

# CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

**JULY 2011**



## Program for –July 7th –**BILL MONTGOMERY**– Maricopa County Attorney

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#### ELECTED OFFICERS

President	<b>Sandra Ramsey Lines</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	<b>Regina Buzzello</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	<b>Barbara Cook</b>
Secretary	<b>Mandi Karvis</b>
Treasurer	<b>Myna Owens</b>

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>Rae Chornenky</b>	Achievement Awards
<b>Barbara Cook</b>	Americanism
<b>Patti Newell</b>	Arrangements & Hospitality
<b>Kathleen Dougherty</b>	Budget & Finance
<b>Mary Hoiness</b>	By Laws
<b>Susan Fair</b>	CWAC
<b>Susan Bitter Smith</b>	Campaign & Political Activities
<b>Judy Sides</b>	Community Involvement
<b>Jill Jeanes</b>	Education (Point / Counterpoint)
<b>Regina Buzzello</b>	Fund Raising/Ways & Means
<b>Deborrah Miller</b>	Legislation
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Membership
<b>Joyce Orr</b>	Newsletter
<b>Jill Jeanes</b>	PAC
<b>Mandi Nilsen</b>	Publicity, Website & Public Relations
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Telephone/Outreach

### —Americanism Program— Presented by **Barbara Cook**



**Bill Montgomery** was elected Maricopa County Attorney in 2010 on a pledge to fight crime, honor victims' rights, and protect and strengthen our community. As a West Point Graduate, decorated Gulf War Veteran, professional prosecutor and former Deputy County Attorney, he has dedicated his personal and professional life to serving others.

Raised in a single-parent household just south of Los Angeles, Bill learned early the lessons of hard work and perseverance, graduating near the top of his high school class and becoming the first graduate to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. His leadership style was subsequently tested on the battlefield as a Tank Platoon leader during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he led missions protecting U.S. operations from Iraqi forces. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service for his contribution to the liberation of Kuwait, and was later promoted to the rank of Captain, ultimately rising to the rank of Major while serving in the Individual Ready Reserve.

Following his military service and work in the private sector, Bill earned his J.D. from ASU Law School, graduating Magna Cum Laude and receiving the prestigious Order of the Coif. He went to



work for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office where he quickly gained a reputation as an aggressive prosecutor and tireless advocate for victims' rights, garnering tough sentences for felony drunk drivers, serious repeat felons and gang members. He also supervised prosecutions in the Auto Theft Bureau, which recorded a 35% drop in auto theft under his leadership.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cactus Wren was very fortunate to have three program speakers at the June meeting. Arizona Republican Party Chairman **Tom Morrissey** presented an exciting vision for the Republican Party of Arizona that will prepare us for the upcoming elections. With humor and humility **Leona Johnston** told us about her background and how she came to be the State Federation President. We learned how Leona and **Rae Chornenky** met and became good friends. Rae, candidate for President of the National Federation of Republican Women, gave us insight as to why she is a Republican woman. We are grateful to our speakers for providing us with such an informative and fun evening.



Members had an opportunity at the June meeting to meet two guests, **Deb** and **Wes Gullett**. As you know, Wes Gullett is running for Mayor of Phoenix. Deb, a former member of Cactus Wren, has renewed her membership and Wes is now a CWAC. Congratulations to both.

Another special guest was **Mary Baumbach**, AzFRW Arrangements Committee Chair. Mary brought the beautiful jewelry that is being raffled for the upcoming AzFRW Convention scheduled for November 3 through 4 at the Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel and Convention Center. Although our attendance was down for the June meeting, members and guests bought 56 tickets. A big thank you goes to Mary for her help in selling these tickets. We hope to sell more tickets at the July meeting. Please continue to check the AzFRW website (<http://www.azfrw.org>) for registration information on the Convention.

Program Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Barbara Cook** has a wonderful program planned for July. In addition, the July meeting will have a surprise singer who will sing our National Anthem. This will be a meeting not to miss. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

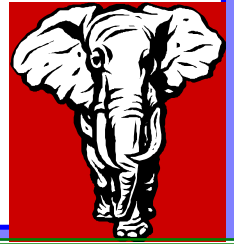
**Sandra Ramsey Lines** —*President,*  
*Cactus Wren Republican Women—*

## BOARD MEETING

For July 14th, 2011

Meeting time is at 6:00 p.m.

