



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – February, 2011

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**District Meeting – February 10, 2011
7:00 PM - Mustang Library
10101 North 90th Street (south of the Hospital)**

Our speaker at our February meeting will be newly elected Arizona Republican Party Chairman, Tom Morrissey. He will discuss the State's current political situation and what lies ahead for our Party in the next two years.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

Now that we have had our county and state officer elections, it is important to begin the process of moving forward in unison to achieve our goals for this cycle. For that to happen, it is critical that you, as a PC and/or a member of the party, get involved. I am asking that you seriously consider joining one of the many committees that are listed on our website. While we have had some volunteers sign up it is simply not representative of our PC population in this District. In order for us to be effective at recruiting new PC's, getting out the vote and winning Republican offices, we must have functioning committees. That's simply not happening right now. The few are leading the way. We need the many. That means you. Please sign up for a committee either on the website or at our next meeting on February 10, 2011, at the Mustang Library.

And speaking of our next meeting, we have our new Republican State Party Chairman, Tom Morrissey scheduled to speak to us. Please attend the meeting and also bring your fellow PC's and Republicans as well. By coming to our meetings people will naturally become more engaged in our party and our cause. Even if you bring one extra person each meeting that will naturally double our attendance.

Again, please sign up for a committee and bring some extra folks to our meeting on February 10th. I hope to see you there.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

As I have been talking to our new precinct committeemen who have been appointed by the County Supervisors, I have been impressed with their level of enthusiasm and the desire to “get going”. They are interested in our meetings and want to learn how to become effective PC’s. Please Welcome: Linda Brown, Deer Canyon; Jim Gray, Granite Mountain; Tyler Green, Cascade; Georgia Jessen, Fountain Hills 6; Marty Jessen, Fountain Hills 6; Judy Keane, Mirada; Carole Klein, Stonegate; Joan Lang, Pueblo Bonito; David, Leeper, Santo; Nancy Pryor, Cascade; Edith Stock, Fountain Hills 8 and Tim Stratton, Mirada

There are tools that we all have at our disposal that can help us become effective PC’s. One of the most important is our District Website. Be sure to add this address to your favorites www.d8azgop.org We have forms on there that you can download and there is information on when and where our next meeting will be. I am also going to have a summary of how many openings there are in the various precincts and update this as we appoint new pc’s, so you will know if you can recruit a friend or neighbor.

I have been working on the new PC training manual which will be available online. There will be a limited number of copies available for those who do not have access to a computer. In addition Matt Roberts from the AZGOP will be doing a short training on the RNC Voter Vault program at our March Meeting. Voter Vault isn’t a perfect tool, but it provides us with great information. Some of the things you can do are find out who the voters are in your precinct. In addition to the Republicans, you can identify who are the Independents, women voters, how often a voter has voted or a certain age group of voters. Some of you also want to know where your precinct boundaries are. With Voter Vault you can make a map of your precinct and even identify where the group of voters you have targeted live. We will have forms available at the February meeting so you can sign up and have access.

We are now in the building mode for the District and that means appointing new PC’s. The process to do this is to first identify whether there are any openings in your precinct, and then down load the form from www.d8azgop.org. You will need to fill out the form and I am also asking for a copy of your voter registration form to accompany it. After you fill out the form, you will need to have your precinct captain sign the form. The captain will forward the form to me and I will have Chairman Ward sign it and then it gets sent to the Maricopa County Republican Committee for submittal for approval of the County Supervisors. This is one of the uses for Voter Vault to identify those Republican neighbors who vote often. This can mean that they would be agreeable to being approached to become a PC. 2012 isn’t that far away and the more PC’s we have who want to work will mean Victory for our Republican principles.

