



# Elephant Tales

**SEPTEMBER 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

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**General**

**Membership**

**Meeting**

**Tuesday**

**SEPT 20th**

**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:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month -unless notified**

**Time we meet:**

**Meet & Greet - 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**

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Hi Everyone,

It is so good to be back from summer break. I look forward to seeing all of you. There are many important issues on the forefront that we need to be informed about and the Executive Board has worked hard to bring these issues to you with the coming programs we have scheduled for the last quarter of 2011. See the calendar below for the great speakers.

It seems like we are in a fight to keep the freedom of our country. I am reminded of William Wallace fighting for the freedom of Scotland. The following quote is from the movie "Brave Heart" by William Wallace.

*William Wallace: Aye, fight and you may die. Run, and you'll live... at least a while. And dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willin' to trade ALL the days, from this day to that, for one chance, just one chance, to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives, but they'll never take... OUR FREEDOM!*

I am looking forward to attending the National Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention in Kansas City, MO at the end of September. Another member, Sheila Brooks, will also be attending. We hope to return with new ideas and information for us to use in our club.

Then, in Arizona the AzFRW Biennial Convention will be held at Fort McDowell Resort – Fountain Hills – November 3 – November 5. Please see complete information written in this newsletter, by our Region VI Director, Sheila Brooks. You can get your registration form on the AzFRW website -[www.azfrw.org](http://www.azfrw.org). Please contact me if you have any questions. .

Our September 20th meeting brings 2 great speakers from ALRA (Arizona Latino Republican Association) Alice Lara and Rey Torres. October's membership meeting speaker is Robert Graham author of Job Killers. Don't miss our annual fundraiser on October 22, we will Celebrate Arizona! And Salute the USO. November's speaker will be Brad Zinn on the subject of voter fraud and the electoral college.

Bring your friends, family and neighbors for this great program. See you there!

Ann Caswell

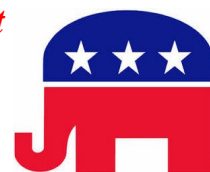


## Tuesday , September 20th Meeting

**Guest Speaker: Rey Torres, President**  
**Alice Lara, Director of Communications**  
 ALRA (Arizona Latino Republican Association)

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

*ALRA's mission is to foster the principles of the Republican Party in Arizona's Latino community creating an empowered network of Republican Latino leaders and grassroots activists. Our speakers will explain the role of their organization regarding current issues in this coming election year including immigration.*



### SEPTEMBER MEETING 2011

| Sunday    | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday  |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|           |  |           |           | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br><i>Tues—Sept 20th - 7p.m.</i> | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b> |  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><i>Board meeting</i>                          | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> |           |

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 26th.**

**AzFRW**

## REGION VI Director —SHEILA BROOKS

Most of the clubs in our Region as well as those in our State usually take a month or two off in the summer from holding membership meetings, but their Executive Boards do not. Because this is the year of our Federation's Biennial, many have been working behind the scenes to promote our convention in November.

With the convention in Fountain Hills, distance is not a problem and I sincerely hope you will consider attending part if not all of it. The speakers are always outstanding.

Thursday, Nov. 3rd, there will be a reception honoring AzFRW President, Leona Johnston at 5 pm. Friday, Nov. 4th, starts with a general session, with workshops throughout the day, with the banquet/silent auction in the evening. Saturday, Nov. 5th, starts with another general session, election of officers, workshops, luncheon and installation of officers.

Sounds busy? yes!! A great way to understand how our Federation works? yes!! Be in the company of like minded Republican women? Definitely!!!!

## FLY YOUR FLAG ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

Hello CRW Members,

Please join CRW and display an American flag on the tenth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, and all those who continue to endure the pain plus those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

Nancy Conner, Americanism Chairman



### 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:**

**HELP VIETNAM VETS:** A pick-up service to assist Vietnam Veterans visits the Chandler area every Thursday. They will pick up furniture, small appliances, clothing, exercise equipment, etc. To arrange for a definite time or for other information, call 480-655-8387. To drop off small donations, the address is 1018 W. Main St. in Mesa – crossroads, Alma School and Extension.

**FOOD DRIVE for the WORKING POOR:** Please donate food necessities for our neighbors in need. Bring non-perishable food items to the CRW membership meeting, September 20. These items will be taken to Matthew's Crossing Food Bank, a nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization serving over 35,000 people in need each year. Drop-off donations can be delivered to 1368 N. Arizona Ave. – Unit 112 – Between 9 a.m. & 12 noon.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The following slate for Executive Board officers of CRW for the year 2012, will be presented at the September 20th membership meeting:

CRW President: Carol Clesceri

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Nancy Conner

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Karen Horne

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President: Ann Caswell

Recording Secretary: Marilyn Burke

Corresponding Secretary:

Treasurer:

There are 2 positions that are open for nominations from the floor at the September meeting. At that time, any member in good standing may make a nomination from the floor with the prior approval of the person being nominated.