Location TBA



As County Attorney, Bill is committed to vigorously prosecuting crimes and holding criminals accountable, including crimes associated with illegal immigration. He is committed to partnering with law enforcement along with business and civic leaders to protect and strengthen our communities, and strongly supports the involvement of local law enforcement in assisting with enforcement of our immigration laws.

Recognizing that violent child sexual predators cannot be rehabilitated, Bill has been an outspoken advocate for life sentences for these offenders. He also supports GPS monitoring for other convicted child molesters, and Internet sting operations to capture child predators before they get the chance to victimize our children. His goal is to let would-be child predators know they will find no safe haven in Arizona.

Bill is equally determined to fight fraud and identity theft through the County Attorney's specialized Fraud and Identity Theft Enforcement bureau. He also supports the Castle Doctrine Law, which recognizes a citizen's right to defend his or her family without fear of prosecution; and Arizona's Three Strikes Law, which targets repeat violent criminals. Bill has helped shape legislation designed to protect victims of crime and reform Child Protective Services, and he continues to be a passionate advocate for Victims Rights in Arizona as Maricopa County Attorney.

- ◆ Nick Dranias was an attorney with the Institute for Justice who now works for the Goldwater Institute. He spoke regarding Article V of the Constitution. He led the Goldwater Institute's challenge to Arizona's so-called clean election law all the way to the U S Supreme Court.
- ◆ Rosa Dierks, PhD, she is Chair of the Public Agency Management Department at Northern Arizona University, leading a statewide online program serving students seeking public management careers. She also has published many books. She spoke on the Politics of Public Budgeting, Politics and organizations and Leadership Concepts.

At both Friday night's dinner and Saturday's lunch, Deborah Miller, the state program chairman planned some excellent speakers. We heard from **U. S. Congressman Paul Gosar** serving his first term in Congress as the Representative from Arizona's First Congressional District. He is focusing on bring jobs back to the district, reforming health care, and reining in government spending. Also speaking was Author **Robert S Graham** who wrote "Job Killers, The American Dream in Reverse". He brings more than twelve years of experience in domestic and international strategic, financial, marketing, corporate development and operational management.

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Some of our Cactus Wren members took part up in cool country Flagstaff the week of June 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> to attend the State AzFRW meeting. **Rae Chornenky**, one of our own who hopefully will win the office of President at the NFRW convention in Kansas City, **Deborrah Miller** the AzFRW 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Dede Falbo**, Rae's mother, **Virginia Chornenky**, Rae's daughter, **Patte Newell** and **Tina Shaw** were the members that attended the meeting. The weekend was chock full of information with several workshops.

- ◆ Presidents workshop
- ◆ Membership and treasurer's workshop
- ◆ How to write a letter to the Editor given by retired teacher **Johanna J. Haver** who has had published more the 100 columns as well as countless "Letters to the Editor since 1996.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Deborah Miller

We often hear about different agencies which assist our State Legislature in compiling information and documentation used to draft rules, regulations and laws. What we don't often hear is what specifically do these agencies do. I have highlighted two of the agencies most often used to assist in the legislative process. These agencies work all year and often assist the Legislators in crafting bills to be introduced during the next session.

The [Office of the Auditor General](#) serves as an independent source of impartial information concerning state and local governmental entities and provides specific recommendations to improve the operations of those entities. To fulfill its statutory duties, the Office must:

- ◆ ascertain whether public entities are making wise use of their resources—public money, personnel, property, equipment, and space;
- ◆ determine whether public entities are complying with applicable laws, regulations, and governmental accounting and financial and reporting standards;
- ◆ define standards and establish procedures for accounting and budgeting, as the Legislature requires; and
- ◆ provide technical assistance to state and local governmental entities.

The [Joint Legislative Audit Committee](#), which oversees all audit functions of the Arizona Legislature, provides direction for the Auditor General's Office. Subject to approval by a majority vote of both legislative houses, the Committee also appoints the Auditor General for a 5-year renewable term. The [Auditor General](#) is assisted in fulfilling office responsibilities by a [Deputy](#) and nearly 200 employees organized into four operating divisions: [Financial Audit](#), [Performance Audit](#), [Accounting Services](#), and [School Audits](#). These divisions are supported by a general counsel and administrative, information technology services, and quality control groups. The Office has audit responsibility for [state agencies](#), [counties](#), [universities](#), [community college districts](#), and [school districts](#). The Office also completes highly specific research and investigative projects in response to legislative requests.

