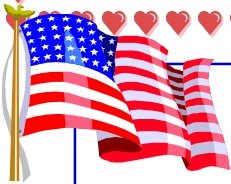


CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

FEBRUARY 2011



Program for February 3rd —**JOHN ARNOLD**— Director of Strategic Planning & Budgeting

CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN **2011**

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Sandra Ramsey Lines
1 st VP	Regina Buzzello
2 nd VP	Barbara Cook
Secretary	Mandi Karvis
Treasurer	Myna Owens

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Corresponding/Roster	Karen Groseclose
Parliamentarian	Lynne Crane
Historian	Bev Kraft
Chaplain	Carla Bertilson

STANDING COMMITTEES

Rae Chornenky	Achievement Awards
Barbara Cook	Americanism
Patti Newell	Arrangements & Hospitality
Kathleen Dougherty	Budget & Finance
Mary Hoiness	By Laws
Susan Fair	CWAC
Susan Bitter Smith	Campaign & Political Activities
Judy Sides	Community Involvement
Jill Jeanes	Education (Point /Counterpoint)
Regina Buzzello	Fund Raising/Ways & Means
Aileen Ten Eyck	50/50
Deborrah Miller	Legislation
Tina Shaw	Membership
Joyce Orr	Newsletter
Donna J. Metz	Pachyderm Surprise
Tammy Gillett	PAC
Mandi Nilsen	Publicity, Website & Public Relations
Tina Shaw	Telephone/Outreach
Tara Roesler	Youth Activities & Scholarships

John Arnold started work for the State of Arizona in May 1997.

Mr. Arnold currently serves as the Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting. The Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting provides a central Executive branch resource for the compilation, analysis, and investigation of state fiscal matters. It advises the Governor in preparation of the Executive budget and advocates for that budget through the legislative process. The office assists and advises all entities of state government in budget development and execution. It also coordinates the process of defining state government programs, developing strategic plans, and measuring program performance to achieve desired results. The office is also responsible for fulfilling constitutionally and legislatively mandated reporting requirements related to the state budget.



Prior to his work with OSPB, Mr. Arnold served as the Executive Director of the School Facilities Board (SFB), a position he has held since October 2005. The SFB oversees the K-12 school facility system, which includes more than 120 million square feet of academic space. Under his guidance, the SFB successfully constructed 123 new schools, launched an energy efficiency program, completed a 21st century school analysis, and distributed more than \$270 million in building renovation funds.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the January meeting we learned that **Colleen Crump** resigned as 1st Vice President. Colleen, who was a fantastic Board member, is moving with her family to northern California. We wish her and her family every success in their new environment. **Regina Buzzello** agreed to step forward and become 1st Vice President. We are grateful to have Regina as she will be a very welcome addition to the Board.



At the January Board meeting, **Tina Shaw** informed us that we now have 67 members in Cactus Wren. Tina's outstanding efforts as Membership Chair are responsible for a great start in building our club. We should all think about asking our Republican friends, family, neighbors, and/or co-workers to join Cactus Wren. They would have the opportunity of meeting dynamic women and enjoying educational and informative programs.

At the February meeting there will be a very interesting Point and Counterpoint topic along with additional member bios. I hope to see you all there.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the horrible tragedy in Tucson on January 8th. I know you all join with me in expressing our deepest condolences to the families who lost loved ones because of one obviously deranged individual. We pray for a speedy and complete recovery for Arizona Congresswoman **Gabrielle Giffords** and the other victims of this senseless shooting.

Sandra Ramsey Lines —President,
Cactus Wren Republican Women—

CONGRATULATIONS TO MANDI NILSEN

**She ran and FINISHED the P.F. Chang
Marathon in 5.03 !!**

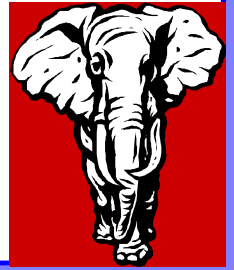


BOARD MEETING

For Feb. 10th 2011

Meeting time is at 6:00 p.m.

