



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – January, 2010

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District Meeting – January 14, 2010

7:00 p.m. -- Mustang Library

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

Our January meeting will feature our District 8 Legislators, Senator Carolyn Allen, Representatives Michele Reagan and John Kavanagh, who will give a preview of the new Legislative Session that has already begun.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM BURKE

Welcome 2010! I'm looking forward to good things happening in 2010. But in political races, they will not happen without work. In District 8 we have an opportunity to regain control of the CD-5 seat and make sure that we retain our legislative seats at the state level.

There has been an increase in the number of registered Republicans; however, there has also been an increase in the number of Independents. As we prepare to assist candidates in August and then in November, we need to keep in mind how the vote of the Independents can change the outcome of the elections. As PCs we need to understand our Precincts and determine not only who are Republicans, but also the Independents. Now, more than ever, my neighbors are fed up with the liberal politicians' games that are played in Washington and at our State Capital. This gives us the opportunity to make them aware of how the Republican Party can get our Nation back on the right path.

To help us all prepare for the elections later in 2010, our District will be putting together forums to help us all understand the positions and the electability of the candidates for all the key offices. The state restricts potential candidates who are currently holding an office from declaring their candidacy for another office until later in January. Because of this timing, we will hold our first forum at the February meeting. This forum will be for the CD-5 candidates. We will be holding this forum with District 17 and to make it easier for our Tempe

based colleagues to join us, we have moved the meeting to the Civic Center Library and we have had to move the date to February 17 which is a Wednesday. The March meeting will be back at Mustang Library on the regular date.

Our meetings will be open to Republicans in the District, so if you have a neighbor that has an interest please feel free to invite him or her to accompany you to the meeting. This is the time to create unity and make sure we have as many individuals registered as Republicans and they vote. Last February we had PC training, however we have greatly increased the number of PCs in the District. To make sure everyone is up to speed on how to best serve as a PC, we will be repeating the PC training at 6:00 prior to our regular January meeting at Mustang Library. If you have recruited a PC in the last year, please encourage them to attend the PC training session. This will be followed by our regular meeting where the program will be a discussion on the 2009 and 2010 state budgets by our elected representatives.

A big thank you to those who brought canned food and non-perishables for Vista del Camino. Linda Brown and her volunteers dropped off almost five bags of items to the food bank.

See you at the January meeting and let's all make 2010 a successful year for the Republican Party.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – TRACY MUNSIL

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN TRAINING:

Hey PCs – are you ready to hit the ground running this election year? Do you know how to organize Republican voters in your precinct? Are you familiar with PC duties and the “dates to remember” this election year? Do you know how to develop your “perfect list”? District 8 added almost 120 new PCs in 2009 – and now it's time to get every new PC trained and ready for action in the coming election year. Even our veteran PCs can benefit from a refresher course. Donna Reagan and I will be giving PC training at 6:00 prior to our regular January meeting. If you recruited new PCs during 2009, please encourage them to attend this valuable training session. Better yet, plan to attend with them – all PCs are welcome. Copies of the PC Training manual will be available, if you don't already have one. If you do, be sure to bring it – along with any questions you might have. Looking forward to a victorious GOP 2010!

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – CHAD WILLEMS

Our three District 8 Legislators will be with us on the 14th to fill us in on what is going on or what will be going on at the Capitol this coming legislative session. There will be many vacancies this year due to term limits which will make for an exciting election year.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES - LINDA BROWN, SECRETARY

There are no meeting minutes for December as the Holiday Party was hosted in lieu of the monthly meeting. As the newly appointed Secretary for 2010, I would like to briefly introduce myself as I look forward to cultivating a friendly and productively spirited organization. I am a law school graduate and teach Political

Science at Grand Canyon University and Business Law and International Business at Scottsdale Community College. I am also an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau and have volunteered as a mediator for the Justice Court along with helping out with client intake at Volunteer Lawyers/Community Legal Services.

As the LD-8 Secretary, I am working on a monthly schedule to gather up additional PC volunteers to help at the registration table. If you have volunteered in the past, please e-mail me with the months you might like to help. I am also encouraging new faces to help at the table and am accepting names. It is my aim to fill up a yearly schedule for each monthly meeting as I believe that working the tables is a great way for new PCs and current PCs to learn the names and faces of our new members.

