



# AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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

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### **District Meeting – September 8, 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 our home for September and we will return to Mustang Library for our October meeting and meetings thereafter.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD**

I trust everyone has had a productive and restful summer. However, given the backdrop of what is happening in Washington D.C., and, in particular, our economy, we are facing extreme challenges in this nation. Our future is not secure and it is essential that we come together and be prepared to take our nation back in 2012.

To that end, I hope everyone will join us at our next general meeting on September 8th at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library where we will begin to plan our approach for the next election cycle, in addition to gaining a better understanding of more local issues, in particular, redistricting efforts. The redistricting process is currently in place and there are many variables at play that will affect you directly. Our Legislative and Congressional district lines will change and it's important that you become as informed and educated as possible in order to speak together as one.

As a result, we have invited Attorney General Tom Horne, to update us on the process and the variations on mapping that exist today. Please make sure you attend and come prepared with questions you might have.

In addition, I'm pleased to announce that we will only be in the Civic Center Library for the months of September, October and November. Thanks to Doug Little, our Secretary, we were able to re-secure the Mustang Library so will be going home in February. But, please remember our September 8th meeting will be held at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library at 7 pm. I hope to see you there!

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

Audrey Zirbel who has been in charge of our birthday notices has decided to retire. Audrey is a past chairman of our district and ably organized our campaign offices. Whenever there was a job to be done, you always knew you could count on Audrey. I will have a thank-you card for Audrey at this month's meeting and hope that all who attend take the time to sign it and let Audrey know how much she is appreciated. If you would be interested in taking over the birthday notices for the newsletter, please let me know.

We definitely kept busy over the summer and our membership now totals 357. We also received recognition from the Maricopa County Republican Committee and being number 2 in PC recruitment.

Here are the names of those who have joined our ranks. Be sure to welcome them at our meeting.

### **May**

Linda Brown: *Meadow Hills*  
Robert Lettieri: *San Simon*  
Barbara Pearse: *Stage Coach*  
Merrill and Barbara Moss: *Sera Brisa*  
Abraham Hamadeh, *Mountainside*

### **June**

Robert and Barbara Hathorne: *Stagecoach*  
Frank O'Connor: *Mountain Vista*  
Mary Ann Allen: *Park Meadows*  
Ian Jeffrey: *Park Meadows*  
Michael Zingarelli: *Park Meadows*  
Cristine Cole: *Mountain Vista*  
Richard and Melinda Rice: *Mountain Vista*  
Susan Schweit: *Lakeside*  
Yvonne Cahill: *McCormick West*  
Troy Roberts: *Deer Canyon*

### **July**

Donna Reagan: *Mountainside*  
Judith Rutkowski: *Fountain Hills 8*  
Cathy Chiang: *Thornwood*  
Jennifer and Scott Barth: *Westworld*  
Panagiotis Zistas: *Sera Brisa*

### **August**

John Day: *Sentry*  
Norman Jacobs: *Stagecoach*  
Thelma Brown: *Deerview*  
Gloria Zappa: *Fountain Hills 6*

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES**

As we return from our summer hiatus and start the new political year, we will hear from Attorney General Tom Horne about a mostly misunderstood subject with many wrong rumors. That subject is redistricting. All of us think we know something about it, but few of us understand it. One authority on the subject is our Attorney General. He will clear up many rumors and let us know what is happening and how we as individuals and as PC's can do to affect the process. As a part of that discussion he will discuss the Voting Rights Act and the State's suite against the Federal government. Illegal immigration will most likely also be mentioned.

Once again this meeting **will be at the Scottsdale Civic Center** library. Bring a friend to the meeting. They don't have to be a PC to attend. See you Thursday.

