

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
March 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Randle 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 all singing God Bless America. President Randle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

WELCOME TO VISITORS: Jan Bjuna, Daniel Braun, Larry W. Bosma, April Byars, Valerie Carter, Joe Castelhana, Donna Chupp, Art Clement, Maryann Donahue, Jan Douglas, Greg Exelby, Sheree & David Foldesh, Richard W. Folger, Jean Greeding, Randy & Carol Hellwege, Linda Hlipala, Kathleen Jama, John Kenney, Katrina Kulz, Joan Mansour, Nate Mess, Greg & Arlene Martin, Terry & Deb Munley, Harold Nichol森, Janice Partain, Travis Partain, Kent Perrin, Lydia Phillips, Debbie Randle, Donna Rhodes Brown, Gayle “June” Ruyle, Carol Sather, Damon Schmidt, Wendy Simpson, Marsha Ulrich, Eleanor Weaver, Laura Weaver, Ann & Bob Winsok, Ed Woodward, Joy Woodward. There were 117 members present, 46 guests and 30 candidates/staff members in attendance.

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes as posted on the website. Motion carried.

President Randle reminded members of the new “5-5-5” promotion for club members to make 5 phone calls to people about voting, 5 emails regarding voting and attend 5 Republican Club events/meetings. The completed 5-5-5 signed slips will be held for a drawing of a prize. He also let members know that Peter Pingerelli, husband of Arizona House of Representatives Beverly Pingerelli, passed away and the funeral services are this morning. Randle challenged members to speak with their pastors to encourage their members to get out to vote.

Vice President Linda Barnes reminded members that the Presidential Primary is March 19th and the Sun City West Governing Board elections are March 25th. She asked the attendees who had sent in their mail-in ballots for the Presidential Primary already and a large number raised their hands. She encouraged everyone to vote. She also reminded members that all candidates need petition signatures.

Linda Barnes introduced Captain Seth Keshel, an election data specialist who has analyzed elections in Arizona and the USA. He said 5 out of 8 Arizonans feel the 2022 election was suspect. In 2018, Republican Steve Gaynor led for Secretary of State; but a few days after election, Katie Hobbs defeated him. There are a high number of citizens suspicious the County Board conspired in the election.

Keshel spoke on Chronic Election Dysfunction: difficulty in maintaining elections when they last more than four days, loss of interest in voting and premature inauguration. Arizona had always been a solid “red” state. In 2022 there was a shaving of electors and Democrat voters grew disproportionately. Ways to combat this: 1. Lead – need more Precinct Captains; 2. Investigate – he showed figures for our Dusty Trail Voting District (canvassing to find fraudulent

registrations and that Automatic Voter Registration helps the Democrats win); 3. Volunteer – we need poll watchers and election judges; 4. Engage; 5. Show up at County meetings.



Question: How to clean up voter rolls. Keshel spoke of ways for a more secure election: clean out voter registrations, find blatant illegalities, State must provide accurate information, mail in ballot security, ballot harvesting is not legal (unattended drop boxes), if you have moved from an address make sure the registration at your old address is deleted.

Question: Did Big Tech alter the elections. Keshel said government agencies declared elections results clean and valid. Then Big Tech makes certain information available and censors differing viewpoints.

Question: How to keep illegal immigrants from voting Keshel said if states allow driver's licenses for illegal immigrants, it allows them to get registered to vote without proof of citizenship. Most illegal immigrants are not interested in voting but others may want to vote for them.

Question: Are machines still used for voting. Keshel said when there was a Republican Governor and legislature, they failed to make changes. Now there is Democrat governor and slight Republican majority. He said election results can be investigated by using precinct voting but the new voting centers make it very difficult.

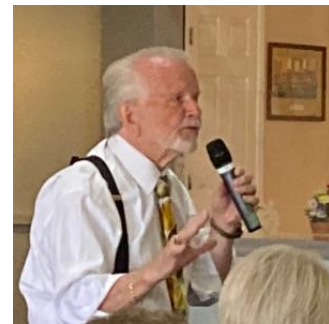
After Keshel completed his presentation, he added a personal remark. He is endorsing Anthony Kern for Congress election.

William "Bud" Meador spoke on behalf of PORA regarding two parking regulation voting issues. The legislature has a bill, HB2740, under consideration to eliminate the ability of all HOA's and planned communities to regulate parking. In addition, he also encouraged people to

vote “Yes” for the Street Parking Enforcement issue on the Sun City West March 25 election. A “Yes” vote will give the Rec Center and its CC&R Department the ability to continue the policy of no RV’s or other large vehicles will be allowed to park on the streets in Sun City West.

