



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Glenda Bird, Treasurer, Grande Valley RW.



President Williams presents certificates to Suzanne Scharer, 1st VP for Ahwatukee RW.

May Day High Tea – This fundraiser includes a silent purse auction with pun-dits *Megyn Kelly, Michelle Malkin, Sarah Palin, Mary Matalin, James Carville* and *Jennifer Griffin* sharing their “commentary” led by our Ways and Means Chair **Pam Calhoon**. This late afternoon event is an optimum time to involve our community to learn what RWOP is all about, and possibly joining our organization.



Verde Valley RW President Tally Huntoon

Verde Valley RW

Candidate Forums. The VVRW have been busy. We’ve hosted several top candidates at our monthly luncheons, educating our members so that they are able to be informed voters.

Our By-laws Committee worked hard to revise and submit updated Bylaws and Standing rules.

Fundraiser! Our club worked hard to make our Sedona T ‘N’ T fundraiser a success, helping to insure the operation of our Verde Valley Republican office. This gives the public a place to go for district information, voter registration, access to candidate petitions and information, etc.

Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Program.

We recently made our MELP donation to American Heritage Academy in Cottonwood. The fifth grade class rewarded us with a complete recitation of the Declaration of Independence, from memory, and it was wonderful! Taking a look at their bright, young faces, who wouldn't love them!



Day at the Legislature! (L) RW of Prescott and friends and (R) Ahwatukee RW and friends.



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Region VI Report



Kathy Jacobs
Region VI
Director

Once again, my region has started out with a bang. Each club is growing in size, fund-raising, offering great programs and getting the Republican message out. I am very proud of all they have accomplished!



Ahwatukee
RW
President
Debbie Smith

Ahwatukee RW

Ahwatukee RW (ARW) started off the year receiving a big thank you from the Child Crisis Center for designating them as our Christmas Charity. Our generous members donated \$600 in cash plus many much

needed items. We continue to host a variety of candidates and elected officials at our regular monthly meetings. Our annual "Chocolate and Politics" event is always a success. We encourage the candidates to speak about the character, integrity and determination of the Republican Party at our meetings and on the campaign trail.

We had the largest group in attendance at the AzFRW Winter meeting in Lake Havasu held from Feb 6-7, 2014. In addition, our club was well-represented at the AzFRW Day at the Legislature on April 2, 2014. In addition, our club co-sponsored a booth with LD 18 GOP to pass out information and register voters at the Annual Spring Fling in Ahwatukee on April 19th.

At our May we awarded the ARW Marjorie Miner Scholarship to a lucky senior from our community. The ARW Education and Literacy Committee is actively working with the Constitution in the Classroom Project. Our Garage Sale Fundraiser was a huge success and we continue to sell merchandise and hold 50/50 raffles to raise money.

We are extremely proud to be increasing our membership and we look forward to doing everything we can to support our candidates, community and our nation.

Chandler RW



Chandler RW
President
Casey Forese

Chandler RW has had an exciting first half of the year. Our monthly meetings have been a huge success. In January, we held our first Secretary of State Candidate Forum. February we hosted a Treasury Candidate Forum with

all candidates in attendance (since then, Martin Sepulveda has withdrawn from the race). In March, we welcomed all candidates for Chandler City Council. In April, we welcomed Tom Horne and Mark Brnovich for our Attorney General Candidate Forum. In May, we hosted a Candidate Forum for Superintendent of Public Education. We are very excited about our AZ GOP Governor's Candidate Forum scheduled to take place at our August 20th meeting.

Membership is growing. And within our membership, we currently have one



Chandler RW hosted a Treasury Candidate Forum in February of this year.



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active member and five associate members running for office in 2014.



***Gilbert RW
President
Michelle
Kauk***

Gilbert RW

Gilbert RW's (GRW) mission is to inspire, empower and inform. Over the last many months, our club welcomed candidates and participated in important issues concerning Gilbert as well as Arizona's youth.

Prospective candidate for Secretary of State, Senator Michele Reagan, shared her commitment to elections running with more transparency. Attorney General Tom Horne spoke about his fight for the victims in Colorado City and his intentions to run for reelection. Ryan Smith from Mayor Scott Smith's campaign advised us of the Mayor's run for Governor and a spoke about Mayor Smith's plethora of experience. Vice Mayor Eddie Cook popped in to talk about Gilbert current events and announce that he once again will run for City Council.

A subject close to home and our hearts involves those currently serving in the Armed Forces. Volunteers paid a special visit from Operation Welcome Home. This is an amazing event hosted by the Town of Gilbert welcoming home to our community returning members of the military.

One of our themes this year centered on the youth of Gilbert which resulted in a lively discussion about Gilbert Public

Schools. This subject received one of our largest turn outs of the year, proving this is a top-of-mine topic to our club members and the town of Gilbert .

