

# RWOP

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF PRESCOTT



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## President's Message - Sherrie Hanna

Hello Republican Women of Prescott!

I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and to our beautiful State of Arizona, Happy Birthday! Arizona is celebrating its 110 birthday this year! Our State motto is "Ditat Deus" which means "God Enriches." This motto is true as our State is blessed with the five C's: Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus and Climate. These five C's have been the driving force behind our economy and have given economic security to past generations and, hopefully, to many future Arizona generations. We are so fortunate to live in Prescott, Arizona!



## THE TRUMPETER - February 2022

I want to thank everyone who attended our January RWOP luncheon and your kind words of support. I believe we all came away from that luncheon with a better understanding of what and how important the Arizona Mine Inspector responsibilities are and it was a pleasure to meet the candidates personally. The presentation by Shaunta Underwood from Free America on the vaccine mandates was truly inspiring and she was so grateful to RWOP for giving her an opportunity to speak to our members.

This is a crucial time for our State and Nation. Soon, a decision will be rendered from the Supreme Court on the contentious debate over abortion. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that will give its newly expanded conservative majority an opportunity to pare back the constitutional right to abortions established nearly a half century ago in Roe v. Wade. On January 15th, RWOP chartered a bus to take RWOP members to the March for Life Rally in Phoenix. It was truly an inspiring experience, marching with thousands of like-minded individuals who want to protect the sanctity of life. It was exciting to see so many young people marching and carrying signs that read "I am the Pro-Life Generation." Along with many politicians, various church organizations, many other Republican Women clubs and thousands in attendance, the crowning event was hearing Alveda King close out the event with her inspiring speech.

On matters closer to home, RWOP is so excited to welcome Kelly Cordes! Kelly's Great-Grandfather homesteaded in Arizona in 1876 and in 1883 established what is known today as Cordes Junction, Az. Kelly and I grew up together. Our families were friends and our Dads coached baseball together. We graduated from Prescott High, Class of 1973 and both claim that this was the best class to ever graduate from Prescott High School! After Kelly received his education degree, he returned home and taught American History and United States Government for 39 years before retiring last year. Kelly was one of the most conservative teachers and taught both at the middle and high school level. Kelly taught my children and several of my grandchildren. They all say he made learning about American History and United States Government fun because he added many interesting facts teaching about the foundation of our Country. Kelly has graciously agreed to teach our RWOP Constitution Class. Jill Martin, RWOP's 5th VP of Education, will be publishing her Constitution class schedule of times and dates, so be sure to watch for that information and sign up. Now more than ever, we all need to know our United States Constitution to be able to stand up and defend it. Again, Welcome Kelly!

I would like to thank you all for coming a half hour earlier to our luncheons these past few months. We, at RWOP, adhere to our mission statement to inform, educate and empower our members. Due to RWOP's statue in our State, many of the candidates are knocking on our door asking to speak. Judy Blake, your RWOP 1st VP of Programs, is diligently working to accommodate all the candidates currently seeking political office who want to come before our members. We will continue to have 2 hour luncheons so we can accommodate these politicians.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for RWOP. Our club remains strong and popular due to your participation!

With Warm Regards,  
Sherrie Hanna, 2022 RWOP President

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## Tuesday, February 8th RWOP Member Luncheon

**\*\*THIS WILL BE A TWO-HOUR LUNCHEON.  
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME!\*\***

**The Luncheon is SOLD OUT!**



**Prescott Resort & Conference Center**  
1500 E. Highway 69, Prescott, AZ

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 10:00am**

For RWOP Members and Associate Members  
(Open to guests if seats are still available)

**THE MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 11:00 AM**  
**TRY TO ARRIVE EARLY TO ALLOW FOR PARKING AND**  
**CHECK-IN**



**Reservations Chair - Elsie Tyree**

**\*\*\*\*LUNCHEON PRICE INCREASE - \$30.00\*\*\*\***

### **MENU**

Parmesan chicken with baked Ziti & marinara sauce,  
roasted vegetables and garlic bread

**OR**

Cobb salad - chopped romaine salad topped with smoked bacon,  
chopped egg, diced meat, grape tomatoes and blue cheese crumble

**OR**

Vegetarian Cobb salad - chopped romaine salad with roasted corn,  
green peas, sliced olives, grape tomatoes and cucumbers

**Dessert:** Red Velvet cake with cream cheese icing

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS THE DAY OF THE EVENT**

**IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL, PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Elsie Tyree – [tyree200@msn.com](mailto:tyree200@msn.com) or 928 778-0235

*A reservation made is a reservation paid...thank you!*

- PLEASE DO NOT BRING LARGE BILLS-CORRECT CHANGE SPEEDS UP THE CHECKIN PROCESS
- IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO RWOP
- NO CREDIT CARDS FOR LUNCHEON PAYMENT



**1st VP Programs - Judy Blake**

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**



Leslie Hoffman  
Yavapai County Recorder  
BIO



Cindy Casaus  
President of AZFRW  
BIO

**CANDIDATES FORUM  
for Arizona State Senate**



Ryan Cadigan - Candidate LD1



Selina Bliss - Candidate LD1



Steve Gesell - Candidate LD1

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## Caring for America - Nancy Grigas



Our charity of the month for February is Honor Flight Arizona. This nonprofit organization sends military veterans to Washington, DC to visit the memorials established in their honor.

