



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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Jim Ward, Chairman 480- 371-7820

The Lincoln Link – November, 2011

Judy Eisenhower, Distributor

District Meeting – November 10, 2011

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

10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale

We're back! We start this month back at Mustang Library for our monthly meetings. The program for this month is Senate Candidate Doug McKee, Arizona Corporation Commission candidate Susan Bitter Smith and County Board of Supervisor candidate Steve Chucuri.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

This month marks our return to the Mustang Library! It's great to be back in our home and I hope, as a result, we'll have more of you in attendance.

For those of you who have attended our meetings for the past couple of months you know that redistricting has been a major topic of discussion and presentation. And, it looks as if redistricting, at least at the Congressional level, will still be in play given the recent actions by our Governor. Again, LD8, in an official capacity, is not allowed to lobby one way or the other as we will be viewed as biased in our approach. However, we as individual citizens can still attend meetings to push the community of interest agenda. Yet, as we discussed in our last meeting, the legislative district map has actually ended up in our favor so our energies should be focused on the Congressional re-districting.

In addition, I want to again remind you that we need volunteers to get out the vote in 2012. We still have not completely filled the rosters of our committees yet so please volunteer. In addition, please remember to pay your dues for this year, and you can get a head start on next year as we'll need the funds to finance our Get Out The Vote efforts.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

Our membership keeps growing and we now total 358 Precinct Committeemen. Please welcome our newest PC's Lorna Bennett, Fountain Hills 3 and Roger Stranyak, Desert Highlands. I am so proud of our District. We are entitled to 531 Precinct Committeemen and are at 67 % of that goal with 173 openings left. There are five precincts with no PC's, Canyon, Cielo, Continental, Moonset and Sandy Shores. If you know anyone who lives in these precincts let me know and we'll try to interest them in being appointed.

Campaign Activities are starting to gear up and you will start receiving petitions from various candidates. Please help them acquire signatures. You don't have to do it for every candidate if you don't want to, but do it for as many as you can. On October 27th I held a meeting at my home with the Area Directors to discuss "Get Out the Vote" (GOTV) activities for Legislative District 8. We are looking in the cost of having a campaign office and various other efforts such as door hangers and utilizing Social Media and the Internet to get the Republican message out and regain the White House. The Committee will start meeting monthly in January. If you have any ideas for campaign activities or want to be part of the planning, please contact me at barbmcmullen@cox.net.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

For the immediate future, we will be concentrating on candidates for election in 2012 since there will be both primary and general elections next year.

The confirmed speakers for the November 10th meeting are Senate Candidate Doug McKee, AZ Corporation Commission candidate Susan Bitter-Smith, and County Board of Supervisor candidate Steve Chucuri.

The meeting will once again be held at our old home in the Mustang Library which is much more convenient for many of us. Although District business related to PC's is a primary purpose, attendees need not be PC's to attend. so I encourage you to invite your politically aware neighbors go come here the candidates themselves. Bring a friend or two to each meeting if you can.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

At approximately 7:00pm, Chairman Jim Ward called the meeting to order. After introduction of several elected officials that were present at the meeting, the first order of business was the acceptance of the prior meetings minutes. Hard copies of the minutes were distributed to several people who wished to have a hard copy. A motion was made by Barb McMullen to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Kathy Littlefield. Minutes were approved.

Chairman Ward then recognized Scottsdale City Councilman Ron McCullagh to deliver the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman's Business

As an item of Chairman's business, Chairman Ward passed along a message from Donna Reagan on the topic of redistricting. He related that the Legislative District maps for Scottsdale and District 8 didn't end up being too far from the current structure of the District. It was suggested that as many of our members as possible might consider attending the next Scottsdale meeting of the commission to express our appreciation for their efforts on our behalf.

As another item of business, Chairman Ward reminded those present that a majority of our budget is based on voluntary contributions by the membership. There are suggested annual contributions of \$30 per individual or \$50 per couple.

