



# AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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Dr. Jim Burke, Chairman Voice: 480-560-3974

## ***The Lincoln Link – February, 2010***

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**\*\* Note: Change in monthly meeting date, time and location \*\***

**Congressional District 5 Candidate Forum**  
**Joint District 8 and 17 Meeting – February 17, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m. – Scottsdale Civic Center Library**  
**3839 North Drinkwater Boulevard**

Our meeting will be one week later than our usual date and will feature Congressional District 5 candidates. This will be a joint meeting of the two Legislative Districts, so we expect a good crowd.

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM BURKE**

It was great to see many of our PCs at the mandatory State and County meetings over the last few weeks. District 8 was well represented at both meetings. However, our real job is not attending these meetings, but getting folks in our precincts registered and then making sure they vote both in the Primary in August and then to vote Republican in the General Election in November.

In addition to being the most important part of our duties, it can be the hardest. It means getting to know your neighbors. Some new PCs have told me that they do not know anyone in their neighborhood. Fortunately, there is something that we can all use to help us. The Republican Party has a tool called Voter Vault. It allows any PC to have access to all the registered voters in their precinct. There is information about who is in the household and the number of times they have voted over the last few years. This is valuable information for all of us to know. We now are planning on having someone at our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to instruct us on Voter Vault.

I have continued to receive e-mails from individuals who want to get involved and want to become PCs. At this point in time, the most important thing for someone to do if they want to become a PC is to get his or her name on the ballot in August. The deadline for submission of petitions is late May and the time will go by quickly. We will be having affidavits and petitions available at the next few District meetings. Please take the time to pick these up and do not delay in getting them filled out, notarized and back to 1st Vice Chairman, Tracy Munsil. There will be notaries present. We will be providing instructions to help everyone with this.

I have talked to many recently appointed PCs who do not realize that even though they were just appointed, that they still need to run for election. If you have recruited a PC in the last year, please make sure that person is aware of this requirement.

Overall I am very pleased with the number of new PCs that we have, the involvement with District, County and State functions, and how the District is working together to get Republicans elected. Now is the time to really step up the work. It's much easier to work as a team. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Civic Center Library.

## **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – TRACY MUNSIL**

**Qualifying for PC Elections to Serve for 2010-2012:** All precinct committeemen should begin the process of getting qualified for the ballot in the August 24<sup>th</sup> primary. We will be handing out the required paperwork (nomination petition and affidavit) and detailed instructions at future District 8 meetings (February through April meetings).

Your first opportunity to pick up your packet will be at the Feb. 17 candidate forum. As Chairman Burke mentions above, all PCs – even those appointed in the past year – must complete the paperwork to qualify for election as a precinct committeeman. All current precinct committeemen terms end with the election of PCs in the primary. We are more than happy to answer any questions about requirements, how to gather the signatures (you should plan on getting 15 signatures including your own), how to identify qualified voters in your precinct, and how to submit the documentation.

The required affidavit must be notarized, and we will have notaries on site at the March, April, and May meetings to make the process as convenient as possible. Although the deadline for submitting PC applications is after our May meeting, PCs are encouraged to complete their paperwork and return it to me or bring it to a monthly meeting *as soon as possible*.

**Voter Vault Training:** We plan to have Voter Vault training prior to the March meeting. Voter Vault gives you instant access to the most up-to-date walking lists, precinct voters, and potential individuals to register to vote. Look for more information on the website and in the next District newsletter.

**PC Training Manuals:** What a great turnout for last month's PC training! If you weren't able to attend and still don't have a PC Training Manual, it is available as a PDF, which can be e-mailed directly to you or is available on the District website. Printed copies will also be available at the next District 8 meetings. One reminder, the August primary has been moved from Aug. 31 to Aug. 24 (it is listed as the original date in the "Timeline to Victory 2009-2010" on pages 18-19 in the PC Training Manual). Be sure to make a note of the revised date.