We still need captains for the following precincts: Camelview, Canyon, DC Ranch, Del Joya, Lakeside, Malapai, McCormick West, Mustang, Pima, Pinnacle South, Raintree, San Victor, Sandy Shores, Santo, Scottsdale, Sentry, Stagecoach, Stonegate and Thornwood.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

The newly elected Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party, Tom Morrissey, will be our guest speaker at the February 10th meeting. We can expect him to talk about the current political situation in the county and the state as well as the goals for the Republican Party in AZ for the next two years and the way we will achieve them through his leadership. Upon completion of his presentation, Mr. Morrissey will accept questions. As with the State Chair candidates last month, questions will be asked from index cards presented at the meeting. Chairman Morrissey expects to arrive before the meeting and be available for some "Meet and Greet" before we start conducting LD business. I will be accepting questions for our Chairman before the meeting as well as after his talk. If you submit a question before the meeting and it has been addressed, I will not ask it of him, but if not addressed, it will be considered along with the others. Chairman Morrissey will most likely remain after the meeting to take more questions and do more meeting and greeting.

With our next election being a Presidential Election in 2012, we all need to think of the type of elected officials we want and how to elect them. A lot of the electoral process depends upon us PC's helping the candidates after the primary to get out the vote. To that end, we will be having PC training, including Voter Vault training, within the next few months. It is one of our priorities. We will be announcing the dates as our speaker and training schedule firms up. We have a lot of work to do to elect a Republican President, and re-elect a Republican Senator, a Republican Representative, and three Republican legislators for LD 8, and a Republican County Attorney, as well as electing 3 Republicans to the Corporation Commission, school boards, town and city councils, and more. We expect to have Voter Vault access forms available at the February meeting.

Our April meeting will be the Annual Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at Gainey Ranch Golf Club. You will be hearing more about this in the future, but mark your calendar now and plan on attending. Congressman David Schweikert will be the keynote speaker.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

At approximately 7:05 pm on January 13th, 2011, Chairman Jim Ward called the meeting to order with 80 Precinct Committeemen present.

Chairman Ward requested that Reverend C. T. Wright lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. After the Pledge and prayer, Chairman Ward introduced the current officers for the District. Introduced were, Barb McMullen, 1st Vice Chair; Boe James, 2nd Vice Chair; Joan Parker, Treasurer; and Doug Little, Secretary. Chairman Ward also announced that while not present, Rob Perelka had agreed to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms.

He also recognized several elected officials that we in attendance at the meeting including Scottsdale City Council members Linda Milhaven and Bob Littlefield; Scottsdale Vice-Mayor, Suzanne Klapp; State Treasurer, Doug Ducey; Maricopa County Community College Board Member, Dana Saar; Constable Dan Ryan, Leona Johnson-President of Arizona Federation of Women and Michelle Ugenti, House Representative from LD 8.

In his introductory remarks, Chairman Ward indicated that we wanted to make a change in emphasis on the meeting agendas going forward. In the past, many times the program was given priority over conducting the

business of the district. Going forward, the business meeting will occur first, followed by the program to insure that we have time to conduct all necessary business.

Chairman Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the prior meeting in November that had been sent out in the January newsletter. Seeing that there were no changes, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. It was so moved by Bob Littlefield and seconded. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of the members present.

Chairman Ward then announced the formation of several standing committees that would assist the officers in conducting the business of the District. The committees are as follows:

1. Mailing and Telephone
2. Communications
3. Registration and Meeting Planning
4. Communications
5. District Outreach and Cheer
6. Voter Registration
7. Credentials and Tally
8. PC Education and Membership
9. Finance
10. Volunteer Coordination
11. Special Events

Chairman Ward gave a brief explanation of the role of each committee and encouraged members to participate. He stated that he felt that there were many challenges within and outside of our party and that member involvement was critical to our success. He further stated that the best way to get involved was to join a committee. He also stated that training for new Precinct Committee members would be coming in the very near future. In the meantime, if any new PCs have questions, they were encouraged to contact anyone on the Board.

Doug Little stated that there would be signup sheets in the foyer after the meeting and members were encouraged to sign up for multiple committees. In addition, if anyone wished to think about it and sign up later, they could do so by contacting Doug via email at doug@douglittle.com.

