



# AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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## ***The Lincoln Link – March, 2011***

*Judy Eisenhower, Distributor*

### **District Meeting – March 10, 2011**

**6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting - Appaloosa Library  
7377 East Silverstone, Scottsdale**

**Please note the change in location for this meeting. Appaloosa Library is just off of Scottsdale Road, before Pinnacle Peak Road. Turn right on Silverstone and watch for the sign directing you there. You can't miss it.**

**Please mark your calendar for our Legislative Breakfast, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Gainey Ranch Golf Club, 8:30-10:30 am, and April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Precinct Committeemen training at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library 10:00 am-12:30 pm.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD**

As you will read in our newsletter we are gearing up for PC training and I urge all PC's, not just new PC's, to participate. There will be a lot of great information and we will have the time to really dig into it as we are conducting the training in a distinct meeting apart from our formal monthly meetings. So please participate. Time and date are outlined below.

In addition, I appreciate those of you who have volunteered for our committees. They are filling out nicely, however, we can always use more help. Please consider volunteering.

Finally, please consider bringing a friend to our meeting on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and remember it will be held at the Appaloosa Library NOT the Mustang Library.

### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN**

One of the membership tools we have to communicate better with our precinct committeemen is the Area Structure. This tool groups precincts together by geographic area. Here is the Membership Team and their areas of responsibility. We utilize this when we want to make sure that each precinct committeeman is being contacted. The Area Directors can also help with PC recruitment in precincts that are not full. We have several

precincts that have no precinct committeemen and one of the goals this year is to build up our base, so that we can work towards Republican victories in 2012.

**Areas A- E Vice Chair of Operations: Doug Little (Vista Verde)**

**Area A Director:** Evelyn Munn (Fountain Hills 1) **Area A Precincts:** Fountain Hills 1 thru Fountain Hills 9

**Area B Director:** John Strasser (Pinnacle Peak) **Area B Precincts:** Canyon; DC Ranch; Desert Highlands; Granite Mountain; Pinnacle Peak; Pinnacle South, Pinnacle Vista, Rio Verde, Stagecoach; and Vista Verde

**Area C Director:** Paula Pennypacker (Westworld) **Area C Precincts:** Mountainside; Pueblo Bonito; Rhodes; Rio Montana; Saltillo; Sera Brisa; Sierra Hills; Stonegate; Westworld; and Windrunner

**Area D Director:** Marilyn McDonald (Laurel) **Area D Precincts:** Cactus Glen; Cielo; Laurel; Moonset; Mountain Vista; Sandy Shores and Silver Spur

**Area E Director:** Vacant **Area E Precincts:** Dreyfus; Meadow Hills; Mirada; Park Meadows; Pine Valley; Santo; Sentry and Sutton

**Areas F-J Vice-Chair of Operations: Paula Linker (Kalil)**

**Area F Director:** Charles Cover (Deer Canyon) **Area F Precincts:** Cascade, Cocopah, Deer Canyon, Deerview, Kalil, Mustang and San Victor

**Area G Director:** Jim O'Connor (San Simon) **Area G Precincts:** Del Joya, Lucas, McCormick East, McCormick West, Peppertree, Raintree and San Simon

**Area H Director:** Pat Kaufman (Sundown) **Area H Precincts:** Lakeside, McDonald, Mohave, Redwing, and Sundown

**Area I Director:** Liz James (Pueblo) **Area I Precincts:** Camelview, Chaparral, Exeter, Malapai, Pecos, Pueblo and Scottsdale

**Area J Director:** Liz James (Pueblo) **Area J Precincts:** Columbus, Continental, Maricopa, Navajo, Pima and Thornwood

The following precincts have no precinct committeemen: ***Canyon, Cielo, Columbus, Continental, Deerview, Maricopa, Moonset, and San Victor.***

**Mark Your Calendars PC Training Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Scottsdale Civic Center Library 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Even if you are not a new precinct committeeman, please attend this training session on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Not only will you learn what is expected of you as a precinct committeeman at the local level, you will receive information about how the other levels of the GOP such as Maricopa County Republican Committee, the State GOP and the RNC affect you as a PC. Some of the presenters that are being invited are: Tom Morrissey, State Party Chairman, Tom Husband, Executive Director Maricopa County Republican Committee, and Sharon Giese, Arizona National Committeewoman. We will be talking about how to recruit new precinct committeemen and what is the process for getting precinct committeemen appointed; Other areas that will be covered are: ***How does Legislative District 8 operate?; What are the duties of a precinct committeeman?; How the State Party works; Voter Vault; What are the duties of the State Executive Committee?; How the Maricopa County Republican Committee works, and How the RNC works.*** If you have any other items that you would like to see covered, please feel free to contact me. There will be an additional flyer once we have everyone invited and an agenda. See you there!!

**SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 10th at the Appaloosa Library, 7377 E. Silverstone Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 (480-312-7323). Please note the new temporary location. The speaker will be **Secretary of State Ken Bennett**. One major topic of his presentation will be the state budget.

There is no Thursday night business meeting in April, the Breakfast on April 30th at Gainey Ranch Golf Club substituting for that meeting. You will be hearing more about this breakfast from Shirley Cordasco. Our Congressman, David Schweikert, will be the featured speaker.

As I mentioned last month, PC training is high on your leadership's agenda for the year. We need active and well trained PC's to ensure election of Republicans in 2012 at all levels of government from town or city to county and state and also at the national level. 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, as well as electing 3 Republicans to the Corporation Commission, school boards, town and city councils, and more. The first PC training session which will include Voter Vault training will be held on Saturday April 2nd at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library, as is noted in Barbara McMullen's report.

The May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the downtown Scottsdale Civic center Library will feature our District 8 state Legislators who will give a wrap-up of the legislative session with forecasts for the future. The June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, also at the Civic Center Library, will feature Shane Krauser, a renown Constitutional Law scholar and legal professor.

## **DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY**

Chairman Jim Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by C. T. Wright, who also delivered the opening invocation.

Chairman Ward asked if there were changes to the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter. Seeing none, he asked for and received a motion to accept. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by a voice vote of the members present.

John Strasser raised a question regarding the committees and what was being done with them. Chairman Ward stated that the committees were being published on the website and would be discussed in the meeting tonight. He also reminded everyone of the sign-up sheets in the lobby after the meeting.

Chairman Ward introduced the elected officials present. They included: C. T. Wright, Dan Ryan, Bob Littlefield, Ron McCullagh, Amy Leff, Suzanne Klapp, Leona Johnston and Tom Morrissey, our new State Chairman.

Chairman Ward announced some temporary changes in venue for the meetings in March, April and May. On the March 10th meeting we will be meeting at the Appaloosa Branch of the Scottsdale Library. The Appaloosa Branch is located just east of Scottsdale Road, between Williams Drive and Pinnacle Peak Road. The meeting start time will be at 7:00 pm. The April meeting will be the Legislative Breakfast at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Our May 12th and June 9th meetings will be held in the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium. We will have a guest speaker and will likely consolidate with other local districts. We will return to our regular meeting place at Mustang Library beginning with the September 8th meeting.

Chairman Ward also announced the fact that Donna Reagan had been awarded the 2010 Women of Scottsdale, "Woman of the Year" award. The official press release was read to the membership and included

some of the significant contributions to the community that Donna has made over the years. A luncheon in her honor will be held on February 18th at the Westin Kierland Resort. Tickets are available for anyone wishing to attend.

Chairman Ward then talked about the importance of committees in being about to accomplish the goals for the District. We had a few signups but not enough. He encouraged everyone to get involved with a committee. The following is a list of the standing committees, their membership and interim chairman. The interim chairman is assigned the task of organizing the committee and chairing it unless finding a replacement is possible.

Interim committee chairs were named to get started:

Dawne Ward - Mailing and Telephone  
Doug Little - Registration and Meeting  
Judy Eisenhower - Credentials and Tally  
John Strasser - Volunteer Coordination  
Audrey Zirbel - District Outreach  
Judy Eisenhower / Doug Little - Newsletter  
Barb McMullen - PC Education/Training  
Shirley Cordasco - Special Events  
Kathy Angelis - Voter Registration  
Jim Nachbar - Communications  
Larry Hagen - Finance

Groups need to meet and the chairan report to someone on the Executive Board. Barb will manage the initial application process.

