



# PIMA COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 2017

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Thursday, September 28th, 2017

*DINNER MEETING*

La Paloma Country Club

3660 E Sunrise Dr

Social time 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm

**\$25 PER PERSON**



**Arizona Secretary of State  
Michelle Reagan**

*RSVP no later than noon Monday, August 25th  
to Debe Campos-Fleenor [debefleenor@allstate.com](mailto:debefleenor@allstate.com) or  
Text her at 520-250-1755*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I am filling my suitcase for the National Convention I again want to thank my club for allowing me to go to one of our most historical cities and represent this club. While this is the sixth national convention I have attended, it is the first time I am representing the women I admire so much. This organization's mission is to educate women to participate at any level they choose. If you are at the Pima HQ, Michelle has set out one of our photo albums from a few years back. Next time you are there

take a look at all of those smiling women and our honored elected officials (many from our club). The next generation of women are waiting in the wings to step up and lead this group as our elections will be held in November.

Our members and one of our auxiliary members are working hard to get Mariano Rodriguez elected. If we can all lend a little hand to Christina Cruz and her team, on Election night we will have something to celebrate.

If you have joined TNT for the Pima County GOP you still have a few events coming before the end of the year, thanks to Debe Campos Fleenor and her committee. I hope everyone is enjoying their free drink tickets and special access.

The State Party has stepped in with money and staffers to get Victory offices opened, allowing Michelle Ludwig to become a MORE VALUED staff member at HQ. I look forward to volunteering, as 2018 politics will be heating up.

Linda McCurdy, as Campaigns Chairman, is giving us all the access and information we need if we want to get involved in these campaigns. Her article details contact information.

I hope you find the Live Broadcast of the Awards session of the convention as exciting as I do. I believe since travel is so expensive now, we may have a better way to continue to have workshops - hopefully via live broadcasting. Think about how we could increase the caliber of speakers and be able to share that across the country as women gather at their HQs for Tele-workshops? Maybe we could get Tucker Carlson to talk to us about messaging and how to become a talking head? Or how to perfect that dazed look when a liberal says something to us that we can't comprehend?

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### ARRANGEMENT'S CHAIRMAN - DEBE CAMPOS FLEENOR

Please come and join us at LaPaloma County Club on Sept. 28, 2017 and enjoy a perfectly prepared chicken and salad meal. Dinner begins a 5:30 PM, Guest Speaker will be Michelle Reagan. Cost of dinner will be 25.00 dollars. RSVP to [debe-fleenor@allstate.com](mailto:debe-fleenor@allstate.com) or text your reservation to 520-250-1755. Remember that a reservation made is a commitment for payment.

## Nominating Committee Report for 2018 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee met and now presents its slate of officers for 2018. The election will be held in November at our General Membership Meeting.

**President – Susan Smith**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP, Programs – Debe Campos-Fleenor**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Hospitality – Lauren Blevins**

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Membership – Michelle Ludwig**

**4<sup>th</sup> VP, Ways and Means – Dolores Aguirre Johnston**

**5<sup>th</sup> VP, Campaigns – Jea Demara**

**Secretary – Norma Corella**

**Treasurer – Beth Ford**



Committee members: Beth Borozan, Debe Campos-Fleenor, Jea Demara, Michelle Ludwig, and Tiana Smith

Thank you to this committee for putting together such a wonderful slate of leaders.

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### NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIRED FOR PIMA COUNTY

Congratulations to member, Michelle Ludwig, for being hired as the Executive Director for the party. Michelle has been involved in politics for most of her adult life and grew up in a family of public service. She has a degree in Political Science and thrives on our local political scene. She has volunteered in many capacities on committees and for the Party, in general. When you come into headquarters, she is the friendly and helpful person who can help you get involved or plugged into local campaigns.



# MEET GUEST SPEAKER MICHELLE REAGAN

Michele Reagan has transformed an antiquated paper-based bureaucracy into an efficient digital state agency in less than three years. Her work to transform the Department of State has made it easier to start and run a business and she has improved public access to everything from political contributions to genealogical records. Her efforts have earned her a leading role on the National Election Cybersecurity Task Force as a member of the Association of Secretaries of State as well as the Executive Board of the Lieutenant Governor's Association. Before her election to the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> highest elective office, her experience running a small business led her to serve in the state legislature where she was named Chair of the House Commerce Committee and later selected to lead the Elections Committee in the Senate where she fought to improve election integrity and ballot security.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Deanna Puccinelli	Sep 4th
Sharon Chenevert	Sep 15th
Lauren Blevins	Sep 26th
Hon LouAnn Preble	Sep 26th
Ana Watson	Sep 29th

## Campaigns—Linda McCurdy

Ladies, there are plenty of opportunities to help out with some Republican campaigns!

