

SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
Minutes of January 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Jan Martinson at 8:30 am in the Grand Canyon Room at the Foundation, Sun City West, AZ. Rosemarie Isbell gave the Invocation. Sergeant-at-Arms John Heep led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America, followed by the singing of God Bless America accompanied on the piano by June Ruyle.

WELCOME TO VISITORS: President Jan welcomed and read the names of the guests.

Elected Officials: **Lynndy Smith** (Outreach Director for **Debbie Lesko**), **Frank Carroll**, **David Livingston**, **Ben Toma**

Guests: Robert Anderson, Mitchell Friedlander, Elsie Thornton, Marjorie Favia, Bill & Jean Hacket, Linda Haddon, Donney Speck, Teresa Broaddus, Dolores Bauctt.

President Jan Martinson: Introduced our visiting Representatives and Senator.

SPEAKERS: **Frank Carol** spoke to us; he's making a lot of new friends. He's on 4 new committees. He's newly elected and he invited everyone to come to his office to say hi. He thanks us for our support.

Ben Toma spoke to us; Senior Representative he has been named Chairman of Ways & Means. Have you heard of Tax Conformity? If you pay income tax, the state of AZ will take some of your tax break you received from the federal government. This is not a tax increase; AZ is just conforming to the tax code that already exists. We need to let the Governor office know we don't want to conform to the tax code. The Republicans still maintain control of the house, but just by 1 vote.

David Livingston spoke to us; He says we have a strong team, it's important that we get involved. He's on 4 committees. It will be a very busy year. We have a 5% increase for teachers in the budget. We have an all-time high in revenue for AZ, the trouble is when the money comes in they want to spend it. David would like to give our money back to us.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER: Jean McGrath introduced our guest speaker Rae Chornenky



GUEST SPEAKER: Rae Chornenky; he is candidate for Chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Party and currently serves as Chair for the LD 22 Republicans. The voter turnout was very high this past season. Republicans tend to vote at the top of the ticket but as the ballot drops down to the smaller elected offices, there is a large drop off. What do we do about that as Republicans? LD22 had the highest turn out as a result of distributing 45,000 golden tickets. The Democrats made sure this time that they had a name on every position where they didn't before. This energized the Democrat side of the voters. Another challenge we'll have is re-districting. What do Republicans need to do, we need to recruit good candidates. We need to make our voices heard more. The Golden Ticket campaign worked, we need to do it again.

Clint Hickman, County Board Supervisor; the primary election went horrible. We are trying to come up with a better system.

Lynndy Smith, outreach director for **Debie Lesko**, Debbie was appointed to the rules committee. She gets to see legislation that goes through the house. Every bill introduced goes the rules committee. 7121 W Bell is her office location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jan introduced the officers of the SCW Republican club. We had a great ad in the Independent. Please don't get angry when our committee calls to see if you're coming to the meeting, we need a count so we know how many donuts to buy.

72 members and guests attended

ADJOURNMENT: President Jan Martinson adjourned the meeting at 10:05.

John Schalk
Secretary