



Elephant Tales

OCTOBER 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

Hello Everyone,

What an inspiring weekend I had at the NFRW Biennial Convention. From educational workshops to inspiring speakers there was so much to take away and bring to you. First I want to congratulate Rae Lynn Chornenky from Arizona on being elected as the President of the National Federation of Republican Women.

The following are a few of the activities that I would like to highlight.

1. Governor Jan Brewer who challenged us to mentor another woman and to be involved in the political process.
2. Governor Luis Fortuno, Governor of Puerto Rico, spoke of the difficult decisions he had when he took office a short time ago, compared to the turn around in the economy that they are experiencing today.

Campaign Management school was extremely enlightening. This was a full day workshop and we came home with a 4 pound book full of information. All the workshops were very good and I could not write fast enough.

Not all of our time was spent in meetings, which allowed us to do some sightseeing. The evening hospitality suites were fun and I enjoyed networking with women from around the country who have the same concerns and hopes for our great nation. There is more that I would like to share with you and I hope to do that in the near future.

I want to thank CRW for allowing me to be your representative to this inspirational convention.

Please remember to invite your friends to the "Celebrate Arizona" event on October 22, 2011. This will be a time for you to Socialize, Sip and Sample.

See you at the meeting!

Ann

General

Membership

Meeting

Tuesday

October 18th

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:

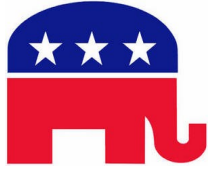
Meet & Greet -

6:30 p.m.

Meeting - 7:00 p.m.



A Super **BIG** welcome to **Barbara Percia** who is the newest member to Chandler Republican woman. Barbara joined at the September meeting and hopes to get better acquainted at the October meeting . Thanks for your SUPPORT Barbara!



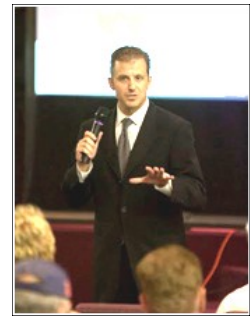
Tuesday , October 18th Meeting

Guest Speaker:

Shane Krauser

Constitutional Law Professor and

Director of American Academy for Constitutional Education



Mark your calendars and bring your friends! **Shane Krauser** is a widely sought after speaker due to his expertise in **constitutional law** and in **criminal justice**. He is a passionate and motivational speaker bringing an understanding of the Constitution that is inspirational. He is a prosecutor by day, a college professor at night, and has taught self-defense and the legal use of deadly force.

Be sure to mark your calendar not to miss this meeting!

OCTOBER MEETING 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	<i>Membership Meeting Tues, OCT 18th - 7p.m.</i>	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Board meeting</i>	25	26	27	28	29
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Celebrate
Arizona
Fundraiser

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 September board meeting date is **Monday night, the 24th.**

AzFRW

REGION VI Director —SHEILA BROOKS

The NFRW "Capital Connection" has just reported that there were nearly 1,200 registrants from 47 states plus Puerto Rico in attendance at the NFRW's 36th Biennial Convention in Kansas City on Sept. 29-Oct. 2nd. The NFRW election of fellow Arizonan, Rae Chornenky, was not without its cliff hanging moments.

Rae is a member of the Cactus Wren club, which is one of the clubs in our Region VI and she was the Nominating committee's selection, but there was a nomination from the floor! We remained totally positive and when the votes were tallied, Rae's win was substantial!!

I know that our CRW President Ann, has touched on what were some of the highlights that she enjoyed and it was fun for me to observe Ann's reactions as this was her first time at a national convention. Besides the notables that Ann has mentioned, there was a very moving tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11 as well as those who bravely worked the site. I again came away from this convention with the feeling of being so proud to be an American.

At the general session on Sunday morning we were asked to stand and sing God Bless America, and woman after woman unconsciously took the hand of the woman standing on either side of her and at the end of the song, everyone raised their hands unanimously, showing strength in togetherness. These attendees were totally embracing the love they have for their country and the knowledge that we can and must be united as we work for a new President in 2012.