Barb McMullen gave her report on membership. We currently have 314 Precinct Committee members. Total allowed for our district is 530. We are currently at about 59%. Our plan is to insure that we have 100% by the end of the 2012 Election cycle. We have over 30 new PCs and 15 resignations since the State GOP meeting. The list of all new PCs was read to the assembled membership with each new PC standing for a brief intro and applause.

Barb also stated that several applications were submitted for precincts that were already full. She stated that she appreciated the willingness to assist and suggested that we follow up with everyone to see if they would be willing to volunteer for the district. Please continue to submit your application if you are interested as positions may come open at a future date.

For those interested in badges, for the summer months you should contact Joan as she will be taking over for Harold during the summer and will insure that the badges get ordered.

Barb also let everyone know that for she had applications for Voter Vault. Voter Vault provides information on Republican voters in your precinct and district. She can provide applications to those who need Voter Vault access.

She also stated that the PC Training manual is now complete. It contains 29 pages of information about how the district is organized and will help new PCs understand their role in the district. The new manuals will be distributed electronically to save printing costs. It will also be posted on the district website. A few hard copies will be produced for those who do not have email or web access. Please contact Barb if you require a printed copy.

Barb will be announcing a date for new PC training, most likely in April. This will be a 2-3 hour training session designed to help all new PCs get up to speed on their new roles and responsibilities. There will be more to come on that training in the near future.

Barb also mentioned that Audrey Zirbel has been contacting members of the district to collect birthday information. She is doing this to allow us to publish the names of those having birthdays each month in our newsletter. Please help out Audrey when she calls.

Barb had one final announcement. She wished to congratulate Linda Rizzo who had worked very hard for David Schweikert during his campaign. Linda was offered and accepted a paid position as David's scheduler.

Prior to the Treasurer's report, Doug Little delivered a brief update on the status of the criminal investigation of Rex Routh, the former District 8 Treasurer that was charged with embezzling funds from the district. After speaking with the investigating officer at the Scottsdale Police Department, Doug stated that Mr. Routh was mirandized and confessed to all charges. The results of the investigation were submitted to the County Attorney's office for further action. Doug said he would continue to monitor the situation and report back with any future updates.

Chairman Ward asked Joan Parker to deliver the Treasurer's Report. As part of that report, Joan walked the membership through the proposed 2011 budget. Since there were no budgets during 2009 and 2010, she used the 2008 budget as a basis for developing the current one. An effort was made to be extremely conservative to insure that we would not see any surprises from a financial standpoint. There were several questions asked and answered regarding specific line items contained in the budget. As currently constituted, the budget is 'break even' but it is hoped that more success in fund raising and collection of PC donations will result in a surplus.

Joan encouraged every PC to make their annual donation to the district. The suggested donation is \$30 for each PC or \$50 for each PC couple. Any larger donations are extremely welcome.

Chairman Ward asked to a motion to adopt the current budget.

Larry Hagen, chair of the Finance Committee made a motion that his committee have the opportunity to review and discuss the budget prior to approval. Chairman Ward stated that it was necessary to get the budget approved quickly in order for the district to be able to conduct its business and that waiting another month would be impractical. A friendly amendment was offered to the motion that allowed the budget to be passed, pending review by the Finance Committee and that any proposed revisions would be discussed and voted on at the next general meeting of the district. That motion, as amended, was seconded and approved without opposition.

Joan proceeded to discuss the January 31st, 2011, Financial Statement. The balance in the District account was \$6349. During the month of January we took in \$400 and spent \$582. Of these expenditures, \$500 was a deposit for the Legislative Breakfast at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Our balance at the end of January was \$6,167.

Boe James was then recognized to introduce our guest speaker for the evening, Tom Morrissey, our new State Republican Party Chairman. Before beginning his remarks, Tom awarded the "Rookie of the Year" award to our own Precinct Committeewoman, Marilyn Higgins of Fountain Hills. Congratulations to Marilyn for this well deserved and highly prestigious award.

For those who missed the meeting, Doug Little has a recording (not great quality but definitely

listenable) of Chairman Morrissey's remarks. Contact Doug via email if you are interested in receiving a copy of the recording.

