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President's Message

A big thanks to all those who came out and supported our Member/ Associate Appreciation Chili Dinner and Cook-off. We were honored to have U.S. Congressman Matt Salmon and his wonderful wife Nancy attend. It was great to hear from Congressman Salmon who shared the updates of what is going on in Washington and what the Republicans are planning to do for the remaining 2014 and 2015 term.



Debbie Smith

We renewed approximately 10 existing members and picked up several new members and associates. If you haven't had the opportunity, we hope that you renew your membership at the Christmas party on December 9th. Remember we are also supporting Operation Enduring Gratitude as our charity this year. Your donation is tax deductible as this is a 501 c3 organization. In addition to financial support, they can use Home Depot, Lowes or Walmart gift cards which would allow the organization to rebuild and repair homes for veterans.

The ARW Executive Board will be serving another year. We have been busy planning exciting and informative meetings and special events for 2015. You won't want to miss a thing and we certainly hope that you reach out to friends, family, spouses etc. and invite them to join us!

Please remember our annual Christmas Party will be at my home on December 9th, at 1450 W Bridge Street Phoenix, AZ 85045. I look forward to seeing you all.

On behalf of the ARW Leadership Team, we wish you and your family a holiday season filled with joy and peace.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah,

Debbie Smith



Calendar Alerts

- ⇒ There will be **no General Meeting in December**
- ⇒ Please join us for our "Annual Christmas Party" on Dec.9th
Details inside!
- ⇒ It's **time to renew** memberships! Application on last page for your convenience. Thank you in advance "Treasured Member/Associate"!
- ⇒ **General Meetings will resume in January 2015.**



Event Calendar



ARW Board Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 4
at 5 PM

The home of
 Marilyn Astroth
 3444 E Manso St
 PHX 85044

ARW Christmas Party
Tuesday,
Dec. 9th
Details
Inside!



Merry Christmas

May the Spirit of the Holidays remind you of the strength and perseverance of our nation and its people.



ARW General Meeting
Tues. Jan 27

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

AzFRW Winter Meeting
 Friday & Saturday,
 Feb 27-28,
 Radisson Tucson,
 Visit: www.azfrw.com
 for more details.



Members Are Treasures!

ARW Members and Associates Rock!

We had an outstanding turnout for the Chili dinner and cook off. Thank you for such a positive response to the membership drive. You invited friends and they joined ARW! We had fun getting to know one another and that is just the kind of event we wanted to have.

I am so excited for 2015! I am looking forward to the best year in ARW ten year history. We will be celebrating our 10th anniversary, the NFRW convention will be in Phoenix and our own Loraine Pellegrino is running for AzFRW President. She will do an outstanding job. Our job is to get as many members as we can so we can have an awesome supportive presence at the AzFRW convention. The AzFRW Convention directly precedes the National convention at the beautiful Desert Ridge Hotel and Convention Center. Everyone should plan to attend both events. More info to come!



Attention All Members!

It is time to renew your membership for this year. The renewal application is on the last page of the newsletter. Bring it to the Christmas Party on December 9th for your convenience. I look forward to seeing you all and don't forget to bring a friend! Thanks once again for all your support for this amazing Republican Women Club.

Mary Baumbach, 2nd VP Membership



Merry Birthday!

Members

- 12/11 Lucille Fraas
- 12/13 Charliene Cress
- 12/16 Cynthia Casaus
- 12/17 Melissa Delaney
- 12/18 Barbara Aligino
- 12/29 Kristin Middleton

Associates

- 12/6 Clark Norgaard
- 12/15 Ed Pellegrino



Welcome

NEW Members & Associates And

Thank YOU for Renewing!

Members

- Pat Brooks
- Cindy Casaus
- Mary Fritsche
- Kate Garriss
- Terry Giebelhaus
- Carol Hageman
- Debra Himes
- Klara Kossman
- Priscilla Poese
- Danielle Smith

- Debbie Smith
- Cynthia Towne
- Carol Wyatt

Associates

- Richard Brooks
- Mark Giebelhaus
- Bernie Hageman
- Gary Himes
- Jessica Merrow
- David Noble

- Diane O. Parsons
- Larry Poese
- Brian Smith
- Tracy Towne

New & Returning Members



ARW NEEDS HELP!