Marie Calendar's
2420 W. Northern, Phoenix



During Mr. Arnold's tenure, the SFB used both cash and debt financing to construct new schools and complete school renovations. Mr. Arnold oversaw the issuance and maintenance of over \$2.5 billion in school construction related debt.

In addition to his duties at the Board, Mr. Arnold served from 2006 to 2008 in the Governor's Growth Cabinet reviewing and planning for long-term state infrastructure needs related to growth. Mr. Arnold has also recently worked with the Governor's Office of Economic Recovery overseeing the distribution of approximately \$300 million in federal state fiscal stabilization funds.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Director, John worked for the School Facilities Board as the Deputy Director of Finance. He served in this position from May 2000 through October 2005. As the Deputy Director, he oversaw all financial transactions, developed and implemented the agency budget, maintained project budgets, and tracked total project costs. During this time, the SFB completed the Deficiency Correction program, a \$1.3 billion school renovation and modernization program.

Before joining the School Facilities Board, he was the Education Manager in the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting responsible for all K-12 and higher education budgets. John was with OSPB from June 1997 through May of 2000. He rejoined the budget office in 2002 for a brief time to assist in a transition between budget directors.

John has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master of Science degrees in Accounting (Taxation) and Public Management from Brigham Young University.

Legislative Review, by Deborah Miller

The Governor has released her budget proposal. Both the media and the Democratic members of the legislature have weighed in with their usual misgivings. You can view for yourself the proposal at the governor's website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/>.

Two bills have been introduced in the State House, HB 2078 - HB 2079, which provide for the continuance of two state agencies which are statutorily set to expire; The Arizona Department of Housing, The Arizona Office of Tourism. If these agencies are allowed to expire, per our state's current statutes, savings to the state budget would be approximately \$927,200.00. (The Office of Tourism has not had dedicated funding since 2008.)

HB 2196 has been introduced as a cost savings measure to the state's budget crisis. It allows the state to enter into agreements with private vendors to operate all state park facilities, and that any agreement entered into, shall provide for continued public ownership of a state park.

HB 2126 is a bill which would allow the Arizona Dept. of Transportation director to enter into agreements, or authorize for the improvement or maintenance of rest areas by private entities, or nonprofit organizations.

The above bills would provide for additional cost savings to the State and further the Arizona Republican Party's beliefs, as stated in the Handbook for Precinct Committeemen; "the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least."

CALL TO VOTE in FEBRUARY

This is a **CALL TO VOTE** on the 2011 Cactus Wren annual budget. Pursuant to our By Laws as stated below. To be voted on and discussed at the **February 3rd, 2011** general meeting.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1.

- C. The annual budget shall be voted on by the general membership at its February meeting. The call to vote on the budget shall be mailed at least two weeks prior to the February meeting.

The vote will be on the 2011 budget approved by your Board of Directors at its December 9th board meeting. The budget will be made available for review before the February 3rd meeting upon request.

This notice was published in the January newsletter and also sent to members via email in January.

The Republican Philosophy

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

I BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of the changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I BELIEVE THE Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

God bless America!

Courtesy of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women



We meet at the **HILTON GARDEN INN, PHOENIX**
 (1 block south of Indian School Road and
 west of Central Avenue)
 4000 North Central Avenue, Phoenix 85012
 The social hour begins at 5:30 PM and the business meeting
 will follow the 6:30 dinner and program.



For reservations, call 623-934-9730, Tina Shaw
 Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday or
 you will be billed. Reservations should be in no later
 than **Sunday Night**.

A reminder: If you attend without making a reservation, you
 will **NOT** be guaranteed a dinner. You



February Menu

MEATLOAF
 Mashed Potatoes, Coffee & Tea



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Mark Your Calendars

March 3rd—Tom Horne, Attorney General
 April 7th - Diane Cohen, Attorney with
 the Goldwater Institute
 May 5th - Tom Beltlach, Director of
 ACCHESS

More information to follow for the reason why we
 are collecting these. Bring your new or gently
 used handbags, purses, totes, pocketbooks that you
 no longer want/need to any dinner or
 board meeting.

THIS PROMISES TO BE FUN.



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