



# AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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## ***The Lincoln Link – March 2010***

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### **District Meeting – March 11, 2010**

**7:00 p.m. -- Mustang Library**

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

**The March meeting will feature GOP candidates for Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction. We've invited all GOP candidates for these offices, and so far have received confirmation from Tom Horne for Attorney General and Margaret Dugan for Superintendent.**

**Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know your GOP candidates.**

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**Voter Vault training will be held from 6:00 to 6:45 before the meeting. Voter Vault gives you instant information to the voters in your precinct. Access agreements will be available at the**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM BURKE**

For those of you who were able to attend the last District meeting, I think you will agree with me that we have some great candidates in the Congressional District 5 race. I know that one of these individuals can beat Harry Mitchell. It is up to all of us to support the candidate that we believe will do the best job. However, it is also important that we all work to keep this campaign from getting ugly. Dirty campaign tactics only work against our Party.

As your Chair I will not be supporting any candidate until after the Primary. Then we all need to do everything we can to get that individual elected. Your Board has worked to find a balance between allowing individuals to support their favorite candidates and keep the Board neutral. One of our responsibilities is to help with the communication that is so important to campaigns. To assist candidates, we will be making the PC email list available to any candidate. This is consistent with the recent bylaws changes at the County. In addition, we will post any campaign event on the website. There is a section of the website where these events are posted and there is a mechanism where anyone can send information to the website.

Our job in getting voters registered is still very important. Please get to know your neighbors and get them registered. In addition, please consider volunteering for voter registration events. Finally, I would like to

thank those individuals who staffed the District booth at the Fountain Hills fair last week. It was a job well done by dedicated people and your help is greatly appreciated.

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

**Don't miss VOTER VAULT Training!** We have scheduled an exclusive District 8 Voter Vault 3 training session at 6 to 6:45 p.m. prior to the March meeting. Matthew Roberts, Communications Director for the Arizona Republican Party, will be demonstrating how to use this important organizational tool. He will be offering training basics and will answer any questions about how you can best use this technology in your PC activities.

We sent out an email recently encouraging participants to acquire Voter Vault access before participating in the training. Many of you have already done this. If you haven't completed that paperwork, come to the training anyway. We will have access forms available at the training session. You will greatly benefit by seeing Voter Vault 3 in action and being able to ask questions. Voter Vault 3 is a user-friendly tool that gives you access to registered voters in your precinct. This information will be important as you circulate your PC petition to be placed on the August primary ballot for re-election, and as we gear up to get Republicans elected this fall.

Be sure to take advantage this convenient D8 training session, as we interact with the state's leading GOP Voter Vault expert Matt Roberts. Mustang Library has free wireless Internet access, so bring your laptop computer and access Voter Vault 3 during the training. We're looking forward to a great Voter Vault training session!

**Don't delay! Be sure to get your PC candidacy paperwork completed as soon as possible!** All precinct committeemen should be working to complete the necessary paperwork to qualify 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 (March and April meetings). Approximately 1/3 of all current PCs picked up packets at the Feb. 17 candidate forum. That's a good start. 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 *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 get those PC positions full by election.

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

At our March 11th program, we will be having candidates for Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Education. While we have invited all of the candidates who have filed to run thus far, we have received confirmations from Tom Horne for Attorney General and Margaret Dugan for Superintendent. Should more candidates confirm their attendance before our March meeting, we will notify you.

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

There were no minutes from the Feb. 17 meeting because of the Congressional District 5 candidate forum.

However, I do want to solicit your help with the following: **Giving Back to the Community**. When volunteering over the weekend at the Fountain Hills Art Fair, we were told of many local residents who continue to struggle financially. This information was shared by one of the representatives from the Extended Hands Food Bank, who stopped by to sign a few of the candidates' petitions and proceeded to discuss their Helicopter Ball Drop on June 21. The representative noted that the food bank pantries are low and that they are seeing more persons driving up in Mercedes and BMWs, who are in need of extended hands.

We are asking anyone planning to attend the District meeting on March 11 meeting to bring one (1) non-perishable item to our meeting. Your generosity could make a world of difference to others. Christmas should not be the only time for giving to others. Think of the difference we can all make as a grassroots organization in our local community. All collected goods will go to the Extended Hands Food Bank, operating out of Fountain Hills and will be donated in the name of Legislative District 8 Republican members. Feel free to call 480-473-8926 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – REX ROUTH**

**Treasurer Rex Routh will distribute the financials at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. He, unfortunately, is inundated with taxes at this time and will be until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.**

## **STATE REPORT – DONNA REAGAN**

**The Arizona Republican Party, in conjunction with the Republican National Committee is planning a blood drive** in late March for American Red Cross month. The Party needs 52 committee donors to set a time and date. Willing donors please contact: Carolyn Leff at the State Party, 602-957-7770 or [www.AZGOP.org](http://www.AZGOP.org)

**The Republican National Committee announced the decision to hold the 2012 Republican National Convention the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

“I’m excited to take this important next step by announcing the dates for our 2012 Republican National Convention. With the possible host cities narrowed down to three, this is a proper time to announce the dates where we will formally determine our next Republican nominee,” National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said.

The 12 members of the National Committee’s site selection committee will visit Phoenix, Tampa and Salt Lake City in late March and early April to determine the city where our National Convention will be held the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We are excited to visit these cities and think that they offer excellent opportunities to showcase our candidates, Republican Presidential nominee and Party,” Co-Chairman Jan Larimer of Wyoming said.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION – LISA JAMES**

Thank you, thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who assisted with our voter registration efforts at the Great Fair in Fountain Hills! A special thanks to Boe James, Fountain Hills Republican Club President, for going beyond the call of duty in helping set up and take down our booth on a daily basis and letting us use his flag. Another special thanks to Jim Ward for the use of his banner display for our District 8 banner. Many candidates worked the booth, along with our Precinct Committeemen and women. In addition to voter registration, petitions were signed and literature was distributed. Last, but not least, a special thanks to those who endured the wet weather on Sunday. If you get a chance, check out the photos of the D8 voter registration efforts now posted on the website at [www.d8azgop.org](http://www.d8azgop.org). We are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers!

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

The Fountain Hills Republican Club continues an active year with great speakers, candidate support and fun. Our March 13 meeting is the Annual Breakfast with **Gov. Jan Brewer** as the keynote speaker. A limited number of tickets are still available for \$15 each. Reservations may be made by calling me, 480-588-7612 or Tait Elkie, 480-766-1231. You can e-mail [FHRepublican@yahoo.com](mailto:FHRepublican@yahoo.com). You can also mail your check to Fountain Hills Republican Club, Post Office Box 17814, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85269.

Our February meeting club members heard Attorney General Candidate Tom Horne. They also heard Bill Montgomery and Jay Beckstead who are candidates for Maricopa County Attorney. Fountain Hills Club members had an opportunity to ask great questions of the candidates.

Lisa James reported above on the Great Fair. Despite the rain on Sunday it was a tremendous success and you volunteers were terrific. The Festival of the Arts and Crafts is November 12-14 so plan on attending this great event. Our club also sponsored a Pizza and Politics Party in February for the two members running for the Fountain Hills City Council. It, too, was a tremendous success and a lot of fun.