Chairman Ward recognized Barb McMullen to speak about the Precinct organization within the District and the upcoming PC training. Barb stated that she had received many emails regarding people wishing to be a Precinct Captain. She further stated that we have 75 precinct with less than 20 precinct still needing a Captain. She also reminded the membership that we have not yet been able to submit new applications for appointed PCs since the state GOP by-laws do not permit the applications to be submitted until after the AZ GOP organizational meeting on January 22, 2011. We currently have 11 persons who have submitted applications to become appointed PCs and their paperwork will be submitted as soon as we can do so. The paperwork will be hand carried to MC GOP by Barb and tracked to insure that it is properly processed. It is important that Barb receive the original application because if the paperwork is submitted directly to MC GOP, Barb will only receive a name without any supporting contact information, making it difficult to contact the new PC. Anyone with questions can contact Barb at 480-948-4252.

Barb also stated that for the information of all State Committee members that the 'Call' had been mailed out and should be in their mailbox within the next couple of days. She also stated that she was in possession of the official proxy form for the State GOP meeting. In the event that any State Committee member could not attend, it is important that they complete a proxy and insure that will be carried to the meeting by another State Committee member.

Chairman Ward announced that State Senator Michele Reagan wanted to be with us but was attending a meeting at the Aspen Institute, which is a huge honor for her. He also announced that David Schweikert from our own district was elected to Congress from CD 5. He stated that while none of our elected representatives were in attendance this evening, when they are present they would be given the opportunity to provide a legislative update to the members present. David is interested in providing updates to the District at our meetings as his schedule permits.

Chairman Ward then recognized Joan Parker for the Treasurer's Report. Copies of her report were distributed at the meeting to any members who wished to have one.

She stated that she had completed the annual review for 2010. As of December 31, 2010, the following information was reported:

Total 2010 Revenues - \$16,454

Total 2010 Expenses - \$11,492

Total 2010 Net Income - \$4,962

Total Cash On Hand as of December 31, 2010 - \$6,349

She also reminded everyone of his or her voluntary contribution for 2011. Individual members are requested to donate \$30. Couples are asked to donate \$50 and those wishing to donate at the Chairman's Level can send in at least \$100.

A question was asked as to why Joan provided a combined report for November and December. She stated that since there was no business meeting in December, she combined them for convenience. The same member asking the original question requested that it be broken out into two reports. Joan agreed to provide two reports.

There was also a question asked regarding why the last budget reference in the report was for 2008. Joan stated that the prior board had not developed a budget for either 2009 or 2010, so when Kathy Littlefield was preparing the report, she could only go back to the 2008 budget for reference since there were none subsequent to that. Joan stated that she was working on a 2011 budget right now. Chairman Ward encouraged everyone to ask as many questions as they wish since we are interested in maximum transparency.

Chairman Ward recognized Kathy Littlefield to provide a report from the Finance Committee. Kathy stated that she was acting on behalf of Larry Hagen, Finance Committee Chair who was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments.

Kathy proceeded to read a list of all recommendations from the last Board and the Finance Committee. The complete list of recommendations follows:

1. The District Secretary shall keep a copy of the signatures authorized for access to the District bank accounts.
2. The name of the bank, the account name, account number and passwords shall be kept by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. All checks over \$500 shall require two signatures.
4. The Treasurer may make recommendations on how to manage the account, but no changes may be made without a vote by the Executive Committee.
5. The Treasurer is responsible to file financial reports to both the County and Secretary of State by the prescribed dates. The Treasurer shall forward proof of filing from the County and State to the Board following each filing.
6. The Treasurer shall provide copies of the monthly financial statement to the Board. The Secretary shall include a copy in the minutes. A copy shall also be available to the general membership at each monthly meeting.
7. The monthly bank statement shall be mailed to the District Chairman. The Treasurer shall access the monthly statement electronically.
8. The Treasurer shall provide the Audit Committee with all financial records of the District no later than February 1st of the following year.
9. The Financial Committee along with the Treasurer will prepare a budget and present it to the Board for approval at the February meeting of the Board each year. (The Executive Board approved these recommendations at their meeting on January 11, 2011.)

