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Thursday, June 25th, 2015

DINNER MEETING

LA PALOMA COUNTRY CLUB

Social time 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6 pm

Entrée Choices are Asiago Crusted Chicken with Wild Mushroom Cream
Sauce or Mahi Mahi with Chili Lime Essence

Cost is \$25.00

Please RSVP to Wendy Reuter by phone or text to 520-548-1323 or email to
Wendyr60@cox.net. Please make your reservation by Monday, 6/22/15.

TUCSON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES JOIN US TO MEET AND HEAR FROM

MARGARET BURKHOLDER

Educator Margaret Burkholder is running for the City Council seat in Ward 4. Burkholder is a math teacher at a local charter school and was the first Teacher in Tucson Unified to be recognized with National Board Certification in 2001, named Arizona Master Teacher and Intel Master Teacher. When elected to the school board, Vail USD was ranked near the 50th percentile in the state. With smart changes and hard work from Burkholder and the board, Vail rose to a top 5 district. She received Arizona School Board of the Year and Master of Boardmanship awards in addition to the Congressional Record for Leadership in Academic Excellence. Margaret has shown she knows how to roll up her sleeves and get results. Those who know her best describe her as a compassionate person who will fight for what is right, not what is in her best interest. Burkholder has been married to John for 19 years and has 4 children who attend Vail schools.

BILL HUNT

Pilot William "Bill" has helped shape the character of Tucson for more than 20 years. Hunt has been involved in the community with several groups including serving as the President and pilot for the Flying Samaritans (a volunteer, nonsectarian group). Bill entered the U.S. Air Force in 1972 as a second Lieutenant and was assigned a slot in pilot training. He graduated pilot training in 1974 then trained as a fighter pilot in the F-4. Later Hunt went on to fly and instruct in the F-5. Currently, Bill is a senior principle engineer, managing six different weapon systems development for Raytheon. Bill is known for his no-nonsense attitude and is the type of guy who will never be swayed by special interests. When others waiver, we can count on Bill Hunt's strength of character.

KELLY LAWTON

Kelly Lawton is running for the City Council seat in Ward 2. He is the Campus Director at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide in Tucson. Lawton oversees operations and student services of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, and U.S. Army Garrison Fort Huachuca campuses. Kelly has been deeply involved with the community as a member of the Tucson and Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs, and the Susan G. Komen Riders for the Cure Bicycle Team. Kelly is a native Tucsonan who graduated from Palo Verde High, The University of Arizona (BSBA) and the University of Phoenix (MBA). Kelly has seen his hometown struggle for decades and could no longer stand by while things get worse. He often speaks about what can be done better rather than settling for mediocrity. We can trust Kelly will put the Citizens of Ward 2 and Tucson first. He is married to Kelli Ann Lawton (FNP) and has a 12 year-old stepdaughter.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone is enjoying the not- too- hot- yet weather we are having here in the Old Pueblo. Except for a few windy days and all the pretty flowers that make us sneeze, it has been quite lovely to be outside. We had a fun day in Sonoita on Derby Day and I am hoping we will do that again, with a few more of you joining us!

We will not have a lunch or dinner in May, but will be having all three Tucson City Council candidates for dinner in June. Even if you don't live in Tucson, you are affected every day by their decisions (and road conditions). I know many of us are working diligently to collect signatures for these candidates also.

Mary and Sherry will be representing PCRWC at the May AzFRW meeting in Phoenix. Everyone is getting geared up for the NFRW convention in Phoenix in September. We will keep you posted on details of that. Susan and I will be registering voters at the Erik Hite 5k run this weekend. Before you know it, it will be Memorial Day, a good time to reflect on the sacrifice so many have made for our freedoms. God bless all of you.

Let your voice be heard regarding the Pima County Bond Propositions 425 - 431 -Gini Crawford

Let your voice be heard concerning the Pima County Bond Propositions 425 – 431 that will be voted on in November 2015. You will be able to do this by writing an opinion article(s) for the Pima County voter guide that will come out in October concerning the 7 propositions. Sorry, it does cost money; it is \$100 per article. Whether you are against or for the Pima County 2015 Bonds this is your chance to give your opinions.