Here's a note from our **AzFRW President - LEONA JOHNSTON**

From: leonajohnston@cox.net

Sent: 10/3/2011 1:57:04 P.M. US Mountain Standard Time
Subj: NFRW Convention

The www.nfrw.org web site has all of the highlights of the NFRW Convention. Of special interest is the result of the straw poll. By the way, it was reported on Fox News. The highlight of the convention was, of course, the election of Rae Chornenky as President of the NFRW. In addition, **we were so proud of the speech delivered by Governor Jan Brewer. She rocked the place.** So much to tell! I will be sending a post convention report to all outlining some of the special awards and honors that AzFRW received and some of the fun stuff with our delegation. So, we are now looking forward to 2013 in Louisville, KY, a must for us. It will be President Rae's convention. Then in just a few short years 2015 here in Phoenix at the Desert Ridge JW Marriott.

We come back with renewed enthusiasm and encouragement after hearing from some of the dynamic leaders of Congress and Governors of Wisconsin and Puerto Rico.

And we have a new motto which begins now! WE ARE READY FOR 2012! BRING IT ON!

Regional Directors: Please invite your club presidents and members to visit www.nfrw.org
Leona



SAVE THE DATE!!

Members and Associates -- mark your calendar for Thursday, Oct. 27th! That is the date of the Desert Cancer Foundation of Arizona's annual luncheon at the San Marcos Hotel. Chandler Republican Women have always reserved a table or two to attend this very informative event. So many of us are cancer survivors, or have a loved one or friend who is, or perhaps lost someone to this disease. You will be privileged to hear excellent speakers and become more knowledgeable about many types of cancer. As soon as I receive the ticket information I will have an email sent to the membership of CRW, and if you care to sit at one of our tables, you will be more than welcome.

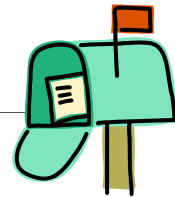
Sheila Brooks (27 year breast cancer survivor)

CARING FOR AMERICA - Nancy Conner:

THANK YOU to Chandler Republican Women from Matthew's Crossing Food Bank for the donation of **45 pounds of food** and \$31 to assist them in serving thousands of people in need each year. Additional donations may be delivered to 1368 N. Arizona Avenue, Unit 112, between 9 a.m. & 12 noon.

HELP VIETNAM VETS: A pick-up service, offered by Vietnam Veterans, visits the Chandler area every Thursday. They will pick up furniture, exercise equipment, appliances, etc. For information, call 480-655-8387.

Here's a letter that was sent to Matthew's Crossing:



September 2, 2011

Matthew's Crossing Food Bank
1368 N. Arizona Avenue – Unit 112
Chandler, AZ

Dear Volunteers,

The Chandler Republican Women are pleased to donate 45 pounds of food and \$31 in cash to support the mission of Matthew's Crossing Food Bank to serve the people in need in the East Valley area.

We applaud your efforts and wish you success during the ensuing difficult economic times.

Sincerely,

Ann Caswell
President

Nancy Conner
Caring for America Chair

Motion Passed

PLEASE NOTE: The Chandler Republican Women Executive Board has agreed that the position of Corresponding Secretary should be consolidated along with the position of Recording Secretary. This was voted on by the membership at our September 20th meeting and passed.

DON'T FORGET !!!!!

Our Fall garage sale!!!!

If you are finally in the mood to clean out that garage, please remember to put aside some of your donations for CRW's sale that we have coming up on **Friday, November 18th. If you have anything large (or small), someone will come by to pick up it up. Call Ann Caswell, (602) 516-3232 if you have items to donate. We need your cleanouts in order to make this sale a success.**



WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!



Financial Report by Treasurer, Marla McCall

CHANDLER REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Financial Statement Sept 1, 2011 to Sept 30, 2011

Balance: Sept 1, 2011		\$ 9,369.01
Total Income:	<u>\$ 233.50</u>	
Balance:		\$ 9,602.51
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 37.76</u>	
Balance: Sept 30, 2011		\$ 9,564.75

2012 Nominations

The following slate for Executive Board officers of CRW for the year 2012

- CRW President: Carol Clesceri
- 1st Vice-President: Nancy Conner
- 2nd Vice-President: Karen Horne
- 3rd Vice-President: Ann Caswell
- Recording Secretary: Marilyn Burke
- Treasurer: Marla McCall

These are the nominations from the nominating committee and those made from the floor at the September meeting. **Election of the 2012 officers will be held at the October 18th meeting.**

Chandler Republican Women - Septmber 20, 2011— General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Ann Caswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Ann welcomed members and guest Chuck Gray, Congressional 6 candidate. The Invocation was given by Marcella Peters.