That being said, I would like to have at least three members sign up to help at the registration table for each monthly meeting. The task entails greeting the attendees at the registration table and assisting with helping them locate their name on the sign-in sheets. Also, you may need to help direct them if they have additional questions. PCs who sign up for one of the monthly meetings will need to coordinate and communicate with me regarding scheduling and reporting time for coverage at the Mustang Library.

I encourage all interested PCs to e-mail me at danzzing@live.com with the month you are interested in helping and your contact information in the event I need to call you. Thank you and I look forward to being of service to our District in the New Year.

TREASURER'S REPORT – REX ROUTH

DISTRICT 8 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT

As of
12/31/2009

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	December	YTD	Budget
Beginning Bank Balance	\$7,872.42		
Revenues:			
Contributions	30.00	1,200.00	2,600.00
Fundraisers	2,756.00	5,344.00	5,700.00
Name Badges	-	350.00	300.00
Misc. Income	-	-	1,200.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,786.00	\$6,894.00	\$9,800.00
Expenses:			
Supplies, Printing & Postage	12.00	1,006.93	1,425.00
Election Expenses	-	-	2,400.00
Rentals	43.00	933.43	750.00
Food & Supplies Fundraisers	2,100.00	4,872.74	2,900.00
Donations	-	1,000.00	1,400.00
Executive Committee	-	-	350.00
Events Committee	-	-	575.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,155.00	\$7,813.10	\$9,800.00
NET INCOME	\$ 631.00	\$ (919.10)	\$ -
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$8,503.42		
PETTY CASH	\$ 50.00		
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$8,553.42		

STATE REPORT – DONNA REAGAN

Volunteers are needed for the Maricopa County Mandatory Meeting Saturday, January 16th to be held at Grace Community Church, 1200 East Southern Avenue (East of Rural Road), Tempe. 6:30 AM is set up, 8:00 AM is registration and 9:00 AM the meeting begins. Contact Diane Ortiz-Parsons 480-236-2795 or preference@cox.net.

January 22nd is the Arizona Republican Chairman’s Dinner and Awards Banquet. It is 7:00 PM to be held at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Contact Michelle Schmitt, 602-957-7770 or mschmitt@azgop.org for dinner reservations.

January 23rd is the Mandatory Meeting of the State Committee of the Arizona Republican Party, Saguaro High School, 6250 North 82nd Street, Scottsdale. Volunteers are needed for set up at 6:30 or 7:00 AM; 8:00 AM is Credentials and Registration. 8:30 AM, meeting begins. Contact Carolyn Leff 602-957-7770 or cleff@azgop.org.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES, PRESIDENT

The December 19th meeting of the Fountain Hills Republican Club featured Barry Goldwater, Jr., son of the Arizona and conservative icon, Barry Goldwater, Sr. The speech featured comments about his father as well as a message about the present and the future. His message could probably best be summed up as: “We are passionate about our issues and our philosophy. Here lies the problem and the solution. By such intense focus on issues such as abortion, definition of marriage or immigration, we are driving potential new Republicans away from our party. These wedge issues are important, but they do not and should not define the party. What defines our party is our philosophy of limited government, low taxes, fewer regulations, personal responsibility and peace through strength.”

The next meeting of the Fountain Hills Republican Club will be at 9:00 AM, Saturday, January 30th instead of the normal 3rd Saturday. The Club moved its meeting to allow all PCs to attend the Maricopa County Republican Committee Mandatory meeting on the 16 without missing a FHRC meeting. The January 30th meeting will feature club members running for Town office.

The February meeting will return to the normal date of February 20th. March's Annual Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 13th. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

REGISTRATION NEWS – LISA JAMES

EVENT NOTICE

Shirley Cordasco, Event Chair, has secured the Gainey Ranch Golf Club once again for the District's Annual Breakfast. It will be held on Saturday, April the 24th. Mark your calendars. More information will follow as the date approaches.

Newly elected Arizona Federation of Republican Women President, Leona Johnston, asks that you reserve March the 1st for a Night Out with the Phoenix Suns. \$96.75 tickets are \$75.00 and \$50.00 tickets are \$40.00. Help support the AFRW by attending the Phoenix Suns vs. Denver Nuggets Game, U. S. Airways Arena, 7:00 PM. Please either e-mail or call Leona for additional information: 480-837-6068 or leonajohnston@cox.net. It sounds like great evening so come on and join in the fun.

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