



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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Jim Ward, Chairman 480- 371-7820

The Lincoln Link – May, 2011

Judy Eisenhower, Distributor

District Meeting – May 12, 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

We have had a great couple of months. I want to personally thank our First Vice Chairman, Barb McMullen, for putting together a great PC training session. Over 100 of you got involved and the event was a great success. In addition, we have grown the number of PC's in our district as you will see in Barb's report. But, we still have over 150 positions to fill. I urge you to make sure that each precinct is full. Go out and recruit so that we may meet our goal.

I'd also like to thank Shirley Cordasco and the entire Annual Breakfast team for knocking it out of the ballpark. We had record attendance and a great time overall. Thank you all for participating and helping our overall cause.

Please continue to stay involved, bring your friends to our meeting and maintain this great momentum. We are not out of the woods. As Congressman Schweikert pointed out, we only control one house and are far way away from driving an agenda to save our country. One way you can still help is to volunteer for our committees. We need all the help we can get.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the precinct committeeman training sessions last month. Over 100 of you either attended at the Civic Center Library in Scottsdale or at the Fountain Hills Community Center.

For those of you who would like to obtain maps of your precincts, you can do so by going to the County Recorder's website: <http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov/>

1. Go to the toolbar **“Elections”**
2. Open it and then go to **“District Maps”**.
3. Once you open District Maps select **‘Preformatted Maps’**.
4. Select **“Voting Precincts”**
5. Find your precinct on **“Map This Precinct-By Name”**.

We continue to grow our ranks and now number 331 Precinct Committeemen. Since we didn't have a newsletter in April we have quite a few new PC's to introduce. Please welcome our new members.

March: Guy Phillips, Cocopah; Corazon Phillips, Cocopah; Al Rodriguez, McCormick West; Tim Sifert, Pecos; Susan Burwell, McCormick West; Phillip Demeree, McCormick West; Ron Harnish, McCormick East; Judy Lewis, DC Ranch; John Piantek, DC Ranch; and Allen Schodde, Pinnacle Vista.

April: Kathryn Bernhardt, West World; Paul Hawes, McCormick East; Marc Paquette, Sentry; Gloria Demeree, McCormick West; William Bovinette, Fountain Hills 9; Dennis Contino, Fountain Hills 2, Janet Johnston, Fountain Hills 9, Bill Millico, Granite Mountain; Mollie Milne, Pueblo; and Judith Perron, Fountain Hills 4.

We've also said good-bye to some. Ruth Ann Mulvihill, Sera Brisa, has started a new adventure and will be living in Turkey. Shirley King, Westworld, has moved out of state and Warren Goodrich, Granite Mountain, has decided to be less active. They will be missed.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

Congressman David Schweikert was the keynote speaker at the District's well attended annual breakfast last Saturday. Shirley Cordasco and her team of volunteers once again did a great job - as expected - and we had a wonderful breakfast and speech. We will probably have Congressman Schweikert back as a speaker in the future when our mutual schedules allow.

Our next meeting on May 12th will feature our three LD 8 legislators. Representatives Michelle Ugenti and John Kavanagh, and Senator Michele Reagan have all agreed to come give us a legislative update. **This meeting will be at the Scottsdale Civic Center library.**

Constitutional scholar and renown speaker Shane Krauser will be our June 9th speaker. More information can be found at <http://kforcevanguard.com/speaking.html>. You should consider bringing your

personal copy of the Constitution 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. Stay tuned for details.

As I have mentioned in the last two newsletters, PC training is high on your leadership's priority list for the year. Active and well trained PC's are essential to ensure election of Republicans at all levels of government from Town or City to County, State and National in 2012. Barbara McMullen organized a very informative PC training session on Saturday, April 2nd. This was a great learning experience. Thanks to Barb and all those who presented or participated. For those who were unable to attend that session, there was an abbreviated training session in Fountain Hills 10 days later arranged by Area Director Evelyn Munn and conducted by Anne and Royce Flora. Within a smaller more intimate setting, this also was a great training session. Although most attendees were from Fountain Hills, there were a number of attendees from other precincts within our District. We will let you know when and where the next training session will be.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

Chairman Jim Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05pm. Dr. C. T. Wright led the 73 members present in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided an opening prayer.

