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Thursday, May 19th, 2016
ARIZONA STATE PARTY
CHAIRMAN

ROBERT GRAHAM

LUNCH MEETING

Reforma Cocina y Cantina Restaurant

4310 N Campbell Ave

In St Phillip's Plaza

Social time 11:30 am with lunch served at noon

Cost \$20.00 includes a drink



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, May 16th, 2016

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We said that this would be a whirlwind year and this last week has certainly proved so. I will give a recap of the State Delegate Convention in a separate article. It was nice to attend a meeting that was civil – at least until we left at 5:15pm.

Tuesday brought the Indiana primary and surprises that cascaded after the results were in. Since that time we are watching people in prominent positions sticking their feet in the sand with their opinions about the presumptive nominee – support and alliances forming on both sides. While there seems to be support from both sides – many interpret this as the beginning of the end of the Republican Party. I hope we get some healing before that happens. Brinkmanship or gun-to-the-head politics is never good. It burns out people faster than anything. In Pima County we have always had leaders of the party who strived to pull disparate groups together so it is troublesome to see us fighting in such a public stage. The nominee is the nominee. That will not change. Airing our dirty laundry for those who are not political insiders to see, is not wise.

On an upbeat note – we look forward to a summer of hearing from our local candidates. I will be reaching out to the Senatorial Campaigns to see if we can get speakers on a panel. Not a debate, but a speaking forum. We have not had most of them here to speak to us so this is a program we look forward to holding.

Keep working toward our goals and thank you for giving so much of your time and energy to the campaigns.

Mary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Susan K. Smith, Membership Chairman

We have reached 51 members with one new member and two renewals. Thank you to Carol Ann Whigham, Norma Gaddy and Freddy Hershberger for being part of our Pima County Republican Women's Club. We have an important year ahead with the most interesting election cycle of our life time.

We want to continue to grow our club. I will have application forms with addressed envelopes at the luncheon meeting on the 19th at Reforma Cocina y Cantina in St. Phillips Plaza. If you know anyone who would like to join our group, please take an application or two and encourage them to join.

Hope to see many of you at this meeting to welcome our State GOP Party Chairman, Robert Graham. He is always a joy and an inspiration to listen to speak.

Susan K Smith

WAYS AND MEANS

TIANA SMITH

Everyone is a winner in our Club, but we had a special winner of our customized jewelry – Penny MacArthur! Also congratulations to Joy Thompson for winning the 50/50 and our two “bling” winners! I hope everyone had fun! All money raised goes to support the many activities of our Club, including sending members to AzFRW meetings and conventions and campaign schools.

We have some very special elephants, donated by member Cheri Cross-Bushnell, that we will use in a silent auction, and some other fun and/or patriotic items that will tickle your fancy.

As of now, I think our Roadhouse Cinema gathering will be in August, perhaps in lieu of a regular meeting. Give me some ideas of a movie you'd like to see (has to be on Blu-Ray format) or something hitting the theaters at that time. Thanks again for your support!
Tiana

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Caitlin Collins...May 2

Michelle Grantham...May 5

JoAnne Westerman...May 11

Kim DeMarco...May 12

David Stombaugh...May 16

Christi Tucker...May 17

Norma Armstrong...May 18

Ann Holli.s...May 28



Budget Committee to Meet

The Budget Committee will meet on Monday, May 9th at 5:30pm at Beth Ford's home.

Thank you to the members who will serve on this committee, Lauren Blevins, Wendy Reuter, Mary Preble, Ann Kellison, Beth Ford and Tiana Smith.

We will present a one-year budget to the General Membership after the Executive Committee has had a review. We will put together a two-year budget to be prepared, as many of our club's expenses cycle over a two-year period. The AzFRW Budget is a two year effort and we may move to setting this into our bylaws. More on that later.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Do not forget to vote this **Special Election**
 Tuesday, May 17, 2016
 Prop 123 on Education
 Prop 124 on Public Retirement System



NFRW Adopted Resolution: Pledging to Support Republican Presidential Nominee

This resolution was unanimously adopted on March 19, 2016, at the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. The NFRW will continue its 78 years of supporting our party's nominee. Read the full resolution [here](#)

ROBERT GRAHAM, SPEAKER BIO

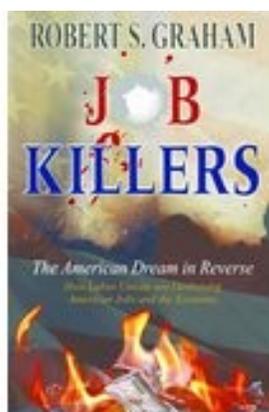
Robert Graham has guided the Arizona Republican Party through some of the toughest economic times this state has experienced in decades. He took on a beleaguered organization in 2013 and has put together teams that have organized and funded many programs to invigorate the party in Maricopa and around the state. The Pima County Executive Committee has had many resources made available because of Robert Graham.