After Chairman Morrissey's remarks, a question came from the membership regarding the necessity of using 'index cards' to ask questions of our various guest speakers. Some felt that there might be some 'filtering' of questions and wanted the ability to ask questions freely. Others felt that it prevented some questioners from making long 'statements' that did not actually involve any questions. There was considerable disagreement about how this should be handled. Boe James and Chairman Ward both stated that the intention was strictly to maintain the flow of the meeting and avoid redundant questions and there was never any effort to filter or censor any questions. Chairman Ward stated that based on comments from the membership, we would discuss the issue at the next board meeting and report back with recommendations at the next general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25pm.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

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| Beginning bank balance-02/01/11 |               | \$ 6,167.25        |
| Deposits:                       |               |                    |
| Contributions                   | \$635.00      |                    |
| Name badges                     | <u>90.00</u>  | 725.00             |
| Checks issued:                  |               |                    |
| Name badges                     | \$ 79.04      |                    |
| Printing                        | 226.08        |                    |
| Rent: meeting room              | <u>229.50</u> | (534.62)           |
| Ending bank balance-02/28/11    |               | <u>\$ 6,357.63</u> |

The following PC's have made a voluntary contribution during the month of February, 2011:

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| Shirley Cordasco       | Silvano DiFonzo, Jr     |
| Leona Johnston         | Bill & Barbara McMullen |
| Michael Lynch          | Roberta Henrickson      |
| Susan Kay Schultz      | Valerie Giramberk       |
| Michael & Marta Maroon | Robert Isbell           |

Three PC's have joined our **Chairman's Level** during the month of February:

Audrey Zirbel  
Brenda Burns  
Warren & Joan Parker

Other **Chairman Level** members are:

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

Thank you all for your support.

## STATE REPORT

No report.

## COUNTY MEETING REPORT

The Maricopa County Republican Lincoln Day Luncheon will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the El Zaribah Shrine, 552 North 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix. This is the same place the County Meeting was held in January. Congressman Trent Franks will be the guest speaker. More information to follow soon.

## FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting is the club's annual fundraising breakfast on March 26th. Former Congressman John Shadegg will be the keynote speaker. As a fundraiser, this breakfast has a charge of \$15 per person and reservations are needed. Reservations can be made by sending \$15/person to the Fountain Hills Republican Club at PO Box 17814, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269-7814. Please make your reservation by March 21st.

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 February 19th meeting featured former State Treasurer Dean Martin as the keynote speaker. He gave a great presentation and the assembled members asked many questions and wished they had more time. Also on the agenda was the election of officers for 2011/12. Boe James was re-elected President, Town Councilman Tait Elkie, Bruce Hansen, Edith Stock and Nancy Ordowski were elected as First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

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](mailto: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/FHRepublican>.

Shane F. Krauser a renown speaker, Constitutional Law professor and fire arms expert who spoke at the club's January meeting was so well received that the club is arranging for several Saturday classes on the Constitution to be taught by him. The first class will be April 23rd in the Fountain Hills Community Center.

The sessions will be free for FHRC members and cost \$5 for non-members. All attendees will receive a copy of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. More information about Shane Krauser can be found at <http://kforcevanguard.com/speaking.html>.

## District 8 Birthdays

### *March 2011 Birthdays* *From* *Audrey Zirbel*

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: *Effie Gross and Joanna Hagan*

March 4<sup>th</sup> *Linda Brown, Edward Podolak and The Honorable David Schweikert*

March 6<sup>th</sup> *Kerry Burke, Judy Van Keuren*

March 10<sup>th</sup> *Warren Goodrich*

March 11<sup>th</sup> *Betty Thompson*

March 13<sup>th</sup> *Brian O'Donnell*

March 14<sup>th</sup> *Gregory Larson*

March 16<sup>th</sup> *Dennis Matha*

March 17<sup>th</sup> *Colleen Goodrich*

March 22<sup>nd</sup> *Jim Nachbar*

March 23<sup>rd</sup> *Sherry Cornillie*

March 26<sup>th</sup> *Charles Cover and Warren Parker*

March 27<sup>th</sup> *Gail Bauchmoyer*

March 29<sup>th</sup> *Diana Mettillie*

March 30<sup>th</sup> *Ron Holler and Robert Isbell*

March 31<sup>st</sup> *Debra Hay*