The most urgent is the upcoming Tucson City election on November 7, 2017. Our Republican candidate Mariano Rodriguez, who is running for Tucson City Council in Ward 6, NEEDS our help! Here is his contact information: [www.Rodriguez4Council.com](http://www.Rodriguez4Council.com) or you

may contact our own Lauren Blevins (520-403-7973) for many volunteer opportunities. They need help with sign waves, phone calling, signs in yards, and DONATIONS, to name a few! Remember, even if you don't live in the City of Tucson, what happens in Tucson affects all of us!

Kelli Ward is running for the US Senate in 2018 and she has her Tucson campaign headquarters up and running. Her campaign office is located at 17 W. Wetmore Road, Suite 101, and the phone number is 520-867-6002. Or, you can contact Karen Schutte at 520-877-3230 or [TeamWardPima@gmail.com](mailto:TeamWardPima@gmail.com) for plenty of volunteer opportunities!

Jeff Flake, running as the incumbent for the US Senate in 2018, has his campaign up and running, as well. If you would like to help with his campaign, you can contact Whitney Lawrence at 480-381-3686 or [whitney@JeffFlake.com](mailto:whitney@JeffFlake.com).

And, last but not least, our own Toni Hellon is running as the incumbent for the position of Pima County Clerk of Superior Court, also in November of 2018. Please feel free to contact her (520-724-3201) to offer your assistance in her campaign!

Let's get involved in these campaigns and help out our Republican candidates! Thanks!

**Pima GOP Holiday Party**  
**Debe Campos Fleenor, Fundraising Chair**

**Join us Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 at the  
Radisson Hotel.**

Entertainment, boutique shopping, raffles, and silent  
auction.

Meal choice - Turkey, Salisbury Steak or Vegetarian  
option

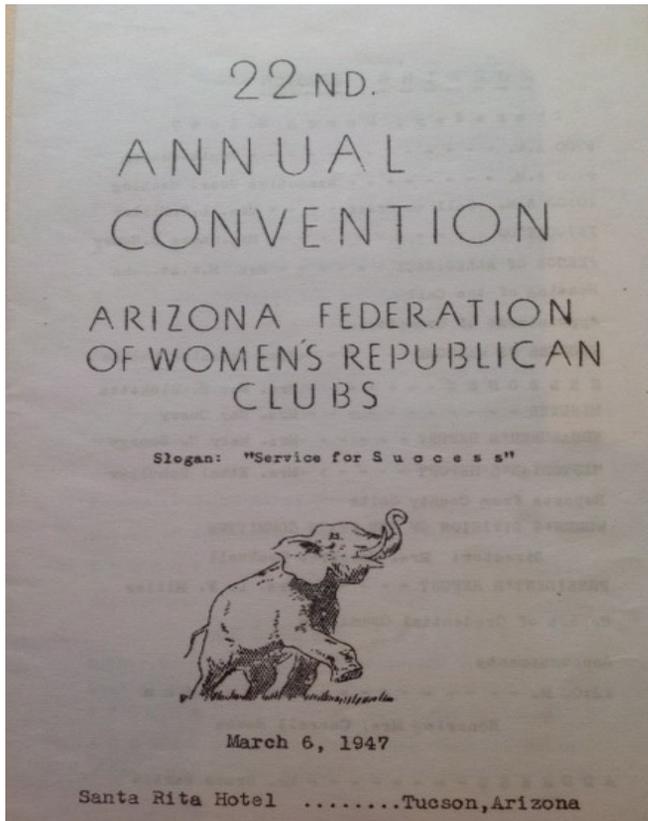
**\$30.00 dollars per person, (\$25.00 dollars for  
TNT members, until Nov. 29)**  
**Tickets for everyone will be \$45.00 dollars after  
Nov. 29 through Dec. 6.**

Doors open at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Bruce Ash, National Republican Committee member,  
will be sharing thoughts for the Holiday Season.  
David Eppihimer, Pima County GOP Chair will be our  
host for the event

If you are interested in donating a raffle item, silent  
auction item or volunteering for this wonderful  
occasion, please contact Debe Campos-Fleenor at  
[debefleenor@allstate.com](mailto:debefleenor@allstate.com) or text Debe at 520-250-  
1755.

