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President's Message

Happy New Year ARW!

Wow, where did the year go? We pulled off another low calorie meal at our Christmas Party. From the comments received, everyone had a good time enjoying the food that was brought and shared.

I am again so grateful for the generosity that our members, associates, elected officials and guests showed towards our Caring for America charity, Operation Enduring Gratitude Foundation, at the ARW Christmas Party this year. ARW donated over \$1500 in cash and gift cards to help our veterans! Charlie Ellis of OEG, was surprised and very grateful at what we were able to raise for such a worthy cause. God truly blessed all of us in ARW with a caring and generous heart. Thank you so much for making our charity project a huge success.

We look forward to more fun filled, informative meetings in 2015 as we see who will be putting in their name for Senator McCain's seat and the Presidential run. In January, ARW will be celebrating our 10 year anniversary so in addition to our guest speaker, you will hear about the history of Arizona Federation and ARW. May God bless all of you and thanks for being an awesome group.

With gratitude,
Debbie Smith, President



Debbie Smith

Ahwatukee Republican Women: Established in January 2005!

10



YEARS
anniversary

**ARW 10th Anniversary
Celebration!**

Tuesday January 27th

6:30 PM CAKE!

7:00 PM Meeting/Celebration

Clarion Hotel

5121 E La Puente Ave Phoenix, AZ, 85044

Program Details TBA soon!

Bring a friend!

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**DEADLINE FOR
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the last Friday of each month.

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Event Calendar



ARW Board Meeting
Thurs., Jan 8
at 5:30 PM
 The home of
 Marilyn Astroth
 3444 E Manso St
 PHX 85044

ARW General Meeting Tues. Jan 27

6:30 pm - Networking
 7:00 pm - Meeting
 Clarion Hotel
 5121 E. La Puente Ave. PHX
 85044



Next LD18 GOP Meeting February 11, 2015

7:00 PM (6:30 ~ Social)
 Clarion Hotel 5121 E. La
 Puente Ave. PHX 85044

MCRC Mandatory Meeting 1/10/15 Grace Community Church ~ Tempe

All PCs are required to attend this meeting in person or by proxy. You'll receive an information packet from MCRC containing a proxy form, meeting details and much more.

AZ State GOP Meeting 1/24/14

State Committeemen
 Details as meeting draws closer.

AzFRW Winter Meeting Friday & Saturday, Feb 27-28, Radisson Tucson,

Visit: www.azfrw.com



Welcome to ARW & Thank YOU for Renewing!

New Members:

Bernadette Coggins
 Caroline Coler
 Kristin Ito
 Jennifer Szatkowski

Renewed Members:

Sharon Anich
 Marilyn Astroth
 Leigh Ann Baumbach
 Mary Baumbach
 Judy Berg
 Pam Derks
 Kathy Diekelman
 Judy Eastman
 Carol Jacobsen
 Mari Lane
 Marjorie Miner
 Kristine Morrissey
 Lorelei Nelson DeNapoli
 Jill Norgaard
 Loraine Pellegrino
 Lisa Pomraning
 Mary Ann Reith
 Joey Slade
 Tirza Smalley
 Kathleen Tubbs
 Jeni White
 Carol Wilson

Associates:

Tracey Towne
 Louis Astroth
 Curtis Baumbach

New & Returning Members



Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Thank you to the many members who have joined or renewed their membership since our October Drive began. We are hoping to exceed our past numbers so we may attend the State and National Conventions in 2015 as one of the largest clubs in Arizona!

Please see page 3 along with the membership application on the last page of this newsletter for details on how to renew. By all means, share the information with friends. Thank you all for making Ahwatukee Republican Women one of the very best clubs in the Federation for the past 10 years! I look forward to celebrating our Anniversary with you this year. Together we will accomplish great things over the next decade and beyond.



**Mary Baumbach, 2nd VP
 Membership**

Members Are Treasures!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Members:

- Sharon Anich 1/3
- Margaret Strachan 1/10
- Sheree Sepulveda 1/24
- Danielle Smith 1/25
- Kristine Morrissey 1/30



Associates:

- Sal DiCiccio 1/25

SUNSHINE

Please let us know if we have a member or an associate who is in need of cheering.

