



Central Republican Women's Club



March 2010



KATE'S COMMENTS

Kudos to our CRWC Board and members, most especially Alice Lara, for the informative, professional, and very well presented Congressional District 3 Candidates' Forum, which took place at our February meeting. After the meeting, I heard many compliments from members and guests about the format, which maximized exposure to the candidates' opinions on various subjects while making sure our professional members got back to work on time. We also enjoyed the lunchtime introductions from candidates for other elected positions, including Wendy Marshall for Salt River Project Board Member at Large, Andrew Smigiel-ski for LD 11 Senate, and Janet Contreras (the famous letter-writer), running against Congressman Pastor for CD 4. We are looking forward to future candidate forums during this busy election year. At our March meeting we are hosting an Arizona Corporation Commission Candidates' Forum, so please make sure you come and bring a guest. You are guaranteed to come away an informed voter.

Our meetings have created great interest and increased attendance, as well as women who want to join our Club. We are excited about our new CRWC members. Please read our Membership Committee Report to learn more about them. And many thanks to our own Alice Lara and Barb Franzman for their hard work!

Our Legislative Action and Community Outreach Committees got down to work after the CD 3 forum. Both committees are close to selecting a project, and we look forward to announcing them. Please join one or both committees and make your

voice heard and your actions felt. We are planning a joint Board/Committee meeting in the near future, thanks to a great suggestion from our own Mary Hoyt.

We are honored that three of our CRWC members, Carol Jones, Ruby White and Margaret Weir-Sangalli, will be attending the AzFRW winter meeting on February 26 and 27 in Yuma, Arizona. Margaret is attending as a Dodie Londen Scholar! We are proud of her selection to this elite group, and her outstanding work on behalf of so many Republican causes more than makes the case for her selection. We are looking forward to their reports upon their return.

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MARCH MEETING

**Tuesday, MARCH 16
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

2010 is truly a year for Republicans. We are a Club with a proud heritage and tremendous work ethic, and we must do everything we can to make sure the Republican message is heard, that Republicans are elected to office, and that many caring projects and good deeds of Republicans are recognized.

Kate McGee

MARCH PROGRAM

Our program for this month will be a forum for Corporation Commission candidates. **Brenda Burns, Gary Pierce and Barry Wong** are vying for two vacancies. Our forum will give us a good insight into the varied experience of the candidates and their views on the issues.

The forum will be open to questions from our members and attendees.

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported at the AzFRW membership workshop at the winter meeting in Yuma that we are experiencing a surge of interest in Republican Women's Club membership. Over 250 new members have been added statewide in the first two months of the year! Recruitment has been easy for most of the clubs in the Federation.

Central has been doing well too. Renewals and new members are coming right along thanks to your efforts. I would like to suggest that you carry a blank application in your purse along with a pre-addressed envelope and offer to turn it in or the prospective member can take it with them. Direct prospects to our website or Facebook page: **www.Centralgopwomen.org**. Your political enthusiasm is contagious!

CRWC bragging point: Our club members include many 2010 candidates, Kate McGee, Margaret Dugan and Senator Pamela Gorman.

New members are listed here but their full information will be in our new 2010 Membership Directory which will be printed and distributed after the deadline for renewal, March 31.

Please take the time to get acquainted and welcome them to our club.

Onward conservative women!

Alice Lara

New CRWC Members for 2010:

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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Our club currently has members who are actively pursuing public office. We are proud of them and although our bylaws prohibit the club from endorsing a specific candidate in a contested primary, individual members are not.

We offer a special salute to them and other members of our club who already hold office or serve as precinct committeemen. It's not easy. It takes a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm not to mention the time and money involved.

Our president, **Kate McGee**, is running for House of Representatives LD 11; **Senator Pamela Gorman** is a candidate for CD 3, being vacated by Congressman John Shadegg and **Margaret Garcia Dugan** is running for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

These are dedicated ladies who care about our state and this United States of America and they deserve our assistance and support, especially financially.

We also need to support our other Republican candidates as well. Don't hesitate to take out your checkbook and donate what you can, however large or small, every little bit adds up. Sign petitions, circulate petitions and volunteer your hours. No amount of time, effort or money is too little. Our candidates appreciate your support.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Don't forget to keep a tally of your hours that are devoted to your activities with CRWC, AzFRW and any political participation with campaigns and GOP headquarters volunteer time.

The time period for tracking our volunteer hours started in July of 2009 and will continue through June, 2011 at which time AzFRW will distribute the awards at the state convention in 2011.

CRWC TECHNOLOGY

New member, Margaret Weir-Sangalli has brought CRWC into the electronic age with our very own website and Facebook page. It can be accessed through www.Centralgopwomen.org. This will be an excellent recruiting tool for prospective members and also a good way to communicate our club's activities and functions.

Communication is such a vital function of any organization and it's important to take advantage of the various means, and as technology evolves we need to keep up to stay competitive. Good work Margaret! We appreciate you.