Chairman of AzTARS, Lilia Dashevsky, gave us valuable insight on how to mentor the up and coming Republican generation. The GRW spent time being inspired by the future leaders at the Mayor's Youth Summit. We heard from talented MYAC members throughout the event. Additionally, seventeen year-old Bella Weems, founder of Origami Owl and Phoenix Commander Tim Hampton both spoke with great passion about leadership.

In May we will have had the pleasure of hearing from Robert Graham, State Chairman of the AZGOP.

Mesa RW



***Mesa RW
President
Sherry Pierce***

Mesa RW continues to be very busy getting as many candidates as possible to speak at our club meetings. We want our members to be as educated and informed as possible come voting time. Republicans in 2014!

Here's a brief recap of the last few months: January brought change as we have appointed several new members on our Executive Committee. I so appreciate our past board members, Kathy Jacobs, Carol Jacobsen and Michele Baer. Kathy and Carol have been with me for many years and I'm so grateful for their dedicated service and friendship. Our new members, Nancy Cottle,



Mesa RW President Sherry
Pierce



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Rebecca Christensen and Kate Ali'various (just resigned to run for office) are wonderful and stepped right up to continue on with the great efforts our club makes. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention and thank my dear friends Nancy Salmon, Linda Stapley-Williams and Sharon Giese who remain on the board and are such a help and strength to me and the club. All these are treasured friendships which is part of why we're such a strong and successful club.

Our Caring for America Project at the end of last year involved collecting donations for "Women in Recovery." Our members are very caring and giving so it was a tremendous success. Beginning in January, we've been holding Candidate Forums. We also have our "2 minute candidate time," where any candidate that comes to our meeting gets to speak, even if they come every month! We'll continue to bring in as many candidates as we can, and also work to educate our members on any ballot propositions that they will be voting on. I'm so proud to be a part of this club and I'm pleased to say that Together We DO Make a Difference!



***Tempe RW
President
Darryl
Jacobson-
Barnes***

Tempe RW

Tempe Republican Women are thrilled to announce that our Governors Candidate Forum on April 28th, 2014 was a huge success and brought in a lot of new potential members as well as an actual new

member who joined that night. To enhance our membership, we paid \$1 per day to Facebook to advertise our Governors Candidate Forum on the Facebook page. We reached over 2,600 people, had amazing attendance, and increased our Facebook reached immensely. We now have almost 170 followers on our page and 138 members in our virtual group.

In addition to the above, we have had door hangers printed about our group and meeting times, and as members walk for various candidates they are using these to attract members at Republican households.

We have made a few changes to our Board. 1st VP Jessica Merrow, 2nd VP and Becca Jo Pechin, as Secretary. Jessica also will be helping with our social media.

Ours Ways and Means Chair has been holding 50/50 drawings at meetings in addition to selling tickets for drawings for donated items. In the future, we will allow candidates to purchase tables at our luncheons, and we will have a silent auction. Once again, we will be selling tables and tickets for our annual Wine, Cheese and Chocolate cocktail party in July.

In May, author Don Jans spoke to us on the perils of Marxism which seems to be creeping stealthily into our country (moved to Tuesday due to the holiday.) Our June Luncheon will be held on June 7th at the newly remodeled Fiesta Inn on Priest and Broadway, and will feature Shane Krauser.



Tempe RW President
Darryl Jacobson-Barnes



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Region VII Report



Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, LD 11.



Paradise RW Treasurer,
Rosalie Barley.



***Region VII
Jan
Hermsmeyer
Region
Director***



***Arrowhead
RW
President
Bonnie
Hochberg***

Arrowhead RW

Ronald Reagan said that "The work of volunteer groups throughout our country represents the very heart and soul of America. They have helped make this the most compassionate, generous, and humane society that ever existed on the face of this earth." The members of Arrowhead RW dedicate themselves to enrich and educate our community. Our membership has, so far this year, grown to 112 members with an additional 19 associates. We hosted a new member "Coffee and Conversation" in February, inviting all

members, especially those who recently joined. We welcomed prospective members who, after hearing Mary Williams recall the history of the NFRW, eagerly joined. Our Membership Chair is sponsoring a contest to award a prize to the member who brings in the most new members through April 30th. Also, the member who brings the most guests each month receives a prize as well.

Our Caring for America Committee has been working diligently to obtain donations for Pets for Vets, a worthwhile generous organization that trains and pairs

rescue dogs with U.S. Veterans with PTSD. Additionally, we will assist Hope's Closet at the New Life Center replenish their donations of household goods and clothing. We continue to collect pop tops from soda cans to present to the Ronald McDonald House. Did you know that the pop tops are worth much more recycled than the cans themselves? Several of our members participated in the Arizona Stand Down for Homeless Vets. Our new project is "Nail Friends." Arrowhead volunteers are painting the nails of residents in a local care facility who gleefully welcome their visits each month.