Instructions from Pima County:

The County requests the submission of written arguments of no more than **300 words in length** for and against any or all of the propositions on the issuance of the bonds for inclusion in the informational pamphlet to be distributed to registered voters in connection with the special election, as required by law. Each argument shall contain the name of each person sponsoring it. Such arguments, identifying which proposition to which it relates, must be submitted to Pima County Election Department, 6550 South Country Club Road, Tucson AZ, 85756, *and must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on May 18, 2015 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2015.* A **\$100 fee** payment in the form of cash, check or money order payable to the Pima County Elections Department, must accompany each argument submitted to offset a portion of the printing and mailing costs associated with the informational pamphlet. The person or persons submitting the argument(s) shall identify themselves by giving their residence or mailing address and phone number, which information will not be printed in the informational pamphlet. Call Pima elections for more information: 520-724-8450

There has been a committee formed in opposition to the Pima Bonds - Taxpayers Against Pima Bonds. For information contact: Gini Crawford 520-907-3538 or

gini@4campaigning.com

AzFRW State Meeting

Mary Preble & Sherry Potter

The Spring meeting was held at the Mesa Hilton on May 15th and 16th. Guest speaker, Jeff Utsch, spoke about the Constitution and the Compact with America program plus, there was a workshop focusing on the State and National Convention that will be held in Phoenix on Sept 10-13th. The National and State convention location is the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Phoenix. We elected the At-Large Delegates to the National Convention plus the Nominating Committee reported their slate of recommended candidates for officers of AzFRW. The slate is listed at the end of this report. Nominations were taken from the floor and Joan Lang was nominated as a candidate for AzFRW President. Both Presidential candidates held hospitality suites at this meeting so there was a lot of activity going on Friday night. Some attendees also played Bling Bingo on Friday night. Newsletter judging was different this year in that instead of a committee judging, there was a ballot box style vote for Best Newsletter. The luncheon speaker was Senator Jon Kyl and it was refreshing to hear from him again. He spoke about how it had been easier when he was serving to get legislation passed because they actually negotiated and worked together to get things done. While we suggest that you visit the AzFRW and NFRW websites to make plans to attend this convention we also want to let members know that if you are serious about attending we may be able to find ladies in the metropolitan Phoenix area who will open their guest rooms. They know this is a big commitment to attend and I just have to say how proud I am of the women who already offered Sherry and I a place to stay. We may be washing dishes in her restaurant—just kidding. I know our club is looking at how we can defray expenses for the registration so please take a serious look at this dual event. It will probably never happen again in our lifetime, having the National Convention in Arizona, so please join us.

FOLLOW UP TO THE LUNCHEON WITH SECRETARY OF STATE MICHELE REAGAN

Our luncheon with Michele Reagan was informative as she pointed out some of the immediate changes she has made within the Secretary of State's office. She has allowed payments to be made using credit/debit cards in the actual SOS offices. This was impactful in that it allows customers to have some of the same options that one does when utilizing the websites. Anything that allows business to transact easier and faster in this state is just one more way Republicans work to make a business friendly environment.



Secretary of State Michele Reagan



Dorothy Niemi and Ann Hollis

She credits her experience in private business with her unique problem solving perspective within this diversified government agency. She also spoke about a re-vamping of the state election campaign finance records. Soon we will be able to find out who is donating to what campaigns, and how much they have donated, much easier and more efficiently. Instead of reviewing every campaign you can type in the donor's name and see the campaign contributions made across all State campaigns. Innovation with existing data is something Michele is doing to re-vitalize the Secretary of State's office.

A DAY AT THE RACES

Saturday, May 2nd we boarded our bus to Sonoita for a fun-filled day at the races. Some good nibbles, a little wine to kick off the day and we were off. As we took our perch in the stands we had already placed our bets and were ready to watch these elegant animals race for their honors. Our crew ranged from the elegant Ms Susan K Smith in her smart red chapeau to the younger crew who certainly did not get to share in the Mint Julip creations from the Tiana and Leo Smith family. Before the simulcast of the Kentucky Derby there was a hat contest. A few of our members joined in the fun but that is another story altogether. Thank you to Adriana for putting together this event.



Photo on left—Hon LouAnn Preble, Sherry Potter, Mary Preble, Tiana Smith, Leo Smith, Adriana Moerkerken, Susan K Smith and Sharon Brenner. Photo above—Adriana Moerkerken, Susan K Smith, Hon LouAnn Preble, and Sherry Potter



MISS ARIZONA WINS THE HAT CONTEST. THEY LOVED THEIR FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE, THE HON LOUANN PREBLE.



THE WINNER



DID THAT LADY SEND YOU OVER HERE TO KICK ME OFF THE STAGE? I SPENT A LOT OF TIME MAKING THIS STUPID HAT.

CAMPAIGNS

Many of you may be wondering what the rules are for the club in regards to campaigns. While many of you volunteer directly for a candidate of your choice, the club is restricted in what it can do to remain compliant with campaign finance laws. Since we do not have a PAC (Political Action Committee), we do not have to file campaign finance reports and are limited to the following **Permissible Political Activities**.

Clubs may organize volunteers to

- Staff telephone banks
- Conduct voter registration drives
- Distribute campaign literature
- Perform tasks for Local and State Republican Committees
- Assist in fundraising projects sponsored by Local and State Republican Committees

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE OR YOUR LOCAL AND/OR STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES—AND BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR PIMA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB NAMETAG SO THESE GROUPS ACKNOWLEDGE THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS.

