



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – December 2009

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District Meeting – January 14, 2010

7:00 p.m. -- Mustang Library

10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale (south of hospital)

**** REMINDER FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY ****

In past years District 8 members have brought nonperishable food items to the annual Holiday Party to donate to the needy. We would like to bring that tradition back. Please bring whatever nonperishable food items you can to the party. Linda Brown has offered to make sure it reaches one of the food banks in the area.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM BURKE

As I celebrated Thanksgiving and gave thanks for my family's blessings and all that God has provided to us, I also thought about those for which I am thankful for their work for District 8. I am very thankful for all the new friendships that I have made in the District, and for the work that our Board has put in to make this last year successful. In particular, I would like to thank Bill Camp for his work as Secretary. If you have not heard, Bill has received a promotion that means much more travel for his work and he has determined that it would be best for the District for him to resign his position. As in many organizations, the secretary position is often a thankless job, but I really appreciate the time that Bill has devoted to the position over the last year. Fortunately, Linda Brown was agreed to assume this role and the Board approved her selection at the November meeting.

I would also like to thank Neal Sundeen, Anthony Tsontakis, and Linda Brown for their work on the Bylaws. This is also a thankless job, but a critical one. Because of their work, the Bylaws were approved by unanimous vote at the last District meeting. The new Bylaws are available on the website.

Finally, I would like to thank John Hepburn for his work on our website this last year. Even though John is not a PC, he volunteered his time to keep our website updated. Dr. Jim Nachbar has now assumed responsibility for the website and I encourage you to visit it: www.d8azgop.org. If anyone would like to help Dr. Nachbar, please let me know. Thank you to all of you who have worked to make District 8 successful this last year. I hope to see you at the Holiday Party.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – TRACY MUNSIL

New PC Training/PC Refresher:

We will be holding a PC training session for all new Precinct Committeemen (or for any PC who wants a refresher) before the District 8 Jan. 14 meeting at 6 p.m. PC training will be led by Donna Reagan and will feature a short DVD training video to introduce the duties of being a precinct committeeman. Please bring your PC Manual if you've already received a copy – if not, copies will be available at the training session.

Super Job on PC Recruitment:

Great news on the PC numbers – we've added 118 new PCs since January. That's an increase of more than 54 percent since the start of the year – and 26 of our 76 precincts are now full. We've made tremendous strides in identifying new precinct committeemen in previously empty precincts and now have only a handful of precincts with no precinct committeemen: Canyon (1 opening); Deerview (3 openings); Lucas (3 openings); Meadow Hills (6 openings); Pinnacle Vista (11 openings). To see where these precincts are located, you can view the District 8 map on the Maricopa County Recorder website at:

<http://recorder.maricopa.gov/electionmaps/>

A big thank you goes out to everyone who has worked to identify and recruit new PCs since January. Remember, anyone can recruit new PCs – so we *all* should be working to identify and recruit new PCs in our neighborhoods and throughout the district. Be on the lookout for potential new PC recruits for District 8 – especially in those five empty precincts. With more than 2/3 of our PC slots full, be sure to contact Tracy Munsil to verify an opening before filling out PC appointment paperwork.

Questions? See me at the District 8 January meeting if you need PC appointment forms, want to check precinct vacancies, need more PC Training manuals, or have questions. Thank you, PCs, for your hard work and dedication to the Republican Party and Legislative District 8. I'm looking forward to a victorious 2010 election cycle!

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – CHAD WILLEMS

Our December meeting this year will be our Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Millennium Resort in Scottsdale, 7401 North Scottsdale Road. We'll also be having a bake sale at this event. The cost is \$45 per person. Please RSVP to Shirley Cordasco if you haven't already done so, at seeshirley@cox.net.

Our January meeting will feature our District 8 legislators, Sen. Carolyn Allen, Rep. Michele Reagan and Rep. John Kavanagh, who will give a preview of the new legislative session that begins in January.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES - LINDA BROWN, SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Jim Burke. Executive officers in attendance were: Jim Burke, M.D., Tracy Munsil, and Bill Camp. Dr. C.T. Wright gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Burke welcomed guests and members, and introduced elected officials in attendance: Bob Littlefield, City of Scottsdale Councilman, and Judge Michael Reagan of the McDowell Mountain Justice Court.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Bill Camp from his position of Legislative District 8 secretary because of new professional responsibilities. The Executive Committee appointed Linda Brown to fill the vacancy.