There was a question from a member regarding who the signers on the checking account were. Kathy stated that it was the Chairman and the Treasurer. She also stated that if another signer was needed, it would most likely be the Secretary, but that it would be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Another question was asked as to whether or not the rest of the Board receives a copy of the bank statement. Chairman Ward stated that the bank statement was shared with all Board members at the meeting and that the bank statement becomes a part of the Secretary's minutes of the Board meeting.

Chairman Ward thanked Kathy and the rest of the Finance Committee for their tremendous effort and asked the membership to show their appreciation for all their hard work with applause.

Will Howard announced the availability of an "Arizona United" t-shirt that was designed by George Lenz and promoted by KPHO Channel 5 to support the families of the victims of the recent shooting in Tucson. Proceeds from the sale of the shirts are being donated to the families of the victims. The shirts can be purchased at <http://www.artcraftsports.com> for \$15. They have sold over 100 shirts so far. Members were encouraged to visit the site and purchase a shirt.

Chairman Ward then recognized Boe James, 2nd Vice Chair to introduce the speakers for the evening's program. For the meeting program, two of the three candidates for State GOP Chairman were in attendance. The two candidates attending were Marty Hermanson and Ron Carmichael. Bruce Ash, a third candidate, could not attend since he was attending the Republican National Committee meeting as our National Committeeman. Both Ron and Marty were given equal amounts of time to speak to the membership regarding their candidacy. After their remarks, there were numerous questions that came from the membership. The questions were submitted in writing and moderated by Boe James.

At the conclusion of the State GOP candidate remarks, Chairman Ward invited State Treasurer, Doug Ducey, to make a few remarks. During his remarks, Doug touched on the fact that after only 10 days in office, he could comment on a few things including the fact that the Legislature has a daunting task in front of them with the budget. He felt that we had great leadership at the State level and they were doing the right things to address the financial challenges in front of us. Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

TREASURER’S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

Beginning bank balance-01/01/11		\$ 6,349.43
Deposits:		
Contributions	\$ 310.00	
Name badges	<u>90.00</u>	400.00
Checks issued:		
Badges/ribbons	82.18	
Deposit/Gainey Ranch	<u>500.00</u>	<u>(582.18)</u>
Ending bank balance-01/31/11.		<u>\$ 6,167.25</u>

We want to thank the following PC’s for making their voluntary contributions during the 4th quarter of 2010:

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| Martha Kimberly | Paula Ricehouse | Robert & Kathleen Littlefield |
| Dina Galassini | Frank September, Jr | Robert & Shirley Bachman |
| Virginia Long | Kathryn Angelis | Robert King |
| Len & Tracy Munsil | Neal Sundeen | Max McNeely |
| Leona Johnston | Doug & Linda Little | Harold & Arlie Denomme |
| Joy & Kevin Russell | John & Debra Hay | Luther Taylor |
| James Nachbar MD | Martyn Youngs | Brian Theut |
| Marilyn Byerly | Gary & Anthea Dyer | Ron & Mary Beth McCullagh |
| John Strasser | Paula Pennypacker | Chad Willems |
| Marilyn McDonald | Arno Naeckel | Dan & Mary Ryan |
| Barry Spiker | | |

The following contributions have been received during the month of January, 2011:

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| Larry & Joanna Hagan | James Horton | Edward & Madelyn Monoscalco |
| Bruce & Paula Linker | Richard Rutkowski | Marilyn & James Higgins |
| Arch & Jeannie McGill | | |

A special thanks to the following PC’s who are members at the **Chairman’s Level**:

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| Michele Reagan | Jim Burke | Patricia Kaufman |
| Linda Milhaven | Jim & Dawne Ward | Ronald Schott |
| Richard Hasenpflug | Daniel Cole | |

STATE REPORT

The meeting was a very long day filled with controversy and discussions in the pews. Many people left early giving their proxies to those who remained.