His record of business and corporate involvement is extensive as he has served as CEO of two corporations, RG Capital and iNation. Recognized regionally by AZ Business Magazine as Top Entrepreneur, is one many professional and scholastic awards he holds.

Graham speaks on fiscal and economic policies and has authored the book which we will be raffling at the luncheon, "Job Killers: The American Dream in Reverse". Cynthia Coleman donated this book to us so we will get his autograph for the winner.

Robert has lived in Arizona for over 20 years with his wife, Julia, and their five children. If you attended the State Delegate meeting you met a poised, young woman, Faith Graham, as she presented a program that she had hosted. He and his family are active members of their church and local community.

Prepare to be charged up and caught in his enthusiasm for the party.



STATE DELEGATE CONVENTION – A MARATHON DAY

Many of us women served as Delegates to the convention held in Mesa Saturday, April 30th. Credentialing went smoothly for the most part and the program moved quickly up until we broke into caucuses to vote. We did not have volunteer staff to man the credentialing so Karen Schutte and I stepped in to help the only person at the table, Cynthia Coleman. For some reason the staff manning the voting machines had been told to allow the people to start voting as soon as they filled out their ballot. This was problematic because Brad Johns was supposed to speak to the group first. We had delegates who were going to announce their retraction of nomination, so without this opportunity to actually caucus (speak as a group) some voters wasted their votes.

After lunch, next on the agenda was the At-Large voting and a second vote for National Committeewoman (a 50% majority for one candidate had not been earned between the 3 candidates). To do so we had to leave the hall and go outside to stand in the credential lines – again. By 3:15 we had, in essence, only elected 7 people. We had nice entertainment while the credentials committee re-asserted their findings but it seemed to drone on as we all started eyeing the back door. While some people were frustrated by the strategy used by campaigns to win the electronic voting, we know that there really wasn't fraud – just some outmaneuvering. And the last time we checked – that wasn't illegal. It seemed strange to vote on our phones, laptops and tablets but it sure beat us trampling over each other to get to voting machines. After the voting ended we needed to get back to Tucson – it was 5:15pm – so I cannot give the full report of what transpired after we left. The results of the races are on the AZGOP website and if you still had your website open from the voting software you could get those tallies there. I was disappointed that the past President of the National Federation of Republican Women was not elected, in addition to many of our top elected officials, past and current. But congratulations to those who are going to be representing our state at the National Convention.

Presidential Politics

Hey Hillary – You don't get to decide if I deserve a woman card or not. There are 70,000 Republican Women in the National Federation of Republican Women who have taken their free time, money, energy and effort to unite for a common cause. We have a different set of values and approaches to solving our society's problems. We women will not be enslaved by your so-called benevolent hand outs and favoritism. We know we have the ability to be as successful as any man. If you want to know what we want – just ask us. These are not women's issues – they are American issues.

- We want the economy stabilized so we can have good jobs, so we can put food on the table without taking a governmental aid.
- We want our foreign relations to stabilize and protect our country.
- We want you to stop spending money in our schools on your continual failed social experiments so we can actually educate our children and pay our teachers a fair wage.
- We want less hostility towards people who want to start small businesses.
- We want you to stop taxing our economy to a point of stagnation.
- Many of us fight side by side with men in the military and we don't ask for any special treatment. We don't need your hand outs and preferential treatments.

We need a fair, stable world where women can walk with their heads held high. A world where we walk shoulder to shoulder with men. I reject your notion that I can't have a woman card unless I sign on with your campaign. You are not my kind of woman or candidate for President.

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Time: 9:30 am – noon

Where: Pima GOP Republican Headquarters

17 West Wetmore Rd

(Between Stone Ave and Oracle Rd)

\$10.00 bankers size box of paper

Drop-off your box for shredding, pay \$10.00...be on your way!

Mingle with Republican candidates & Party Leaders

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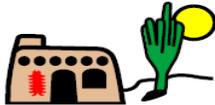
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FUTURE MEETINGS
Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, April 28th
Luncheon Meeting at
Union Pub House
11:30am

Tuesday, May 3rd,
Board Meeting, loca-
tion TBD.

Thursday, May 19th,
Dinner Meeting, TBD