



### Did you know?

“The federal government posted its largest monthly deficit in history in February, a \$223 billion shortfall...”

(Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/mar/7/government-posts-biggest-monthly-deficit-ever/>)



### Volunteer Event

Packages from Home  
Meet at the Pyle Center on March 12th at 10 AM. Help pack boxes for soldiers over seas.

# Tempe Republican Women's Club

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## President's Desk

Congratulations to new members Barbara Medal, Mary Lou Collier, Joanne Johnson, and to Angie Jacobsen, our very newest member, who joined at the February meeting. Remember our membership contest runs until the end of April. Already several members have brought in new members. Let's all make a goal to recruit at least one new member!

I attended the AzFRW Winter Meeting, February 25-26. As usual, there were excellent workshops, good food, inspiring speakers, and fun and fellowship. It's such a pleasure to be among like-minded women. Remember that all of you are a part of AzFRW, and it is very interesting to learn about the workings of AzFRW. I hope next time more of you can attend.

Our speaker, Shane Krauser, at the February meeting, was very personable, informative and knowledgeable about the US Constitution. He not only gave us information, but asked us questions. I think we all need to study the Constitution!

One of our members, Beverly Alisky, had recent pacemaker surgery. We all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our newest project, Stand Down, is

off to a good start with members bringing in gently used men's jeans for homeless veterans. Laura Reisinger will have a box for the jeans at each meeting. Our



other project, Packages from Home, will use our help as we pack boxes for the soldiers on March 12. If you're interested in going, be at the Pyle Center at 10am.

Our program chair, Dayna Rasor, is working hard to have interesting programs for us each month. Our next meeting will be on March 28. Dayna is waiting patiently for confirmations from several speakers for our March meeting.

Two Lincoln day events are coming up soon. The first one is a dinner on Saturday, March 12 at 6:30pm at the Mountain View Lutheran Church, 11002 S. 48th St., Phoenix. The second one is a luncheon at 12:30 pm at the El Zaribah Auditorium, 552 N. 40th St., Phoenix. The cost for both events is \$25.

I'll look forward to seeing you at our March 28 meeting!

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## NEWSLETTER

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## MEMBER NEWS

Welcome new members Barbara Medal, Mary Lou Collier, Joanne Johnson, and Angie Jacobsen.

## President Ronald Reagan– Jelly Beans

Reagan started eating jelly beans when he gave up smoking in the early 1960's. On his first day as governor of California, candy maker Henry Rowland gave Reagan a big jar of jelly beans, which Reagan put on the Cabinet Room table. That was the beginning of a long tradition of passing out jelly beans during Cabinet meetings. "We can hardly start a meeting or make a decision without passing around the jar of jelly beans," he told Rowland.



Reagan also once said that, "You can tell a lot about a fella's character by whether he picks out all of one color or just grabs a handful." Sometime later he remarked, "Some political figures have endured in history as lions or conquerors or something equally impressive. It's a little frightening to think California history might record us as jelly beans."

When Reagan was elected President in 1980, Henry Rowland told reporters, "There will be jelly beans in the White House, that's all I can say." True to form, Reagan kept a crystal jar full of his favorite jelly beans (Jelly Belly's) for Cabinet meetings and encouraged his department chiefs to eat them when they needed energy.

(Source: <http://www.ibiblio.org/sullivan/CNN/RWR/Anecdotes/anecjelly.html>)

## The Donkey and the Elephant

Ever wondered what the story was behind these two famous party animals? The now-famous Democratic donkey was first associated with Democrat Andrew Jackson's 1828 presidential campaign. His opponents called him a jackass (a donkey), and Jackson decided to use the image of the strong willed animal on his campaign posters. Later, cartoonist Thomas Nast used the Democratic donkey in newspaper cartoons making the symbol famous. Nast invented another equally famous symbol-- The Republican Elephant. In a cartoon that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1874, Nast drew a donkey clothed in lions' skin, scaring away all the animals at the zoo. One of those animals, the elephant, was labeled "The Republican Vote." That's all it took for the elephant to become associated with the Republican Party.

(Source: <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0881985.html>)

