



ELEPHANT TALES

CHANDLER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sheila Brooks

Chandler Republican Women are off and running! Nine members of CRW represented our club at a joint meeting of the East Valley Republican Women held on January 4th at Mesa Country Club. The program titled "Razzle Dazzle" is a national program with the concept of how to energize club members regarding the running of their club. Some of the eleven items covered were: Publicizing meetings and activities via local media, Caring for America project, Workshop of Membership and/or Leadership and Grassroots Advocacy. This meeting was extremely well organized, run efficiently and everyone in CRW can say a special "Thank You" to our own Sharon Pittard - Director of Region 6 - who was responsible for planning this very, successful event attended by approximately 60 Republican women.

By now everyone should have received their invitation to our annual Membership luncheon on February 10th. We plan to recognize members of long standing, and hope you will be with us. Last Fall a club member said to me that the reason she doesn't come to meetings is because she felt she did not know anyone because there were so many new faces. My response was that there wouldn't be these new faces if it wasn't for many of you who were the initial members and got CRW off the ground! Hopefully, everyone can bring one potential member. Men are welcome also - some are already Associate members. The Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell - Presiding Judge for the Maricopa County Superior Court will be our speaker. Her talk will be most interesting!

PS - Do you know who Dodie Londen was and what is now being offered in her name?? You will find out somewhere in this newsletter.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting will be held at the home of Deanna Huffman. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell, Presiding Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court. We plan to honor long time members and hope to have many members and guests present to hear this outstanding speaker.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

By. Maj. Kelley Strong, U.S. Army

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze,
A young man in uniform, saluted it, and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform - so young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years,
How many pilots planes shot down? How many Mothers tears?

How many foxholes were soldiers graves? NO, freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times that taps had meant "amen",
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of Mothers and the wives,
Of Fathers, Sons and Husbands, with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington -- NO freedom is not free.

Dorothy Kabis Memorial Internship

Do you know a junior in college or a college student 21 years of age or older?

This internship honors the former president of the National Federation of Republican Women who later was appointed U.S. Treasurer by President Nixon. The internship gives a young undergraduate the opportunity to spend part of the summer working at National headquarters in Alexandria, Va. It includes a small monetary allowance, roundtrip airfare to and from Washington, D.C., and housing in the D.C. metropolitan area.

Applicants should have a general knowledge of government, a keen interest in politics, campaign experience, and sufficient clerical office skills that are adaptable to a busy office. Internship recipients may not reapply.

For further information email - AFRW President, Noreen Thomas - nordic@citlink.net or phone 928-680-8278. Applications are due to Noreen by Feb. 20, 2007.

Club News

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Saturday, February 10

Programs *by Becky Groves*



We are pleased to announce that our speaker at our membership luncheon on Saturday, February 10th, will be the Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell, Presiding Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court. Leona Johnston, 2nd Vice President of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women will also be attending.

A reminder: Our salad luncheon will be held at the home of Deanna Huffman (480 802-3673). Don't miss it and bring a guest.

Memberships *by Deanna Huffman*



The Membership Luncheon with special guest speaker Barbara Mundell, Presiding Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court System is Saturday, February 10th. Judge Mundell will be a fantastic speaker. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there especially the new members as well as potential members brought as guests. RSVP is requested by February 5th. Please contact me with any questions at 480-802-3673 or deannahuffman@consultant.com.

Welcome to new members Stephenie Crane, Alice Dowdell, and Dottie Roberts. This brings the club totals to 36 members and 15 associates.

Ways and Means *by Ann Caswell*

Thank you for electing me third Vice President. I am honored. This looks to be an exciting year. I am planning only one major fund raiser and perhaps some small fun projects or events. Several ideas have been suggested, and I am in the process of formulating the plans for the year. Please let me know if you have other fund raising suggestions. I look forward to a prosperous new year.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Chandler Republican Women's Club

January 16, 2007

Call to Order: President Sheila Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:p.m., at the Vision Gallery. Sheila welcomed everyone and introduced the Board Members for 2007, 1st Vice President Becky Groves, 2nd Vice President Deanna Huffman, Treasurer Donna Marshak and Recording Secretary Susan Helsel. 3rd Vice President Ann Caswell and Correspondence Secretary Maryanne Caccamo were excused.

The Invocation: Given by Linda Beatty.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Lisa Spencer, who also gave the Americanism thought.

Program: 1st Vice President Becky Groves introduced Troy Hyde, chairman of the Arizona Federation of College Republicans. He spoke on his experiences as chairman and offered ideas on expanding the Republican ideals.

Business Meeting:

Recording Secretary: Susan Helsel – November Minutes approved as printed.

