

Arrowhead Republican  
Women



ARW is an organization of Republican Women of various races, ages and creeds who believe in the Republican philosophy of smaller government, less taxation and more personal freedom.

## May, 2011 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: Wednesday May 11, 2011**

Bill Montgomery  
Maricopa County Attorney

### Briarwood Country Club

135th Avenue & Meeker Blvd - Sun City West, AZ.  
Registration – 11:00a.m.; Lunch / Meeting Begins at 11:30am

**Note: Briarwood has a dress code that states no jeans are allowed.  
Thank-you for adhering to this rule.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO** reservations will be taken after noon on Friday before the luncheon.  
This event is for **adults only** - anyone arriving with small children will be asked to leave.

### **May Menu Choices:**

Penne Pasta Primavera with Marinara Sauce,  
tossed green garden salad

**OR**

Taco Salad - crisp fried tortilla bowl filled with chopped salad,  
topped with Mexicali ground taco meat, cheese, salsa,  
sour cream and guacamole

Above served with rolls, butter, coffee, hot or iced tea

Spumoni with Rolled Cookie

**Cost of \$16.00 includes lunch choices listed above**

**To expedite check-in, please make your payable to ARW, before arriving;  
if paying by cash, exact amount is desirable; NO CREDIT CARDS**

**Any member making a reservation, then cancelling beyond the deadline, is expected to pay for their lunch.**

**If you aren't contacted by an ARW luncheon representative for your May luncheon order, please contact:**

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## A Message From President Gayle Salter



Hi Ladies,

We just received a report that our AzFRW President Leona Johnston's husband died. Please keep the family in your prayers. Bev put it right....'treat everyone each day like it is their last, with love and more love'.

Our meeting last Wednesday was a very informative one. The members received lots of great information from Hickman Farms President Glenn Hickman, Literacy Chair Annette McHugh, Legislative District 4(LD4) Chair Jeanette Dobriel, Caring for America Chair Bonnie Hochberg and others. If you were unable to attend, you were missed.

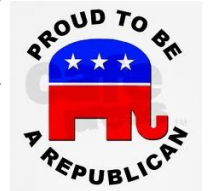
You will read in this Newsletter that the Fashion Show has been postponed indefinitely. We were sorry to have to do that, but ticket sales just did not warrant continuing with the function. the Executive Board will talk about doing something in the Fall.

It was so nice having several new guests. I hope you felt welcome and that our club is the place where you want to be involved in bringing our great country back to its root values. You will be needed beginning now and through November 2012.

You all know May is our last meeting until September. However, our Newsletter Editor, Bev Bair, will be sending you a monthly Newsletter.

God Bless you and God Bless our Military personnel during this Passover and Easter Season.

Gayle Salter, President - Arrowhead Republican Women



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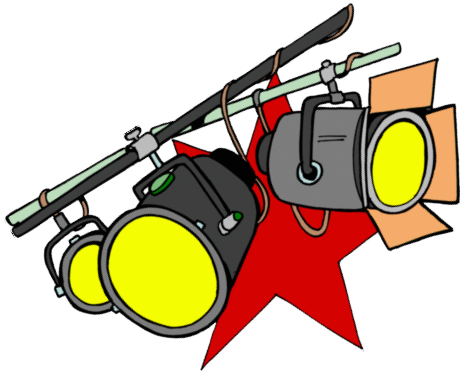
### **Membership Chair *Gail Berra says:***

Our membership is now up to 105. We have 95 regular members and 10 Associate members. Just to remind you, your husband's, if they are registered Republicans, are eligible to become Associates of the ARW. It is only \$10.00 for the year and they will be eligible to come to all the luncheons. They will not have voting power; however they will be informed of all that is going on within our club.

I also want to encourage you to attend our meetings in Flagstaff and Fountain Hill. These meetings are so informative and you will meet women from all over our state. We do manage to get some business done amongst the fun so please sign up. You won't be sorry. You can car pool with someone and also share a room to cut down on expenses.

Do you have a friend or neighbor that is not aware of the ARW? Sometimes all it takes is an invitation to attend our luncheons to see what we are all about for them to become a member just like you. Please try to get at least one person to join our club. With the 2012 elections on the horizon, we need each and every one of you.

Thank You and have a wonderful summer. Gail



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH:

### Gail Berra, Membership Chair



I was born and raised in NJ. When I was 16 I started dating a boy who would become my husband. I was a senior in High School and he was a freshman in College. It was very exciting to be dating a “college” man! We have been married almost 52 years and have three boys, two girls and nine grandchildren.

During this time we have lived in NJ, VA, CO., MO., IL, AZ., CA., and then back to AZ. We have owned about 15 different houses in that time span and as they say : “ I am NOT moving again”!