**Dodie Londen Excellence in Public Service Applications:** The Dodie Londen Excellence in Public Service program seeks to increase the number and influence of Arizona's Republican women in government and politics through training to assume decision-making positions thorough appointment and/or election at the local, state, and national levels. As an alumna of the inaugural class (2008) of the Dodie Londen program, I enthusiastically encourage any woman interested in getting training for positions of influence to apply for this outstanding leadership program. Our own Lisa James and Leona Johnston currently serve on the Dodie Londen Board of Directors. PC and volunteer coordinator Susan Godfrey is a Dodie Londen 2008 alumna, and PC Judy Keane is currently participating in the 2010 program. Come talk with any

of us if you have questions or need more information. Applications are due June 1 and are available at: <http://www.azgop4women.org/londen.asp>

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – CHAD WILLEMS**

For our February meeting we are hosting a Candidates Forum for Congressional District 5. The forum will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. As of this writing, confirmed candidates include: Dr. Chris Salvino, David Schweikert, Jim Ward and Eric Wnuk. Other potential candidates that were invited but have not confirmed their attendance y include Susan Bitter Smith and Mark Spinks. This will not be a formal debate, but rather an opportunity for the candidates to answer questions about the key issues facing our country. Chairman Jim Burke will moderate.

## **DISTRICT 8 MINUTES - LINDA BROWN, SECRETARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Burke. Executive officers in attendance were: Jim Burke, Tracy Munsil, Chad Willems, Rex Routh and Linda Brown. Rev. C.T. Wright gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Burke welcomed members, guests, and introduced elected and candidate officials in attendance: CD5 candidates [Jim Ward](#), and [David Schweikert](#), LD8 elected representatives, [Michele Reagan](#), and [John Kavanagh](#), LD8 House candidates: [Ray Mahoubi](#), [Paul LoBianco](#), Michael Blaire, and Jim Rich. Mr. LoBianco stated he is a high school educator, married with 3 children and a resident of Arizona since 1972. Mr. Rich stated that if elected, his platform will be limited government.

Michael Blaire announced that his daughter has revived TARS at Desert Mountain and invited attendees to support a fundraiser at The Gelato Maker located at Via Linda and Frank Lloyd Wright. A small donation will go to help support the Desert Mountain TARS upon purchase and mention of the group.

Other elected and candidate officials were Mark Lewis of Central Arizona Project, Hon. Michael Reagan, Justice of the Peace–McDowell Mountain, and Constable Dan Ryan. Bob Littlefield and Tony Nelsson, City of Scottsdale Councilmen, and Candidate Brandon Schmall, Maricopa County Chair.

Chairman Burke provided clarification on the Precinct Committee appointment process and expressed apologies on behalf of County Chair Tom Husband for any delay in processing appointed Precinct Committeemen. First Vice Chair Munsil also stated the tremendous growth in Precinct Committeemen recruitment in that there have been 125 appointments in the last year.

Chairman Burke reminded attendees that the February meeting will be held at the Civic Center Library on Feb. 17 (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. This meeting will be co-chaired with Chairman Kaufman (R-LD17) for a CD-5 forum.

The March 11 LD8 meeting will return to the Mustang Library. Note that the April meeting will be a ticket purchase event held at Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Chairman Burke also encouraged volunteers to help with the Fountain Hills event.

Precinct Committeeman should begin working on getting their petitions signed and affidavits turned into the Precinct Captains for the 2010 election. Chairman Burke stated that if you are not sure who your Precinct Captain is, contact the Vice Chairs for Operations/Membership Utilization, Barb McMullen or Harold Denomme for assistance.

Members in attendance also discussed a glitch with the voter registration option at the Department of Motor Vehicle and the importance to check your party affiliation in order to avoid the system default.

Travis Junion reminded Precinct Committeeman of the mandatory county meeting, and Donna Reagan reminded State Committeemen of the mandatory state meeting. All members were advised to bring identification for credential check in. Members were invited to attend the Chairman's Award Dinner scheduled for Jan. 22. In addition, volunteers were sought to help at the State Office with the Scott Brown call campaign.

Chairman Burke introduced Dr. Nachbar, who demonstrated the new features to the district website located at <http://d8azgop.org/> Chairman Burke invited any one of the members to contact him if they are interested in administering a Facebook presence for the district.

Chairman Burke introduced the program speakers, Michele Reagan and John Kavanagh. Rep. Reagan announced that this is her 6th year as the Commerce Chair and that the main focus this session are jobs and attracting and retaining commerce, in addition to limiting government to small business development. A few of the bills she is working on this session are the repeal of licensing to clear buffalo grass, an economic recovery package, and a phase in corporate tax incentive to promote corporate development in Arizona. Rep. Reagan also announced that she filed with the Arizona Secretary of State her papers to run for the R-LD8 Senate seat.

