



Elephant Tales

May 2011

Chandler Republican Women

Mission Statement: We are dedicated to electing Republicans to office at all levels of government. We strive to make politics a real and vital force in the lives of Arizona women who want to have a voice in their future. We encourage and help women to become leaders in government within the Republican Party and in the community.

President's Note by Ann Caswell

General

Membership

Meeting

Tuesday

May 17th

At the BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

MEETING INFO:

Where we meet:

Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley

300 E. Chandler Blvd. Chandler, AZ

When we meet:

3rd Tuesday of the month -unless notified

Time we meet:

Meet & Greet -

6:30 p.m.

Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Greeting Everyone,

What a victory the United States has had with the death of Osama bin Laden. The United States has shown her fortitude and perseverance with the pursuit of the enemy. Thank you to the Navy Seals for conducting an operation that took out the head of the terrorist organization that destroyed so many lives on 09/11.

As you all know the campaign for the 2012 election has officially started with the debate of the current Republican challengers for the presidency. This will be a critical election. I continue to recall and pass on what Rae Chornenky, 1st VP of NFRW, shared with us upon returning from Legislative Week on Capital Hill. We have 26 Senate seats open in this next election, we need to get Republicans elected to gain a majority in the Senate so if President Obama should win the presidency once again, we would have the ability to stop his reckless destruction of the US government.

I am happy to announce that Marla McCall was elected by the board to chair the Nominating committee for the election of officers for the 2012 executive board. At this month's membership meeting we will nominate and elect two women from our membership to be on the nominating committee. Please consider being on this very important committee by contacting Marla or anyone on the executive board.

Additionally I would like all of you to consider how you could help make our club successful and in what position you would like serve. All of you have talents that would make you fantastic officers on next year's board or a chairwoman of a committee.

This will be a crucial year to be involved and each of you can make a difference.

We have an exciting meeting planned for May 17th.

See you there!

Ann

Tuesday , May 17th Meeting

A Salute to Our Military

There will be a short video played giving a patriotic salute to our past and present military. We celebrate Memorial Day this month so it is fitting that we recognize and thank each and every one of our soldiers - with a special shout out of thanks and gratitude to our heroic Navy Seals this past week for their success in removing Bin Laden from the face of this earth! They are a source of pride for our country.

Plus, we will have a couple of administrative representatives from the Phoenix USO division to share what this great organization does to help and show appreciation to our military and their families.

MAY MEETING 2011

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Membership Meeting
Tues – May
17th- 7p.m.

The Board meeting is open to all CRW members who would like to attend. It is held the Monday after the Membership Meeting at President Ann Caswell's house, 817 W Rockrose Way, Chandler, AZ 85248. The time is 6:30pm. For questions please contact Ann Caswell at 602-516-3232. The May board meeting date is Monday night, the 23rd.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Marcella Peters

The big battle in Washington these days concerns raising the debt ceiling. It is apparent the Democrats have no intention of making any serious cuts to the budget, and the Republicans intend to demand that cuts be made equal to the amount of the increase in the debt limit.

The Republicans in the House have passed a budget submitted by Representative Ryan of Wisconsin that makes substantial cuts to entitlement programs. This was not greeted with much favor by people on Social Security or Medicare. However, it will not touch anyone presently on the system. The Republican Party needs to make this plain to the American voter. Obamacare needs to be repealed, and no better argument can be made than the results of the same type of plan in Massachusetts.

President Obama got a big boost in the polls with the death of Osama Ben Laden, but even Leon Panetta indicated that the interrogation tactics of the Bush Administration gave them the name of the person who eventually led them to his compound.

Both parties are still in bitter contention over whether our border with Mexico is more or less secure today. President Obama held a meeting on immigration in Washington within the past month and all of the Governors of Border states were absent.

The Arizona Legislature finished their session in record time this year having achieved their goal of balancing the state budget. Governor Brewer used her veto pen on many bills which did not endear her to some of the state legislators.

The next big issue in Arizona will be the reapportionment of the State Legislature and the redrawing of the Congressional Districts. Since we have a large Hispanic population, our districts must be approved by the Federal Government in Washington, and our elections in 2012 will be based on the new lines.

We will probably have some new ethics rules for our state legislators in view of the problems with the Fiesta Bowl. Whether state laws were violated, will be determined by the Maricopa County Attorney's office.

