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## PCRWC Greetings!

### *Message from PCRWC 2024 President Sarah Ramsey!*

**Pima County Republican Women's Club Kicked Off** its 100th year on January 25th at 11:30 at the Coffee X Change. We had a great crowd and we were so happy to see new and returning members and guests. Program Chair, Amy Olsen introduced the outstanding 2024 Republican Candidates for AZ Corporation Commission. They have experience, knowledge and grit. We need their conservative voices on the AZCC. You can sign 3 petitions for the 3 positions open this year at these websites:

- Christy Kelly <https://www.christykelly.org/>

- Rene Lopez <https://www.facebook.com/VoteforLopez>
- Lea Marquez Peterson <https://azcc.gov/lmarquezpeteron/biography>
- Rachel Walden <https://www.electrachelwalden.com/>

In addition, we would like to thank Tex Polesky from **Turning Point Action** for sharing TPA's new approach to help unify and mobilize grassroots activists — **Coalitions!** Examples that might interest the PCRWC family are the **Moms, Faith and Healthcare Coalitions**. For more information about how to join one, text Tex at 480-703-9841 or Lacey Nagao at 520-237-4015.

We also enjoyed some other candidates at the meeting - Vince Leach, LD17 State Senate; Kathleen Winn, CD6; Juan O'Leary, representing CD6 Congressman Juan Ciscomani; and, Heather Lappin, Pima County Sherriff.

A **SPECIAL shout out to Jerry Kronk** who collected the largest 50/50 haul in recent memory, \$140.00!

Thank you all for attending. Our next meeting is **February 25 at 5:30 pm**. The details of the program will be sent to you this Thursday, Feb. 8.

Maybe we should celebrate Arizona's Birthday!

See you all soon,  
Sarah Ramsey

#### **Welcome New Members**

Susan Belcher  
Amanda Fischer  
Cindy McKearney  
Julie Levai  
Elizabeth Mather

#### **Welcome New Associates**

Deborah McEwen  
Loretta Wilson  
Glenda Bird  
Penny Hurley  
Jerry Kronk  
Trudy Dunaway  
Kathryn Hill

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## Coaches Corner

February 2024: Legislative Advocacy

The 2024 Arizona Legislative Session is in full swing which offers all of us a great opportunity to work with our legislative officials to craft the best laws for our communities and state. Let's explore the [azleg.gov](https://azleg.gov) website as we begin our advocacy journey!

**Request to Speak:** On the [azleg.gov](https://azleg.gov) Home page that pops up, the “Request to Speak” tab is easy to access. Opening that tab will take you to an “Upcoming Agendas” page as well as the sign-in option. If you don't have an account, hit that tab and fill out the appropriate info. (If you have unanswered concerns, The **Arizona Citizens Defense League** can help you get through the sign-up task. Connect with them at: [azcdl.org/rtss/](https://azcdl.org/rtss/)) When I simply want to weigh in on a bill, I use **Request to Speak**. Legislators often look at the numbers “for” and “against.” If you know a policymaker personally, they may notice your name on the RTS roster.

**Personal Outreach and Advocacy:** Every session, I find bills that I want to impact. That takes more time and organization than **Request to Speak**. This is where I use [azleg.gov](https://azleg.gov) to get organized. I look up the **committees** that might hear the bills that interest me. I see which members I may know on those committees. I cross-reference those members by looking for them in the **Members Roster**. I check which other committees they are on, what type of bills they have introduced, and the other members they may tag-team with by co-sponsoring bills. This takes time but it also lets me develop a picture of which priorities our GOP and local members are supporting. Finally, I look at the **schedule** for committee hearings and floor sessions. If I have time in my day, I'll listen to the hearings on the live stream (on Cox Cable I check in on channel 123). If I don't have time, then I'll simply use the **Bill # Search** to see how my bills move forward. Then, I decide who I want to contact and ask for their support.

I use an old-school notepad to organize the bills in my interest areas. Each bill has its page. I include the various committees where my bills might be assigned with the members' names and contact info on the back pages of the notepad. Since I'm interested in education policy, health services for kids and disabled, and election process policies, I want to know the Republicans (especially those in leadership) and local representatives I may be contacting. My LD representatives are all democrats and they do hear from me. If there's a bill that I have expertise and info to share, I will spend the time developing email templates that can personally address my issues. I am direct but polite. I keep my messages short and to the point. Impress the representatives with your expertise but don't drag things out! I will mail these individually with a catchy title in the Subject line. I also send follow-up Thank You emails when my bills move forward.

This is a process that has allowed me to impact laws (and bills that should never become laws!) I've learned that policymakers rely on our info and insights to make a difference in their decisions. I've been fortunate to help "novice" advocates collaborate with legislators and make positive change! Please contact me if you'd like help developing an Advocacy Plan for specific bills. We have voices and need to use them effectively!

All we need is YOU!

So, let's get this Party started! Together we will have a huge impact in 2024.

**3rd VP - Campaigns and Elections - Cindy Coleman**

*Contact me at: [cindyc22@msn.com](mailto:cindyc22@msn.com) or (520)869-6557. I'm here for your questions and concerns.*

## Dates to Remember Upcoming Events 2024

**Calendar Reminders:**

2/17— Pima County Rep Party, Lincoln Day Dinner, PCGOP.org, 6 pm.

2/15 - 2/17 — AZ Federated Republican Women, Winter Meeting, [azfrw.com](http://azfrw.com). All registration closes Feb 9 at midnight.

**2/20 — Voter Registration Deadline for PPE**

2/21 — Early Ballots mailed, Early Voting locations open

2/22 — PCRWC Monthly Meeting, 5:30-7 pm. Details coming soon

**3/8 — Last day to request an Early Ballot from the Recorder's Office**

**3/19 — Presidential Preference Election Day**

3/28 — PCRWC March Membership Meeting, 11:30-1:00.

Additional Websites to Visit: [www.pimaGOP.org](http://www.pimaGOP.org) and [www.AZFRW.com](http://www.AZFRW.com)

2/5/24, 1:06 PM

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*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The  
important thing is not to stop questioning."*

*Albert Einstein*

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