I was pretty much a stay at home Mom for most of the time and then ventured out into the business world while selling Avon, taking my five year old daughter with me. She was a wonderful selling tool and my sales were always good. After that I had different part time jobs in sales which I enjoyed because I met so many different people.

Moving around like we did I always joined a Newcomers Club or a Welcome Wagon Club and became president of many of them. It was a fabulous experience and I have friends all over the US. I also am the envy of some of my friends because I have two children and seven grandchildren living here in Arizona.

After the last election I became very concerned about politics and decided I needed to do something to become serious about my time in any kind of organization and the ARW suited me to a “T”. The women I meet in this organization inspire me to realize how we can all make a difference, one by one.





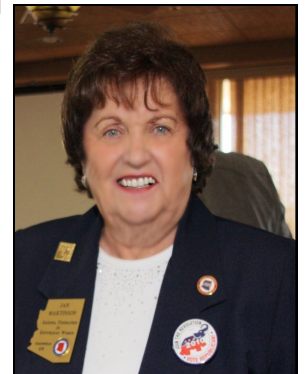
# Another reminder..

**AzFRW State Convention**  
**Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel and Convention Center**  
 10438 North Fort McDowell Road • Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, AZ 85264  
**Every room has spectacular mountain views**  
**Fri. & Sat. Nov. 3-5, 2011**



## Program update by Jan Martinson - 1st V.P. in charge of Programs

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that Maricopa County Attorney, Bill Montgomery, is our speaker for our May 11th meeting. I heard him the other evening and he has many things to tell us. Our next meeting will be Sept. 14th, and Secretary of State, Ken Bennett will speak to us, regarding the election process and what it entails.



Now your spoonful of information for May: Economic freedom expands the prosperity pie! Government can only divide it up. That is why Republicans advocate lower taxes, reasonable regulation, and smaller, smarter Government. That agenda translates to more opportunity for more people!

## From Bonnie Hochberg, "Caring For America" Chairman



The New Life Shelter provides a temporary safe haven for families fleeing domestic violence. Its comprehensive 120-day program empowers families to craft independent lives and offers necessary living needs - food, clothing, and bedding - since most residents enter with no belongings. The New Life Shelter needs dishes, bedding, household items, clothing, shoes, and toiletries. Those items not used by the residents are then sold at Hope's Closet, the Center's thrift store.

Please empty your closets to donate your unwanted items to those who are in critical need of them. Bring your donations to our May meeting. Pat Lutes has generously offered her time and her car to distribute your gifts of love.



Also, anyone needing the crochet pattern for the soldiers' beanies, please contact Bonnie. At 623-547-6776 or Wigglesbee1@yahoo.com

**Arrowhead Republican Women**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes - Briarwood Country Club**  
**April 13, 2011**

**Call to Order:** President Gayle Salter called the meeting to order at 11:40 A.M.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Chaplain Gina Elliott gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Introductions:** President Salter asked the members to introduce their guests. Jan Larimer, former Co-Chairman of the National Republican Party, was among the guests introduced.

**Minutes:** The minutes of March 9, 2011, were approved as published.

**Treasurer:** In a written report Judi Bourd, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$8,994.16 as of March 31, 2011.

(A copy is attached to the original minutes.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Jan Martinson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Programs, reported the speaker in May will be Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Gail Berra, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership, reported 94 members and 11 associate members.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** Penny Murphy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ways & Means reported the Fashion Show scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled due to low ticket sales. A refund will be given to those who have bought tickets.

**Luncheon Reservations:** Shirley McFerran, Reservation Chairman, asked the members to respond to their emails or phone calls quickly so that they do not have to be contacted a second time.

**Arizona School Choice Trust:** Krystal Lipinski, Corp Outreach Manger, explained about the Arizona School Choice Trust and had donor cards available on the tables for the members.

**Literacy:** Annette McHugh, Literacy Chairman, reported her plans to assist the schools with their reading programs. She asked for volunteers to tutor the students.

**Nominating Committee:** April is the month to elect the Nominating Committee. Pat Lutes, Shirley McFerran and Bev Bair volunteered.

**Motion:** A motion by Jan Landis to elect Pat Lutes, Shirley McFerran and Bev Bair. **m/s/c**

The committee will present a slate for 2012 at the October meeting.

**Caring for America:** Bonnie Hochberg, Caring for America Chairman, read a letter from Blue Star Mom Wendy Freeman thanking the Club for their past donations to the troops. Bonnie announced the CforA project for May will be clothing and household items which will be donated to the New Life Shelter Thrift Shop.