Rep. Kavanagh thanked everyone for attending and commented as to the large turn out at the meeting. He also noted that he is on the Appropriations Committee and that they are still working to balance the budget. Rep. Kavanagh referenced the 2012 phase-in plan, as well. He discussed a few of the bills he will be running this session such as an amendment to the Arizona Constitution to do away with a death tax and to put to the voters an amendment to decrease the power of the line item veto. He is also aiming to promote a database that would flag teachers who are under investigation (suspended) to prevent employment in another district until the investigation has been concluded. Also he continues his efforts to making it unlawful for roadside solicitation, and stated he is co-sponsoring with Russell Pearce a bill to end sanctuary city. He has also been in discussion with the Rules Committee surrounding possible criminal sanctions to persons who attempt threatening measures to displace homeowners for *de minimis* acquisition of their land acquired through tax lien sales. This policy is off the heels of what former Treasurer Schweikert discussed a few years ago. Rep. Kavanagh also announced he will be running another term in the legislature and is circulating \$5 contribution forms. Time was allotted for a Q&A of which both Rep. Reagan and Rep. Kavanagh participated.

Shirley Cordasco noted the district is in the process of planning the next Auction/Fundraiser. This event is scheduled to take place at the Gainey Ranch Country Club, on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are expected to cost \$25.00. The current event planning committee consists of Shirley Cordasco, Paula Linker, Bruce Linker, and Susan Wheeler.

[Chris Salvino](#) later joined the meeting and provided a brief introduction as he enters the CD5 race for the House seat. Dr. Salvino stated he is a trauma surgeon, married with 2 children, and asks for your help to retire Harry Mitchell.

AFRW President Leona Johnston announced the Arizona Federation of Republican Women's outing. The group plans to cheer the Phoenix Suns vs. Denver Nuggets on March 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through

Ticketmaster. Remember to state the group you will be joining and to cite the Special Offer Code: **HOOPS** to obtain your group discount.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Submitted by: Linda M. Brown, *Secretary Appointee*

Dated: January 28, 2010

## TREASURER'S REPORT – REX ROUTH

### DISTRICT 8 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT

As of  
1/31/2010

**Prelim  
2010  
Budget**

	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Beginning Bank Balance 12/31/09</b>	\$8,503.42		
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Contributions	\$ -	-	\$ 3,250.00
Fundraisers	-	-	6,000.00
Name Badges	-	-	500.00
Misc. Income	-	-	500.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$10,250.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Supplies, Printing & Postage	\$ 166.99	166.99	\$ 1,200.00
Election Expenses	-	-	1,000.00
Rentals	-	-	1,000.00
Food & Supplies Fundraisers	500.00	500.00	4,500.00
Donations	-	-	1,500.00
Executive Committee	-	-	350.00
Events Committee	-	-	575.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 666.99</b>	<b>\$ 666.99</b>	<b>\$10,125.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (666.99)</b>	<b>\$ (666.99)</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	\$7,836.43		
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	\$ 50.00		
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$7,886.43</b>		

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS**

## **VOTER REGISTRATION – LISA JAMES**

District 8 will be registering voters, allowing candidates to collect petition signatures and signing folks up for the permanent early voting list in Fountain Hills Feb.26-28. Folks are fired up for change – we need to make sure they know they have a home with the District 8 GOP. Please let me know if you would like to use your talents to decorate our booth or volunteer to work a shift!

I am planning to fill the time slots as follows, but if you have a time that fits outside the shifts mentioned, just let me know and we will be happy to make it work! Remember, the State Party is offering a bounty in LD 8 for every registered voter. A special thanks to Harold Denomme for arranging for our booth and to Bruce and Paula Linker for volunteering before our request is even out! Thank you.

Friday, February 26

9-11 AM Set up and First Shift  
11-1 PM Shift 2  
1-3 PM Shift 3  
3-5 PM Shift 4 and Close

Saturday, February 27

9-11 AM Set Up and First Shift  
11-1 PM Shift 2  
1-3 PM Shift 3  
3-5 PM Shift 4 and Close

Sunday, February 28

9-11 AM Set Up and First Shift  
11-1 PM Shift 2  
1-3 PM Shift 3  
3-5 PM Shift 4 and Close

If at all possible, I would appreciate it if we could have at least 2 volunteers for each shift – encourage a friend to sign up with you! Again, thank you so much for your help. We couldn't do it without you.

## **FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES**

The Fountain Hills Republican Club will next meet on Feb. 20. The Annual Breakfast will be March 13 and don't forget the LD 8 candidates' forum at the April 17 breakfast.