**MAY/JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**

Caitlyn Collins	May 2
Michele Grantham	May 5
JoAnne Westerman	May 11
David Stombaugh	May 16
Christi Tucker	May 17
Norma Armstrong	May 18
Ann Hollis	May 28
Jeannie Davis	May 30
Megan Munson	Jun 6
Shelley Kais	Jun 10
Paula Maxwell	Jun 16
Mikki Niemi	Jun 16
Dorothy Niemi	Jun 19
David Blevins	Jun 21
Sally Moffett	Jun 22
Robert MacArthur	Jun 26

MELP PROGRAM

We received a Thank You note from the Tanque Verde Unified School District for the books that we donated to their schools. Ms Adams, Librarian wrote, "We are extremely grateful for your generosity". Thank you to all of our members who donated books in the last three months of the year so we could present them with a nice selection. The Mamie Eisenhower Literacy Program is one of our National Federation of Republican Women activities. We are proud to continue to support our schools and share the importance of reading—especially books about our American exceptionalism that we hope will inspire the next generation.

PCRWC Reservation Policy

Hello PCRWC Members,

From time to time it is good be reminded of policy and procedures. So... please take a moment to read the reservation policy of our Pima County Republican Women's Club as follows:

- 1) Attendees to make reservations only thru Hospitality Chair – Wendy Reuter. UNLESS... they call back a board member who was calling them from the Membership Call list to remind of the upcoming meeting. Then the board member will notify Hospitality Chair of the attendee(s) reservation. (Please no making reservations through our Face Book page)**
 - 2) Remember.. a reservation made is a reservation paid. No-shows will be billed.**
 - 3) Any guests (non members) will have to: a) contact me directly & b) give us their phone# and email or mailing address (for no-show billing).**
 - 4) If a PCRWC member's friend or acquaintance tells member they want to come to our next meeting, member needs to direct them to our website for reservation information or give them my contact information: 548-1323 or wendyr60@cox.net to make their reservation.**
- I thank you in advance for helping to make the reservation process work smoothly.**

**Best regards,
Wendy Reuter
Hospitality Chair
548-1323
wendyr60@cox.net**



Adriana Moerkerken and Beth Ford behind her are ready to sign you in for lunch.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AZFRW AND NFRW BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The information is posted on the AzFRW and NFRW websites at this time. Those sites are azfrw.cm and nfrw.org. The Arizona Convention will be a curtailed session on Thursday morning. We will conduct the business of electing officers and a buffet luncheon will be served. State awards will be given during this special session. The price for attendance to this event is \$60 before August 10th, \$75 until registration closes on August 27th. You can attend this convention whether you are a delegate or not.

To attend the full NFRW Convention the pricing is \$415 for early registration. According to the NFRW web site there is not a definition of what would constitute late registration, either by date or amount. So as of this writing we are looking at \$415. PCRWC is looking at alternatives to assist in defraying some of the registration expense, so if you want to attend this event you need to be speaking with the Executive Board about options that are now being discussed. We are also making arrangements for us to find lodging in Phoenix for those who may not want to stay at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort.

We, as a club, realize how important our attendance is at these two events so stay in contact with your leadership to see what decisions and help is available to registrants.

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 dinner.

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AzFRW Nominating Committee Slate

As presented at the May 15th meeting

President.....Lorraine Pellegrino
1st Vice President.....Lori Urban
2nd Vice President.....Cindy Casaus
3rd Vice President.....Mary Baumbach
Treasurer.....Susan Marcell
Secretary.....Anita Romero

Nominated from the Floor—Joan Lang for President

Reg I Director (Reg I and IV will merge in 2016)
Reg II Director.....JoAnn Evans
Reg III Director.....Judy Langer
Reg IV Director.....LaJuana Gillette
(Reg I and IV will merge in 2016)
Reg V Director.....Pam Calhoon
Reg VI Director.....Nancy Cottle
Reg VII Director.....Carol Jones
Reg VIII Director Allison Mary
Reg IX Director.....Joan Harris *Reg IX will become Reg I in 2016*

Note - as membership declines we are merging Regions

BACK PAGE EXTRA

Consider volunteering for the City Council Races. If you can bring a family member or friend to our June Dinner meeting they can meet these candidates in an informal setting.

The Pima County Republican Party is kicking off a donation campaign, asking precinct committeemen and any interested persons to sign up for monthly donations. These donation can be anywhere from \$15-\$25. If all of our volunteers donated a small amount each month the party would be able to maintain the headquarters and resources that all of our candidates and Republicans, in general, expect from their local party.

If you would like to advertise your business or service on the back page of our newsletter each month, please contact Beth Ford, PCRWC's Treasurer, to coordinate payment of \$60 for 6 months. Contact Mary Preble to get your camera ready art to place on this back page.

This year's Silver Tea Chairman will be Catherine Preble. Anyone interested in volunteering on this committee be prepared for an organizing meeting in October.

Have a safe and wonderful summer holiday, even if you never leave town.