

TEMPE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- We endeavor to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through informed political awareness and participation by promoting a knowledgeable and informed electorate through political education and consciousness.
- We aspire to foster loyalty to the Republican Party and promote its ideals, objectives and values.
- We support and uphold our Constitution, our Sovereignty and our unalienable rights and work to insure they are all maintained in the political process.
- We promote Republican candidates, supporting and working for their election as the Party's nominees.

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Tempe Republican Women's Club Meetings

4th Monday of every month-6:30 pm
 Next Regular Meeting: **JANUARY 23**
 Pyle Adult Recreation Center
 655 E. Southern Ave.
 Tempe, Arizona

ANNUAL DUES:

\$ 30 All Members - \$ 15 Associate Members
 All Registered Tempe, AZ Republicans
 are welcome to join us at any time.
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President's Desk



Our December meeting was a Christmas party at the beautiful home of Laura Reisinger. It was a pot luck with delicious food, good fellowship, and fun playing "Dirty Santa". Laura & Terri Chiarella graciously donated a great raffle prize: a wine rack with 2 bottles of red wine, 2 bottles of white, chocolates and a teddy bear. Mary Lou Collier was the lucky winner! Proceeds from the raffle were \$150. Darryl Jacobson-Barnes brought items for a silent auction. Darryl split the proceeds between our club and her daughter Brandi for her trip to Australia. Our club received \$70. Sheila Brooks, the AzFRW Regional 6 Director, installed our officers in a very meaningful ceremony. New officers are: **Sue Pullar**, President; **Teresa Devine**, 1st Vice President in charge of programs; **Kay Fisher**, 2nd Vice President in charge of membership; **Susan Conti**, Recording Secretary;

Angela Jacobson, Treasurer; and Sheila Bryce, Corresponding Secretary. Ladies, please support our new officers and attend the meetings. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2012. I'm wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Editor's Corner



As we begin a new year with new officers, we have a strong resolve to evict the current occupant residing in the 'People's' House. Let us not be apathetic and leave 'it' to the 'THEY' to do the hard work of taking back our government. YOU are the 'they' and it is only by **all of us** joining together to fight for our freedom that we will win in 2012. The harm Obama has inflicted upon our nation must be reversed. Many of our club members are PCs and actively working within the Party by getting petitions signed, canvassing their precincts, recruiting PCs and supporting their candidates. Likewise, we need to support our club and share the work to keep it going and growing. In addition, it is important that each of us is aware of the agenda that is being forced on an uninformed electorate that is more concerned with who wins on the Dancing with the Stars show than who wins our local elections. Rarely, if at all, are the people aware of just how pervasive our opponents are and just how they are accomplishing the fundamental changes to our nation and negating our Constitution. The President bypasses our Constitution with executive orders and or by treaty with the global organizations like the UN. For most of us this time of year is so busy with family, shopping, parties and such, but we need to remain active and aware of what it being done to our nation. Somewhere between signing/sending cards and wrapping presents we must pay attention and keep abreast of the current events. Wishing you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a New Year of hope and continued freedom that we can pass on to the next generations. ;o)

"The health of American Society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens" Alexis de Tocqueville

Tempe Legislative District 17 Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30PM

Grace Community Church
 1200 E. Southern Ave
 Lambs Chapel

All Republicans Welcome

Jan 8, 2012

Become an 'active' Precinct Committeeman



It's that time again!

CLUB DUES

Please send dues check to Kay Fisher by Jan 9th

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.." ~James Madison~

MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW



Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville 1835

The project Tocqueville undertook in writing Democracy in America was a highly ambitious one. Having seen the failed attempts at democratic government in his native France, he wanted to study a stable and prosperous democracy to gain insights into how it worked. His studies had led him to conclude that the movement toward democracy and equality of conditions, while it had progressed the farthest in America, was a universal phenomenon and a permanent historical tendency that could not be stopped. Tocqueville wanted to analyze it in order to determine its strengths and dangers so that governments could be formed to reinforce democracy's strengths while counteracting its weaknesses. First,