Speaking of technology and communication, it is more than appropriate to offer a special thank you to Alice Lara for her assistance in helping me to produce our newsletter electronically. I am working hard to update my technical knowledge but I am not quite there yet and Alice helps me every month even though she barely has time to accommodate all her other duties. It is saving the club a great deal of money in printing costs and postage and at the current time most of our members are receiving the newsletter by e-mail. We want to be able to continue to offer a mailed copy for any member who does not have access to, or who feels uncomfortable with the electronic version. This savings in cost will help us to continue that practice.

Alice also serves as the communicator of the e-blasts to our members with e-mails. Alice, you are awesome!

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the newsletter and I appreciate any feedback or suggestions. Keep your information coming.

Ruby White



AzFRW WINTER MEETING

It is always an upper to attend the AzFRW state meetings! It's always "work hard, play hard".

Newly elected AzFRW President Leona Johnston conducted a fine meeting in Yuma on February 26th and 27th. The meeting was held in the new Radisson Hotel and they could not have been nicer to us or more cooperative. The property was very attractive, rooms were comfortable with large bathrooms, by hotel standards, with lots of towels. There was a complimentary breakfast buffet each morning with a wonderful array of choices from scrambled eggs, frittatas, hash browns (uniquely flavored), waffles, pancakes, muffins, toast, fruit, hot and cold cereals and coffee and tea. I'm sure I'm leaving something out but it was just very impressive! They have a talented chef.

The Friday night dinner was excellent and we were joined by several local officials from the Yuma area and some candidates. Our speaker was Ward Connerly, who has been working toward removing affirmative action preferences and quotas in various states, including Arizona. His talk centered around his new book about his upbringing by his Uncle James. He has a beautiful speaking voice, and was interesting and what a wonderful conservative man. After dinner many of the ladies enjoyed a good time at Bunco.

Jane Strain who chairs the Nominating Committee for AzFRW exhibited her best community outreach effort that night. In the hall outside our room a young Marine overheard some of us talking and laughing and said "You ladies are just having too much fun". It turned out that he had met some members including Jane earlier by the pool before dinner. He was just leaving even though it was late to drive back to New York state. Having just arrived back in the country he was so excited to be going home he couldn't sleep. Jane was wearing a red t-shirt with "Republican Woman" and an elephant logo on the front and a phrase supporting the military on the back. The young Marine kept admiring her shirt and saying he wished he could have it. Jane didn't mind giving him the

shirt off her back so Carol Jones volunteered to lend her another shirt to get back to her room. Jane went into our room, changed into Carol's spare shirt and took the red Republican Woman t-shirt and handed it to the young Marine. He was so thrilled with receiving that shirt that it was really heartwarming. He had confided that he had not called his mother yet because "she might have a heart attack" so he was going to call her when he got into New Jersey. We had a feeling that his mother might have been a Republican and he would surprise her with that shirt. I guess we'll always wonder. The look on his face was priceless! We can now say that Jane stripped for the military! We are all happy for Jane, whose own son just returned from Afghanistan. He has not returned to Arizona yet but Jane is looking forward to that.

The business meeting on Saturday was conducted efficiently and we were treated by an entertaining speaker before lunch. Eric Golub who has written a book "Ideological Bigotry" is a Republican and was one of the funniest political comedians I have ever heard. If there is a future opportunity to hear this man again in Arizona I highly recommend you go. I would again.

We enjoyed an excellent luncheon and it was also attended by several local dignitaries and various candidates. Randy Pullen was our speaker at lunch and he focused on the financial condition of the State and the lack of a budget. He said he had met with the Republican leaders of both houses and Governor Jan Brewer and conveyed the importance of working together to solve the budget crisis or risk Republican losses in the upcoming election. After adjournment we returned to Phoenix with renewed enthusiasm for our upcoming tasks at hand! It was a pleasure riding with Carol Jones, just chatting and sharing ideas.

I highly recommend that everyone try to attend an AzFRW state meeting. You will be glad you did. Prescott is coming up in June. Mark your calendars! Oh, and did I mention that we had a great chef?

Ruby White

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- CRWC Regular Meeting —**
March 16, 2010
- Day at the Legislature —**
April 8, 2010
- CRWC Regular Meeting —**
April 20, 2010
- CRWC Regular Meeting —**
May 18, 2010
- AzFRW Summer Meeting — Prescott, AZ**
June 18-19, 2010

QUOTABLE QUOTE

WHO SAID THIS?

“The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government.”

The first member to guess the identity of the person who said this will be the winner of a special surprise. To qualify, you must contact the newsletter editor with your answer. The winner will be announced at the March meeting.

NO APOLOGY TOUR

Governor Mitt Romney has authored a new book, “No Apology: The Case for American Greatness”.

Governor Romney will be in Phoenix for a book signing at Borders Books, 2402 E. Camelback Road on March 16th at 7:00pm.

If anyone purchases or reads his new book, we would welcome a review in the newsletter.

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