Local Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam are selected to participate in this 3-day guided trip to the Capitol where they experience the gratitude of school children, fellow Vets, present-day military and others. It is a gratifying trip for these folks who gave so much for their country.



These special flights have been postponed for the last two years due to Covid, but according to Diane Franzese, Northern AZ Honor Flight Director, they will resume again this spring.

**VISIT:** <https://www.honorflight.org/>

Nancy Grigas, CFA chair

## Chaplain - Marla Bassler





2nd VP Ways and Means - Sue Davis



Tickets on Sale

*Tea for You and Fashion too!*

Saturday, March 12th, 2022  
at 12:00 PM

Hassayampa Inn Marina Room  
122 E. Gurley St, Prescott

*Ticket Price: \$55.00 per person*

Sign up now to host a table. Design your own centerpiece and enter the centerpiece competition. A prize will be awarded for the most creative.

Fashion Show, No Host Bar, Tea Plate and Dessert  
Live Music, Local Vendors, Raffle,  
Creative Centerpiece Competition



Contact Sue Davis for tickets.  
Call or text (352) 262-5890  
email [oneavia@yahoo.com](mailto:oneavia@yahoo.com)



## "Did you Know...?" - Secretary, Linda Nichols

RWOP is proud to feature the Full Board of Directors in our newsletter.

*This month, we are highlighting five of the ten Standing and Special Committee Chairs and they are as follows:*

- Anita Zytowski
- Anna Tobin
- Barbara Ernst
- Bobbie Helwig-Ferris
- Debra McVey

**Anita Zytowski**  
Campaigns/Petitions  
Standing Committee Chair



Bio and  
Position Description

**Anna Tobin,**  
Legislation State/Federal  
Standing Committee Chair



Bio and  
Position Description

**Barbara Ernst,**  
Scholarship  
Standing Committee Chair



Bio and  
Position Description

**Bobbie Helwig-Ferris,**  
Literacy  
Special Committee Chair



Bio and  
Position Description

**Debra McVey,**  
School Volunteer Program  
Standing Committee Chair



Bio and  
Position Description

For position descriptions and bios go to our website at:  
<https://www.rwop.info/officers--committees.html>

## Legislative Update - Anna Tobin



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
FEBRUARY 2022



### LOCAL:

- Have your voice heard at Prescott City Council meetings by filling out a green or blue card and giving it to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. **More details [here](#).**
- Prescott City Council Meetings February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.
- Prescott Valley Town Council Meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> @5:30 p.m.
- February 19, 2022 8:00 a.m. YavGop Quarterly Precinct Committee Meeting details [here](#).
- Prescott Unified School District Board Meeting from Jan. 11 [youtube](#).
- Yavapai County Board of Supervisors Meetings February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> @9:00 a.m.

### STATE:

- Senator Fann bill **SB 1119** Amendment to require online digital ballot images. Senate fact sheet [here](#).
- March 1, 2022 is the deadline for legislators to vote on a state constitution requirement on education spending limits. *“The four largest school districts in Yavapai County face a cumulative \$15.5 million reduction.” (AZ Central.com Jan. 8 article.)*
- **SB 1049** Parents’ Bill of Rights (Sen. Townsend) will allow legal action in the case of parents’ rights violations. Scheduled in Senate Judiciary committee 1/27/21. RTS responses 20 FOR 49 AGAINST.
- Rep Nguyen has sponsored the following bills that had 2nd Readings in the past week:
  - **HB 2021** Amendment to change dangerous crimes against children definition
  - **HB 2008** Amendment defining American civics education to include comparative discussion on political ideologies
  - **HB 2112** Repeal and amendment to school instruction specific to race, ethnicity, and sex
  - **SB 1165** “Save Women’s Sports Act” amendment to address athletics, designation of teams, biological sex and cause of action
- Audit ongoing news: Senator Karen Fann sent a letter to Cyber Ninjas see the letter [here](#).

### FEDERAL:

- **H.R. 5746 Freedom to Vote Act** All 50 Republicans voted NO and the bill “failed cloture” in the Senate.” Components of HR1 were put into this bill that made sweeping changes in election reform. The bill came to stop due to the filibuster. Keep an eye open for components of this bill to be piecemealed into future legislation.
- **H.R. 6248 Stand Your Ground Act** Rep. Gosar is one of six co-sponsors on a bill that would implement stand your ground laws nationally and remove duty to retreat in all states.
- **H.R. 4673: EVEST Act** Passed in the House (265-163) and goes to the Senate. To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment of eligible veterans in patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.