Since this is an election year, we have welcomed the primary candidates at monthly luncheon meetings to meet and greet our members as well give a short speech. On June 7th, ARW will host a Candidates' Forum for the community as well. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be the fare. We are proud that our club includes as its members Governor Jan Brewer, State Senator Judy Burges, State Representative Debbie Lesko, and associate member State Representative David Livingston. They are the shining stars of our community.

ARW's fundraiser this year will be an evening with Shane Krauser, including dinner and his fantastic presentation on the U.S. Constitution. This year, we also are offering a special menu for those 18 and under. Our efforts to educate begin with the youth of our country and Shane definitely engages and cultivates the



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young. Engage, educate, and effectuate to enrich—that's us, the Arrowhead Republican Women.



Many ladies from Region VIII attended the Maricopa Lincoln Day Luncheon in March.



At the Winter meeting, Palo Verde RW member Anita Rodriguez won Miss Liberty plus the tiara and sterling silver and diamond pendant. Will you be the lucky winner in June?



Central RW of Phoenix

Central RW of Phoenix President Regina Buzzello

Central RW of Phoenix (CRWOP) started off the year with Governor Jan Brewer as our special guest, and we have followed that with various candidate forums, which have all been excellent. We are dedicated to helping inform and educate our members about the Republican candidates in the upcoming elections.

Speaking of candidates, we are pleased to have a number of our members who either hold or are running for office. They are: Kate Brophy McGee, currently serving in the AZ House of Representatives; Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Recorder; Wendy Marshall, SRP Board Director-at-Large; CWAC (our men's auxiliary) Tom Horne, Attorney General; CWAC Michael Jeanes, currently serving as Clerk of the Superior Court and running for re-election; Dr. Michelle Delgado and CWAC Auggie Bartning are running for Maricopa Community Colleges Board At-Large Seat; and CWAC Aaron Gidwani is running for the AZ House in LD30. In addition to elected officials and candidates, our Club has many members who are PCs.

We are proud to report that we currently have 80 members, well on our way to our goal of 100 by the end of the year. To help reach our goal, we are having a membership drive for May and June, where if a member brings a guest who joins, they each receive a 4-in-1 CRWOP imprinted pen (it is also a laser pointer, LED light and 'pogo stick' for tablets and smart phones). We'd love to give lots of those away!

The AzFRW Day at the Legislature was attended by eight of our members and everyone had a terrific time interacting with the legislators at the reception, hearing from Governor Brewer, visiting the House and the Senate, and enjoying lunch with all of the attendees.

This being an election year, our fundraising efforts will be focused on benefiting our PAC. We have planned a 'non-event' Beach Party and an auction. Following the primaries, we hope to be able to make some sizable donations to Republican candidates!

Our Club is usually dark in August, except for election years, so we will be meeting through the summer. We will stridently continue our support of Republican candidates and the Party in this very, very important year of mid-term Congressional, State and local elections.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful rest of the year.



Around the State...

AzFRW Clubs are busy leading the way and working hard for Republican victories this year!

Region VIII Report



Region VIII ladies at the Teenage Republicans (TARS) banquet.

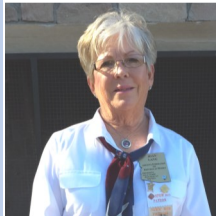


Fox News contributor Katie Pavlich speaks at the Teenage Republicans (TARS) banquet.



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Region VIII will be hosting a "Primary Election Night Party" at 18degrees Neighborhood Grill. It will be a great way to bring our friends and neighbors together for a fun event and learn more about our clubs!



Palo Verde RW
President
Joan Lang

Palo Verde RW

During the second quarter Palo Verde has grown our membership to 106. We have offered our members wonderful guest speakers at our monthly luncheons such as Dr. Goldberg who spoke on Islam and the Sharia. We held a debate on Common Core with Terri Gilberg, of KFYI, acting as moderator. Don Jans spoke and had a book signing of his book "My Grand Children's America." We hosted a Governor's Candidate Forum in May with a wonderful young woman from Arizona State University (ASU), Tyler DeGrazia, as moderator. Six of our candidates were there. We have had between 70 and 80 of our members attend each month! Our Community Service committee continues to make inroads into the African American and Latino communities. We have partnered with Pastor Burrell of Buckeye and have provided professional clothing for his

"Closet." We also join them monthly to register voters and sell our patriotic jewelry! We attended church at Pastor Preston's and enjoyed the fellowship there. We continue to collect monies for Wreaths Across America and Fisher House.



Lincoln RW
President
Frankie
Orchowski

Lincoln RW

Lincoln RW just finished up round table discussions with the Gubernatorial Candidates.



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Paradise RW

Paradise Republican Women will host a Candidates' Forum on July 26, 4pm at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort. They will host our Republican Candidates - Congressional - Governor - Secretary of State - Treasurer - Superintendent of Public Instruction, Corporation Commission, LD23 and 28, Scottsdale City Council and Scottsdale School Board.

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

—Ronald Reagan

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