



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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Jim Ward, Chairman 480- 371-7820

The Lincoln Link – June, 2011

Judy Eisenhower, Distributor

District Meeting – June 9, 2011

6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Civic Center Library

3839 North Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale

Please note the change in location for this meeting. Civic Center Library is going to be our new home for the foreseeable future. Mustang, due to budget constraints, will be closed in the evening.

Civic Center Library is where the new precinct committeemen meeting was held last month. The auditorium is on the lower level of the library adjacent to the parking garage.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

As we head into the summer hiatus, I want to congratulate everyone who has worked so diligently, including Barb McMullen, on the fantastic job we have done recruiting PC's. You will see the specific numbers in Barb's report, but we are the number two district in the entire state for the recruitment of PC's. Great job everyone.

However, I want to be number one. So when everyone gets back rarin' to go this Fall let's make it a number one priority to fill the remaining PC slots in our district and if we can do that I guarantee we will be number one in terms of recruitment. More importantly, we will have the necessary forces to go out into the community in order to get out the vote, take back the White House and support our great Republican candidates.

I'd like to also ask you to refocus this Fall on getting involved and joining one of our many committees. They will be gearing up and they will need all of the help they can get. Please get involved.

Finally, please attend our June 9th meeting where Constitutional scholar Shane Krauser will be our guest. We have also invited members from Legislative District 17 so please attend and show them some good 'ol LD8 hospitality.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

Our First Vice Chair, Barb McMullen has been away and just returned this past weekend so she will give her report at the next meeting.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

Senator Michele Reagan and Representatives John Kavanagh and Michelle Ugenti were the speakers for our last meeting. They provided interesting information about the legislative session and highlights on specific bills enlightening the assembled PC's. It was a good session.

For our June 9th meeting, we are honored to have Constitutional scholar and renown speaker Shane Krauser as our guest. He is greatly respected and known as an entertaining and engaging speaker. More information can be found at <http://kforcevanguard.com/speaking.html>. If you have a pocket sized personal copy of the Constitution, you should bring it with you. Once again this meeting **will be at the Scottsdale Civic Center** library. This will be our last meeting before the summer. We resume in September at the Scottsdale Civic Center library.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

On May 12, 2011, the District 8 Republican Committee held its May 2011 meeting at the Civic Center Auditorium in Scottsdale, AZ.

1st Vice Chair Barb McMullen called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Chairman Jim Ward was not present due to out-of-town business commitments. C. T. Wright opened the meeting with a prayer written in 1752 by George Washington. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barb then recognized Doug Little, Secretary to discuss any changes to the minutes. Doug distributed several copies of the minutes to members that had not seen them. There were no changes and the minutes were accepted as written. Barb then asked Doug to provide a recap of the meeting location situation for the membership.

Doug stated that due to conflicts with Scottsdale Library sponsored programs, the normal meeting location and time was no longer available at the Scottsdale Mustang Library. Since the Scottsdale Library program at Mustang was on going, there was little likelihood that we would get the location back. The Civic Center Library was available and reserved for our May, June and September meetings as a stopgap measure.

Doug asked if the location was satisfactory or if we should also consider meeting at another location such as the Arabian Library located on McDowell Mtn. Ranch Rd. Doug stated that there was large room at that location and he would check on the availability since it was more centrally located for the membership.

Barb then delivered the membership report and recognized several new Precinct Committeemen that had joined the District roster since the last meeting. With the new appointments, the District 8 Republican Committee now has 333 PCs.

Joan Parker was then asked to provide the Treasurer's report for the month of April. Joan stated that since there was no meeting in March that she had copies of the March financial report available for any member that wished to have one. The April 2011 report was included as a handout along with the May meeting agenda, which was distributed to the membership.

Joan also provided a summary of the financial report from the Legislative Breakfast held in April. A copy of the report was distributed to the membership and is attached to these minutes. Joan further stated that on May 18, 2011, the Finance and Audit Committee would meet to review the income and expenses associated with the Legislative Breakfast. That committee will provide the results of that review at the general meeting on June 9th, 2011.

Shirley Cordasco was asked to provide a brief recap of the Legislative Breakfast. She thanked the Special Events Committee for all of their hard work in making the event a success and especially thanked Congressman David Schweikert for his appearance as our speaker. Shirley was applauded by the group for her outstanding efforts on making the event a huge success.

Shirley also announced that the District 8 Republican Committee Holiday Party would be held on December 13, 2011 at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club.

Jim Nachbar was then recognized to provide the report of the Communications Committee. He briefly outlined the activities of the committee and discussed the results of the survey on website usage that was done at our March 2011 meeting. The purpose of the survey was to gauge the usefulness of the current District 8 website and get suggestions for changes and improvements the membership would like to see.

Overall, the main suggestions involved simplifying the site, putting more information for PCs on the site and overall making it more welcoming to Republican Party members living in the district. There were also a couple of specific changes requested including the addition of more photos and more timely information updates. Linda Brown gave a brief summary of the District 8 Republican Facebook page and stated that while we had a Twitter account, we were not currently doing much with it.

The Communications Committee will be providing additional information on changes and updates to the website and Facebook pages as they occur.

Joanna Hagen was recognized to speak briefly about the upcoming fundraiser for the Arizona Teenage Republicans (AZ TARS). The annual TARS Bowl-a-Thon will be held on June 3rd and 4th to raise funds for the TARS annual trip to Washington, D.C. Larry Hagen will be participating and members were asked to either sponsor Larry with a matching contribution for his score or make a contribution directly to the group.

