



Central Republican Women's Club



April 2010



KATE'S COMMENTS

Republican women invest so much of our time and energy in caring for our communities. As Central Republican women, we are proud of our charitable and outreach programs. From the Garcia School Library to Arizona Troops in Iraq, from St. Mary's Food Bank to the Peggy Goldwater Scholarship Fund, our contributions have made a real difference in the lives of countless Arizonans. Our efforts, and the efforts of hundreds of Republican women's clubs across this country, prove again that Americans are the most giving, generous people in the world. We must continue to show that it is the American people, not our government, which drives American generosity. We give people a hand up just as we oppose government hand outs.

As committed and accustomed as we are to our charitable work, many of us are less so when it comes to political action. But there are compelling reasons for us to overcome this reluctance, to start talking, and more importantly to start doing. Obamacare is not even a month old and its adverse consequences are being felt. A number of national companies have already announced that the law's enactment requires them to write off billions in corporate profits, which reduces taxes paid and increases already historic deficits. Many companies will be cutting retiree drug benefits as soon as their labor contracts allow. As Republican women, we cannot be pleased with the intrusion of government into our lives, our wallets, and that all-important private relationship with our doctor. As a state we will be hard pressed to withstand the enormous financial burdens imposed by Obamacare.

Thanks to the work of our Board and our Program and Membership Chairladies, Suzanne Cash and Alice Lara, we have been proactive in 2010. The CRWC Candidate Forums for Congressional District 3 and the Arizona Corporation Commission were well attended and extremely informative. We are looking forward to similar results from the Superintendent of Public Instruction forum in April (featuring CRWC's own Margaret Dugan). CRWC members will be attending the AzFRW Day at the Legislature on April 7th, and we will be hearing a report on their activities and accomplishments at our April meeting. Our featured speaker in May will be Dr. Jeff Singer, a general surgeon and Treasurer of the Arizonans for Health Care Freedom Initiative. I call on our CRWC members

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APRIL MEETING

**Tuesday, APRIL 20
Arizona American Italian Club
7509 N. 12th Street**

Lunch will be served at 11:30am followed by
our meeting
Luncheon cost - \$10.00

Please call your luncheon reservations to June Bryan at 602-249-3650 as soon as possible, but no later than Saturday evening. Also remember that a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Thank you for your consideration.



**Committed, informed, and active in pursuit of our Republican ideals.
Proudly supporting the Arizona Republican Party and our community.**



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Kate's Comments

to join the club's Political Action committee as we move forward in this critical year. I applaud members' efforts in this arena, but I also know that the impact and effectiveness of such involvement increases exponentially when we join together for a common cause and Republican candidates.

In my lifetime, the call to political action brought about by the spending, the disregard for the Constitution, the irresponsible actions of this Democrat-controlled Congress and administration could not be more compelling or more necessary. We must do everything we can to organize, unite, and make our voices heard. We must do so for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and, yes, for our country.

Kate Brophy McGee

APRIL PROGRAM

Our program for April will be a candidate forum for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Our own member, Margaret Garcia Dugan will be participating along with Senator John Huppenthal and Beth Price.

Our "Moderator Extraordinaire", Alice Lara will be moderating the forum and is soliciting questions in advance. All CRWC members may submit questions by e-mail to **alice-lara@hotmail.com** or by phone at **602-276-3959**.

Isn't it inspiring to have so many good Republican candidates vying for various offices and isn't it great to have these forums to aid us in making the most educated decisions for whom we think will best represent us?

CRWC MEMBERSHIP

I'm taking a different direction for my usual writing. I generally try to think of a way to inspire and encourage membership growth and recruitment but perhaps my own little story may serve this purpose.

At a recently attended monthly Legislative District 16 meeting our Chairman, Constantin Querard, asked as he consistently does, if anyone has announcements etc. I always like to take that opportunity and plug CRWC. Some of the women are interested but as you know have different challenges of work, money and location. Constantin happened to ask me if I knew the other two PCs in my precinct so I could give them their petitions he had so thoughtfully prepared along with mine. I knew Bob Baxter (some of you met him at the March meeting) but I didn't know the other one, Michelle Delgado. As I looked at her address I noticed she lived about a two minute walk from my house. I thought to myself, this is silly she's right in my neighborhood and I don't even know her.