I would like to thank Nancy Conner and Sheila Brooks who served on this committee and did their best to fulfill each position.

Marla McCall, Chairman, CRW Nominating Committee

**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 will require a vote of the membership at our September 20th meeting.

**DON'T FORGET !!!!!**

## **Our Fall garage sale!!!!**

**If you are in the midst of cleaning (that was supposed to happen last Spring) 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, someone will happily 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    June 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011**

|                          |                        |                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance: June 1, 2011    |                        | <b>\$10,072.52</b> |
| Total Income:            | <b><u>\$105.49</u></b> |                    |
| Balance:                 |                        | <b>\$10,178.01</b> |
| Total Expenses:          | <b><u>\$851.00</u></b> |                    |
| Balance: August 31, 2011 |                        | <b>\$ 9,327.01</b> |

### ***September is Barbara Bush Literacy Project Month***

**Take a look at the BBLP web page [here](http://www.nfrw.org/programs/literacy/literacymonth.htm).** (www.nfrw.org/programs/literacy/literacymonth.htm)

You will find an updated list of ideas to implement community projects. A form to document your efforts is there, too.

## **Chandler Republican Women - June 21, 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 guests.

The Invocation was given by Ann Caswell.

Carol Clesceri introduced the Girl Scout Color Guard from Troop 2587: Autumn Amato, Sarah Rossi and McKenna Schnell accompanied by Troup Leader, Nancy Mackowiak. They presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Conner presented the Americanism thought about the history and importance of the U.S. Flag.

### **Announcements:**

Ann reminded members to support the June 22 fundraiser at Floridino's. Each sale of food to our members brings a 20% donation to CRW.

**Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carol Clesceri introduced Sharon Giese, Republican National Committeewoman. She detailed the direction and focus of the Republican Party for 2012, and the expanded fundraising efforts by the chairman. She outlined the 'formula' for selection of delegates to the Republican Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, the importance of Republican Women in the role of education about the party and the importance of preserving the Electoral College.

**Opportunity Drawing:** Marilyn LaFoe won the beautiful set of decorated coffee mugs donated by Ann Caswell.

**Minutes:** The May 17 minutes were approved as printed.

### **Reports:**

**President,** Ann Caswell, reported that the AzFRW summer meeting in Flagstaff was well attended and very informative. Also, LD 21 is planning a voter registration booth on July 4. Any volunteers from CRW would be welcome. She reminded members to save interesting items for the Garage Sale in October. She encouraged members to plan ahead and attend the AzFRW Convention, Nov. 4-5 in Fountain Hills.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,** Carol Clesceri shared themes for future meetings: July and August – dark (no meetings); September program theme is Immigration and will feature Alice Lara, Communication Director of the Arizona Latino Republican Association and Rey Torres, President of ALRA; October program speaker is Robert Graham to speak about the issues in his book, "Job Killer, The American Dream in Reverse"; November program will feature the Constitution; December is the installation of officers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President,** Susan Helsel reported 50 members and 19 associate members.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President,** Darcy Lightfoot – Absent

**Recording Secretary,** Karen Noblitt – Excused

**Treasurer** Marla McCall – Reported a checking balance of \$10,072.52.

**Old Business:** **Corresponding Secretary,** Elaine Leibowitz, reported sending thank you cards to May meeting speakers, Ann Theodosis, Phoenix USO Director and Tom Forese, LD 21 Representative.

### **New Business:**

Ann reported that the board selected Susan Helsel as a delegate for the biennial AzFRW Convention. Three more delegates were nominated and approved: Sharon Pittard, Carol Clesceri and Marilyn LaFoe.

Sheila Brooks, AzFRW District VI Director, shared that she would not run for District VI Region Director next year due to personal reasons.

Board meeting is June 27, 6:30 p.m. at Ann Caswell's home, 817 W. Rockrose Way, Chandler, AZ. Any interested member is welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Conner, for Karen Noblitt, Recording Secretary

## Some upcoming dates for your 2011 Calendar

September 20 - General Membership meeting at the Chandler Boys & Girls Club.

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

October 18 – General Membership meeting –

Speaker: Robert Graham, author of “Job Killers”

“Celebrate Arizona” Fundraiser– October 22

November 15 – General Membership meeting –

Speaker: Brad Zinn on Voter Fraud and Electoral College

Fall Rummage Sale - Friday, November 18

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

Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel and Convention Center

### 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

# Chandler Republican Women visits the USO at Sky Harbor Airport

Ann Caswell and Nancy Conner get a personal tour



**CRW**  
**Membership**  
**Meeting**  
**SEPTEMBER 20th**  
**at**  
**The Boys and Girls**  
**Club**  
**Chandler, AZ**

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