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Turn Up The Heat, Vet Every Candidate

Well, we have full slates of Candidates with challengers for almost every sitting Republican, and sometimes two or three challengers for federal, state and local seats.

It is great that we have so many great people to choose from. The downside is that with so many candidates and limited news coverage it is hard to sort all these candidates out. That is where clubs like Republican Women Federated come into the mix. At every meeting we don't have just the announced speakers, usually five, six or more candidates for all sorts of offices, and you can sit with them, eat lunch at their table and get to know the candidates first hand. Without this opportunity it is a tough choice, since campaign literature doesn't always tell quite the whole truth.

Another place I have found good for information is the blog at Sonoran Alliance, just search the name. They report mostly on Phoenix area politics, but the great thing is the EXTENSIVE list of links. Every day more and more candidates add their websites to the list, so in one easy location you can search the merits of McCain vs. Hayworth, or Bowers vs. Beauchamp, along with keeping up with all of the other state races.

We have been forced to raise our dues to $25. This is not because of rising administrative costs of the Verde Valley Board, which are flat, but Federal and State dues increases that we have absorbed for the past two years. Lunch will also increase by $1, to $16, due to increases outside of our control. Apologies, we do everything we can to keep the burden light, but some expenses are beyond our control or ability to cut.

March 17, Meeting

At LOS ABRIGADOS, in the ballroom.

DEAN MARTIN SPEAKER for our March meeting. Dean is currently State Treasurer, he knows the state budget better than anyone. He is running for Governor against Jan Brewer. Come meet Dean and quiz him on his plan to return our state to fiscal sanity.

AND, because it is St. Paddies Day, we'll be having corned beef and cabbage served by Los Abrigados.

Los Abrigados serves a buffet luncheon, along with tea, coffee and desert.

NEW reservation system. WE ARE NOT GOING TO CALL YOU FOR RESERVATIONS. PLEASE E-Mail or Call with your reservation, as we have been EXCEEDING our set-ups and targets. If you don't have a reservation, we'll get you a seat, but you may not get lunch. Or call Erna, 284-4248, if you don't have internet. Reminder calls will still go out to those who don't have internet.

Membership Form

Renew your membership or join the club. Application below.

Name:_____

Address:_____

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Type of membership

__ regular $25.00

__ bucko $5.00

__ Associate $5.00

Phone_____

e-mail_____

Make checks payable to Verde Valley Republican Women Federated. Mail to P.O.Box 20727. Sedona, AZ 86341

I Support the Conservative Republican Platform

Get ready to hear this line from the lips of every hopeful candidate in the following year, maybe more than once.

With a virtual Marxist in the White House, polishing one's conservative street credentials is viewed as the pathway to election success.

As a voter, the tough part is that almost any candidate can learn to say the line, "I support the Conservative Republican Platform," but it doesn't mean they are a conservative or a Constitutionalist. As a matter of fact, I have searched and found only one Arizona Republican Party Platform, there IS NO Conservative Republican Platform.

In other words, it is an entirely meaningless statement. Given the current ascendancy of conservative ideals and values, every candidate wants to position themselves as a 'true conservative' a 'Reagan conservative,' a '9-12 conservative.'

Whatever the term they choose, the only way for a voter to make any headway in this is environment is to ignore the platitudes and ask tough questions.

What will you do to reduce spending?

Where do you stand on illegal immigration, what will you do? What will you support?

Where do you stand on gun rights, open carry, gun shows?

Do you support tax increases? So what about deficits?

Do you support cap and trade, do you believe in man-made global warming?

What about sweetheart private business deals, often presented to boost the economy while benefiting a few?

What about Federal and State land use, grazing, mining, farming and other economic uses of public Land?

Where do you stand on the war on terror, at what point will the war be won?

Which government program would you cut immediately?

Where do you stand on free speech and internet freedom?

This is just a suggested list of the type of questions I would ask. You can formulate your own. One great thing about being a voter in Arizona is we have many opportunities to meet the candidates first hand. At our club you really can ask them these questions, and get answers.

Determine for yourself, sure, they all say they are conservative Republicans, now make them show you the money.

That means, make 'em prove it.