All committee positions for 2015 are open. Please contact President Debbie Smith if you wish to volunteer. ARW also needs to fill the following:



- **Achievement Awards**
Help us qualify for AzFRW & NFRW awards. This includes collecting and tracking volunteer hours.
- **Historian/Photographer**
- **Newsletter Editor**

ARW is a welcoming club for anyone who wishes to be more involved!
Email: ARWomen@aol.com

SUNSHINE

Please let us know if we have a member or an associate who is in need of cheering.
Email: ARWomen@aol.com



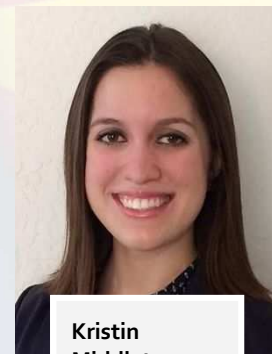
Congratulations to ALL of our local and statewide candidates who prevailed in the General Election

Way to go ARW members:

Rep - Elect Jill Norgaard and Kristin Middleton (Kyrene School District Governing Board Member-Elect)



Jill Norgaard



Kristin Middleton

Treasurer's Report
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
November 2014



Beginning Balance 11/01/2014 \$ 4,865.21

Income	
Membership Dues	490.00
Total Income	<u>490.00</u>

Total 5,355.21

Expenses	
Bank Charges	2.89
Supplies	26.84
Travel and Meetings	75.00
Total Expenses	<u>104.73</u>

Total 5,250.48

Total Petty Cash 20.00

Total Cash on Hand 11/30/2014 \$ 5,270.48



Winning with Women



Ahwatukee Republican Women

Annual Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:30 - 9:00 PM

At the Home of

Brian & Debbie Smith

1450 W. Bridge St · Phoenix, AZ 85045

(480) 529-4828

ARW Christmas Charity:

Operation Enduring Gratitude Foundation 501 (c)3

Repairing Veteran's homes and lives.

<http://www.operationenduringgratitude.org>

Suggested Donations: Gift cards for Home Depot, Lowes, nonspecific gift cards, & checks will be accepted at the party for those who wish to participate.

Members are asked to bring:

- A-J Appetizer or Side Dish
- K-O Holiday Cheer
(Wine, Eggnog, Punch, etc.)
- P-S Salad
- T-Z Dessert

Please bring spouses &/or guests!



Please RSVP by December 7th at ARWomen@aol.com or (480) 460-7101

DID YOU KNOW?

Ahwatukee Republican Women is a NFRW



Diamond Club! The NFRW Diamond Award means Excellence in membership development, campaign activities, community relations, programs, and club functions.



And Speaking of Awards...

Please keep track of your volunteer hours. Our clubs and individual members will be recognized for their efforts at the State and National Conventions in 2015. Please see Mary Baumbach at our monthly meetings or email her with the number of hours that you have devoted to our candidates and causes! maryb85044@yahoo.com

check out our current MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Ahwatukee Republican Women's Associate Member, Mark Giebelhaus, has won "double" in the plumbing industry! Mark was the latest winner of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association's (PHCC-NA) most prestigious award...The "Col. George D. Scott Award". Then just a month later was named the "PHCC-AZ Contractor of the Year"! Mark is very active in legislative leadership, both nationally and locally with PHCC and NFIB.



Mark is married to ARW Recording Secretary Terry Giebelhaus! They are also one of our valued sponsors: Marlin Mechanical (Plumbing & Air)! Thanks and congratulations on this great achievement!

Thank You Sponsors

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Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our newsletter. 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!





Congratulations to the LD18 new officers –
elected Nov 20 (**RED** denotes ARW member/
associate)

Chairman - **Mary Fritsche**
Vice Chairman - **Dino Eliades**
2nd Vice Chair - **Pam Derks**
Treasurer - Larry Hilliard
Secretary - Katherine Garriss

State Committeemen:

