



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

Web: www.d8azgop.org

Jim Ward, Chairman 480- 371-7820

The Lincoln Link – October, 2011

Judy Eisenhower, Distributor

District Meeting – October 13, 2011

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

3839 North Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale

Civic Center Library is our home for October and we will return to Mustang Library for our November meeting and all meetings thereafter. The meeting topic this month will be redistricting. Representatives Kavanagh and Ugenti and selected Legislative staff will conduct a forum on the redistricting process.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

As most of you know, I spent many years in the advertising business. One of the things I learned was that frequency was the only way to change behavior. You simply had to keep saying the same thing over and over and over again in order to get people to do something. So I'm going to beat the same drum over and over and over again.

We need you to volunteer for one of our committees. We will not win in the 2012 election cycle if you do not get involved beyond simply coming to our monthly meetings. Victory will not happen. Our committees right now are not fully staffed. The mechanisms to register voters, distribute literature, get out the word and the vote cannot happen unless we are well prepared and well staffed. You have responsibilities as elected PC's but as members of Legislative District 8 you are part of the organization that can create victory. But for that can happen you have to volunteer. Please volunteer for one of our committees. You can do that by contacting me or Doug Little our Secretary. Please go to our website at d8azgop.org/committees to see the available positions.

For those of you who attended our September meeting, I hope you enjoyed the updates on redistricting from Attorney General Tom Horne and State Senator Michele Reagan. If you didn't make the meeting make sure you come to our monthly meetings as this issue, in particular, will continue to be of great importance as the year progresses and we will be able to update you on the process and disposition of the IRC.

I look forward to seeing you at our October meeting and, more importantly, as newly minted volunteers on one of our committees.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

Our membership is now at 358 precinct committeemen. Barry Spiker from Fountain Hills 6 moved to Fountain Hills 2 where there are no openings at the present time so we had to submit a resignation form for him. If you live in a precinct where there are no openings and have neighbors who want to help in the 2012 election efforts, they will be welcome to man phones, address mailers and come to our meetings. Welcome to Maxine Decker, Fountain Hills 5 and Roger Stranyak of Desert Highlands.

Remember that there are tools on the District 8 website to help all of us grow the District. Go to the website: <http://d8azgop.org/> and click on Forms. Go to Precinct Quotas and Openings. Once there you can check your precinct and see if there are any openings for your friends and neighbors to be PC's in your precinct. If there is an opening and you have an individual who is interested, download the PC Appointment Form. Fill it out and send it to me. My address is: 9822 N. 77th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85258 or you can scan the form and send it to: barbmcmullen@cox.net or fax to 480-948-0673. If you are moving within the District, let me know and we can see whether there are any openings and you can be appointed in your new precinct. Utilize the PC Resignation Form to let me know. We will need to re- register you to vote as soon as possible in your new precinct.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

Our meeting this month will focus on redistricting, which is a very difficult process. Representatives John Kavangh and Michelle Ugenti as well as Legislative staff will conduct a forum on this process.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Ward at 7:00PM. Rev. C. T. Wright led the attendees in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers in attendance were Chairman Ward, Barb McMullen, Boe James, and Joan Parker.

Chairman Ward recognized elected officials in attendance: City of Scottsdale Vice-Mayor Bob Littlefield.

In absence of the Secretary, Chairman Ward invited discussion on the June 8, 2011 LD8 GOP meeting minutes. No comments being made, he motioned for approval of the minutes. Barb McMullen second. The June 8, 2011, minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman's Business: Chairman Ward questioned if anyone viewed the President's address to the nation? He asked the audience what are we going to do about the next election. He encouraged "Getting out the Vote" to

register Republicans and recommended PC's to join Committees listed on the website to better organize. He wants to see "an assault to victory."

Currently exploring Centennial Event (February 2012) for a Lincoln Day Dinner fundraiser. Senator Kyl has committed to be the keynote speaker. The district was planning to co-sponsor the event with LD17 but LD17 had to decline. Anyone interested in assisting the Event Planning Committee, contact Shirley Cordasco.

Tom Morrissey, AZ GOP Chair is looking to expand the state's database. The Chairman presented for discussion whether PCs are opposed to releasing their phone number and email account to the State GOP. A few attendees raised privacy concerns. Until further review, emails should not go beyond the district level. Contact Chairman Ward to share your point of view on the matter.