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

June 9.2011

1. Call to Order - Chairman Jim Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm. After welcoming guests from LD 17, 20 and 21 who were visiting for the program, he commenced the business session. C. T. Wright delivered an opening prayer based on the song "God Bless America". Following the prayer, he also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of Elected Officials – Representative Michelle Ugenti, Constable Dan Ryan, Tempe City Council Member, Anne Heinz and Central Arizona Project Board Member Mark Lewis.
3. Secretary's Report – Asked for approval of the Minutes as written or changes. A motion to approve was moved and seconded, then approved by voice vote.
4. Awards – Several awards certificates were announced and presented at the meeting for Outstanding Precinct Committee members. Awards were given to Harold Denomme, Donna Reagan, Paula Linker, Bruce Linker, Shirley Cordasco, Katie Angelis, Shirley Bachman and Marilyn Higgins (who also was awarded Rookie of the Year).
5. Chairman's Report – Briefly mentioned his participation in a recent trip to observe carrier operations on the USS Stennis. He shared his experiences on the carrier and how those experiences with the young people aboard ship gave him a great deal of pride and good feeling about the quality of our younger generation.
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman's Report – Barb announced that as of June 8, 2011, we have 340 elected and appointed PCs in District 8. There are still 191 vacancies that need to be filled. She thanked everyone involved in the recruiting effort for all his or her hard work. She also reminded the Precinct Captains to be sure to contact new PCs after they receive notice of their appointments to welcome them. New PCs since our last meeting include:
  - a. Judith Perron – Fountain Hills 4
  - b. Linda Brown – Meadow Hills
  - c. Robert Lettieri – San Simon
  - d. Barbara Pearse – Stagecoach
  - e. Merrill Moss – Sera Brisa
  - f. Barbara Moss – Sera Brisa
  - g. Abraham Hamadeh – Mountainside
  - h. Frank O'Connor – Mountain Vista

Chairman Ward thanked Barb for all of her efforts and emphasized how successful recruiting has been under her leadership. District 8 as recruited the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of PCs statewide since the beginning of this term.

7. Treasurer's Report – Joan stated that the month of May was a quiet month. We started the month with \$8,562 and took in \$385. Most of the income was remnants that came in from the Legislative Breakfast.

There was \$132 in expenses for the month. Our total balance as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, was \$8814.85. She also presented the financial statement for May 2011, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. Shirley Cordasco – Special Events – Our Holiday event will occur December 13, 2011, at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club.
- b. Boe James – By-Laws – Anyone interested in joining the by-laws committee, please contact him.
- c. Jim Nachbar – Communications – Thanked everyone for the comments, new website is under development.
- d. Linda Brown – Voter Registration – 3.1 million people in Arizona only 55% turnout in the last election. LD 8 turnout was about 54%. LD 8 has 58,000 registered Republicans, 29,000 registered Democrats and 41,000 other. We have 76 precincts, we need to get more registered Republicans to make a difference.

9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman's Report – Introduced Shane Krauser as our guest speaker who will deliver a presentation on the Constitution.

Special Announcements – Honey Marques was recognized and introduced the Arizona Mainstream Project (AMP). AMP is offering a series of courses to attendees who will help educate them on the Constitution, Foreign Policy, Media, Right of Crime Victims, Communism and many other topics of interest. She encouraged PCs to participate. She also announced that October 22<sup>nd</sup>, AMP would hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Patriot's Banquet. More information about both programs is available at:  
<http://www.arizonamainstreamproject.org>

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

## TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

This report covers the months of June, July and August 2011:

Beginning bank balance – June 1, 2011		\$8,814.85
Deposits:		
Contributions	\$230.00	
Name badges	<u>150.00</u>	380.00
Expenses:		
Name badges	65.45	
Rental: room/equip	407.00	
Holiday party:deposit	500.00	
Insurance	<u>247.00</u>	( 1,219.45)
Ending bank balance-August 31, 2011		<u>\$7,975.40</u>

I would like to thank the following PC's for making their voluntary contribution during the months of June, July and August:

Yvonne Cahill/Joseph Junker  
John & Diane Piantek  
Angela Ashley/Ian Jeffrey  
Robert Lettieri

## **FOUNTAIN HILLS NEWS – Boe James**

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting on Saturday, September 17th will feature AZ Corporation Commission Chairman Gary Pierce and Commissioner Bob Stump. The Club's annual picnic will be October 15th at 4 p.m. in Golden Eagle Park. Don't miss it; put this on your calendar. Sheriff Joe Arpaio is once again the keynote speaker. The November 19th FHRC meeting will feature Congressman (and Senate candidate) Jeff Flake.

Although the Fountain Hills Republican Club had no formal meetings, it did remain active during the summer. All High School graduates received a personal letter from their Precinct Captain or a PC in their precinct. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. On Independence Day the club sponsored a Fun and Food on the 4th event in Fountain Park with free hot dogs and water. Snow cones, cotton candy soft drinks and chips were also available. Several hundred people attended and the club received good publicity in the local paper. Constitutional scholar and lecturer, Shane Krauser, made his third appearance in Fountain Hills with another seminar on the Constitution. The specific topic of this presentation was "Who Wins: Public Safety or Individual Rights?" Almost 100 people turned out on the Saturday for the presentation. Several letters to the editor praised the presentation. The club is also sending postcards to service members in the war zones.

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](mailto:FHRepublican@yahoo.com) or 480 588-7612.