let us examine the dangers that Tocqueville sees facing American democracy. Most of the problems lie in societal attitudes and tendencies, but there are a few institutional difficulties as well. The first of these is the preponderance of legislative power. Because the legislature is most directly representative of the will of the people, democracies tend to *give it the most power of all the governmental branches*. Yet if there are not sufficient checks on this power, it can easily become tyrannical. A related constitutional issue that weakens the independence of the executive and therefore indirectly increases the power of the legislature is the ability of the president to be re-elected. At first glance it is not obvious why this feature of American government weakens the president's power. It would seem, in fact, to increase his influence by allowing him to remain in office longer. **The problem is that if the President has hopes of being re-elected, he will lose much of his ability to make independent decisions based on his judgments.** Instead, he will have to bow to the whims of the people, constantly trying to make them happy although they may not have the knowledge to judge what the best action for the country as a whole might be. Indirectly, therefore, allowing the President to run for re-election increases the danger of the tyranny of the majority.

The effect of materialism is that people may be so absorbed in their personal pursuit of wealth that they neglect to use their political freedom. Further, people may actually willingly abandon their freedom in order to have a benevolent despotism which can provide an orderly society and ensure material prosperity.

In America, religion is much more than another type of association and is highly beneficial both politically and societally. Religion teaches people how to use their freedom well. It is necessary that religion provide some moral boundaries. As Tocqueville remarks, "Despotism may be able to do without faith, but freedom cannot. How could a society escape destruction if, when political ties are relaxed, moral ties are not tightened? And what can be done with a people master of itself if it is not subject to God?" Furthermore, religion is practically the only means of counteracting the materialistic tendencies of democratic peoples. Religion turns people's minds beyond the physical, material aspects of life to the immortal and eternal. So strongly does Tocqueville see the necessity for such a force in democratic society that he warns society's leaders not to try to disturb the people's faith, for fear that "the soul may for a moment be found empty of faith and love of physical pleasures come and spread and fill all." One can clearly see that most, if not all, of the divergent strands of Democracy in America come together when examining the relationship between freedom and equality in society. Above all, Tocqueville had a passionate love for liberty and was concerned to point out the dangerous trends that threaten to destroy it as well as the means by which it can be preserved. In the last few lines of the book, Tocqueville writes, "The nations of our day cannot prevent conditions of equality from spreading in their midst. **But it depends upon themselves whether equality is to lead to servitude or freedom, knowledge or barbarism, prosperity or wretchedness.**" Tocqueville's hope was that through the insights he had communicated in this work, humanity will be better able to direct themselves toward freedom, knowledge and prosperity. (Editors comment, he didn't state the difference between a Democracy and our Republic or maybe he didn't know the difference.)

"Enlighten the people, generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day. ... If a nation expects to be ignorant -- and free -- in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." **Thomas Jefferson**

In 1866, **President Andrew Johnson** (D-TN) began his campaign trip through the Midwest. He was trying to win popular support for his policy of allowing ex-rebel Democrats to remain in control of the post Civil War South. During one speech lasting an hour, the pompous Johnson referred to himself more than 200 times. (Does this remind you of our current President?) In another speech he implied that the murder of Abraham Lincoln had been part of God's plan to make him president. At a third event he said that Thaddeus Stevens, the Republican majority leader, deserved to be hanged. After Johnson compared himself to Jesus, his remaining speeches were drowned out by hecklers. State government officials refused to be seen with him. This article is adapted from Michael Zak's 'Back to Basics for the Republican Party'. **Submitted by Sue Pullar**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

EASY CROCK POT CHICKEN

from Sue Pullar

4-6 boneless skinless chicken breasts
 ½ tsp salt
 Pepper to taste
 ½ C diced onion
 1 (10 oz) can whole cranberry sauce
 1C BBQ sauce



Combine all ingredients in crock pot cook on high 4 hrs or 6 hrs on low



*A very special thanks to our hostess
 Laura and our president Sue*

◀ Sheila Brooks, the outgoing AzFRW Regional 6 Director graciously conducted the oath of office ceremony and installed the 2012 TRWC officers. All in all, a good time was had by all with good food, good cheer and lots of fun and we raised some funds for the club as well as for Darryl's daughter Brandi's trip to Australia.