Email: ARWomen@aol.com

**Treasurer's Report
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
December 2014**



Beginning Balance 12/01/2014	\$ 5,250.48
Income	
50/50 Raffle	60.00
Advertising	175.00
Jewelry	25.00
Membership Dues	820.00
Total Income	1,080.00
Total	6,330.48
Expenses	
Bank Charges	(7.41)
Christmas Party	124.52
Donation Expense - Bucks for Books	60.25
Fundraising Expense	71.80
Scholarship Fund Donation	(25.00)
Supplies	90.30
Total Expenses	314.46
Total	6,016.02
Total Petty Cash	20.00
Total Cash on Hand 12/31/2014	\$ 6,036.02



LET'S SHOW OUR STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!!

Ahwatukee Republican Women Membership Drive

Please Join or Renew With Us Today !

www.ahwatukeerepublicanwomen.com

NOW YOU CAN JOIN ONLINE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE! <http://www.ahwatukeerepublicanwomen.com/join-us.html>
OR print and send in the application on the last page of this newsletter. Invite friends to join too. Men, Elected

Officials are encouraged to join as an Associate.

ANNUAL DUES:\$25: Members (Registered Republican Women)

\$15: Associates (Republican men and members of other NFRW affiliates)

\$10: Junior Members. (Girls ages 13-18 yrs.)

Membership is from January 1st to December 31st.*

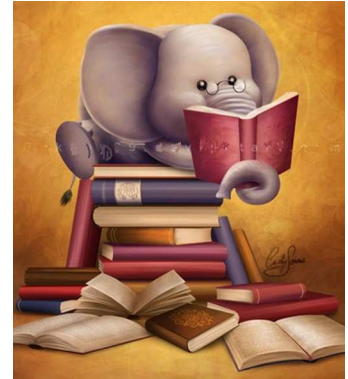


Americanism

“Bucks for Books”: Final Update

ARW’s successful “Bucks for Books” literacy project was brought to completion in early December, when the 24 books that were purchased with the contributions made by our generous club members at our September fundraiser were donated to beneficiaries in the east valley area.

Education and Literacy co-chair, Carol Wyatt, and Americanism chair, Priscilla Poese, delivered the books to the several recipients that had been chosen. All the donated books are on the NFRW Mamie Eisenhower Library Project’s Recommended Reading List.

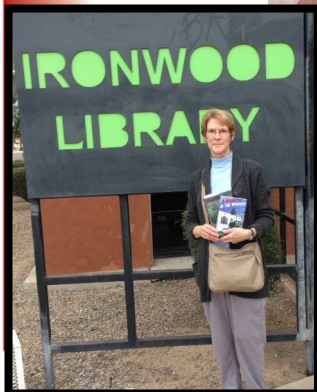


In our Ahwatukee community, books were given to the Ironwood Library and Kyrene Altadena Middle School. Three east valley schools also received books – two charter schools in Mesa and one in Tempe, all of which had participated in the Constitution in the Classroom program. Both of the Mesa schools, Burke Basic and Noah Webster, emphasize patriotism and knowledge of America’s important founding documents, principles of liberty, and our country’s history. The principals at the Mesa schools expressed their appreciation for the book donations from our club.

NFRW bookplates were placed in each book, identifying ARW as the donor organization.

Thanks again to our members for helping to promote education, literacy, and the love of reading.

Priscilla Poese,
Americanism



Ahwatukee Republican Women

In addition to political education and participation, our platform includes community service, and literacy.

Two Republican Presidents, One Self-evident Truth



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...” When the Declaration of Independence was being debated in 1776, many of the Founders in the Continental Congress, including Thomas Jefferson, believed that the word “all” should, in truth and in practice, apply to *all* persons. The Creator Who created them *all* also endowed them *all* with “certain unalienable Rights” that included the right to life and liberty.

Fourscore and seven years later, our country’s 1st Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, looked back to the Founders’ intent in his 1863 Gettysburg Address, when he said, “...our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” On Jan. 1st of that same fateful year, as the Civil War continued, Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation went into effect. In *A Patriot’s History of the United States*, authors Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen explained, “...it is critical that an understanding of emancipation begin with Lincoln’s perception that it first and foremost was **a moral and legal issue**, not a military or political one.” [emphasis added] The proclamation declared that “on the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of a State,...shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free”.

The process of achieving the goals of Lincoln and the Founders was a long, slow, difficult, and often painful one, but by the 1950s and 60s the issues of desegregation, equality, and Black civil rights were gaining considerable attention. During that period, a young Black Baptist minister in the South, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became a prominent leader in the struggle, organizing boycotts, rallies and marches, but always stressing nonviolent means to achieve the desired ends.