1. **Mary Baumbach**
2. Bill Baxter
3. Michael Bertocchi
4. Michelle Boston
5. Bill Buckey
6. **Caroline Coler**
7. **Lorie DeNapoli**
8. **Pam Derks**
9. **Judy Eastman**
10. **Dino Eliades**
11. John Fan
12. **Mary Fritsche**
13. Kate Garriss
14. **Terry Giebelhaus**
15. **Mark Giebelhaus**
16. Ken Hand
17. Carrie Haney
18. Kimber Hattendorf
19. Don Hawker
20. Ann Heins
21. Ralph Heins
22. Larry Hilliard
23. Sam Huang
24. Gary Johnson
25. Joanne Johnson
26. John King
27. Per Klype
28. Laura Knaperek
29. A.J. LaFaro
30. Pat Lister
31. Peggy McClain



32. **Kris Morrissey**
33. **Tom Morrissey**
34. Mark Nilsen
35. Mike Nobel
36. **Clark Norgaard**
37. **Jill Norgaard**
38. **Ed Pellegrino**
39. **Loraine Pellegrino**
40. **Diane Ortiz-Parsons**
41. Farrell Quinlan
42. Heidi Quinlan
43. Bob Reisinger
44. Laura Reisinger
45. Mike Richardson
46. Paul Rihs
47. Sharon Rihs
48. Brenda Roberts
49. John Sanborn
50. Dan Schultz
51. Patty Stapley
52. Steven Stapley
53. Mark Sullivan
54. Mike Sullivan
55. Byron Webster
56. **Jeni White**
57. **Carol Wyatt**
58. **David Wyatt**
59. Michael Zimmerman
60. Nancy Zimmerman

What is a State Committeeman/women?

- ⇒ Governing body of the State Party
- ⇒ Must be an elected PC to be a State Committeeman
- ⇒ State Committeemen are elected at the County or District organizational meeting. Districts are allotted 1 State Committeeman for every 3 PCs.
- ⇒ Elect State Executive Committee
- ⇒ Elect Congressional Members at Large
- ⇒ Vote on State bylaws and resolutions

January Statutory Meeting

- ⇒ All Elected State Committeemen attend
- ⇒ Elections held for the State Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer
- ⇒ Elections held for Congressional District Caucus and elect 3 Members-At-Large.
- ⇒ Elections held for the State Party's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Chairmen, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
- ⇒ Vote on Bylaw changes

White House Christmas Cards with a Message

Official White House Christmas cards have been part of our country's holiday season since 1953, the year that President Dwight Eisenhower and First Lady Mamie, aided by the Hallmark Company, sent out the first such cards.

It was during the years of George W. Bush's Presidency, however, that another important element was added to the official White House yuletide greetings, very much in keeping with the true spirit of the season. Continuing a tradition they had started when George Bush was the Governor of Texas, he and First Lady Laura Bush included verses from the Bible on their Christmas cards.

Scripture was a source of strength and encouragement as President Bush faced, and led the country through, difficult challenges and tragic events. In 2001, 5 days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Laura Bush replaced the verse originally chosen for that year's Christmas card. She was inspired by Psalm 27, and used the words from the 8th and 13th verses of that Psalm. They read, *"Thy face, Lord, do I seek... I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!"*

The Scripture verses that were on each year's official White House Christmas card from 2001 - 2008, were personally selected by President and Mrs. Bush. They were carefully and thoughtfully chosen to offer inspiration, assurance and healing, pointing this nation to a Source of help, and hope based on something more substantive than a hollow, bumper-sticker slogan preferred by the current occupant of the White House.

The following verses appeared on the White House Christmas cards from 2002 – 2007:

2002 – *"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."* (Psalm 100:5)

2003 – *"You have granted me life and loving kindness, and Your care has preserved my spirit."* (Job 10:12)

2004, a presidential election year – *"Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song."* (Psalm 95:2)

2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina – *"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts; So I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him."* (Psalm 28:7)

2006 – *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* (Psalm 119:105)

2007 – *"You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship You."* (Nehemiah 9:6)

In 2008, for President and Mrs. Bush's final White House Christmas card, they quoted the words of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5:16. This final Christmas message from George and Laura Bush to their fellow Americans can still serve as instruction for us, as we approach another holiday season and a new year: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*



ARW Member/Associate Appreciation Chili Dinner!



ARW was honored to have Congressman Matt Salmon and Mrs. Nancy Salmon join us!



Congrats Chili Cook-off Winners: Tirza Smalley, David Noble & Marilyn Astroth!



We appreciate our Associate Members!



Thank You Members and Associates for your ongoing support! Looking forward to 2015!



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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 Pomranning

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

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