As part of the Chairman's Business, Chairman Ward asked Doug Little to provide a report of the Communications Committee. A copy of the Communications Committee report has been attached to these minutes.

The next order of business was a report on the upcoming Legislative Breakfast by Event Committee Chair, Shirley Cordasco. Shirley discussed the silent auction, live auction and bake sale. She confirmed that David Schweikert would be the guest speaker for the breakfast and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chairman Ward then discussed an additional item of Chairman's business regarding the manner in which questions would be asked of guest speakers during the District's general meetings. After briefly reviewing the board discussions about this, he announced his decision to stick with the current index card system of asking questions. He provided his personal assurance that all questions would be considered and presented without any attempt to filter questions or pull potentially difficult questions.

Paula Linker was then asked to come up and provide the report for the 1st Vice Chairman since Barb McMullen was in Washington, D.C. Paula stated that as of now, we have 320 Precinct Committeemen in the District. There are several more in the process of being approved.

New PCs since the last meeting include:

Rich Rutkowski – Fountain Hills 8

Dorisanne Delong – Mountain Vista

Sherri Smith-Dodgson – McCormick East

Robert Glovitz -- Cocopah

Andy Jacobs -- Pima

Janet Johnson – Fountain Hills 9

Susan Kay Schultz – Sera Brisa

Tim Siefert – Pecos
Liz Mascot – Meadow Hills

Paula also discussed the upcoming PC training on April 2nd at the Civic Center Library in Scottsdale. She stated it would be the most comprehensive PC training course ever offered by the District and encouraged everyone to attend if at all possible. Registration begins at 10am with the training to begin at 10:30am. Chairman Ward urged everyone to attend.

The PC manual was distributed electronically on February 9th and was available to all PCs now. If anyone needs a hard copy, please contact either Barb or Paula to receive one.

Chairman Ward then brought up the fact that at the February general meeting the 2011 budget was approved pending review of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee met to review the budget and Kathy Littlefield will provide a report from the committee since the Chair, Larry Hagan was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Kathy Littlefield then read the report of the committee. The committee met on March 2nd at Larry Hagen's home. Joan Parker, District Treasurer was present at the meeting. The committee's findings were as follows: The committee found that based on the available information from 2008, 2009 and 2010, it was the opinion of the committee that the proposed 2011 District budget used reasonable assumptions in terms of both expected revenues and expected expenses. As such, the committee did not make any recommendations for changes other than to clarify descriptions of expense items found in the budget. The District Treasurer will make the appropriate adjustments based on the Finance Committee recommendations. Chairman Ward stated that the Board accepted and approved the recommendations of the committee on March 8th at the last Board meeting.

Joan Parker then provided the District Treasurer's Report. Based on the February 28, 2011 bank statement, the District took in \$725, spent \$534 with a resulting net income of \$190. At the end of the month there was \$6,357 in the bank account. There were no questions. She also encouraged everyone to make his or her voluntary contribution for 2011. Some had asked if they received credit for contributions made in the last quarter of 2010 towards a 2011 contribution. Joan confirmed that they did get credit for those contributions but encouraged everyone to also contribute again in 2011.

Boe James was then recognized to introduce our guest speaker, Secretary of State Ken Bennett. Secretary Bennett served 4 terms in the State Senate from District 1; served as Senate President for 4 years. He was appointed Secretary of State in 2009 and in 2010 was elected to his own term as Secretary of State.

Secretary Bennett then delivered his well-known budget speech that explains the Arizona State Budget and uses Kleenex boxes as visual aids to help viewers understand how the money is being spent. The entire presentation can be viewed online at: <http://vimeo.com/17611023?ab>

After numerous questions at the end of the presentation, Chairman Ward thanked Secretary Bennett for coming and speaking to our District meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

Beginning bank balance-April 1, 2011 \$7,366.59

Deposits:

Contributions	\$ 100.00	
Legislative breakfast	2,025.00	
Silent auction/raffle	1,096.50	
Bake sale	115.00	
Name badges	<u>30.00</u>	3,366.50

Expenses:

Name badges	\$ 24.18	
Rental-meeting room	257.00	
Legislative breakfast	<u>1,889.65</u>	<u>2,170.83</u>

Ending bank balance-April 30,2011 \$8,562.26

EXPENSES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST ARE STILL COMING IN SO I WILL HAVE A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING NEXT MONTH.

