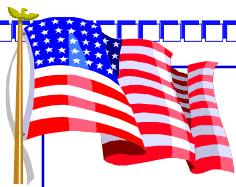


# CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

**MAY 2011**



**Program for -May 5th —THOMAS BETLACH—  
Director—AHCCCS**

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**2011**

### 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
<b>Tara Roesler</b>	Youth Activities & Scholarships

As Arizona Medicaid director, **Tom Betlach** reports to the Governor and is responsible for the health coverage of over 1.3 million Arizonans at an annual cost of \$9.3 billion. The agency administers multiple sources of governmental and private funds and is responsible for regulatory oversight and compliance of Medicaid managed care health plans and health care providers to assure quality of care, fiscal accountability and cost containment.



Mr. Betlach has more than 18 years of experience in Arizona State government, including five years as director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) under Governor Jane Hull. He also served for nearly eight years as deputy director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), where he was responsible for overseeing the financial operations for the agency, the financial regulatory oversight of the contracted health plans, program rate setting, information technology, member services and program integrity functions.

Mr. Betlach earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin and his master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in finance and budgeting from the University of Arizona.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you may know Cactus Wren member **Helen Pugh** and **Bruce Johnston**, husband of AzFRW President **Leona**



**Johnston** passed away recently. Our deepest condolences go out to Helen's family and Leona. Judging from her obituary, Helen was a fascinating woman with many accomplishments. I regret not really knowing her and not spending time chatting with her. It is hoped that the biographies of members presented at each meeting will prompt us to get to know each other a little better. Instead of waiting to be asked, please prepare a short biography and give it to **Jill Jeanes** or **Regina Buzzillo**. It will be much appreciated as we want to know about you and why you are a Republican woman.

The May meeting will include our Purse Extravaganza fund raiser. Many of you have donated new or gently used purses for this event and your donation is much appreciated. Come a little early to the meeting so you can peruse the purses and buy tickets for the purse you most desire. Let us give a big thank you to our "ticket lady" **Aileen Ten Eyck** who will be selling the tickets for the purses.

Delegates for the 2011 AFRW Convention will be identified and voted on at the May meeting. Cactus Wren will be allowed seven delegates and any number of alternates. The delegates do not include club presidents and voting members of the AzFRW Board of Directors or AzFRW Past Presidents. If you are planning on attending the Convention but cannot make the meeting, please contact any Board member so that your name will be included in the vote. The Convention should be exciting, informative, and fun. I hope many of you can join me there.

On a less cheery note, it has come to my attention that our guest speakers have not always been accorded the respect they deserve. It is all right to ask tough questions, but any question should be asked in a respectful tone and follow-up comments after the speaker answers a question should be well-thought out; i.e., do your comments add to the discussion at hand.

I look forward to seeing you and chatting with you at the May meeting.

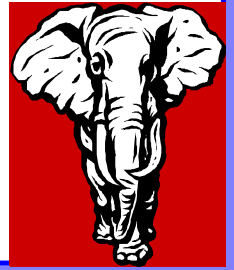
**Sandra Ramsey Lines** —President,  
*Cactus Wren Republican Women—*

## BOARD MEETING

For May 12th 2011

Meeting time is at 6:00 p.m.

Marie Calendar's  
2420 W. Northern, Phoenix



### **MY TRAVELING TRIP THAT WAS UNCANNY**

In January, 2011 I was starting planning my next vacation for this April. I have travel all over the world visiting all **seven continents**. My bucket list is to visit 100 countries. I have set foot into about 60 countries so far.

My first choice was to travel to Egypt which I had not yet visited. Unfortunately that country had a revolution and the trip was cancelled. My next choice was to go to Chili and Argentina. Then someone reminded me that last year Chili had an earthquake. Where do I travel to next. I know I had never visited Japan and they say it is a beautiful country. Now we all know what happened there, one large earthquake and a tsunami. That trip was also cancelled. My travel agent warned me **not** to come to Texas. I don't think I put a curse on any place I might visit.

My last choice was a 10 day Caribbean cruise on the Star Princess. She is a beautiful ship and holds about 2600 passengers and 1700 crew. We did several islands in the Caribbean. Princess Cays Bahamas which is there own island with many water sports, a lovely beach, a served BBQ and many lounge beach chairs throughout. We also visited the islands of Grenada, Dominica, Aruba, St Thomas U S Virgin Island, Bonaire and 3 luxurious days at sea. I had been to St Thomas and Aruba before but not to the other islands. All in all it was a great cruise. The good deal I did receive was for the price of the trip to Japan I was able to secure the 10 day cruise and in July 2011 I travel to France. There I will do a 13 day small river cruise from Nice to Paris. We will also travel through Provence and Burgundy to the Cote d' Azur. I am also looking forward to taking that trip. Hopefully we will not have any natural catastrophes or disasters on that upcoming trip.

To all have a great summer and travel safe.

**Tina Shaw** —Membership Chairman—

**Angels on Patrol** has *Cactus Wren Republican Women* mentioned in their newsletter under Community Partners.

They have come a long ways in a very short period of time. The stories and the photos say it all.

Thank you Cactus Wren for helping a wonderful cause.