Linda Barnes reported that Robert Canterbury has withdrawn his candidacy for County Supervisor District #4. Canterbury is endorsing Dr. Robert Branch for this position. If you had signed a petition for Canterbury, you are able to sign another candidate’s petition.

Ms. Barnes introduced Dr. Robert Branch. He shared his background. He is a college professor and has been on the Parks & Recreation Commission 7 times. During his tenure, they have added new parks and upgraded many parks. When he started, the parks earned 50¢ for every dollar-they now earn 94¢ on the dollar. He said they did not shut down parks during COVID. He also stands for election integrity and knows how the County works.



Linda Barnes introduced William “Bud” Meador who is running for one of the three Sun City West Governing Board seats. He stated his #1 priority is a Master Plan as there is none. It will take strategic planning to do that. He also wants a vibrant relationship between the Rec Center and PORA. He wants open communications from the Governing Board.

Ms. Barnes introduced Clair Van Steenwyk who is running for Maricopa County Recorder. He wants to incorporate simple computer programs. He also wants to check on Federal Only registered voters. He would like to see amendments made to some poorly written laws as that is easier than starting over. He was a candidate against the current Recorder in the 2020 election.

Linda Barnes introduced Sheriff Mark Lamb who is running for the US Senate for AZ. Lamb described himself as a patriot who loves God and family. There are pressing issues and he will be a voice for freedom and law enforcement. He has the courage to say it is not okay. Ranked top issues are (1) border, (2) Economy, (3) Crime and (4) National Security. He feels whoever has the ability has responsibility to work through trials. In Pinal County, his department’s job is stopping fentanyl, traffic stops for border smugglers and searching the desert for abandoned illegal immigrants. 37,000 Chinese military-age men crossed our border in 2023 compared to 450 in 2021. China is a communist company and anyone being allowed to leave has to have the permission from their government. Our government is funding the invasion of our country by supporting groups in our country and outside our country aiding the illegal immigrants.



Sheriff Lamb said of the 150,000 unaccompanied children let into our country, our government doesn't know where 100,000 are – either working slave labor or being sex trafficked. Fentanyl is a huge problem as they are charging 50¢ a pill and 70% of the Fentanyl is lethal. They are killing our young and middle-aged people and we aren't stopping it. He wants to be tough on crime and pull the Federal government out of local law enforcement – many agencies don't need to exist.

Prior to joining the law enforcement field 20 years ago, he owned his own business. He stays within his budget. Regarding our pledge of Allegiance, our Republican party must be indivisible, we must have justice for all (Trump is a victim of lawfare and they will come for you, too). Our country was built on sacrifice by people who gave their lives so that we could be free. We must behave like men who are determined to be free or will we just stand by?

Question: What about all the Federal land in Arizona? 83% of our State is Federal Land. There is also State Trust land to help fund our education. Citizens need to own more of Arizona land.

Question: How many illegals are in Arizona? Most illegal immigrants move on from Arizona to other parts of the country. The government says there are 8 to 9 Million immigrants but Lamb believes the number is probably 12-15 million. The Democrat plan is to undermine the law and to re-invent the demographics (to reinvent America) and globalization. We need to restore balance to order.

In closing, Lamb asks you to send him to DC so he can hunt the wolves.

Linda Barnes introduced Dennis Horvath who is running for the Governing Board of Sun City West. In 2018, our Board hired a new General Manager (who has resigned). At that time there were 135 clubs which has been reduced to 97 by terminating some that were too small or combining some clubs and closing the Craft store at RH Johnson. He supports a Master Plan and strategizing. He wants to make sure the Governing Board has more oversight over the General Manager.



Linda Barnes noted there is a March 9 benefit concert to support Anthony Kern.

Bob Randle said we need to work for partisan voter registration. He and his wife received permission to offer voter registration at Solstice Senior Living. Residents were unaware they needed to re-register when they moved. Most nursing homes and assisted living facilities choose not to be involved in politics and don't help their residents with transportation for that purpose. He suggested members offer help to residents and their friends to register correctly or get to the polls.

Linda Barnes reported our speakers for the April meeting will be Rachel Walden, Rene Lopez and Lea Marquez Peterson – all running for positions on the Arizona Corporation Commission.

President Randle called winner numbers for the two 50/50 prizes of \$65.00 each.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Recording Secretary