



# Central Republican Women's Club

★ ★ ★ HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

January 2010 ★ ★ ★

## KATE'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year, CRWC members! Your 2009 and 2010 Boards met January 7th at Sylvia's La Canasta at 7th Avenue and Missouri. We were joined by members, guests and prospective new members. The meeting was a great success! For those of you who could not attend, we have resolved there will be more opportunities in 2010 because this "working meeting" was fun and productive.

Our action plan for the coming 2010 Election Year was a mix of both tried and true CRWC traditions, along with some fresh ideas. The Board developed an organizational structure that will ensure all of our members are able to engage in both the political actions and community outreach causes championed by CRWC.

We celebrated our CRWC Newsletter and adopted a prototype CRWC logo to go with it. That task might sound hard, it was easy, because we simply took the concept that was already in place and enhanced it, with input from new and prospective members. This is a challenging time for all Republicans, but CRWC will weather the storm and emerge stronger. We will combine the wise mentoring and work ethic of our charter members with the enthusiasm and urgency of newer members. The knowledge is there. The talent is there. Our job as a Board is to bring these qualities together and see the red, white and blue sparks fly!

Here are some of the ideas we will be bringing to CRWC members:

- ◆ The club's first priority will be growing an active membership, led by our own Alice Lara and Barb Franzman. As new members join the club, they will be paired with a seasoned member who will mentor their entry to the club and ensure they are able to engage quickly.
- ◆ All members will be given the opportunity to join at least one of two new committees - **Political Action** and **Community Outreach**. If a member wants to be part of both committees, they are encouraged to do so.
- ◆ In recognition of those members whose work schedules conflict with work day meetings, we are going to try some different meeting times (such as a dinner meeting or a Saturday breakfast or lunch) and alternate locations. Our goal

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## JANUARY MEETING

**Tuesday, JANUARY 19**  
**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.**



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Proudly supporting the Arizona Republican Party and our community.**



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- is to be accessible to all our members and attractive to new members.
- ◆ Since 2010 is an election year we are exploring partnerships with other clubs in our region to create a larger venue for candidates and to network with other Republican Women's clubs.
- ◆ Our work at the Garcia school is important to all of us, as is the community's recognition of Republican good deeds on behalf of education. We plan to present our next gift to the school at a school board meeting.
- ◆ We are not limited by holidays to send boxes to the troops who serve to protect our freedom; there will be several opportunities in the coming year to contribute to those precious boxes.

Your 2010 Board is ready and willing to serve. We pledge to work hard to promote Republican values in our community outreach efforts and Republican principals in our political action work.

On to Victory in 2010!

**Kate McGee**

**JANUARY SPEAKER**

Kevin McCarthy is the President of the Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA). ATRA is an independent, statewide taxpayer organization whose purpose is to promote the efficient and effective use of tax dollars through sound fiscal policies.

Kevin graduated from the University of San Diego in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a minor in economics.

Kevin joined ATRA in 1986 as a research analyst responsible for the oversight of county, community college, and school district finance issues. Kevin also served as ATRA's legislative representative promoting sound tax policy in the legisla-

ture. Kevin has served as ATRA's President since 1991.

A recognized expert in public finance, Kevin has represented Arizona taxpayers on a variety of different boards and commissions. He was appointed to and served on the Property Tax Oversight Commission, Debt Oversight Commission, State Board of School Capital Facilities, as well as numerous legislative and executive study committees.

Kevin is married and has five children.

*With today's focus on the economy and the increasing debt crisis in our state, it should be interesting to hear an independent voice on tax policies, finances and, hopefully, help us make sense of what's best for our state and the necessary solutions to our problems. This is a good meeting to bring a friend.*

**CRWC MEMBERSHIP 2010**  
**By Alice Lara**

Those of you who were not able to make the board meeting really missed out. President Kate McGee demonstrated she is ready to follow in the honorable footsteps of CRWC presidents past and carry our club onward with renewed energy. Your membership roles are more important than ever and we're lucky because we have great members!

I will serve as the chairman of our CRWC Membership committee along with Barb Franzman, Past President and Ruby White, 2nd Vice President. If you'd like to help with this effort, please contact us. We are currently revising our membership form and hope to have it available at our next meeting if not sooner. The first thing we must focus on is keeping our existing members by securing their renewals. I would like to set our goal for membership once again for 100 members. We nearly made that a few years ago. I know it's achievable.

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## **HEALTH CARE BILL BEGS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE**

**By Clint Bolick**

The health care bills passed by the U.S. House and Senate are so complex, convoluted, and Ponzi-like, they could only have been conceived by Bernie Madoff. Along with the devil that lies in the bills' details lurk serious constitutional issues.

Foremost, Congress lacks constitutional authority to regulate commerce in a way that would compel individuals to purchase government-approved health insurance. If Arizonans pass the Health Care Freedom Act this November, our state constitution will expressly protect our citizens against such a mandate as well as penalties for noncompliance, it also will present serious federalism issues when the mandate becomes effective in 2014.

Likewise, various features of the bills "commandeer" the states to perform various actions as if they were mere functionaries of the federal government, in likely violation of state sovereignty protections under the 10th and 11th Amendments.

Some of the special deals embodied in the bills - such as Nebraska's exemption from added Medicaid costs, included in the Senate bill to procure Sen. Ben Nelson's vote - may raise equal protection concerns as well.

Governor Jan Brewer asked Attorney General Terry Goddard to join other state attorneys general in considering a legal challenge to the exemption. Though he called the provision "ill-conceived", Goddard declined to examine its legality because it has not yet passed. That's too bad considering that threat of a legal challenge by a Democrat Attorney General could influence the debate over reconciliation of the two versions of the health care bill.

Even if the Attorney General decides to abrogate his duty to defend the state against unconstitutional actions by the federal government, the Gold-

water Institute stands prepared to defend state sovereignty and the rights of Arizonans.

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## **JOKES AND GEMS**

It's a slow day in a little East Texas town. The sun is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.....

On this particular day a rich tourist from back east is driving through town. He stops at the motel and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night...

As soon as the man walks upstairs, the owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel.

The guy at the Farmer's Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit.

The hooker rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the rich traveler will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveler comes down the stairs,

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picks up the \$100 bill, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism...

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how the United States Government is conducting business today!

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**CRWC Membership 2010**

If you haven't paid your membership dues, please pay them and why not send along another \$10 and sponsor an associate member? It could be your husband, a Republican friend who lives out of state or someone who is a member of another Arizona club. This year has much in store in the way of elections, guest speakers and the role of the Republican woman. I invite you to play the best part you can. Maybe it's hard for you to participate, think about what you can do. Blab to others about our club? Maybe you can write a newsletter article or opinion piece about your political thoughts? Do you have a friend who is running for office or thinking about it? Share our wonderful club with them.

Let's make 2010 our best year yet - it's necessary for the success of our political future. I believe core conservative values are the only thing that can truly put our country back on track. Let's unite as Republican women - we can make a difference. Bring a prospect to Tuesday's meeting.

**Alice Lara**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**CRWC Regular Meeting —**  
January 19, 2010

**CRWC Regular Meeting —**  
February 16, 2010

**AzFRW Meeting — Yuma, AZ**  
February 26-27, 2010

*“A liberal is a person who will give away everything he doesn't own.”*

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