LD 8 was well represented with 97 out of 100 State Committeemen present in person or by proxy. (I think it was 66 present with 31 proxies). This is good, as the prime duty of a State Committeeman is to attend AZ GOP meetings and vote on state issues.

The first order of business was to establish a quorum and then to elect a new chair. While waiting for the Credentials Committee report, we heard speeches from a number of elected officials; most notable to us in LD 8 were Senator Kyl, Congressman David Schweikert, and County Attorney Bill Montgomery.

Four (4) persons allowed themselves to be nominated for Chair. After 3 ballots, Tom Morrissey was elected as Chair by one vote over 50%. Ron Carmichael then asked for a vote by acclamation and Tom earned 100% of the votes. On the first ballot, incumbents Linda White and Timothy Lee won re-election as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. With the swearing in of the newly elected officers the meeting was adjourned.

The debate and voting on the Resolutions and By-Law changes took up the next large block of the meeting.

Results are as follows:

Res 1 (Closed Primaries): Passed

Res 2 (Water fluoridation): Passed

Res 3 (Environmental Policy): Passed

Res 4 (Support VA Cemetery in Pima County): Passed

Res 5 (Support Constitutional Amendment that requires all laws to apply to Congress also): Passed by acclamation

Res 6 (CC Cragin Water Project): Passed

Res 7 (Congressional Term Limits): Failed

Res 8 (Scientific support in forest restoration): Passed

Res 9 (Gila County Community College): Failed

Res 10 (Resolution Copper mine) Failed on hand count: Aye 407/No 435

Res 11 : Failed

Res 12: Failed

Res 13 (Closed Primaries): Failed

By-Laws: Amendment
1. Failed
2. Passed
3. Passed
4. Failed

The final part of the long day was the election of Delegates at Large within the separate Congressional Districts. CD 5 elected one of our own in Jim O'Conner of San Simon Precinct. Also elected were April Riggins, Chair for LD 7, and Steve Parsons, husband of MCRC 1st Vice-Chair Diane Parsons.

COUNTY MEETING REPORT

The meeting was a long day that attendees will not forget. Although the required business of the county was conducted, the day was marred by the shootings in Tucson. Upon hearing the news of the shooting, business was immediately halted and prayers given for all involved. Later, when word was falsely received that

Congresswoman Giffords had passed away, business was again halted and additional prayers offered.

LD 8 was only represented at the meeting with 205 PC's present in person or by proxy. This is just barely over 2/3'rds of the PC's being represented and voting. It should have been higher.

The most significant piece of business was the re-election of Rob Haney as County Chair and adoption of Resolutions and By-Law changes.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS

All Fountain Hills Republican Club meetings are open to all LD - 8 PC's, prospective PC's, their guests, and all other Republicans. FHRC meetings are an excellent way to meet and greet elected officials, to hear more about the issues facing our state, and to learn about other political matters. They are also a great way to network with fellow Republicans in a social setting. All are welcome.

The January 22nd meeting featured Shane F. Krauser a renown speaker, Constitutional Law professor and fire arms expert. He gave a great presentation and the assembled members asked many questions and wished they had more time. More information about him can be found at <http://kforcevanguard.com/speaking.html>. Many FHRC members were absent from the meeting so that they could participate in the AZGOP mandatory meeting and participate in the election of a new AZ GOP Chairman, new CD 5 Committeemen at Large, etc.

The February 19th meeting will feature former Arizona Treasurer and former gubernatorial candidate, Dean Martin. The Club's Annual Breakfast will be March 26th. Congressman David Schweikert will be our keynote speaker. This breakfast is one of only two events with a cost. Tickets will soon be available. Seating is limited to 150, so reserve early.

The FHRC normally meets the third Saturday of each month (fourth Saturday in March) at 9 a.m. in the FH Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Anyone desiring more information may visit the club's website at <http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org>, or contact Boe James, club president at FHRepublican@yahoo.com or 480 588-7612.

Facebook users can also visit the club's Facebook page Fountain Hills Republican Club at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=373474498622>. Twitter users can follow FHRepublican at <http://twitter.com>

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