On Nov. 2, 1983, another of our country’s great Republican Presidents, Ronald Reagan, signed the legislation that created a federal holiday on the 3rd Monday in January each year, honoring Dr. King and his contributions, and in observance of his birthday. At the signing ceremony, President Reagan offered these remarks: “In America in the fifties and sixties, one of the important crises we faced was racial discrimination. The man whose words and deeds in that crisis stirred our nation to the very depths of its soul was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ...Dr. King made equality of rights his life’s work...but he never stopped teaching nonviolence. ...In 1964, Dr. King became the youngest man in history to win the Nobel Peace Prize. ...In 1968...his life [was] cut short at the age of 39. But those 39 short years had changed America forever. ...So each year on Martin Luther King Day, let us not only recall Dr. King, but rededicate ourselves to the Commandments he believed in and sought to live every day: Thou shall love thy God with all thy heart, and thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.”

This year the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is on Jan. 19th. Let us not only remember Dr. King (who was a Republican), but also that it is the Republican Party that was organized around the abolition of slavery, and has, since that time, been the political party that has championed the causes of freedom and civil rights for *all* Americans.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

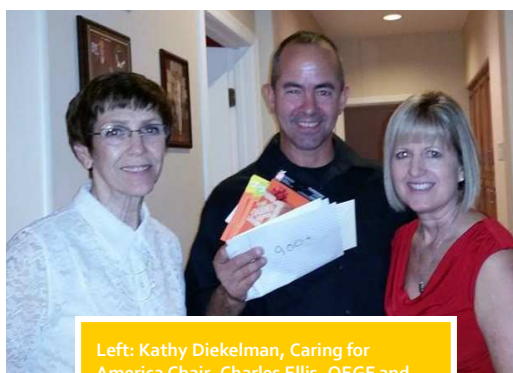
All members and associates are in the spotlight for their generosity this year!

Ahwatukee Republican Women (ARW) is pleased to announce that a donation totaling \$1500.00 was presented to the "Operation Enduring Gratitude Foundation" representative Charlie Ellis at our Christmas Party in December. In cooperation with Maryvale Revitalization Corporation 501 (c)(3), OEGF is a charity which focuses on repairing the homes and lives of local veterans. This may include everything from minor paint touch ups to extreme home makeovers. In addition, they assist with a broad spectrum of life assistance, such as employment placement and emotional support services. Operation Enduring Gratitude is aligned with social services available through the VA or private resources.

This worthy charity was supported by donations from ARW members and friends during the months of November and December. For more information or to make a donation visit <http://www.operationenduringgratitude.org>.

Caring for America is the charitable arm of National Federation of Republican Women. On a national, state and local level, Federation clubs sponsor local charities throughout the year.

Ahwatukee Republican Women is always looking for new ideas to support our community. Please contact ARW President, Debbie Smith at ARWWomen@aol.com.



Left: Kathy Diekelman, Caring for America Chair, Charles Ellis, OEGF and ARW Pres. Debbie Smith



Happy New Year to you All. ARW has had a great year for Fundraising and it is all because of you. Some of our big successes have been our Garage Sales, 50/50 and Gift Basket raffles, and Sponsor Advertising.

We are going to introduce new products for our ARW Boutique, available at our monthly meetings. Our new custom made bracelets are beautiful patriotic beads, crystals and charms.

We are also offering an opportunity to sponsor the cost of our Raffle Baskets for a 3 month period where your business will be highlighted in our newsletter and at meetings. Thank you to our first sponsor, Marlin Mechanical Co.

(plumbing and air-conditioning. Please see information on pg. 9. If you have a business or someone you know has a business that would like to advertise with ARW, we will do our best to promote it. Please contact me for further details.

I hope you will start out the New Year by attending meetings and bringing guests. We try to our meetings both enjoyable and informative. The coming year is full of exciting plans you won't want to miss it. If it has been a while since you've attended, please give us a try again.. WE MISS YOU!

Marilyn Astroth, 3rd Vice-Chair for Fundraising
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ARW Christmas Party!

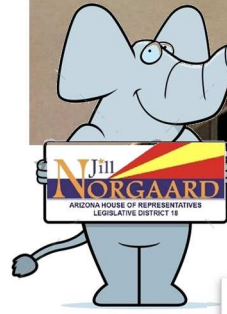




Debbie Smith, Mary Baumbach and Loraine Pellegrino



The Honorable Jill Norgaard gets her new digs at the Capital!



Don't be shy!

Submit your photos taken at GOP events!

Ahwatukee Republican Women are around town making a difference!



Terry and Mark Giebelhaus!





Ads appear in business card size 2 x 3.5 in Newsletters, online, Facebook and in monthly correspondence via email.

