



PIMA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

January 2015

2015

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NEXT ISSUE
STANDING
COMMITTEES

Thursday, January 22nd, 2015
Dinner Meeting at
La Paloma Country Club, 3660 E Sunrise Dr
Social time 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm

Deborrah Miller, from the ***Marijuana Harmless Think Again***

Organization will be our featured speaker. As this issue is being dealt with by each state we need to be knowledgeable, as outside groups are trying to make inroads into our state. No matter what side of this issue you side with, at least come and hear the facts in this presentation. This will be an informative dinner meeting so we can be a well-armed block of voters and activists

Menu Options -

Asiago Crusted Chicken with Wild Mushroom Cream Sauce, Served with Roasted Garlic Whipped Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables OR Grilled Mahi Mahi with Chili Lime Essence, Served with Cilantro Pecan Pesto Rice & Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee/Decaf/Hot Tea on Request

The cost is \$25.00 per person. When reservations are called in please make your meal selection at that time. Social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner served at 6 p.m. NOTE: We are at the Country Club - not the resort! RSVP to Wendy Reuter at 548-1323 wendyr60@cox.net by

Monday, January 19th.

PAY AT THE DOOR—MAKE CHECKS OUT TO PCRWC
A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope your Christmas / Hannukah festivities were joyous and that you are energized for another wonderful year. This is the time of year when we take a little more time to count our blessings and I want you to know that I count the members of PCRWC as one of the many blessings in my life. I have learned so much from many of you, been inspired and encouraged, laughed a lot and mourned some losses, and look forward to the years ahead of friendship and sisterhood in this Club.

I want to take a minute to remind us of a few members who passed away in 2014: Ginnie Davies, with her dry wit and great stories, Joan Richardson, with her elegance and ability to handle things with grace, and former members, Jeannette Lasch, with her sense of humor and showmanship in our fun parties in the past and Melinda Carrell, one of our go-to-women in Congressman Kolbe's office. They will all be missed.

Even though it is not a regular campaign year, we will be busy helping with the National Convention of Republican Women in Phoenix next September and gearing up for the long awaited Presidential election in 2016. I hope you will continue to support your Club's efforts in this regard and I thank you for your encouragement.

Membership

Susan Sims Smith

Membership renewal time is here. We kicked off our membership drive at the Silver Tea and are preparing to submit the 1st Quarter report to AzFRW. If you have not renewed yet, please be prepared to pay the \$25 renewal fee to Susan Smith at the Dinner meeting (or you can mail it to her). See the application on page 7. The cutoff for first quarter reporting is January 15th. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our club, the initial membership fee is \$30.

Please bring your interested friends to our meetings or any of the events that we put together. Many new members joined after attending our 90th Birthday Party Fundraiser as they saw how much fun Republicans can really have when they let their hair down a little. They will find a life-long, friendly affiliation with Republican Women who are striving to save the American way of life that we hold dear to us.

Hospitality and Arrangements

1st VP— Wendy Reuter

Ladies,

It's a new year! As your 1st VP/ Hospitality & Reservations Chair, please help me with reservation process as follows:

- 1) Reservations must be received by me no later than the Monday before the meeting by 5pm (January 19, 2015).
- 2) Any Reservation received thereafter is subject to availability of food at the Monthly Meeting
- 3) Please include your menu choice. Any reservations without menu selection will be selected for you.
- 4) My Reservation contact information is: 548-1323 or wendyr60@cox.net

I thank you in advance for your assistance with this request!

I wish for us all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



Silver Tea Party

A BIG Thank You to all the Ladies (& Men) who attended and brought food & drink to the Silver Tea making it a most lovely event. I want to specially thank the following ladies who were on the committee: Lauren Blevins, Linda Grissom, Mary Preble, Susan Sims Smith & Tiana Smith. Also, we thank Jeanie Merideth very much for opening her home, once again, to host our Silver Tea. I wish for us all a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year in 2015. **Wendy Reuter, Silver Tea Chairman**

AZFRW STATE MEETING

The Winter Meeting of AzFRW will be held Friday and Saturday, February 27th—28th in Tucson at the Radisson Inn on Speedway near Wilmot. There will also be a fundraising event on Thursday evening, the 26th, at the Gaslight Theatre. The show is The Ballad of Two Gun McGraw and will be \$20 per person with limited reserved seating. This is a fun event and sells out quickly. The reservation form for the meeting is not yet on the website but you can check it out in the next few weeks. Cutoff for special room rate reservation is January 27th if you plan to stay onsite for this meeting. For more information visit the website at AzFRW.com.



Lauren Blevins at the last State Meeting doing her best to win the Bling Contest

MELP DONATIONS**WENDY REUTER**

The Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Project is an ongoing NFRW activity that most clubs participate in. We kicked off our book donations at the Silver Tea and will continue to collect books in the coming months. Books can be new or very gently used and would best be inspirational to readers. Biographies or patriotic stories, whether fiction or non-fiction will work well. Each year we select a beneficiary and this year these books will be donated to Tanque Verde School District. Please bring the books to the General Membership or Board meetings or contact Wendy Reuter to make a donation.

VETERAN'S DONATIONS**ANN KELLISON**

Another area that we, as a club, will be donating this year is to veteran patients at the VA Hospital. Ann Kellison is coordinating this effort. A comprehensive list of items that we will be collecting is below:

Phone cards, baseball hats, back scratchers, fleece blankets, watches, gloves, disposable cameras, book lights, audio books on CD, AM/FM radios with headsets, CD players with headset, puzzle books, playing cards, hand and body lotions, shaving cream, lip balm, coffee supplies, comb/brushes, shaving cream, writing paper and envelopes, toothbrushes, nail clippers, deodorant, stamps, and the list goes on. The veterans will be certainly appreciate our donations.

