

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
October 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Ron Ulrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Jan Neal gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America. All joined in the singing of God Bless America.

WELCOME TO VISITORS: Tina Ashburn, Daniel Bentley, Cindi Burrell, Lorane Crockett, Cassie Deming, Ann Deshambrow, Arlin & Jeanie DeVos, Betty Edmon, Alan Garland, Don Johnson, John Matthews, Lou Mancuso, Laura Puel, Pat Richardson, Carla Shandord, Catriona Swane and Barbara Verderose. Present: 135 Members and 21 guests.

The September minutes were approved as distributed prior to the meeting.

Vice President Clair Van Steenwyk introduced speakers:

Jan Schank of The Grand Republican Club invited attendees to their next meeting, on Saturday, October 21 at 8:30 a.m. Seth Lubsen will be their guest speaker about “Stop the Start”. They will be having a Pancake Feed on October 28 and will be hosting and Arizona Capital Tour.

Lou Mancusso spoke of a special meeting on October 10 to discuss the recall of three Sun City West Directors and disapproval of the General Manager. He reported the committee have done a comparison of different budgets between Sun City West and Sun City: Sun City West budget is more than \$5,000,000 than Sun City, which has a larger membership. He also compared the annual memberships between the two cities: Sun City West \$540 per owner on deed and Sun City \$525 per unit. Golf cards are over \$3,000 in Sun City West and \$1,500 in Sun City. Sun City West (43% less population) has 125 more employees than Sun City.



Maricopa County Assessor, Eddie Cook spoke about his Department and things of special interest. Maricopa County is the fourth largest County in the U.S. and he has a staff of 300

fulltime employees. He said there are 200 new residents per day coming to Arizona. The data his department compiles helps the Board of Supervisors set the rates and as well as other taxing authorities. His goal is to do this fairly and equitably. This past year he was able to get no taxes for disabled veterans approved. This year his goal is to reform the complex tax code. He provided brochures on Senior Valuation Protection which can freeze the Limited Property Value for three consecutive years for low-income seniors.



Debbie Lesko, our U. S. Congress Representative, was able to share information on Kevin McCarthy being ousted as Speaker of the House last week. She spoke that the Republicans must unite and work together to get the budget cuts necessary to get our Country back on track. She was disappointed that the proposed compromise bill to cut spending until the next deadline to pass the remainder of the main budgets was not approved. She needs to be back in Washington, D.C. Tuesday for the GOP Conference to decide on a new Speaker. These are troubling times for Congress.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Ulrich at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Secretary