Neal Sundeen, Bylaws Committee chair, announced that the District 8 Bylaws are now complete. He noted that changes were made available in writing and explained to all attendees at the September 2009 meeting and were published 30 days on the District 8 website (www.d8azgop.org) for review by all members. Sundeen made a motion to accept the bylaws amendments dated October 2009; Donna Reagan seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the members.

Donna Reagan reminded members of two important dates: the Maricopa County Mandatory Meeting on Jan. 16 and the State Committee Meeting on Jan. 23. More information is provided below. Members were also encouraged to contact Carolyn Leff at 602-957-7770 to volunteer at the State GOP headquarters to help with mailings.

Chairman Burke introduced the program speaker, Gary McCaleb, an attorney for the Phoenix-based Alliance Defense Fund (ADF). As a 501(c) 3, non-partisan organization, ADF's mission is to advance First Amendment freedom. ADF is a national organization that advocates in favor of First Amendment liberties such as Christian pro-life efforts, as well as defending organizations facing IRS sanctions attempting to strip their non-profit status. Under former President Johnson, the IRS enacted a tax code that prohibited religious organizations from sounding off on issues that are "traditionally left to the state." Basically this means that a preacher cannot endorse a politician from the pulpit. However, the IRS has attempted to extend this code by trying to suppress speech that may speak to pro-life or foreign policy action taken by government in relation to war and national defense. Part of ADF's mission is to defend nonprofit organizations and churches such actions.

McCaleb discussed current challenges to free speech and freedom of religion, including efforts to remove the Mojave Desert Cross in California and other memorials placed across the nation in honor of our fallen soldiers and law-enforcement officers. He stated that ADF fights actions that would remove such memorials, because removal of the crosses could threaten other memorials that depict religious symbolism. To learn more about the Alliance Defense Fund and how you may get involved, please visit www.alliancedefensefund.org.

Bill Camp made a motion to accept the October 8, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report was in the newsletter.

Announcements and Club Meetings

Lisa James urged members to volunteer two hours at the Fountain Hills Arts Fair, Nov. 13-15. James offered tips for registering voters and provided voter registration forms. Shirley Cordasco of the Special Events Planning Committee announced she would be available after the meeting to take reservations for the Dec. 10 Holiday Party. Chairman Burke introduced Dr. Jim Nachbar, who will be working with John Hepburn and Burke to improve the district website.

The Chairman announced that the Holiday Party will be in lieu of our monthly meeting. The District 8 January 2010 meeting will be held at the Mustang Library. District 8 is planning to host a joint district meeting with LD-17 on Feb. 17. More information will be provided as the date nears.

Rep. Kavanagh informed members about the Legislature's Special Session to address the state budget crisis. He reported that there is ongoing discussion of Prop 105 Reform. The Fountain Hills Club invited members to attend a CD5 Three-Panel Forum on Dec. 19, featuring Barry Goldwater, Jr., as guest speaker.

Paradise Valley Republican Women's Club announced that its Nov. 14 luncheon was sold out. For information about upcoming events, visit www.prwc.org. TARS member, Kaylin Charlson, student chair at Saguaro High School, reported on the TARS Washington D.C. 2009 trip. The Arizona TARS took several awards at the national convention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
 Minutes submitted by: Linda M. Brown, *Secretary*

TREASURER'S REPORT – REX ROUTH

**DISTRICT 8 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
 TREASURER'S
 REPORT**

**As of
 11/30/2009**

**Prelim
 2009**

	October	YTD	Budget
Beginning Bank Balance	\$8,211.95		
Revenues:			
Contributions	60.00	1,170.00	2,600.00
Fundraisers	-	2,588.00	5,700.00
Name Badges	150.00	350.00	300.00
Misc. Income	-	-	1,200.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 210.00	\$ 4,108.00	\$9,800.00
Expenses:			
Supplies, Printing & Postage	429.10	994.93	1,425.00
Election Expenses	-	-	2,400.00
Rentals	120.43	890.43	750.00
Food & Supplies Fundraisers	-	2,772.74	2,900.00
Donations	-	1,000.00	1,400.00
Executive Committee	-	-	350.00
Events Committee	-	-	575.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 549.53	\$ 5,658.10	\$9,800.00