Rates: 1 month	\$10
3 months	\$25
12 months	\$50

Please send digital artwork to ARWomen@aol.com. Do you need help with artwork? We can help with that too! Submit payment to Treasurer Cindy Casaus at General Meetings or mail to Ahwatukee Republican Women PO Box 93391. Phoenix AZ 85070-3391 Checks made payable to ARW. Credit Cards accepted with a \$3.00 service fee Thank you for your support!

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers. Through their participation, our organization is able to meet our financial obligations i.e. scholarships, meeting expenses, etc. ARW also welcomes donations throughout the year!



Special Thanks to All of Our Sponsors! Special Note:

ARW Member and Associate Terry and Mark Giebelhaus owners of Marlin Services has generously offered to sponsor the ARW fundraising basket to be raffled at our General Meetings during the first quarter of 2015! Please thank them in person and especially by patronizing their business for your plumbing and air-conditioning needs. Mention ARW to receive a \$50 SAVINGS TOO!

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Treasurer: Cindy Casaus

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Recording Secretary: Terry Giebelhaus

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Committees

Americanism: Priscilla Poese

Armed Services (Support our Troops):

Sheree Sepulveda

Achievement Awards: OPEN

Budget:

Cindy Casaus/ Debbie Smith/ Marilyn Astroth & Laura Phipps

Bylaws Review: Terry Giebelhaus / OPEN/ OPEN

Campaign Activities: OPEN

Caring for America: Kathy Diekelman

Chaplain: Lisa Pomraning

Education & Literacy:

Carol Wyatt &

Lori Nelson- DeNapoli

Fundraising: Assisting 3rd VP: OPEN

Historian/Photographer: OPEN



Hospitality: Mary Baumbach, Mary Pellegrino

Legislative: Jill Norgaard

Marjorie Miner Scholarship: Marjorie Miner / Lucille Fraas / Laura Phipps

Membership: Assisting 2 VP: Tirza Smalley

Parliamentarian: Marjorie Miner

Phone Tree: OPEN

Programs & Special Events: Assisting 1st VP: OPEN

Public Relations : Loraine Pellegrino

Sunshine : Carol Hageman & Kathleen Tubbs

Women's Health Issues: OPEN



Additional Information:
Contact Pres. Smith or
email ARWomen@aol.com

Ahwatukee Republican Women is affiliated with the Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AzFRW), and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

Members come together as a collective force to advance the influence of women through political access and participation.

We strengthen the Republican Party by recruiting, training and electing candidates, advocating the Party's philosophy and initiatives, and empower women of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds in the political process.

In addition to political education and participation, our platform includes community service, and literacy.

-- Mission Statement --

To educate, inspire and encourage participation in the political process by volunteering our time and resources to elect Republican candidates and promote Republican ideals of peace through strength, prosperity through individual responsibility and liberty through limited government.

Ahwatukee Republican Women

2015 Membership & Renewal Application

Date: _____

New Renewal

Dues are by calendar year, January 1st to December 31st

Name: _____ Birth Date (Month/Day): _____

Spouse: _____ Birth Date (Month/Day): _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Last four digits necessary for National mailings

Occupation: _____

(Required by law for a Political Action Committee) If not employed, list: Homemaker, retired, private tutor, volunteer.

Elected Official or Candidate (position)? _____

Home Ph.: _____ Work Ph.: _____ Cell Ph.: _____

E-Mail: _____

(Please print e-mail and notify us with changes. This is our preferred means of communication.)

Precinct # _____ Are you a registered Republican? Yes No

(On Voter Registration Form)

How did you hear about ARW? _____

COMMITTEES / INTERESTS: Please indicate any committees that you may have interest in participating on and someone will be in touch with you with more information.

- Americanism Armed Services/Support Our Troops Campaign Activities/ LD 18 GOP Liaison
- Caring for America Chaplain Community Outreach Education/Literacy Fundraising
- Historian/Scrapbooking Hospitality Phone Tree Programs/Special Events Publicity / Media
- Sunshine Treasurer I can help where needed

I DO I DO NOT wish to be listed in a Roster available to ARW members only.

ANNUAL DUES: ARW Membership dues cover the calendar period from January 1st to December 31st

- \$25.00 - Active Member
- \$15.00 - Associate Member
(Women with active membership in another Federated RW club, Republican men and spouses)
- \$10.00 - Junior Member
(Young Women between the ages of 13 - 18)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash

Please make checks* payable to "ARW" or Ahwatukee Republican Women.

All bank charges for checks returned for insufficient funds and all stop payment charges shall be paid by the party issuing the original check.

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