He stated that Treasurer Joan Parker would be talking more about this a little bit later in the meeting, but he related that we are not nearly where we need to be on this year's collection and we would soon be beginning next year's collections as well. With 2012 being a critical election year, we need to insure that we have the resources necessary to support our election year activities.

Chairman Ward also announced that we have re-secured the Mustang Library location for our General meetings starting in November. We have secured reservations through the month of March 2012.

Jim also announced that at the District 8 Board meeting held on October 11, 2011, the Board selected John Strasser to represent District 8 on the AZ GOP Resolutions Committee. He further commented that we need many more people volunteering to assist us on the various committees. We will desperately need additional manpower to insure that we have sufficient resources during the upcoming election year. We need to also spread the word that we need people to be involved and attend our meetings. It is critical for people to attend and educate themselves on the issues that matter to us.

1st Vice President – Membership Report

Barb McMullen, 1st Vice President, provided her report on the current number of PCs in the District. As of 9/23/2011 we have 356 Precinct Committee members. This makes us the 2nd largest Republican district in Arizona in terms of membership. We currently have 179 openings that we need to try and fill.

Barb also related the fact that at last month's meeting a card for Audrey Zirbel was circulated to say "Thank You" for all of her years of service to the District. Audrey was greatly touched by the gesture and sent a letter of appreciation back to us. Barb read the letter aloud to the membership that was present.

Barb also announced a strategy meeting for the Area Directors at her home on October 27, 2011. The focus of this meeting will be the District's "get out the vote" plan. Once the plan is developed, the Area Directors will then be responsible for circulating the details of the plan to the Precinct Captains and PCs. She also stated that historically, District 8 has set up a campaign office after the primary during election years. In some cases funding has been available from the AZ GOP or other sources. Part of the purpose of the meeting is to determine the financial feasibility of a campaign office.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Parker was introduced by Chairman Ward to provide the Treasurer's Report. Joan wanted to reiterate Chairman Ward's earlier comment about the importance of the voluntary contribution to our District's financial health. She stated that with 356 PCs, if each one provided their contribution of \$30, we would have annual contributions of \$10,680.

So far this year we have only taken in \$1,730 in voluntary contributions. She stated that anyone wishing to make their contribution could see her later in the meeting or could mail it in to her if they wished. She also reminded everyone that the voluntary contribution form is available on the District website.

She reminded everyone that the suggested contribution for an individual is \$30, for a couple, \$50 or for the Chairman's Level the contribution is \$100. She also announced a contest for those wishing to make an early 2012 contribution. Anyone who contributes on or before December 10, 2011, would be eligible to participate in a drawing at the holiday party for a prize of \$40, which would pay for their holiday dinner. If the winner is not present, they will receive a cash prize.

Joan reported that we began September with a balance of \$7,975. We had \$190 in income and expenditures of \$90.50. The current account balance is \$8,074.90 as of the end of September.

Chairman Ward thanked Joan for her report. He also stated that he had received additional information from Bill Montgomery, our County Attorney, regarding the prosecution of our former Treasurer, Rex Routh, who has been accused of embezzling funds from our district. Thanks to the efforts of Joan Parker and Kathy Littlefield, financial records and documents have been pulled together and transmitted to the County Attorney which will allow the prosecution to move forward. Chairman Ward said he would keep us posted on future progress.

2nd Vice Chairman – Programs

Boe James, our 2nd Vice Chairman of Programs was unable to attend this meeting due to a schedule conflict. In his stead, Chairman Ward introduced our speakers for the evening.

The first speaker was John Kavanagh, one of our District 8 House Representatives. John discussed the redistricting process from a general perspective, how it works, how we got an Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee (AIRC) and what guidelines the AIRC is supposed to work under. He also talked about the way that the current Legislative District proposed map affects us.

The second speaker was John Mills who is an Arizona House Republican advisor and a Senior Policy Advisor on Redistricting. John provided some keen insights on the redistricting process, some of the internal workings of the AIRC. He also brought a deep understanding of the current efforts vs. the defined guidelines that the AIRC is supposed to work toward in terms of preserving geographic compactness and communities of interest. His presentation was stunning in its insights and provided an in-depth understanding of the process.