## EVIDENCE OF AzFRW'S START DATE



Over the years we have questioned the age of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women. In review of an Official Call Letter from the Annual Convention (biennial now) I think it is pretty evident that they were probably initially started in 1924 and held their first annual Convention in 1925. Additionally, we have articles from Phoenix news sources showing them inaugurating this organization in 1924. Some of the books being turned over to the Historical Society are actually yearbooks / scrapbooks for the whole Arizona Federation. Each club was given at least one page for their use—newspaper clippings or reports about their events. Some active clubs used multiple pages. I contacted the state President, Lorraine Pelligrino, and she told me to just give them to the AZ Historical Society. They used these scrapbooks for their conventions like the program that we put together now for distribution at the Biennial Conventions.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

On June 23rd, 1954, our club passed a motion to change our club's name from **Pima County Women's Republican Club** to **Pima County Republican Women's Club**. The minutes of that meeting leave off the word Club in the motion, but immediately they title themselves using the word Club. In the late 1990s there was a move to call us Unit Clubs. I rejected that because I felt it objectified an organization of women who don't deserve such a sterile moniker. We are not units, we are people. I understand management of large organizations but what we have that makes us different from other groups is our sisterhood—and we should reject being quantified into just some algorithm.

There is not much background in our historical archives that speaks to why we changed the order of our name but I like to think that as women, we were flexing our equality muscles, and we realized that we were Republicans first—women second. We still strive for that acceptance and equality.



Note - the photo of the Official Call Letter of the Annual Convention - "women" and "Republican" were reversed in the State Federation name at that time, too. If Pima County was changing its name, it was probably in step with the change made at the state level first.

**AUGUST LUNCH MEETING**

**PIMA GOP HEADQUARTERS**



**Susan Smith and Dan Duffy**



**Rep. Mark Finchem**



**Ann Kellison**

The August luncheon at Republican HQ was eventful in that it probably is the first time we have had a dog demonstration. Thank you to Rep Mark Finchem and Christina Cruz for a great program. And many thanks to 1st Vice President, Susan Smith for chairing this event.



**It's a Dog's Life**

# GRAND OPENING PIMA COUNTY HQ



The Grand Opening for the Pima County Republican Headquarters was well staffed and attended. A fun time and a lot of ice cream was had by all. Thank you to all who had a hand in making this event go off without a glitch. The photo above is from left to right: Chairman David Eppihimer, Ana Henderson, Lauren Blevins, Susan Smith, Mary Preble, Carol Ann Whigham, Debe Campos Fleenor, Isabel Sizer, Tiana Smith, Cindy Coleman and Anthony Sizer.



Nice crowd. Bill Beard, Michelle Ludwig and Ana Henderson



Carol Ann Whigham, Tiana Smith and Cindy Coleman



Pete Schlegel and John Dalton



Chairman David Eppihimer and Mary Preble



Cindy Coleman



Mary Preble and Cindy Coleman

The flyer below from NFRW is something that I think may change the concept of meeting attendance. With travel costs rising so quickly we see businesses using Skype and other televised meeting softwares. We even have tele-medicine. Now you all can watch a live broadcast of Saturday's event. If I see a camera—I will wave—in case anyone is watching. REMEMBER THIS IS EASTERN STANDARD TIME. Convert by 3 hours to 2:00—4:00 pm.



### **2017 Achievement Awards Broadcasting Live!**

For the first time ever, the National Federation of Republican Women is streaming the Achievement Awards Ceremony LIVE, so all who cannot attend the 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention can tune in to witness their clubs' acceptance of awards. We encourage NFRW clubs to plan Achievement Awards watch parties for all members to see the last two years of their hard work come to fruition!

**When?** September 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Where?** [www.facebook.com/nationalfederationofrepublicanwomen](http://www.facebook.com/nationalfederationofrepublicanwomen)

National Federation of Republican Women 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
September 14 - 17, 2017

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## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Tuesday, Oct 3rd, Board Meeting at Pima GOP HQ 5:30 pm.**

**October General Membership meeting is being cancelled as your club delegates will be attending the Biennial AzFRW Convention in Mesa.**

**Tuesday, Nov 7, General Election. Arrangements for Election Night Party will be forthcoming. Mariano Rodriguez's Campaign is looking at a venue for their event and the Pima GOP may work together with them to put together the party.**

**Typically, our board meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month but to not compete with election activities we will work around this. Date/time TBD.**