We wish to thank the following PC's for making their voluntary contributions during the months of March and April, 2011:

Hugh Henry
Carole Klein
Judy Eisenhower
Linda Rizzo
Joyce Schweikert

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting, Saturday, May 21st (Armed Forces Day) will feature Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu as the keynote speaker. The club's June 18th meeting will feature Congressman David Schweikert and his budget presentation. The Club's annual picnic will be October 15th in Golden Eagle Park. Put this date on your calendar because you won't want to miss the fun.

All Fountain Hills Republican Club meetings are open to all LD - 8 PCs, prospective PCs, 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 March 26th breakfast meeting featured former Congressman John Shadegg as the keynote speaker. He gave a great presentation and the assembled members asked many questions and wished they had more time. Congressman Shadegg stayed afterwards for almost an hour answering individual questions. Also on the agenda was the awarding of the club's "Republican of the Year" award. This year's award was presented to PC and Area Director Evelyn Munn.

The April 16th meeting featured County Attorney Bill Montgomery who gave a very interesting and informative talk.

The following weekend, on Saturday, the 23rd, Shane F. Krauser a renown speaker, Constitutional Law professor and fire arms expert gave the first of several Saturday classes on the Constitution.

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.

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>.

District 8 Birthdays – Audrey Zirbel

April 2011 Birthdays

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

April 6 th	Dee Dupont
April 6 th	Gerald Hackert
April 7 th	Judy Keane
April 8 th	Dawne Ward
April 9 th	Shirley Cordasco
April 18 th	Greg Heine
April 19 th	April Sessner
April 19 th	Andy Yates
April 20 th	Glen Hamer
April 23 rd	Alice Smith
April 28 th	Janet Achtzehn
April 28 th	The Honorable Rick Romley
April 29 th	Margaret Birikemo

MAY BIRTHDAY'S
THE DAY IS YOURS. MAKE IT EVERYTHING YOU WANT IT TO BE

May 1 st	Robert Glovitz
May 1 st	Joan Lang
May 1 st	Joy Russell
May 3 rd	Paula Pennypacker
May 4 th	Lisa Mahoubi
May 9 th	Amy Lucchesi
May 11 th	The Honorable Bob Littlefield
May 13 th	Frederica Sinclair
May 14 th	Leonard Mangini
May 17 th	Ray Wallage
May 18 th	Wendy Sue Mack
May 18 th	Chad Willems
May 22 nd	Margaret Ann Giles
May 25 th	James Gray
May 27 th	Susan Kay Schultz
May 29 th	Arlie Denomme
May 29 th	Arch McGill
May 29 th	Sally Wallage
May 30 th	Audrey Zirbel
May 30 th	Jack Zohar

LD8 Communications Committee March 9, 2011

Key Target Audiences:

1. Republicans in LD8
2. Current PCs
2. Potential PCs

Preliminary Communications Objectives

1. Motivate LD8 registered Republicans to get involved in supporting and contributing the GOP Party and candidates.
2. Increase LD8 Republicans awareness and knowledge of current political issues and candidates; local, state, national.
3. Motivate current PCs (meeting attendance, committee participation; donations; PC recruitment; get-out-the-vote).

4. Recruit new PCs while maintaining loyalty and enrollment of current PCs
5. Provide PCs with up-to-date information and tools.
6. Provide a platform for local, state and national Republican candidates

Preliminary Communications Strategies

1. Use the LD8 website and Facebook to:
 - . Motivate Republicans within the district
 - . Increase local Republican awareness and knowledge of political issues and candidates
 - . Recruit new PCs
2. Use the monthly newsletter, e-mail blasts and Twitter to motivate current PCs.
3. Drive traffic to the LD8 website via a promotional campaign.

Evaluate Current Communications Vehicles

1. Website (Proposed Survey)
2. Newsletter

Develop Preliminary Communications Plan

Agree To Final LD8 April 2011-November 2012 Communications Plan

1. Communications Objectives/Strategies/Tactics
2. Timetable
3. Resources
4. Budget
5. Measurements:
 - . Establish targets for monetary contributions, voter turnout, PC slots filled, and PC participation

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