The [Joint Legislative Budget Committee](#), (JLBC) was established in 1966. The primary powers and duties of the JLBC relate to ascertaining facts and making recommendations to the Legislature regarding all facets of the state budget, state revenues and expenditures, future fiscal needs, and the organization and functions of state government.

JLBC appoints a Director who is responsible for providing staff support and sound technical analysis to the Committee. The JLBC Staff mission is as follows:

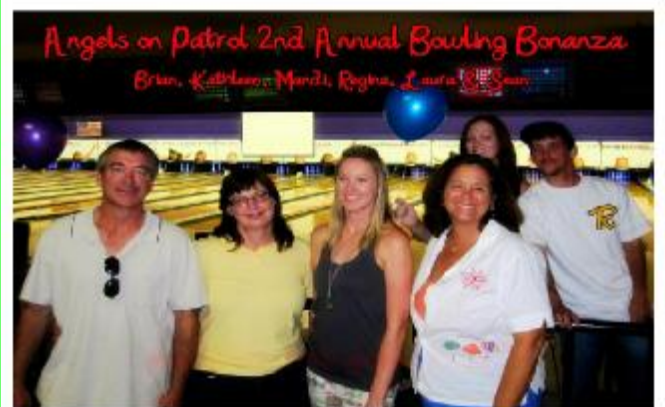
- ◆ To provide the Arizona Legislature with sound research, analysis, forecasts and recommendations on government finances and public policies; and to provide the members with high quality work that is factual and delivered in a timely and professional manner, enabling the members to make informal public policy decisions that are in the best interests of the citizens of Arizona.

In achieving this mission, the objectives and major products of the staff of the JLBC are as follows:

- ◆ Analysis and recommendations for the state budget, which are presented in January of each year.
- ◆ Technical, analytical, and preparatory support in the development of appropriations bills considered by the Legislature.
- ◆ Periodic economic and state revenue forecasts.
- ◆ Preparation of fiscal notes on legislation and ballot propositions that have a fiscal impact on the state or any of its political subdivisions.
- ◆ An annual Appropriations Report, which is published shortly after the budget is completed and provides detail on the budget along with an explanation of legislative intent.
- ◆ Support to the JLBC with respect to recommendations on business items placed on the committee's agenda such as transfers of appropriations pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-173.
- ◆ Support to the Joint Committee on Capital Review (JCCR) with respect to all capital outlay issues including land acquisition, new construction, and building renewal projects.
- ◆ Analyze the state tax structure, tax burdens on individuals and businesses and tax incentives for businesses pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1272A4.

During the legislative session, I would encourage you to visit the websites of these agencies for up to the minute information on the budget, on-going audits, and many prior years background information.

**Mandi Nilsen, Regina Buzzello, Kathleen Dougherty** and Kathleen's boyfriend **Brian**, lovely daughter **Laura** and Laura's boyfriend **Sean** represented CW at the 2nd annual Bowling Bonanza to benefit Angels on Patrol. The event was held on Saturday afternoon at Squaw Peak Lanes and the turnout was excellent. The CW team did not win any bowling awards, but had lots of fun! Kathleen and her family bought LOTS of raffle tickets and it was definitely their lucky day, as they won lots of cool prizes! All in all it was fun for the the bowlers and it appeared to be a very successful fund-raising event for Angels on Patrol.



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



**July Menu**

**Soup & Sandwich Buffett  
Coffee & Tea**



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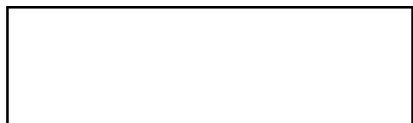


We also heard from **Terry Gilberg** from talk radio station  
**550 KFYI** who was stimulating and entertaining. All the  
speakers were excellent and we learned a lot from them  
and their experiences.

At the board meeting on Saturday morning we elected 9  
delegates and 9 alternates Delegate at Large for the Na-  
tional NFRW Convention in September to Kansas City  
Mo. These are our members that will help elect Rae  
Chornenky as President for NFRW. The members that  
will be attending as delegates to the convention from our  
club were Dede Falbo, Virginia Chornenky, Deborah  
Miller and Tina Shaw. Way to go guys. Overall it was a  
great weekend.

I encourage some of our new members to attend one of  
these future AzFRW meetings. They are held all over the  
state and you learn so much and really can get involved in  
the AzFRW organization.

**Tina Shaw —Membership Chair—**



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