President: Sheila Brooks reported that Diane Ortiz-Parsons was elected 2nd Vice President of the Maricopa County Republican Committee.

1st Vice President: Becky Groves reported that Judge Barbara Mundell would be the speaker at the February Membership Luncheon. Also Becky asked for ideas from the membership for future programs.

2nd Vice President: Deanna Huffman announced that the Membership Luncheon would be at her home on February 10 and “e-vite” invitations would be sent out. These would have directions to her home, food assignments and a place to electronically R.S.V.P.

3rd Vice President: Ann Caswell sent a message to the membership to ask for ideas for Ways and Mean Fund Raisers.

Treasurer: Donna Marshak reported that the balance of the club was \$8,649.70.

New Business:

President: Sheila Brooks announced new chairpersons.

1. Barbara Rogers / Awards
2. Linda Beatty/Hospitality
3. Allison Hubley/Campaign.
4. Lisa Spencer/Mamie Eisenhower

Past President: Marsha Atkin awarded the CRW President's Pin to Sheila Brooks.

Mamie Eisenhower: Former Chairman Diane Ortiz-Parsons explained that she had purchased 3 sets of small history books. One set was given to Hancock School, another to Tarwater School and the third set to be used by CRW, as we wish.

Announcements:

- Legislative District 21 will meet Thursday, February 8th at Serrano's Restaurant – 7 p.m.
- Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 24th at 7p.m. at Sheila Brooks home.
- There will be no general membership meeting at the Vision Gallery. Membership Luncheon at the home of Deanna Huffman, Sat. February 10th , 11:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Helsel,
Recording Secretary

Dodie Londen Excellence in Public Service Series

Who was Dodie Londen? The Grand Dame of the Arizona Republican Party and first woman ever to serve as Chairman of the Party. As one political reporter wrote, "She did more to unite the GOP than anyone else in decades....a tough act to follow."

The Dodie Londen Series is an annual training program for Republican women in Arizona that prepares women to be more effective leaders in government, politics, and in the community. Participants each have a goal to increase their level of involvement in public life as party leaders, elected or appointed officials, as grassroots activists, and/or as community leaders.

Each year a class of talented women representing all regions of Arizona will participate in intensive training sessions over the course of nine months to gain information, tools and skills to enhance their civic and political participation.

Class members participate in 9 required training session beginning in October and concluding in June of each year. Class members travel to different parts of Arizona to attend a training session each month.

Members are chosen through a two-tier selection process. Applicants must submit a written application due May 1st. For an application or more information, contact Bernadette S. Comfort, Executive Director at 520-609-6347,

CHANDLER REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Checking Account Balance 1/01/07 **\$8,649.70**

Receipts:

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| Regular renewal membership | \$ 725.00 |
| Regular new membership | \$ 75.00 |
| Associate membership | \$ 165.00 |
| New Associate membership | \$ 30.00 |
| Donation from John McCormish | \$ 15.00 |

Total Receipts: **\$1010.00**

Total Income **\$9659.70**

Less Disbursements:

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| AFRW annual dues (1 st quarter) | \$ 297.00 |
| AFRW annual service charge | \$ 15.00 |
| Newsletter | \$ 32.37 |
| Mamie Eisenhower Library Project | \$ 15.00 |
| Meeting Room Expenses (4 months) | \$ 100.00 |
| Memorial fund | \$ 8.81 |

Total Disbursements: **\$450.56**

Checking Account Balance 1/31/07 **\$9,209.14**

In Memory Of

- Our condolences to Marilyn LaFoe upon the loss of her sister and then her mother-in-law.
- Condolences also to Marilyn Burke on the loss of her mother. Many of you will remember Marilyn's mother when she came to visit the club. She was a great admirer of President Ronald Reagan, and was a member of his transition staff when he became President. She also was asked by President Reagan to become part of his Washington staff.

ANY INTERESTING ARTICLE

Are there any members of the club who have a article that might be of interest to the club or perhaps you might have a relative or close family member who participated in some historic event. If so, would you be willing to share it with us?

Your editor is looking for ideas for stories for the newsletter that will make people think or learn something new each month.

It could be something like why is the American flag folded in a particular manner when it is presented to the family of a deceased American serviceman. Each fold has a particular symbol. It might be a story about Abe Lincoln or Teddy Roosevelt. We all need to learn how a bill becomes law and the succession in case of the death of a President. Let us hear from you.

Please send me any stories you have to MPLACP@aol.com



Here is a picture of the twelve ladies from the Chandler Republican Women's Club that attended the Razzle Dazzle event at the Mesa Country Club.

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