The Pinal County Sheriff has submitted his report on the complaints made against the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, and this has resulted in the resignation of two of the top deputies in the office. The Pinal County Sheriff also recommended the dismissal of the third officer, but he is covered under a different employment rule. Whether there will be any criminal charges filed remains within the province of the US Attorney's office. They still have not completed their investigation.

CARING FOR AMERICA - Nancy Chandler:

HELP A VET: A pick-up service that assists Vietnam Veterans visits the Chandler area every Thursday. They will pick up furniture, small appliances, clothing, exercise equipment, etc. For information call 480-655-8387. They do not accept any food donation or money.



Membership by 2nd Vice President, Susan Helsel

There is a membership form on page eight of the newsletter. Do you know of anyone that would like to join the Republican Women? Please give her (or him) our membership application and suggest that she attend a meeting. We are trying to break our record for 3rd quarter membership numbers by reaching our goal.



AzFRW is raffling off a \$350.00 Southwest Airlines gift card at the summer meeting. They have requested each club sell 25 tickets, so the Chandler Republican Women will have tickets for sale at the May meeting . They sell for **\$5.00** each or **5 for \$20.00**.



ANOTHER REQUEST! AzFRW needs your **trinkets, costume jewelry and collectibles**. They plan to use these items to sell at the fundraiser table at the upcoming state meeting in June. Would you dig around to see what you can find? It is a terrific way to help out by cleaning out. Remember – your junk is someone else’s treasure. (I heard that a Barry Goldwater doll has been donated) Please bring any items that **YOU** want to donate to the next meeting .

Start saving your items for our Fall garage sale

If you are in the midst of Spring cleaning please remember to put aside some of your donations for CRW's sale that we have coming up in the Fall. We will find a place to store your treasures and will happily pick up any thing you want to donate. Call Ann Caswell, (480) 792-1127 if you have items to donate. We need your junque in order to make this sale a success.

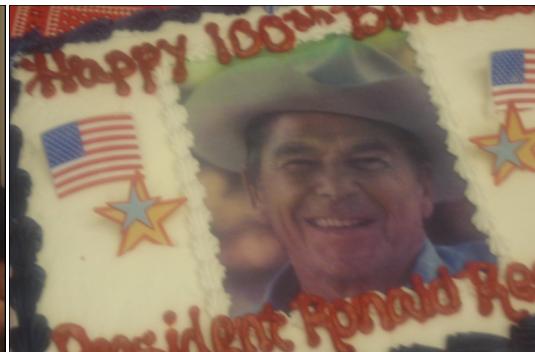
Financial Report by Treasurer, Marla McCall



CHANDLER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Financial Statement April 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011

Balance: April 1, 2011		\$10,267.03
Total Income:	<u>\$ 155.00</u>	
Balance:		\$10,422.03
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 3.76</u>	
Balance: April 30, 2011		\$10,418.27



CRW celebrated Reagan's Centennial at the April meeting



Chandler Republican Women - April, 2011— General Meeting Minutes

WELCOME: Ann Caswell, President.

Tonight's meeting is a special celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of President Ronald Reagan. The room was decorated in Red, White and Blue; we had a western theme to honor his Cowboy ways, a patriotic tribute video & a birthday cake with Reagan's photo on it. Bookmarks were handed out as well.

INVOCATION: Marla McCall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & AMERICANISM THOUGHT: Nancy Connor reviewed Ronald Reagan's wonderful book of handwritten letters, there are over 10,000 in the collection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS - Susan Helsel

Sheila and Jerry Brooks, and three other guests, attended the meeting. Welcome to all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Ann Caswell. Ann spoke of Ronald Reagan's Three Pillars of Government.

1. Reviving the American economy, 2. Restoring America's spirit and 3. Challenging the oppression of the Soviet Union. On national defense Reagan said, "Peace through strength; Trust but verify; & Beware of evil in the modern world.

PROGRAM - Carol Clesceri

Intro Speaker - J Rene Lopez - LD 21 1st VP. Rene gave a very informative presentation on the position of a Precinct Committee Person. Becoming a PC is very rewarding and gets you involved at the grass roots level. Training is available and LD21 is always looking for new republicans to join them in this key position. There are three phases of training. Contact Ann or any Board member for more information.

* Due to the Legislature holding a special session, our scheduled main speaker, Tom Forese - LD21 State Representative, was not able to attend our meeting.

Opportunity Drawing - Elaine Leibowitz Ronald Reagan's book was awarded to the lucky winner. We also had a guess the number of jelly beans in the jar, to reflect Reagan's love of jelly beans. Everyone provided a guess!

Business Meeting: Approval of minutes for March 19, 2011.

Reports:

President - Ann Caswell- Sympathy and condolences to Leona Johnston on the passing of her beloved husband.

1st VP Program Chairman- Carol Clesceri - June's meeting will be a celebration of Flag Day. May's plans are still being finalized.

2nd VP - Membership Chairman - Susan Helsel 45 members and 19 associates.

3rd VP - Ways & Means Chairman - Darcy Lightfoot - no report

Recording Secretary - Karen Noblitt

Corresponding Secretary - Elaine Leibowitz. Sympathy cards and thank you notes sent.

Treasurer - Marla McCall- Balance as of tonight \$10,303.03

New Business

1. LD21 is having a Spaghetti Western Fundraiser of Saturday, April 30th and our club will be providing a basket for their fundraiser. Carol Clesceri and Nancy Connor are leading the basket committed and would love your ideas and assistance.
2. Beautiful jewelry was on display at our meeting and is part of the AzFRW convention fundraiser. Please let Ann or Mary Baumbach know if you would like to purchase tickets for this wonderful jewelry.
3. Board meeting is the Monday after the Membership meeting at 6:30pm at Ann Caswell's home, 817 W Rockrose Way, Chandler, AZ 85248
4. Still need volunteers to do club publicity, (see Ann Caswell) & a club scrapbook, (see Elaine Leibowitz).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen Noblitt

Some upcoming dates for your 2011 Calendar

June - AzFRW Summer Meeting, FRI and SAT, June 10 & 11, 2011, Flagstaff

July - 4th of July Celebration, possible voter registration booth.

September 29 – October 2, 2011 NFRW 36th Biennial Convention -Kansas City, Missouri

Fall Rummage Sale

November - Chili cook off - possible voter registration booth.

November - AzFRW Convention , FRI and SAT, November 4 & 5th

Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel and Convention Center

10438 North Fort McDowell Road • Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, AZ 85264

December - Chandler Parade of Lights

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! If anyone would like to order a large gold, permanent Chandler Republican Women nametag, please let Ann Caswell at the May meeting. Ann is taking nametag orders and will you know how much they cost.

STAY INFORMED

Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC) posts short daily briefings covering a broad spectrum of local, state, and national political news of the day. In addition to the briefs, an updated calendar is also posted informing you of events being held by the various Republican clubs and organizations. To sign up to receive these briefs, just send your email address and the legislative district you reside in (i.e. LD20 or LD21) to Frosty Taylor at the following address: RepComm@cox.net

Members that would like to see our club information on the State web page may check out this linked-in page to the AzFRW web site. <http://www.azfrw.org/clubs/chandler.htm>
This is a very informative web site and is updated regularly.

Here is the password for the NFRW website. Log on and take a look around.

login: federation

password: nfrw1938

Chandler Republican Women

2011 Membership Application or Renewal Form

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Cell phone: _____ Zip Code + 4: _____ + _____

E Mail Address: _____

Registered Republican? _____ Precinct Committeeman? _____

	Active Membership	\$25.00	Open to any woman who is currently registered as a Republican in the State of Arizona. Includes full voting rights and the opportunity to hold office.
	Associate Membership	\$15.00	Open to any woman or man who is currently registered as a Republican in the State of Arizona but holds active membership in another club in Arizona <u>or</u> who is registered as a Republican in another state. Also open to any woman or man who is registered as a Republican in the State of Arizona and who supports the objectives of the club. Associate members cannot vote or hold office.

Signature _____

Date _____

NOTE: by signing this form, I authorize release of my name and my email address to this club, to AzFRW and to NFRW.

YES! I'm here to help and want to make a difference! Please fill out the interests survey below indicating all areas in which you would be willing to help:

Awards/AzFRW/NFRW	Legislative Issues
Budget/Finance	Membership
Bylaws or Parliamentary	Newsletter
Campaigns	Parades
Caring for America	Programs
Computer Skills	Publicity and PR
Fair Booth/Registering Voters	Scholarship
Hospitality	Ways & Means

Please make check payable to:
Chandler Republican Women
*Annual dues payable by
 January 1st*

Mail this form and your check to:
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CRW
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Meeting
May 17th
Boys and Girls Club
Chandler, AZ

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