



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – May 2010

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District Meeting – May 13, 2010

7:00 PM - Mustang Library

10101 North 90th Street (south of the Hospital)

The program for the evening will be a forum to hear the candidates for the Arizona House of Representatives from District 8.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM BURKE

It was great to see such a good turnout for the Legislators Breakfast. Once again Shirley Cordasco did a fantastic job of planning. She was assisted by Paula Linker, Bruce Linker, Linda Rizzo, Vera Hemminger, Susan Wheeler and Rex Routh. Thank you!

One of the high points of the Breakfast was the gubernatorial forum. We were able to hear the thoughts of three of the candidates for governor. Buzz Mills, Dean Martin, and John Munger were all very articulate about their perspectives and visions. We ended the forum by having them each ask another candidate a question. This was very interesting as it allowed us to better understand the differences between the candidates. It was done in an informative way and did not involve mud-slinging.

This kind of informative debate is exactly what the Republican Party needs during this important primary. More people are frustrated than ever with the performance of the Democrats. Their non-participatory style of pushing their liberal agenda on the American people has justifiably turned voters away from them. In many races the Republicans have the election to lose.

If we allow the campaign to go into the mud, we will play into the hands of the Democrats. We all need to keep this in mind. The responsibility to keep things on the high ground should not only rest with the candidates, but with each of us. By cutting down a candidate to our neighbors that might eventually end up winning the primary only hurts our

chances of winning the general election. Please let's all of us keep this primary campaign one that we can be proud of. Remind not only our candidates of this objective, but our fellow PCs.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – TRACY MUNSIL

Thanks to all of you who have already turned in your PC paperwork to qualify for the ballot in the Aug. 24 primary.

If you haven't turned in your paperwork – *THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!* We will be collecting completed PC petitions and affidavits at the May 13th meeting. To make it even more convenient, we will have notaries at the meeting to notarize your affidavit. 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.

If you have questions about the process, need help gathering signatures, or are unable to get to the May 13th meeting to turn in your paperwork, please contact any member of the PC membership committee: Tracy Munsil, Donna Reagan, Linda Brown, Barb McMullen, Judy Eisenhower, Susan Godfrey, and Harold Denomme. We will be happy to get you walking lists, arrange to have your paperwork picked up, answer any questions you might have or help solve any issues that arise.

District 8 Adds 36 Precinct Committeemen for 2011-2012

The new Maricopa County Recorder PC quota for District 8 has increased to 531 precinct committeemen (up from the current 495) – which means we have an additional 36 PC slots to fill for the coming 2011-2012 term. The new PC slots are distributed throughout the District, according to population growth. You can see new PC quotas at: <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/web/signatures.aspx>. If you know of individuals who are interested in becoming a PC – especially in precincts that have been full in the past – be sure to let a member of the PC membership committee know as soon as possible, so we can get the paperwork completed in time to appear on the August primary ballot.

Calling All Republican Women Leaders!

Are you interested in participating in a top-notch political training and networking program? Are you excited about the possibility of increasing both your effectiveness and your influence in Arizona politics? 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, answer any questions, and even help you with your application. Please consider taking advantage of this amazing leadership program – designed specifically for Arizona Republican women.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – CHAD WILLEMS

This month's meeting will feature the District 8 candidates running for the Arizona House of Representatives. Those who have confirmed their attendance and participation are Paul LoBianco, Rep. John Kavanagh, Dr. Ray Mahoubi, Paula Pennypacker, Michelle Ugenti and Eric Ullis. Candidate Michael Blaire will be attending his daughter's graduation from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES - LINDA BROWN, SECRETARY

There were no minutes filed by Secretary Linda Brown because of our annual breakfast.

TREASURER'S REPORT – REX ROUTH

The financials will be distributed at our May 13th meeting.

STATE REPORT – DONNA REAGAN

Nothing to report at this time from the State.

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – BOE JAMES

At the April FHRC meeting, State Treasurer and AZ Governor Candidate Dean Martin opened the meeting with a short presentation.

Thereafter, the approximately 84 members present questioned the 7 of the 8 candidates for the LD - 8 House seats using the speed dating format. Each candidate was allowed 90 seconds to make introductory comments and then rotated through the 7 tables every 7 minutes. Candidates and the membership both enjoyed and appreciated this unusual format which allowed a much greater one-on-one exchange of ideas.

The 7 candidates present were: Michael Blaire, Paul Lo Bianco, John Kavanagh, Ray Mahoubi, Paula Pennypacker, Michelle Ugenti, and Eric Ullis. Jim Rich was absent due to a prior commitment.

Governor Jan Brewer is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for FHRC's May 15th meeting. Margaret Dugan candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction is also scheduled to speak to the club membership.

All LD 8 members are invited to all Fountain Hills Republican Club activities. FHRC meetings are an excellent way to meet and greet candidates and to learn more about their positions on the issues. All regular meetings are free.

Besides FHRC meetings, Fountain Hills has been the location for much political activities. The Fountain Hills Tea Party Patriots have met several times and held one march at the State Capitol. Sheriff Joe Arpaio and Candidates JD Hayworth, Dr. Chris Salvino, David Schweikert, Jim Ward, Bill Montgomery, Susan Bitter Smith and others have appeared at fund raisers in Fountain Hills.

Councilman-elect Tait Elkie continues to prepare himself for office and welcomes fellow LD 8 PC's to his swearing in ceremony June 3 at the Fountain Hills Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

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