

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
September 7, 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. Marjorie Favia gave the Invocation. President Randle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America followed by all singing God Bless America.

WELCOME VISITORS: Harold Abramasski, Nancy Anderson, Dan Beatley, Thomas Burgess, Janies Casey, Mark Cerer, Patty Coyne, Bob & Donna Cushman, Cas Cusimane, Scott Dannen, Loretta Darling, Lynn Day, Mera Devore, Jerry Faningmen, Apello Fuhriman, Lonnie Gaskill, Virginia Gile, Marsha Greenwell, Susan Hanson, Debbie Harealra, Wes Hedlund, Maggie & Ross Howay, Eleanor Hutchinson, Mary & Steve Huber, Darcey Ingle, Adrienne John Keiper, Marla Kempf, Kathy Kitterman, David Kingery, Ruth Knight, Alice Leppke, Larry Lienenen, Scott & Sherry Linman, Jill Liznemann, Theresa & Agatha Lorentz, Mark Lovejoy, Al & Gaylen Luher. Rebecca MacIntyre, Sharon Marinello, Joe Marinello, Leona Meditz, Elsie Mallard, Matthew Mesa, Janice Meyer, Eileen Nelson, Lisa & John Nelson, John Nelson, Bridgett Nelke, Gwen & Wayne Norris, Ken Porizels, Linda Schumacher, Ari Steels, Carla Strandjord, Cecilia Taylor, Pauline Teron, Terry Vance, Bill Weaver, Ellen Weaver, Barbara Wylle, Grace Young
There were 168 members, 74 guests and 4 speakers present: a total count of 246 present.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes posted on the website. Minutes Approved.

President Randle reported we will be hosting a breakfast at next month's meeting at a charge of \$12.00 to be paid at the door. Serving will begin at 8.00. Cash is preferred but credit cards will be accepted. The next meeting will be about the "Get Out to Vote" campaign. He reported an event to handwrite notes on postcards regarding Proposition 139 will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on September 30 from 1:00-3:00 – sign up table in the lobby. He reported the candles on the tables are for members and guests to take home and say a prayer for our country when they are lit – donated by Shara Emert.

Linda Barnes introduced Congresswoman Debbie Lesko. Ms. Lesko told everyone this election is a fight for the soul of our nation. She is headed to Sun City to go door to door for the Trump campaign when she leaves this meeting.

Ms. Lesko is headed back to Washington DC for the next three weeks to vote on the existing budget to keep the government operating by September 30. Speaker Johnson is planning to use the Save Act passed by the House to leverage a budget until March. This would require proof of citizenship to vote as states are finding illegal residents registered to vote through the Federal ballot program. This extension will allow Trump to begin working on cutting the budget when he takes office. She said it is imperative that all Republicans vote in this election.

Congresswoman Debbie Lesko asked all to remember the Phoenix police officer, Zane Collidge, who was killed this week. Reminded all that Kamala Harris supports defunding of police. She reported the Covid Committee, which she serves on, will be holding hearings this coming week

with Andrew Cuomo testifying. His office made the decision to force Covid patients be put in nursing homes which left many vulnerable people getting Covid and dying. She addressed a memo from the Maricopa County Republican Committee telling people to vote against a Republican candidate over a Runbeck Company contract change. She stated the timing is very bad on their part to try to divide Republicans when an election is coming in November. We must all stick together and support the entire Republican ticket from national to local candidates to win.



Linda Barnes introduced Ray Malnar, the new Chairman of the West Valley Republican Office. He detailed his involvement in the Arizona Republican workings. He reported they will be hosting a retirement party for Cindy Newman on September 18.

Linda Barnes introduced Tracy DuCharme, the Arizona State Director of American Majority. Ms. DuCharme explained the “ballot chasing” program that is being coordinated thru American Majority. This is comprised of Turning Point, Trump Force 47 and grassroot groups of Arizona to contact all registered voters to remind them to vote early and make sure their ballots are turned in. It starts with phone contacts and later there will be door knockers to remind voters in person. In the 2022 election, 1.1 Million ballots were mailed out to Republicans and 350,000 did not return completed ballots. We can win if people get out to vote. She reported they are working with nursing and retirement facilities to make sure residents have access to vote. Only family or care centers are allowed to turn in ballots on behalf of someone. Ballot harvesting is illegal in Arizona. They have workshops with these facilities and noted they all have good training for their staff as they are not allowed to mark ballots or take their ballots. People are allowed to take people to the polls or drop areas so they may turn in the ballots but they cannot fill out ballots for others. There is a Center for Vulnerable Voters that can assist special need voters. She said there are attorneys that will be here to instantly help with shady election issues. She reminded everyone that it is important to vote for all the Republican offices both national and local because

each position is there to protect our rights. She encouraged people to get a copy of the Arizona Voters Bill of Rights.