## 3rd VP Membership - Heather Densmore

### As of the printing of this newsletter we have:

**562 Active Members**

**130 Associate Members**

**2 Student Member**

**Total of 694 Members**

It is time to renew your membership! All members that renew by March 8<sup>th</sup> will be included in the 2022 Membership Directory. If you are happy with your current photo in the Directory, you don't need to take a new photo.

If you are a new member, please get a photo taken at the February or March lunch meeting. There will be photographers available taking photos for the Directory at both meetings.

Do you have friends thinking about joining RWOP? Encourage them to do so by March 8<sup>th</sup> so they can be listed in the Directory too. Remember this is our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and we are the largest Republican Women's organization in the State of Arizona.

### January New Active Members:

Patricia Addis  
Susan L. Ashford  
Merissa Brinkerhoff  
Jessica Brothers  
Barbara Burnham  
Barbara Clark  
Julie Crow  
Genie Day  
Ann Embrey  
Darlene Fleck

Judy Jennings  
Julie Fairburn  
Donna Kornhaas  
Paula Krainz  
Janet Mitchell  
Sandra O'Connor  
Sandra Olivo  
Jean Perle  
Zandra Pesusich  
Linda Pratt  
Rebecca Rask  
Penny Rubala  
Dianne Schafer  
Carol Schindler  
Sheri Shaw  
Cindy Templeton  
Alena Timm  
Cynthia Uelen  
Dina Vitacca  
Dita Wilson



### January New Associate Members:

Deborah Bondi  
Daniel Berryman  
Frederick Lesko  
Carol McManus  
Daryl Templeton  
Kirby J Mitchell  
Norman Schindler

### New Student Member:

Michelle Parent



4th VP Communications - Joan Lesko

"I am thrilled and honored to be serving as your VP of Communications in 2022. I look forward to working with a wonderful team and will continue to deliver vital information in a timely fashion. Our 2022 RWOP Luncheon Schedule has been posted on the RWOP.info website where you can find other important information as well. Your suggestions are welcome and you can contact me at any time." Select the "2022 RWOP Luncheon Schedule" below for the RWOP website.



Largest Federated Republican Women's Club in Arizona

2022 RWOP Luncheons

Prescott Resort & Conference Center
1500 E. Hwy. 69, Prescott, AZ

10:30 am Social
11:30 am Meeting & Program
Luncheon cost: \$30 per person

- Tuesday ..... January 11
Tuesday ..... February 8
Tuesday ..... March 8
Tuesday ..... April 5
Tuesday ..... May 10
Tuesday ..... June 14
Tuesday ..... July 12
Tuesday ..... August 9
Wednesday .... September 14
Tuesday ..... October 11
Tuesday ..... November 8
Tuesday ..... December 13

To make a reservation, please contact:

Elsie Tyree at 928-778-0235
tyree200@msn.com,

Sandi Brown at 928-445-3767
clbsnr@msn.com

or
reserve online
at www.RWOP.info

The Republican Women of Prescott

Founded in 1942, the Republican Women of Prescott serves all communities in the quad city area.

We are the largest Federated Republican club in Arizona. RWOP is dedicated to the conservative principles of the Republican Party. We especially take pride in America and fully support our military troops, veterans, law enforcement and first responders.



Mission Statement

The Republican Women of Prescott is dedicated to promoting the principles of the Republican Party through an informed electorate by educating and empowering its members, and by electing Republicans to local, state and national offices.



Keeping Yavapai County
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Since 1942!

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## 5th VP Education - Jill Martin

### Education Update for February 2022 Newsletter:

#### **5-Week Workshop on the Constitution**

March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join this very timely and important class to refresh your knowledge of the Role of Government as defined by our Founding Fathers. The class will be taught by Kelly Cordes. He has taught for 39 years and has a passion for history and the constitution.



#### **Here is an overview of what he will teach each week:**

- Week 1: Why History Matters and the Christian Foundations in U.S. History
- Week 2: Events Leading to the Constitutional Convention
- Week 3: The Faith of the Founding Fathers and the Constitutional Convention
- Week 4: The ideology and organization of the United States Constitution
- Week 5: The current interpretations of various issues concerning the Constitution

This will be an exciting and interactive class. You can sign up at the luncheons or email me directly. See you there!



#### **Do you want to learn how to be active in our local and state governments?**

Join myself and Anna Tobin on the last Friday of every month 8:00 a.m. at County Seat. We will teach you the specifics of how the city, county and state governments work and how you can track issues and stay current on the important issues.

**NEXT MEETING: February 25, 2022**

**Last Month's Photos go to [www. RWOP.info](http://www.RWOP.info)  
RWOP Photographer - Judie Vullo**

For a full list of RWOP Sponsors and Candidates who have placed a business card ad in our newsletter, go to our website at: <https://www.rwop.info/sponsors.html>

**Disclaimer: RWOP does not endorse candidates in contested elections. We are providing the following information as a courtesy to our members.**

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