STATE COMMITTEEMEN DO YOU HAVE A TICKET TO RIDE?

If you are attending the State Meeting as a State Committeeman, or just want to attend as a guest, the Pima County Republican Party has chartered a bus to Grace Community Church on Saturday, January 24, 2015. There will be two (2) stops for pick-up in the early morning - one at the Park Place Mall and the second stop at the Foothills Mall; time of pickup will be determined by the number of passengers at each location. The return trip will also disembark at these same two locations. Additionally, we will make a stop on the return trip to "grab" a late lunch after the meeting. Price of the lunch is not included. Location for lunch will be determined later.

The cost for each passenger is \$25 for the roundtrip. This bus will only go ***IF*** we meet the minimum of 40 passengers, although the bus has a 54 passenger capacity. We plan on having a good time so please contact Linda White at 321-1492 at Pima GOP Headquarters or hq@pimagop.org with your reservation NO LATER THAN Monday, January 12, 2015.

Who wouldn't want to join?
Penny MacArthur, Treasurer 2014 and Susan Sims Smith, Membership 2015 were poised to sign us up.



Signing in are members Cynthia Coleman, Lou-Ann Preble and their guest Jackie Schwager, with member Sherry Potter in the background. Editor's note—Mrs. Schwager is my aunt, godmother and matriarch to numerous other Tucson Prebles.



Left — Silver Tea Chairman, Wendy Reuter, greeting good friends.

Below Left to right — Gabriela Saucedo Mercer, Representative-elect Chris Ackerley, and Lauren Blevins

SILVER TEA

2015

PIMA GOP ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On Saturday, December 13th, elected precinct committeemen in Pima County convened to elect a new board. Congratulations go to William "Bill" Beard, the newly elected Chairman and the below elected committee:

1st Vice Chairman—Yale Wishnick
 2nd Vice Chairman—Ralph Kayser
 3rd Vice Chairman—Daniel Estrella
 4th Vice Chairman—William "Bill" Wildish
 Secretary—Mary Preble
 Treasurer—Terry Lavery
 Members at Large—Caleb Rhodes, Kuuleme Stephens, Mary Jane Essenmacher, Steve Fuentes and Todd Clodfelter





Above - Preparing to be installed: Tiana Smith, President, Wendy Reuter, 1st Vice President, Gini Crawford, 2nd Vice President, Adriana Moerkerken, 3rd Vice President, Susan Sims Smith 4th Vice President, Shelley Kais, Sherry Potter and Beth Ford, Treasurer

Calendar of Events

January Board Mtg	Jan 13
General Membership	Jan 22
Dinner Meeting	
La Paloma Country Club	

Pima GOP HQ Move Day*	Jan 21
AZ Statutory Meeting	Jan 24
February Board Mtg	Feb 3

* contact Linda White at HQ if you can help, 321-1492. Next month—article about new HQ

RUTH GADDIS JEFFRIES AWARD CHERI CROSS-BUSHNELL



Mary Preble presenting the award at the Silver Tea to Cheri Cross-Bushnell

Congratulations to Cheri Cross-Bushnell, the 2014 recipient of the Ruth Gaddis Jeffries Award. Cheri joined PCRW in 1977 and while she served on our board during those early years she was also a prominent political news commentary for news outlets such as the Territorial Times and Arizona Illustrated. A longtime member and President of Press Women, she continued to set the bar high for women who wanted to walk in a predominantly male occupation. As a footnote, when we are having a meeting at the Old Pueblo Grille you can look on the wall at above the sign-in table and you will see a framed article about the building's history that she wrote years ago.

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

David Hein 6th
Beth Ford 28th

JANUARY

Kou Melvin 5th
Anne Stephenson 15th
Nohemy Hite 16th
Monty Collins 18th
Carol Livingston 21st
Vicky C. Golder 23rd
Bruce Harsha 29th

Meeting Information

Board Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

General Membership Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month, unless there is a major holiday on that date. The meetings will rotate between lunch and din-

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Do you have a business that you would like to advertise to in our newsletter? Members can submit their business cards for placement at \$5.00 per card, per month. Just submit your artwork in .pdf format to: Mary Preble at marypreble@msn.com. Make your checks payable to PCRWC and mail to Treasurer, Penny MacArthur, 2501 E Richards Pl, Tucson, AZ 85716-1123



A few of the tea cups donated by deceased member, Evalyn Ekrom. We enjoy these each year.

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Statutory Meeting of the State Committee of the Arizona Republican Party, January 24th, 2015 at Grace Community Church, 1200 E Southern Blvd, Tempe, AZ

Our elected State Committeemen will convene to elect officers for the Arizona Republican Party and other business on the agenda. If you are not able to attend, don't forget to work with your legislative district chairman to get your proxy in place. Guests are allowed to attend this event but will be seated in a non-voting area. This is a great way to see how the State Party operates.

2015 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Birthday _____ Today's Date _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ Evening Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Membership Type: Renewal _____ New _____

Would you like to be more involved with our club? _____ May we contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities on our board? _____

New Membership—\$30—Registered Arizona Republican female; includes full voting rights. Entitles you to a membership with AZ Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Renewal Membership—\$25— Same benefits as above—but just a little bit of value built in.

Associate Membership—\$15— Registered Republican female. Member of another Federated Republican Women's Club; no voting rights.

Please name the club you are currently registered with _____

Auxiliary Membership—\$10. Registered Republican male; no voting rights.

COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AND SEND TO:

SUSAN SIMS SMITH, 8710 LITTLE OAK LANE, TUCSON, AZ 85704-0967

Please include your dues check made payable to PCRWC. Thank you