Chairman Ward provided an update on the LD8 Treasury investigation from the prior administration and stated that the County Attorney's office has found enough evidence to file a Count 1, Class 3 Theft charge.

First Vice Chair Report: Barbara McMullen advised that Audrey Zirbel, one of LD8's past Chair's and PC responsible for maintaining our Birthday list is retiring. A card for your signature to thank her for her years of service to the district will be passed around. Barb also indicated that PC Recruiting is alive and well! She stated we are the second largest district in the state with 347 PC's, including 24 new PCs.

Barb reiterated the events from the State Committeemen election and explained that for every 3 PCs we elect 1 PC. In November 2010, we elected 100 PCs, two of whom were tied. She further explained that the tie was between Vickie Overby and April Sessner. The mechanism in place for a tie was utilized and April Sessner was elected. However, one of the State Committeemen had to resign due to a recent move, and Vicky Overby was able to step in as State Committeemen.

Barb welcomed any strategies or ideas to be shared at the October meeting as it pertains to PC recruitment. She also advised that it has been customary for the district to set up a campaign office after the primaries. She suggested perhaps dovetailing with Congressman Schweikert's headquarters.

Chairman Ward awarded **Certificates of Appreciation** to: Harold Denomme, Marilyn Higgins and Shirley Bachman. He also announced that Senator Michele Reagan joined the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Joan Parker reported for July and August the amount on the books was \$8,814.00 plus \$380.00 deposits, minus \$1,219.00 expenses with a balance of \$7,975.00. Joan has copies of the Treasurer's Report for anyone interested.

Joan also encouraged members to send in their Contribution Forms. The contributions are \$30.00 for individual and \$50.00 for husband/wife and can be downloaded from the LD8 website. Joan advised that application for a fidelity bond has been made and the underwriters requested an audit report on policy measures made to the accounting as oversight. Those measures were provided by the audit committee of which was chaired by Laurence Hagan, and committee members, Kathy Littlefield and Linda Rizzo. Having been satisfied, a bond issued.

Committee Reports:

Special Events: Shirley Cordasco announced that the Holiday Event is scheduled for December 13 beginning at 6:30 PM, and will be held at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club.

Communications: James Nachbar informed attendees that the website has transitioned content to a new and improved platform. The new platform has a photo gallery available. Please visit the website at <http://d8azgop.org/>

Voter Registration: Linda Marie Brown invited volunteers to help out for a few hours with Voter Registration scheduled to be held at the Scottsdale Community College on September 15 beginning at 10am to 6pm.

Second Vice Chair: Boe James welcomed our guest speaker, Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne to the podium. He discussed a variety of topics from redistricting to setting forth his five points on “Promises Made, Promises Kept.” Relative to redistricting and the lawsuit recently announced, the Attorney General explained that the challenge stems from the “open meetings” requisite that requires public deliberations on certain action(s) taken by the IRC and that the IRC failed to take said action when contracting with an independent redistricting firm. He also discussed a referendum that requires evidence of citizenship to vote. As of today, no decision has been rendered to the challenges facing this measure.

The Attorney General reminded the audience that he served as a public servant as Superintendent of Public Instruction for eight years prior to being elected as Attorney General. During his campaign, his focused theme was “Promises Made, Promises Kept.” As Attorney General he pledged four promises:

1. Protect the Borders;
2. Strictly enforce laws to ensure safe homes and communities;
3. Create legal environment conducive to business; and
4. Consumer protections (emphasis on elderly).

Provisions in place to deliver Promises:

1. Failure to abide in the law will result in consequences
 - a. 400,000 crossing the Tucson border
 - b. 8-17% have a criminal record
 - c. a percentage of those apprehended are from the Middle East
 - d. Constitution expressly provides Federal responsibility to protect from foreign invasion
 - e. Federal government failing when considering the number of illegal foreigners
 - f. Cannot arbitrarily apply the law
 - g. Arizona must be compensated where Federal responsibility fails
2. Family Child law enforcement involved in secondary effects
 - a. convictions of violent offenders
3. Legal Environment
 - a. Success: lessen impositions on small business operators
 - b. Attorney General Horne shared a case that involved a civil rights violation that was imposed on a privately-held small business owner for failing to provide bi-lingual staff and literature
4. Consumer Protection
 - a. primarily elder abuse
 - i. abuses: physical or financial
 - b. instituted Task Force Against Senior Abuse (TASA)
 - ii. Hotline: 602.542.2124

Time was allowed for Questions and Answers. Attendees asked about the situation on the Ethnic Studies program of which they were referred to contact Superintendent Huppenthal's office. Currently, the school districts instituting ethnic studies and who are expressly found to be in violation of the authorized bill that prohibits will be in breach and fined 10% of their budget if not corrected by December 31, 2011.