Nancy Conner led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented the Americanism thought about the history of Ellis Island, the Gateway to Freedom.

Announcements:

Ann reminded members to support the October 22 *Celebrate Arizona* fundraiser at the home of Sheila and Jerry Brooks. Sip & Sample Arizona wines (non-alcohol beverages also), Socialize with Republicans and Support the USO. Members are asked to attend – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – and sell tickets to friends.

Karen Lambourne, LD21 Secretary, announced the Arizona Presidential Preference vote February 28. Only registered Republicans can vote. It does not replace the primary in September.

Program: 1st Vice President Carol Clesceri introduced Elizabeth Lind, State TARs President. She shared the highlights of the Arizona delegation attendance at the National Leadership Conference in Washington D.C., where she was named the national outstanding TAR for 2011. Also introduced was Jorge Ortiz, a volunteer and Rey Torres, President of the Arizona Latino Republican Association. They shared the efforts and focus of ALRA to expand the Latino involvement in the Republican Party.

Opportunity Drawing: Karen Lambourne won the drawing and donated the gift to the next fundraiser.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: The June 21 minutes were corrected to add the name Marla McCall as selected to attend the AzFRW Convention. The minutes were approved as amended.

Reports:

President, Ann Caswell, reported that the AzFRW 64th Biennial Convention, Nov. 4, 5, & 6, at the Radisson Resort and Conference Center at Ft. McDowell is open to all members and she encouraged participation. She encouraged members to support the fundraiser for Matthews Crossing Food Bank this evening, the Wine Tasting event Oct. 22, and the Rummage Sale, Nov. 18.

1st Vice President, Carol Clesceri shared themes for future meetings: October program speaker is Robert Graham, Author of *Job Killers*, speaking about the Unions. November program will feature the Constitution with Brad Zinn as speaker; December 2 is the Christmas Party and installation of officers.

2nd Vice President, Susan Helsel welcomed new member, Barbara Percia and reported the club has 51 members and 19 associate members and 2 lifetime members.

3rd Vice President, Vacant

Recording Secretary, Karen Noblitt – Excused

Treasurer Marla McCall – Reported a checking balance of \$9,369.01.

Region 6 Director, Sheila Brooks announced that she and Ann Caswell will attend the NFRW National Convention in Kansas City and will participate in several informative workshops.

Legislative Chair, Marcella Peters reported the urgency of sending comments to the Redistricting Committee and use the term *Community of Interest* when stressing to not divide a community area.

Old Business:

Corresponding Secretary, Elaine Leibowitz, reported sending a congratulation card to Donna Marshak.

New Business:

Ann Caswell reported the proposed Bylaws change to eliminate the position of Corresponding Secretary. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Marla McCall, Nomination Chairperson, presented the following slate of officers:

President – Carol Clesceri

1st VP – Program Chairman – Nancy Conner

2nd VP – Membership Chairman – Karen Horne

3rd VP – Ways & Means Chairman – Ann Caswell

Recording Secretary – Marilyn Burke

Treasurer – Blank. Marla McCall was nominated from the floor.

The nominations were closed and the slate will be voted on at the October membership meeting.

Nancy Conner, Caring for America Chairman, thanked the membership for their donation of food and cash in support of Matthews Crossing Food Bank. She has contacted the National Guard Family Support services to identify a military family in Chandler that CRW can provide assistance during the Christmas holiday.

Board meeting is September 26, 6:30 p.m. at Ann Caswell's home, 817 W. Rockrose Way, Chandler, AZ. Any interested member is welcome to attend. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Nancy Conner for Karen Noblitt, Recording Secretary



Some upcoming dates for your 2011 Calendar

October 18 - General Membership meeting – Guest Speaker: Shane Krauser

October 22 - “Celebrate Arizona” Fundraiser

November 15 - General Membership meeting

Speaker: Brad Zinn on Voter Fraud and Electoral College

November - AzFRW Convention , THU, FRI and SAT, November 3, 4 & 5th

Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel and Convention Center

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

FALL RUMMAGE SALE - Friday, November 18

December 2nd - Installation of Officers and holiday party at Lynn & Steve Fisher's

STAY INFORMED


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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





Below is a rendition of a bumper sticker that was spotted this summer... No other comment necessary.

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January 20, 2013

CRW
Membership
Meeting October
18th at
The Boys and
Girls Club
Chandler, AZ

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