[www.AngelsonPatrol.com](http://www.AngelsonPatrol.com)

**Carol Romley**

## Legislative Update By Deborrah Miller

I ask for your indulgence for a moment. I want to state upfront that what I'm about to write is my opinion. With close to 400 bills passed out of the legislature this year, I guess Thomas Jefferson's admonition, "That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves" was not on the minds of many of our legislators.

Now, onto some interesting legislation signed into law by the Governor that may not have caught your attention.

**HB 2197** is an emergency measure that prevents the establishment or operation of a charter school in an age-restricted community (Sun City, Sun Lakes, etc.) located in an unorganized territory. An unorganized territory is a region of the state that is not within the borders of an organized school district.

**HB 2593** establishes a joint legislative study committee to examine water salinity issues. It stipulates that the committee consider the following water salinity issues related to high water softener usage:

- ◆ Issues and relationships of water salinity, water conservation, ground water quality, the use of reclaimed water and the potential effects on tourism.
- ◆ The financial impact of addressing water salinity and possible responses.
- ◆ The financial impact and necessity of wastewater treatment.
- ◆ Relationship between water salinity issues and possible effects on groundwater quality impacts on water reclamation facilities and operations.
- ◆ Water salinity problems, causes and responses in the U.S., Arizona and elsewhere.

**HB 2369** requires courts to allow certain DUI offenders to continue their employment or schooling while serving out their jail sentences, unless the court finds good cause. Increases the number of days per week an offender may leave for work or school release from 5 to 6 days. (A form of work release whereby offenders return to serve out their sentences at night and on weekends).

**SB 1030** allows a certified physician assistant (PA) to prescribe Schedule II and III controlled substances for 30 days rather than 14, and prohibits a PA from prescribing medication to induce an abortion.

**SB 1160** prevents a city or town from imposing or increasing sales tax on residential renters unless approved by municipal voters.

**SB 1238** requires third party administrators to inform a customer of their right to choose any glass repair facility and prohibits an adjuster or appraiser from recommending any particular repair facility. A person who knowingly violates this statute is guilty of a petty offense, fined \$300 for a first violation; a second violation within 18 months is required to pay a fine of \$1,500; \$3,000 for any subsequent violation within 18 months.

You can review all of the legislation passed and signed by the Governor by visiting: <http://www.azleg.gov/Bills.asp>

Our congratulations to newly elected House Speaker, Andy Tobin of Prescott, and House Majority Leader Steve Court of Mesa. We wish them all the best as they provide the leadership and tone of any upcoming Special Sessions as well as next year's Regular Legislative Session.

## Caring for America

Linda Hasslen  
Caring for America  
Dear Linda:

At the November meeting, at the direction of our then President Judy Sides, Cactus Wren Republican Women began collecting books for teenage girls that are in juvenile detention in Prescott (Mingus Mountain). The books were distributed by Jacqui MacConnell, a lieutenant with the Phoenix Police Department. Lt. MacConnell is a Board member of Angels on Patrol, an organization that supports families in crisis and youth who have either been abused or neglected and/or whose caregivers are facing extreme financial hardship identified by Phoenix Police Officers.

Our club is working with Lt. MacConnell again this year to determine how best we can assist with the goals of Angels on Patrol. Our meeting with Lt. MacConnell will occur some time in April.

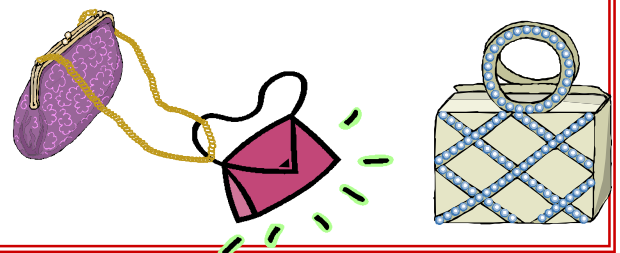
Sincerely,  
*Sandra Ramsey Lines, President*  
*Cactus Wren Republican Women*

At the April board meeting a recommendation was made to include a line item in the budget for a donation to the **Laura Bush Foundation** in memory of **Helen Pugh**. Members will be asked to approve this at the May meeting.

AzFRW Biennial Fund Raiser Convention in November.  
Blue & White sapphire ring  
3/8 ct diamond cocktail ring  
Multi-colored gemstone bracelet



## MAY PURSE AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA !!!



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



**May Menu**

Chicken & Pasta Fettuccine  
 Coffee & Tea

**\$22**



**MAY 2011 — Some Events from History**

**May 4, 1970** Four students killed, 8 wounded by Ohio National Guardsmen at Kent State University during anti-war demonstration.

**May 4, 2011** Cinco de Mayo

**May 13, 1607** Jamestown Colony founded

**May 15, 1972** "In re Gault, SCt, No. 116 (juvenile defendants enjoy same due process rights, including right to counsel, as adults, and parents must be notified of arrest and prosecution)

**May 16, 1918** Sedition Act is passed by Congress making criticism of the government a criminal offense.

**May 18, 1992** Foucha v Louisiana, SCt, 90-5844 (continued detention of insanity acquittee after remission unconstitutional).

**May 24, 2010** "U.S. v. O'Brien, SCT, No 08-1569 (whether a firearm is a machine gun triggering a 30 year mandatory sentence is a question for the jury).

**May 30, 2011** Memorial Day



c/o Joyce Orr  
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 Tempe, AZ 85283-3509



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