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Chandler Republican Women

Summer News

- **From our President:** I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Floridino's Pizza and Pasta Fundraiser - we raised \$72.49. What a great time and good food too. With the U.S. budget in the news, I want to encourage each of you to stay the course. We must not lose hope for our country. Each of us making our voices heard by asking our Senators and Representatives to stand strong and uphold our country's principles, can help. Every reminder that we send could possibly make the difference for our country having a balanced budget or not. Visit the AzFRW website for your Congressman's email address.

While the Chandler Republican Women haven't any general membership meeting scheduled during the months of July and August, the board is busy at work putting together Fall programs and making plans for the upcoming fundraiser scheduled for September. Committee members are busy at work on the by-laws review and the budget for 2012. Behind the scene work continues all summer to keep the Chandler Republican Women up and running; we're getting ready for our start up in September. Wishing you all the best for your vacation plans. I'm looking forward the September and hearing about your summer.

- CRW member, **Elaine Leibowitz**, was recently honored at the annual Downtown Chandler Community Partnership's award meeting. Elaine was named Volunteer of the Year for the organization. Elaine participates in all the events that take place in and around the town square. She can be seen along with other volunteers wearing bright yellow shirts, directing people to the venues that are taking place, answering questions and being a Goodwill Ambassador for Chandler. Congratulations, Elaine!!



Fall Wine Tasting Event - The Board is putting together a fun evening that will showcase several wines from around the state. The fundraiser, we are happy to announce, will be held at the Fisher's home on the evening of Saturday, September 24th. We will have an Arizona wine distributor emceeding this gala event to give us information about the wines we will be tasting as well as the areas where they are grown. Tickets will be reasonably priced and CRW will also provide light snacks. Please save the date and plan to attend.

- **REMINDER** to save your "junk" for the garage sale. You ARE saving your donations for CRW, aren't you? Exact date and place to be announced, but plans are in place to have a sale after the weather cools off a little, so put October on your calendar. If you have any items that need to be stored, please contact anyone on the board for pick up.
- **CARING For AMERICA!** Nancy Conner reports that CRW will participate in a food drive during September to help replenish the Matthew's Crossing Food Bank. In November, plans are underway to once again provide "appreciation" snacks and drinks for Veterans at the Carl T. Hayden Veteran's Clinic in celebration of Veteran's Day. Members will be asked to donate mini-pretzels sticks to put in goodie bags for our Veterans. Then in December, we will be selecting a military family for our Christmas project. Remember to keep our Armed Forces service members that are serving our country in your thoughts.
- Did you know you can find **Chandler Republican Women** on Facebook? If you have an account, let's get connected.
- Start making your plans now to attend the **AzFRW Fall Convention** to be held at the Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, November 3rd, 4th and 5th. This State meeting is a perfect chance for Republican Women to attend the workshops, meetings, dinner and luncheon and to meet others from across the state. The Fort McDowell community is working hard to make this a memorable event for us all. We, in the East Valley, are fortunate to have the state meeting nearby at Fort McDowell - no excuses for us this time that it is too far away. Look for the registration form in the AzFRW bulletin and send in your reservation.