**Speaker:** Glenn Hickman, President of Hickman Family Farms, gave a presentation about how the eggs in their plants were processed. We also had a visit from the Hickman Chicken and received an egg carton with coupons for eggs and a discount at the Wild Life Zoo.

**50/50:** The 50/50 was \$74.50 and won by Bev Bair.

**LD4:** Jeanette Dubreil, Chairman of LD4, announced the next meeting would be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. This is a change from the usual third Monday of the month evening meetings.

President Salter announced she will be hosting a fund raiser on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8 P.M. for Bill Montgomery to help him reduce his campaign debt. All members and friends are invited to come.

**Adjourn:** 1:25 P.M.

Jan Hermsmeyer

Secretary

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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*Bruce Johnston*

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# Debbie Lesko

## *State Representative*

Republican • District 9

We finished our 50<sup>th</sup> Legislative session in 100 days, adjourning Wednesday morning at 5:25a.m. We accomplished much in a short period of time. Republicans passed a Jobs Bill that will move Arizona's competitiveness ranking to number one among western states by 2018. Republicans also balanced the budget, unlike our federal government. While the Feds were bickering over cutting less than 1%, Arizona Republican legislators cut spending by 12%. We also passed major public pension reforms that will save the state, counties, and cities millions of dollars in the years to come and reformed practices that enabled public employees to retire, get a pension, and be hired into the same job the next day. I am also proud to say that my spending limit and debt reduction bill, HB2707, was passed by the legislature and is awaiting a signature from the Governor. This bill will make Arizona live within its means and provides a mechanism to pay back our state debt and put money aside for a rainy day. For those of you that live in Sun City and Sun City West, my legislation that prevents charter schools from operating in retirement communities was signed by the Governor and for those of you that are pro-life, my legislation that prohibits taxpayer money from being used for abortions was also signed and put into law. We have great Republican legislators! Unlike our Democratic colleagues who had no plan to balance the budget and criticized our every move, we got the job done.

Thank you for all your support. I appreciate everything you do!

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## Web site Wisdom & Meeting Opportunities

For the latest **Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AzFRW)** Information, award forms, information club newsletters, event photos, candidate profiles:

<http://www.AzFRW.org>

For National Political Briefing as well as other information, log onto **National Federation of Republican Women's** web site:

<http://www.nfrw.org>

State Republican Party: 602-957-7770

<http://www.AZGOP.org>

County Republican Party: 623-977-4532

<http://www.MaricopaGOP.org>

If you ever are concerned about or want to know the details of any particular bill you can find out at [Thomas.loc.gov](http://Thomas.loc.gov) and get the information.

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### **Other Arizona Republican Party meetings:**

**Legislative District 4** - Contact: [www.azld4gop.org](http://www.azld4gop.org) or Jeanette Dubreil 623.433.6782, GOP-Jet@yahoo.com. Republican General meeting held every third Monday, at 6:30 PM, location Valley Vista High School at 15550 N Parkview Pl. , Surprise.

**Legislative District 9** - Meets every 3rd Thursday at 7pm Plaza Del Rio Community Center, 13215 N. 94th Dr., Peoria 85381. Contact Lisa Gray 623-322-5101, [lisa@lisagrays.com](mailto:lisa@lisagrays.com), [www.ld9.org](http://www.ld9.org).

**Sun City West Republican Club**- Merlyn Carlson, [merlyn.carlson11@cox.net](mailto:merlyn.carlson11@cox.net), 623-544-1348 - 1st Saturday of each month, 8 AM, in the Quail Room of the Foundation Building, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd.

**Sun City Grand Republican Interest Group** - Meets fourth Saturday of each month, 9AM, Chaparral Ctr.. Pima Rm. Their email is [scg.republicans@grandgop.com](mailto:scg.republicans@grandgop.com). Contact President Ralph Wirebaugh - 623-584-3898.

**Sun City Republican Club** - Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm, Sundial Recreation Center, 14810 N. 103rd Ave. Contact Lisa Gray, 623.322.5101, [lisa@lisagrays.com](mailto:lisa@lisagrays.com) [www.SunCityGOPClub.com](http://www.SunCityGOPClub.com)

**Ronald Reagan Action Club**: Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Maricopa County Headquarters – 99<sup>th</sup> and Bell – just north of Arby's – men and woman are welcome. All are welcome. Reservations - Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson 623-374-7782.

**Estrella Republican Women**: Rosemarie Strout, Pres. 623-327-0779; [gop4life@aol.com](mailto:gop4life@aol.com); 3rd Tuesday of month

**AzFRW Summer Meeting**: Flagstaff - June 10-11, 2011

**Arizona Federation Republican Women State Meeting**: Ft. McDowell - November 3-5, 2011.