NEWLY INSTALLED TRWC OFFICERS



AMERICANISM



Americanism Chairwoman Rebecca Mahan enlightened the club at the Nov meeting with three more short biographies of the early Republican first ladies. We are looking forward to getting to know more of these women who made such a difference in our nation with influences that they never imagined.

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS THIS CHRISTMAS- DONATE TO PACKAGES FROM HOME and REMEMBER OUR VETS; BRING A PAIR OF JEANS (MORE IS GOOD), OR A \$5 DONATION TO OUR JANUARY MEETING.

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS, OUR VETERANS & AMERICA!



Tempe Republican Women's Club Donate Jeans for Veterans
 Members of the Tempe Republican Women's Club surpassed their goal of collecting 100 pairs of jeans for the upcoming 2012 Stand Down for homeless and at risk veterans. The club accumulated more than 150 pairs of new and gently used jeans. Members have been collecting jeans and holding fundraisers to purchase them most of the year. Project Chair, Laura Reisinger, commented "we are a small group, but committed to these types of programs and our ladies always give it their all and then some". The TRW also participate in the project **Packages from Home** for those currently serving in the military. Sue Pullar is currently the President of the Tempe Republican Women's Club. Submitted to the AZ Republic by Laura Reisinger

On behalf of the 57 million Americans who did not vote for President Obama and who do not agree with his leftist ideology, we as a people must resist his efforts to move our nation away from our heritage of individual liberties toward the "brave new world" of collectivism. **We must Re-educate the**

electorate, with knowledge, tactics and a comprehensive plan to overcome the apathy and ignorance that exists and to take on the real political struggle underway which is a collective socialistic liberalism against freedom-based conservatism and patriotism. We must fight, not for the Republican Party that failed so miserably on so many fronts in recent years, but to rebuild our **Grand Old Party**. The Internet will be a key battleground and a perfect tool to re-educate and motivate the formerly complacent to action. The left has moved far ahead in its embrace and usage of new 2.0 technologies. The Democratic success in the 2008 Election bears witness to what can be accomplished with the new technologies when used efficiently, expertly and with precise goals.

We will fight for and maintain our Constitution. This is our nation that we love and cherish. Our nation has been bought by the blood of countless patriots and can never be handed over to unjust, greedy or corrupted individuals only interested in their own power. We shall be observing every move, countering every action. We will not be silenced by the personal attacks on us. We will stand on principle. And we will not back down. We will persevere with forceful tenacity and ferocity to protect our Constitution against the assault that started on January 20th 2009.

"But of all the views of law none is more important, none more legitimate, that of rendering the people the safe, as they are the ultimate guardians of their own liberty. For this purpose the reading in the first stage, where they will receive their whole education is proposed, as has been said, to be chiefly historical. History by apprising them of the past will enable them to judge of the future; it will avail them of the experience of other times and other nations, it will qualify them as judges of the actions and designs of men; it will enable them to know ambition under every disguise it may assume, and knowing it, to defeat its views." **Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the state of Virginia 1781**

Of note at this point for those interested and committed to saving our nation, a primer reading list: ****Rules for Radicals** by Saul Alinsky, **How To Win An Election** by Stephen Shadegg, ***Master of Deceit** by J.E. Hoover, The writings of **Thomas Paine**, **Hamilton's Curse** by Thomas DiLorenzo. Merely a few, but a noble start and well worth the effort. For a few more recent reading suggestions **Surrender Is Not an Option** by Amb. John Bolton, **The Blueprint, How the Democrats Won Colorado** by Adam Schragar and Rob Witwer, **Liberty and Tyranny** by Mark Levin.

JANUARY CALENDAR



- JANUARY 5 THURSDAY EGC COUNTY MEETING
- JAN 10 Legislative District 17 MEETING
- JANUARY 14 COUNTY MANDATORY MEETING
- JAN 23 TRWC MEETING
- JANUARY 28 STATE MANDATORY MEETING

POLITICAL CARTOON OF BARNEY FRANK "SPOILER EXTRAORDINAIRE"



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WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

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