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Linda Barnes reported our Club will be sponsoring a General Election Rally at Palm Ridge from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on September 28. Come to hear the candidates and information on the Propositions and Initiatives that will be on the ballot and Shane Krouser and Gina Malone. Art Goes will be getting this information in the newspaper and on the local radio station. Encourage your friends to attend.

Janie Randle reported there will be a Trump Train Golf Cart Parade to the Rally at Palm Ridge. Participants should be on W. Copperstone Drive between W. Camino Del Sol & N. 133rd Avenue at 11:15 to be a part of the Parade.

Linda Barnes introduced Rachel Mitchell, Maricopa County Attorney. She stated her message is the winning message. Her opponent believes in defunding the police, against parental rights, in favor of the Department of Justice taking over our Police Department and not pursuing organized retail crime. She reported that the County Attorney is the main prosecutor in our state; not the Attorney General. Our Attorney General has decided not to enforce the death penalty. They cannot pick and chose which laws to enforce.

Ms. Mitchell reported the Maricopa County Republican Committee has issued a notice that voters should not vote for the Republican County Attorney candidate but for the Democrat candidate. There is an issue with Arizona Representative Alex Kolodin negotiating a separate contract with Runbeck for the election ballots and making false allegations about the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. Ms. Mitchell's job is to give the Board of Supervisors legal advise and the Board of Supervisors did not accept Mr. Kolodin's contract.

Ms. Mitchell did a presentation on consumer scams, identity theft and organized retail theft. The retail theft could be computer hacking, data breaches, phone calls, mail theft, muggings/pick pockets, car/house burglary and internet phishing. People are embarrassed to admit they have been scammed and report the incidents to the Police Department. When you get strange calls or internet messages; trust your gut instincts to not fall prey to these villains. Ask another trusted person to advise you before sending money or gift cards to strangers. Identity theft warnings are that you may notice unauthorized purchases from your account, get notice of new loans or bank accounts you did not initiate, your bank account is emptied, you do not get your tax refunds, phone calls from debt collectors or medical collections or a sudden drop in your credit rating.

Common scams:

Grandparent scams

Tech support

Prizes, sweepstakes or lottery winnings

Romance scams.

Red Flags:

They promises you something – threaten you

A document or email contains typos or doesn't use proper English

Email address doesn't match the sender as it appears on your email

If someone represents they are calling from your bank, credit card or a business, call that firm directly to confirm if they are trying to reach you. If you are ordering online, check their reviews. Stay informed about new scams. You should report the scam directly to your credit card company or business. If you lose money, report it to the police.

Questions: If your computer gets locked up through a scam, he recommended shutting you computer down for a couple days and it was unlocked when he turned it back on. Ms. Mitchell said you may need to have a computer expert check your computer to get it operating correctly.

Question: With the break-ins in Sun City West, is an owner allowed to use deadly force. Ms. Mitchell said you can use deadly force only if you are in fear for your life or another life. You may not use force if someone is just on your property. You may not shoot a fleeing suspect in the back as they run away.

Question: Concern about blatant lies in political ads. Ms. Mitchell said you need to prove it is a lie and they know it is a lie. Be a smarter vote: if someone lies once, don't trust them.

Question: How to prevent mail fraud. Ms. Mitchell said you should pick up your mail from the unlocked mailbox soon after it is delivered. You can sign up at the Post Office to have them notify you of what mail they are delivering to you.

Question: How to make your home safer. Ms. Mitchell recommended using a security system such as Ring to alert you, trim back hedges around the house so all windows and doors have clear visibility, dogs that bark, lock doors and windows.

Linda Barnes encouraged everyone with mail in ballots to vote early and turn them into a voting center or mail them to be received at least one week prior to the election. This last election 96,000 mail in ballots in sealed envelopes were returned election day to voting centers. It takes the Election Department approximately a week to match signatures on envelopes and process them through the ballot counters. That is what is taking so long for election results. She encouraged everyone to vote Republican up and down the ballot as all election positions are important – even at the local level.

Linda thanked Shara Emert for purchasing the candles on the tables so you can say a prayer for our country when they are lit.

There were three 50/50 winners of \$62.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Recording Secretary