The third speaker for the evening was Michelle Ugenti, another of our District 8 House Representatives. She reiterated that the LD map that we ended up with was actually pretty good. She felt that the real battle was to address the way the Congressional Districts had been drawn. The particular issue raised was the inclusion of Fountain Hills and Rio Verde in a CD that also included Northern Yuma, Lake Havasu, Colorado City and Apache Junction. She felt that we needed to work hard to get the AIRC to put Fountain Hills back in a CD that made sense relative to communities of interest and geography.

The fourth speaker was Kevin Knight, District Director for David Schweikert. He summarized the fact that based on the best available information; the current CD map we are looking at is most likely going to be the map. He reiterated Congressman Schweikert's commitment to our LD and to his CD. He also announced that David and his family would be relocating to a home that they owned in Scottsdale to eliminate any issues regarding his residency in the proposed new Congressional District.

After the speakers, Chairman Ward recognized Shirley Cordasco to talk about our holiday dinner. She reminded us that the dinner was \$40 per person to get our reservations in early.

Jim Nachbar was recognized to give a report from the Communications Committee. He thanked everyone for their comments and invited everyone to continue to provide information so that he could keep the site up to date.

Linda Brown from the Voter Registration committee was recognized. She gave a report on the Voter Registration table that she organized for Scottsdale Community College in September. She recognized those volunteers who worked the drive. They were Gary Kapfer, Dawne Ward, Linda Davis, Gary Conrad and Linda Kapfer.

Linda also announced several opportunities for voter registration volunteers. Ed Hedges is heading up the voter registration for the Arizona State Fair in October. Contact him for more info. There is also a voter registration event on November 5th at Appaloosa Library in Scottsdale from 10am to 6pm. Contact Dee Dupont or Carol Runger if you wish to help with that one. There is another voter registration opportunity at the Fountain Hills Craft Fair on November 11-13th. Harold and Arlie Denomme are the people to contact for that event.

Chairman Ward adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Doug Little

Secretary, Legislative District 8 Republican Party

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

YOU COULD BE A WINNER



BE SURE YOU ARE ENTERED INTO THE DRAWING FOR A FREE

HOLIDAY DINNER. JUST PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY DUES FOR

2012 AND SEND THEM TO THE TREASURER BY DECEMBER 10, 2011.

YOU WILL THEN BE ENTERED TO WIN!

**DRAWING AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 13TH**

Thank you to the following PC's who have make their 2012 contribution during the month of October, 2011:

Gregory Larson	Marilyn Byerly
Judith Perron	Merrill & Barbara Moss
Catherine Chiang	Bill & Barbara McMullen
Rol Runger	Michael & Billie Lynch
Evelyn Munn	Yakov Zohar
Linda Davis	Archie & Jeanne McGill
Bill Camp	Linda Bobier
J.W. & M O'Connor	Andy Yates
Angela & Ian Jeffrey	Cristine Cole
John & Debra Hay	

A special thanks to our newest Chairman's Club members:

Anthea Dyer
Gary Conrad
Daniel Cole

**TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 31, 2011**

Beginning balance – October 1, 2011		\$8,074.90
Deposits:		
Contributions	\$ 950.00	
Name badges	<u>15.00</u>	965.00
Expenses:		
Name badges	119.45	
Rental-meeting room	90.50	
Contribution-TARS	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>(1,209.95)</u>
Ending bank balance – October 31,2011		<u>\$7,829.95</u>

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – Boe James

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting on Saturday, November 19th will feature Congressman (and Senate candidate) Jeff Flake. The December meeting will feature radio personality Mike Broomhead.

The Club's annual picnic on October 15th was a success with about 100 people in attendance. Sheriff Joe Arpaio was once again the keynote speaker. Other speakers included Congressman David Schweikert.

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., especially the October 15th picnic.

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.