Long story short, I made contact with Michelle and she is our newest member as of this writing. She came to our board meeting and all of us fell in love with her. Michelle is a working gal but very excited about being a Republican, especially this year, and was happy to find out about our club. She was a great complement to our board meeting with a fresh perspective on our discussion. I look forward to working with her and hope when she comes to our April meeting you'll get a chance to get acquainted with her. She is married and has a very interesting job with the Phoenix Union High School district.

I would love to have one of your membership stories featured here. I think we're up for the challenge and if you need motivation: **ELECTION 2010!**

Alice Lara

CLUB CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to CRWC's own Mary Lee De-Coster! Mary Lee, who is Vice President of Revenue Cycle for Maricopa Integrated Health Services, has been awarded the **“Lifetime and Leadership Award”** by the **Arizona Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association**. The award, the first given by the chapter, is given to a member with more than 20 years of active membership, with demonstrated contributions through mentoring, inspiring, contributing and leadership.

Based on the Mary Lee we've come to know at CRWC, she extends hr mentoring, inspiring, contributing and leadership to our Club as well.

Mary Lee, we are truly blessed and proud to have you as a member and officer of CRWC!

Awesome!!

INCREASED SCHOOL SPENDING ISN'T GETTING TO THE CLASSROOM

By Clint Bolick

In 2000, Arizona was spending only 57.7 cents of every education dollar in the classroom. That fact helped persuade voters to pass Proposition 301, which boosted the state sales tax to fund classroom spending with higher teacher salaries, more instruction aids and other needs.

Ten years later, the percentage of education funds spent in the classroom has changed: it is now only 56.9 cents per dollar, third-lowest among the 50 states.

A February 2010 report by state Auditor General Debbie Davenport found that, despite the \$300 million raised annually by the Prop 301 tax increases, the percentage of education dollars spent

directly in classrooms has declined for five straight years and now is at a record low. She found many school districts are diverting classroom funds to transportation, special services, and bureaucracy, which the report says is a “violation of state law”.

Such funding diversions may inflict tangible harm on children, the report found, because districts that spend more of their funding in the classroom generally produce better students.

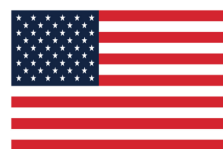
The report has important ramifications for public school policy and funding. The Legislature should consider reorganizing school districts by stripping away unnecessary bureaucracy, turning them into regional providers of services that capture economies of scale and letting schools make their own decisions about hiring and other budget matters. Private and charter schools operate with significantly lower overhead, so it also makes sense to expand access to such schools.

This year, we should be dubious of calls to increase taxes in order to save the schools. Clearly we can't rely on school districts to get their priorities right. The Proposition 301 experience proves the promise that extra tax revenues will trickle down to the kids is a hollow one.

Clint Bolick is director of the Goldwater Institute Scharf-Norton Center for Constitutional Litigation.

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This seemed to be an appropriate article in relation to this month's candidate forum and perhaps it can be addressed by our candidates.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- CRWC Regular Meeting** — April 20, 2010
- CRWC Regular Meeting** — May 18, 2010
- CRWC Regular Meeting** — June 15, 2010
- CRWC Summer Recess** — June & July
- AzFRW Summer Meeting** — Prescott, AZ
June 18-19, 2010
- CRWC Regular Meeting** — September 21, 2010

TAX DAY FUNNIES

Did you ever notice that when you put the words “The” and “IRS” together, it spells “Theirs”?

— Author Unknown

The politicians say “We can’t afford a tax cut”. Maybe we can’t afford the politicians.

— Steve Forbes

Intoxication: Euphoria at getting a refund from the IRS, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.

— Author Unknown

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Our CRWC board meeting will be held on April 28 at China Chili Restaurant at 5:30pm.

All members are welcome to attend but reservations need to be made. Contact President Kate McGee if you plan to attend.

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