Tom Buggeln, Precinct Captain from Cascade was also recognized to inform the membership about an opportunity to purchase copies of the Federalist Papers as published by Cygnus Press. He talked a little about the background of the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers and suggested that the set offered by Signet Classics was a very complete and high quality offering that the membership might wish to consider reading. Both are available for purchase on Amazon for \$7.95 in paperback. The Federalist Papers are also available in the Kindle format for \$.89.

Boe James was then recognized to introduce our three guest speakers for the evening. The speakers were State Senator Michele Reagan, State Representative John Kavanagh, and State Representative Michelle Ugenti. Each of them provided a brief recap of the significant events and significant legislative activity from the Legislative Session that ended on April 20, 2011. Representative Ugenti also shared with us her experiences as a freshman legislator and what an eye-opening introduction to the legislative process it was. Many questions were asked and answered regarding numerous bills including the creation of the Arizona

Commerce Authority, several Insurance and Banking related bills, Right to Work related bills, a Jobs bill and a Section 8 Housing bill.

The next general meeting was announced and will be held on June 9th at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center Library. The May meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

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| Beginning bank balance – May 1, 2011 | | \$8,562.26 |
| Deposits: | | |
| Contributions | \$ 135.00 | |
| Legislative breakfast | 50.00 | |
| Silent auction/raffle | 140.30 | |
| Name badges | <u>60.00</u> | 385.30 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Legislative breakfast | | <u>132.71</u> |
| Ending bank balance – May 31, 2011 | | <u>\$8,814.85</u> |

Legislative Breakfast

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| Registrations | \$3,125.00 | |
| Silent auction/raffle | 1,236.80 | |
| Bake sale | <u>115.00</u> | |
| Total income | | \$4,476.80 |
| Expense | | <u>2,522.36</u> |
| Net income | | <u>\$1,954.44</u> |

If you have not made your voluntary contribution for 2011 please download the form from our website and mail to the treasurer. We would like to thank the following PC’s who made a contribution during the month of May, 2011:

- William Millico
- Luke Taylor
- Judi Perron
- Gregery Heine

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – Boe James

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting on Saturday, June 18th will feature Congressman David Schweikert and his budget presentation. The Club's annual picnic will be October 15th in Golden Eagle Park. Don't miss it; put this on your calendar. The Club will not meet in July or August. The September 17th meeting will feature the Arizona Corporation Commission with Gary Pierce, Chair, and Bob Stump confirmed.

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's May meeting on Armed Forces Day featured Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu. Special military music was featured prior to the meeting. As a part of the program, all veterans were recognized. Sheriff Babeu gave a very stirring talk to a large crowd. At the conclusion, he was presented with a Fountain Hills chocolate bar and a special "Red Shirt Friday" shirt with the slogan "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave".

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 FHRC normally meets the third Saturday of each month 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.

District 8 Birthdays – Audrey Zirbel

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

A BIRTHDAY WISH TO YOU FROM THE DISTRICT... A YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS AND MAY ANYTHING BE POSSIBLE

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| June 2 nd | Marty Youngs |
| June 5 th | Honorable John Kavanaugh |
| June 6 th | Tom Buggeln |
| June 7 th | Edward Monoscalco |
| June 8 th | Amy Laff David Stanton |
| June 11 th | Jim Burke Diane Worthington Howard Young |
| June 13 th | Andy Gorman Honorable Ron McCullough Glenn Murray |
| June 24 th | Bob Bachman Roberta Henrickson |
| June 26 th | Rob Perelka |
| June 27 th | Ann Flora |

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| June 28 th | Honorable Michele Ugenti |
| June 30 th | Shawn Dow |

JULY BIRTHDAYS

A BIRTHDAY WISH TO YOU FROM THE DISTRICT... A YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS AND MAY ANYTHING BE POSSIBLE

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| July 1 st | David Leeper |
| July 2 nd | Gabe Reuben |
| July 3 rd | Liz Harvey |
| July 4 th | Cassidy Campana Pamela Donner Honorable Linda Milhaven |
| July 7 th | Yvonne Faustinos |
| July 8 th | Janet Buggeln Daniel Cole Leona Johnston |
| July 11 th | Bill McMullen Richard Rutkowski |
| July 13 th | Linda Whitman |
| July 15 th | Gene Pizzato |
| July 18 th | Joyce Schweikert |
| July 19 th | David Holt |
| July 21 st | Ellie Conklin |
| July 23 rd | Billie Lynch |
| July 24 th | Lisa James |
| July 26 th | Anita Rodriguez |
| July 27 th | Nancy Stanton |
| July 29 th | Dean James |
| July 30 th | Jerry Lennemann |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

A BIRTHDAY WISH TO YOU FROM THE DISTRICT... A YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS AND MAY ANYTHING BE POSSIBLE

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| August 3 rd | Max McNeely Joan Parker |
| August 4 th | Edward Birkemo Ann Kisicki |
| August 5 th | Boe James |
| August 8 th | Larry Hagan |
| August 9 th | Barb McMullen Brian McNamara |
| August 10 th | Gary Kapfer |
| August 12 th | Virginia Long |
| August 14 th | Michael Lynch |

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| August 16 th | Dale Worthington |
| August 20 th | Ralph Kaye |
| August 21 st | Jill Gerding |
| August 23 rd | Penny Reuben |
| August 24 th | Susan Godfrey |
| August 29 th | Ida Charles |
| August 30 th | Frank Walters |
| August 31 st | Brandon Wise |