Senator Michele Reagan discussed the IRC in greater detail as it pertains to LD8. Senator Reagan indicated that a requirement in selecting the independent redistricting firm is that they be unbiased and many assert that outside of failing to hold an open meeting the IRC erred as there is a conflict based on the firm's prior mapping contracts. She indicated that when redistricting there are certain criteria weighed in order to justify the proposed mapping. First, the district needs to remain competitive, community interest must be considered, protection of city and town boundaries to the extent possible, as well as consideration of school districts. Currently, Scottsdale and Fountain Hills, based on the proposed grid map are subject to shredding into four subcategories. The proposals, upon review, are disruptive to the community's interest at large, as well as school districts.

Senator Reagan encouraged attendees to visit the website for more information on the proposals and to submit a citizen comment (<http://www.azredistricting.org/>). The city is also reviewing the matter. Senator Reagan indicated that if redistricting is not settled prior to the election, that precincts will be "at the date, at the time" of signing the circulated petitions.

Chairman Ward invited Ed Hedges, LD15 GOP Chair to make an announcement regarding the State Fair. Chairman Hedges is recruiting volunteers to help register Republican voters. The Arizona State Fair will be October 14 to November 6. The fair will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Volunteering will provide you a free pass to the State Fair. Free parking is available but will be a little distance from the fairgrounds. Reduced parking rates will be available to volunteers that are closer to the fair. Interested volunteers may contact Chairman Hedges at (602) 274.8100. Chairman Ward thanked the guest speaker and attendees. The meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

Respectfully submitted
By Linda Marie Brown
On behalf of Doug Little, Secretary
September 20, 2011

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

Beginning bank balance, September 1, 2011		\$7,975.40
Deposits:		
Contributions	\$130.00	
Badges	<u>60.00</u>	190.00
Expenses:		
Rental: room		<u>90.50</u>
Bank balance, September 30, 2011		<u>\$8,074.90</u>

Thanks to the following PC's for making their voluntary contributions during the month of September:

Bob and Kathy Littlefield
Troy Roberts
Elizabeth Mascot

FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – Boe James

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's annual picnic will start at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 15 in Fountain Hill's fabulous Golden Eagle Park, 15900 E. Golden Eagle Boulevard, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Sheriff Joe Apraio is again the keynote speaker. Other elected officials, politicians and candidates are expected to be present. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow Republicans. Cost is \$15 per person. For reservations, please mail checks made out to Fountain Hills Republican Club to P.O. Box 17814, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269-7814 or e-mail FHRepublican@yahoo.com. For further information, visit <http://www.FHRepublicanClub.org> or call club president, Boe James at 480 588-7612.

Aizoma Corporation Commission Chairman Gary Pierce and Commissioner Bob Stump were the speakers at the September 17th meeting. Susan Bittersmith was also present and announced that she expected to be a candidate. Gary and Bob gave a great and well received presentation and answered questions. Bob Stump was particularly impressive.

The club's November speaker is Congressman (and Senatorial candidate) Jeff Flake. Radio personality Mike Broomhead will be the December speaker.

**Legislative District 8 Republican Club
Cordially Invites You to Its
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
Tuesday, December 13 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

Gainey Ranch Golf Club
7600 E. Gainey Club Drive, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258
\$40 Per Person

**Three Course Dinner: Baby Field Greens Salad;
Choice of Entree:
Chicken with Herb Stuffed Dressing or Grilled Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables and Scalloped Potatoes**

Please indicate your choice with your check....

Payment by November 26, Checks payable to
LD8 Republican Committee - Send to Shirley Cordasco,
7900 E. Princess Drive, #1279, Scottsdale, AZ 85255
(480)251-7031

Cash Bar, Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle