



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – April 2010

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Annual District 8 Legislators' Breakfast
Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 8:30 AM
Gainey Ranch Golf Club
7600 East Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale

Come honor our three State Legislators:
Sen. Carolyn Allen, Rep. Michele Reagan, Rep. John Kavanaugh

And hear from the GOP candidates for Governor of Arizona

Reminder: There will be NO District 8 meeting on Thursday, April 8 --
the Legislators' Breakfast will be held in lieu of the regular monthly meeting

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM BURKE

On April 24th we will have our next Legislator's Breakfast. This event started out as a breakfast where our elected legislators would serve the precinct committeemen pancakes. That was at a time when the work of our elected state legislators was usually completed in May. Since then, the complexity of their work has increased dramatically as has the length of the sessions. It seems like last year the session went on for the entire year.

We are fortunate that we have three strong leaders representing our District. We have the unusual situation where all three of our elected legislators chair key committees. With the recent shenanigans in Washington D.C. with the health care bill, we now have not only individual mandates and business mandates, but also our state is also faced with unreasonable and unconstitutional mandates. The jobs of chairing the Senate Health Committee, the House Commerce Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee have never been more difficult nor so important to the future of Arizona.

We know that State Sen. Allen, Rep. Reagan, and Rep. Kavanaugh are not there for the pay, but because they truly want to see Arizona succeed. With the hard work and hours they put in, it is now more appropriate that our breakfast is a way to thank them – rather than having them serve us pancakes. Shirley Cordasco has

planned a wonderful event to recognize them and others that serve in public office. In addition, we will be able to hear from those that are running for Governor. Please join me on the 24th at the Gainey Ranch Clubhouse.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – TRACY MUNSIL

PC paperwork deadline approaching

All precinct committeemen should be working to complete the necessary paperwork to qualify for the ballot in the Aug. 24 primary. Last month we mailed out the required paperwork (nomination petition and affidavit) to those who requested it. 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 will have notaries at the April Legislators' Breakfast on April 24 – so bring your completed paperwork to the breakfast for convenient notary services. Paperwork will also be accepted at the May meeting, but PCs are encouraged to complete their paperwork *as soon as possible*. And let us know if you have a potential recruit to become a PC – we will be happy to send out a PC packet and follow up with a phone call to fill those PC positions on primary ballots.

Accepting Applications: Dodie Londen Excellence in Public Service Series

Attention GOP women – are you interested in participating in a top-notch political training and networking program? The Dodie Londen Excellence in Public Service Series is currently accepting applications for the 2011 class. The program offers top quality training sessions covering all aspects of political involvement, and provides valuable (and fun) networking opportunities with other amazing Republican women. It is a great program for increasing your political knowledge, involvement, and influence.

Applications are due June 1 and are available at the website: <http://www.azgop4women.org/londen.asp>. District 8 is well represented in the Dodie Londen program. Lisa James and Leona Johnston serve on the Dodie Londen Board of Directors; Susan Godfrey and Tracy Munsil are alumnae Class of 2008, and PC Judy Keane is currently participating in the program. Any of us would be happy to tell you about the program and answer any questions.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – CHAD WILLEMS

Our meeting this month will be held during the D8 Legislative Breakfast – and will feature GOP gubernatorial candidates. Those who have accepted (as of publication of this newsletter) are Dean Martin, Buzz Mills, and John Munger. It should be an interesting meeting.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES - LINDA BROWN, SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Vice Chair Tracy Munsil. Officers in attendance were Tracy Munsil, Chad Willems, Rex Routh and Linda Brown. Rev. C.T. Wright gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The First Vice Chair welcomed members, guests, and introduced elected and candidate officials in attendance. Vice Chair Munsil congratulated Rev. Wright as a recent recipient of the Governor's Award. Elected officials Tate Elkie, Ft. Hills Councilman, Bob Littlefield and Ron McCullagh, City of Scottsdale Councilmen and the Honorable Michael Reagan were also welcomed. Several candidates in attendance were: CD5 candidate [Susan Bitter Smith](#) and Maricopa Community College Governing Board D2 candidate [Dana Saar](#). LD8 House candidates in attendance were: [Paula Pennypacker](#), [Michelle Ugenti](#), [Eric Ulis](#) and Michael Blaire, all of whom were given an opportunity to address the attendees following the program.

Chad Willems announced that the County will be hosting its Lincoln Day Luncheon on April 10. The cost will be \$25. For more information, please visit <http://www.maricopagop.org/>

Donna Reagan invited attendees to participate in the March 17 Blood Drive. For more details on upcoming events, please visit <http://www.localendar.com/public/azgop>

First Vice Chair Munsil introduced the program speaker, Deputy Superintendent Margaret Dugan, GOP candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Deputy Dugan has 36 years experience in education and is campaigning to fill Superintendent Tom Horne's position. Superintendent Horne has served two consecutive terms and is now campaigning for state Attorney General. Deputy Dugan has worked in the Department of Education for the past 8 years along side of Superintendent Horne. Prior to that, she was Principal at Glendale High School and implemental in turning the school's statistics around from a failure to a success. Deputy Dugan was also one of the grassroots organizers driving Proposition 203 which was aimed at promoting English for Children. Following her presentation, Deputy Dugan answered questions from the attendees.

Candidates were permitted time to address the attendees:

CD5 candidate Susan Bitter Smith invited attendees to visit her website at www.susan10.com. Chris Salvino provided brief information on his background www.drericforcongress.com

Several LD8 House candidates were in attendance and took the platform as follows: Michelle Ugenti; Paula Pennypacker; Michael Blaire; and Eric Ulis. Bob Littlefield announced his plan to continue his seat as city council and noted that Scottsdale is one of the few cities operating under a balanced budget. He indicated that city candidates are not eligible for clean elections. Linda Milhaven, a community banker with 30 years experience is also running for Scottsdale City Council. Details on her campaign can be found at <http://milhavenforscottsdale.com>. Dr. Leff spoke on behalf of his wife, Barbara Leff, candidate for State Treasurer. She had a previous commitment.

PC Gordon James announced that he will be spearheading efforts to secure the National Republican Convention in Phoenix for the 2012 Presidential election. Mr. James stated that if Phoenix were the host city, projections indicate that this event would bring in a quarter billion dollars of economic stimulus money. [*Secretary's side note: 2012 is Arizona's 100th Anniversary of becoming a state of the union.*]

Dana Saar is running for re-election to the Fountain Hills Unified School District Governing Board, of which he became a member in 1995.

February 2010 minutes were available in the monthly newsletter. The Financial Report as of Feb. 8, 2010, was made available to attendees

First Vice Chair Munsil allowed additional time for announcements:

TARS Representative Lois Finch and Kaitlin Carlson announced a fundraiser for the TARS. All attendees were encouraged to stop by and help support the TARS efforts at the yard sale either by donation or shopping. Ms. Carlson noted that Paula Linker has donated a great deal.

Lisa James thanked Boe James and other volunteers who dedicated their time at the Fountain Hills Art Fair to help register Republican voters, even in the rain.

The next District 8 Auction/Fundraiser will take place at the April 24 Legislators' Breakfast. Auction items such as gift baskets, etc. can be donated through Susan Wheeler's Real Estate office 602-390-5717. More details can be found at <http://d8azgop.org/home/36-main-events/75-ld8-annual-breakfast.html>

Boe James invited participants to attend the [Fountain Hills Republican Club](#). Gov. Jan Brewer was they keynote speaker at the March 13 breakfast. He also announced that the LD8 Panel Forum breakfast is scheduled for April 17, 2010.

Meredith Munger Leyva announced efforts to coordinate a "cocktails with the candidates" forum as a way to meet candidates in an informal setting and to get out the vote. Watch your email or check the D8 website for information about event dates, locations, and featured speakers.

Richard Frederick encouraged attendees to learn more on the space program cutbacks that the Obama administration is implementing (e.g., Constellation Program). To learn more contact Mr. Frederick or view one of several you tube videos at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtL5k_iKtr4

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Linda M. Brown, *Secretary*
March 25, 2010

TREASURER'S REPORT – REX ROUTH

DISTRICT 8 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT

As of
3/31/2010

Prelim
2010
Budget

Beginning Bank Balance

March	YTD	
\$7,605.26		

Revenues:

Contributions	100.00	100.00	3,250.00
Fundraisers	-	-	6,000.00
Name Badges	105.00	125.00	500.00
Misc. Income	12.00	12.00	500.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 217.00 \$ 237.00 \$10,250.00

Expenses:

Supplies, Printing & Postage	12.00	336.31	1,200.00
Election Expenses	-	-	1,000.00
Rentals	137.50	223.50	1,000.00
Food & Supplies Fundraisers	-	500.00	4,500.00
Donations	-	-	1,500.00
Executive Committee	-	7.85	350.00
Events Committee	-	-	575.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 149.50 \$1,067.66 \$10,125.00

NET INCOME \$ 67.50 (830.66) \$ 125.00

ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$7,672.76
PETTY CASH	\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	<u>\$7,722.76</u>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

STATE REPORT – DONNA REAGAN

The Arizona Republican Party's website, AZGOP.org has been updated. The Party's website has been redone and updated as one stop shopping for all news and information regarding the State Republican Party. It has several links to U-tube, Twitter and other social networking sites. The address has stayed the same. Matt Roberts is making every effort to add all Republican candidates in every race across the State. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please feel free to e-mail Matt at mroberts@azgop.org.

VOTER REGISTRATION – LISA JAMES

Register today for the April 15th Tax Day Party. It is free for everyone. Register at www.taxdayteaparty.com The event will take place at Diablo Stadium, 2200 West Alameda Drive, Tempe. There are many local and national speakers on tap so please plan to attend. There will be video action alerts for our fight against big government in the age of Obama. Ballpark food and refreshments will be provided by

Diablo Stadium at a small fee. AFP Arizona will be hosting candidate and organization information tables on the north pavilion/patio area. Table set-up begins at 3:00 PM. There will be a \$40 registration fee for each candidate or organization. Contact Judy Hoelscher azvolunteers@afphg.org to register for a table.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES

The Fountain Hills Republican Club continues n active year with great speakers, candidate support and fun. On March 9th Fountain Hills Republican Club member, Club Treasurer, local attorney and District 8 precinct committeeman, Tait Elkie was elected to the Town Council with enough votes to avoid a run-off election. Congratulations, Tait!

Gov. Jan Brewer was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at our Annual Breakfast. However, she had to cancel due to illness, and Rep. John Kavanagh did an outstanding job filling in as keynote speaker. Also featured at the event was Fountain Hills High School student, Nick Everetts, who spoke on the Constitution and what it means to American citizens. Nick was the winner of the American Legion contest and will represent Arizona at the national competition.

The April 17 meeting will feature the candidates vying for the seats currently held by Rep. Michele Reagan, who is a candidate for the Arizona State Senate replacing retiring Senator Carolyn Allen and Rep. John Kavanagh, who is up for re-election. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center.

Fountain Hills Republican Club members are actively recruiting current and new precinct committeemen under the guidance of Evelyn Munn and Harold Denomme. Please contact Evelyn or Harold to receive your affidavit and petition to be elected in the primary on Aug. 24.

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