NET INCOME	\$	\$	
	(339.53)	(1,550.10)	\$ -
ENDING BANK BALANCE		\$7,872.42	
PETTY CASH		\$	
		<u>50.00</u>	
TOTAL CASH BALANCE		<u>\$7,922.42</u>	

STATE REPORT – DONNA REAGAN

The Maricopa County Meeting date has been changed from Jan. 9 to Saturday, **Jan. 16, 2010**. It will be held at the Grace Community Church, 1200 East Southern Avenue, (East of Rural Road) in Tempe. Please make this change. The Mandatory Meeting of the State Committee of the Arizona Republican Party will be held on Saturday, **Jan. 23, 2010**, at Saguaro High School, 6250 North 82nd Street, Scottsdale. Registration: 8 a.m.; meeting at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. for set up. Please call Carolyn Leff, 602-957-7770 or cleff@azgop.org. If you are unable to attend either meeting, you may vote by proxy. More information about the meetings and proxy procedures will be provided at the January District meeting.

There are vacancies on various Boards of Commissions for the State of Arizona. If interested, see: http://azgovernor.gov/be/Vacancy_List_2007.asp.

In honor of Veterans Day, the AZGOP unveiled the Arizona Republican Party Veterans Alliance to recognize and honor those sacrifices and achievements of servicemen and women from across the State. Many brave men and women throughout Arizona have dedicated their lives to protecting freedom and integrity of our great nation that it is fitting we continue to seek new ways to honor and recognize their service. The AZGOP Veterans Alliance is another element of the Arizona Republican Party's ongoing effort to continue to build and educate groups on the principles, values, and goals of the Party.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES, PRESIDENT

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's November meeting featured a debate between the three announced Congressional District 5 candidates: David Schweickert, Jim Ward, and Eric Wnuck. Almost 100 Republicans were in attendance. The December meeting on Saturday, Dec. 19, will feature guest speaker Barry Goldwater, Jr. All Republicans, especially all District 8 members, are welcome to attend this or any other event. The Jan. 30 meeting will feature Republican candidates for the Fountain Hills council and mayoral elections.

During the annual Arts and Crafts Fair, District 8 members from Scottsdale and Fountain Hills conducted Voter Registration and party awareness activities. Some candidates joined us at the booth in the center of the fair. District 8 will register votes again at the Great Fair, Feb. 26-28. Please consider helping with this effort. To sign up, please contact Lisa James. Even if you cannot work the booth, come to the fair and browse. Harold Denomme announced that Anthony Tsontakis was appointed Area Director for Area E.

REGISTRATION NEWS – LISA JAMES

IMPORTANT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Requirements to Register to Vote

- U.S. Citizen

- Resident of Arizona
- 18 years of age or older by the date of the next General Election
- Must register 29 days before each election

Cannot Register to Vote if:

- Not a U.S. Citizen (permanent resident does not qualify)
- Convicted of more than 1 felony and have not had civil rights restored
 - Rights automatically restored after serving entire sentence on a first-time conviction
- Individuals being naturalized cannot register to vote until they have obtained citizenship
- Adjudicated incompetent

Do you need to Re-Register?

- Have you changed
 - Name
 - Address
 - Party Affiliation

To register to vote, an individual must present the following:

- Arizona Driver License or non-operating ID issued after 10/1/1996 **OR**
- Bureau of Indian Affairs number, Indian Census number, Tribal Treaty card number or Tribal Enrollment number **OR**
- Alien Registration number off of Naturalization Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Applicable pages of a U.S. Passport

Paperwork is Complete, now what?

- Give voter white copy of registration form and tell them to keep it until their official card comes in the mail
- Turn the registration form into your Legislative District Chair or directly to the Maricopa County Recorder

Other Ways to Register

- Arizona Republican Party – 3501 N. 24th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016
- Republican Precinct Committeemen
- Online at <http://servicearizona.com/>
- Print a Form
 - <http://www.azsos.gov/> (mail to County Recorder)
 - <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/>
- By Mail: You may request a registration form from the County Recorder – 602-506-1511
- In Person: You may visit the County Recorder and complete a registration form

Important Dates

- Primary Election: August 24, 2010
 - Registration Closes: July 26, 2010 at midnight
 - Early Voting Begins: July 29, 2010
- General Election: November 2, 2010
 - Registration Closes: October 4, 2010 at midnight
 - Early Voting Begins: October 7, 2010