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## **Tuesday, August 9th RWOP Member Luncheon**



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

### **THIS LUNCHEON IS SOLD OUT**

**TO BE PLACED ON A WAITLIST CONTACT:**  
Elsie Tyree, Reservations Chair, at 928-778-0235  
or [tyree200@msn.com](mailto:tyree200@msn.com)

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

**TRY TO ARRIVE EARLY TO ALLOW FOR PARKING  
AND CHECK-IN**

**OPEN TO RWOP MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

### **LUNCHEON MENU**

Baked Atlantic Salmon  
Buttermilk Potato Puree, Haricot Vert Squash Bundle  
Citrus Cream  
OR  
Featured salad - Waldorf chicken salad (no nuts)  
OR  
Vegetarian Cobb salad  
Dessert: Chocolate Layer Cake

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS THE DAY OF THE EVENT \$30 per person**

Contact Elsie Tyree at 928-778-0235 or [tyree200@msn.com](mailto:tyree200@msn.com) to be placed on the waitlist

***Reservations on a first come first served basis!***

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

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## 1st VP Programs - Judy Blake

### Featured Speaker: Cheryl Todd

Creator | Executive Producer | Co-Host | Gun Freedom Radio

Owner | AZFirearms Auctions & Pot Of Gold Estate Auctions

Founder | #PolkaDotsAreMyCamo

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## Special Guest: Senator Karen Fann

Senator Karen Fann (AZ-District 1) is a lifelong Republican, raised on conservative rural values by her hardworking parents, Jim and Sylvia Fann. She moved with her family to Prescott at the age of four.

Growing up in a family with a strong work ethic made it natural for Karen to start her own business. Karen launched Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc.(AHSS) in 1984 – with just \$500 in her pocket. Her drive and determination to succeed turned Arizona Highway Safety Specialists into Arizona’s largest installer of roadway guardrails and signage.

Karen and husband, Jim McKown, also owned and operated the FANNM Ranch for nearly a decade. The FANN-M Ranch, an equine facility, boarded horses and produced equine competitions. Karen and Jim also and worked closely with area 4-H Clubs and other nonprofits to organize and sponsor community fundraisers at the Ranch.

Prior to becoming a local business owner, Karen gained four years of experience in the legal field and ten in the airport/ airline industry; she later obtained her license as an Arizona Realtor. She is a licensed contractor with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, past president of Yavapai County Contractors Association, and past president of the Prescott Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.

Her dedication to community has led Karen to serve on numerous committees and boards, representing Central Arizona, as well as the Town of Chino Valley, where she was Mayor for six years. Her four years of service on the Prescott City Council included Mayor Pro Tempore. Karen is currently serving her second term in the Arizona State Senate as Senate President and Chair of the Rules Committee.



## Special Guest: Lori Martinez

Lori is the current AZ Chairperson for the RNHA; Republican National Hispanic Assembly. This organization has been a partner organization of the RNC since 1967. The organization seeks to promote and share Hispanic-American issues and interests to the Republican party and promote the GOP political ideology/philosophy, agenda and candidates to the Hispanic-American population. The mission of the RNHA is to increase Hispanic participation in the political arena, boost membership in the GOP and build Hispanic leaders in our Conservative party.

Before being appointed to this position she founded and was Chair of the RNHA-Yavapai County chapter in 2020, now the strongest chapter in Arizona.

She is a PC for Sunset Precinct.

She is a 2021 graduate of the **Special Guest: Lori Martinez** Dodie Londen program; the Excellence in Public Service program for AZ that prepares Republican women to be more effective leaders in government, politics, and in the community. Alumni include Kim Owens, Susan Cohen, Selena Bliss, Monica Yelin, Lucy Wheat, Carrie Hughes, Cindy Casaus and Dr. Kelli Ward to name just a few.....

She is a founding member of and was a past Co-Chair for Republican Women of Black Canyon from 2018 to 2020, and was on the board of RWOP from 2016-2020 as the first Outreach Ambassador.

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## Caring for America - Nancy Grigas



### AUGUST ORGANIZATION of the MONTH

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

<https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/thrift-stores/prescott-thrift-store>



### Giving the Needy a Little Hope

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris. Today there are over 800,000 members in 153 countries. In the U.S. there are 98,000 members, called Vincentians, in 4500 conferences serving more than 5 million people annually.

Here in Prescott, the Conference was founded in 1992 by a small group of volunteers in a spare room at Sacred Heart Church. Shortly thereafter, a generous couple purchased a house across the street from the church (120 N. Summit St.) and donated it for use as a SVdP office. This house is the current office, which is used for most of the St. Vincent de Paul activities.

Clients are seen by appointment in our office or in their home depending upon their need and their capability. The services offered include: food boxes, help with rent and utilities, car repair, eye glasses and dental work, ID and driver's licenses, laundry vouchers, vouchers for temporary shelter and vouchers for items from our thrift store including clothing and home furnishings etc. We also host food distribution events several times a year. In 2021, we served more than 5,100 clients. During the two years of Covid, our doors remained open and our mission to assist those in need continued.

On a daily basis, it takes 8 to 9 volunteers to do the work of answering phones, seeing clients, stocking food boxes in the pantry and computer work. *It's not all about services we offer, it's about bringing those in need a little hope in their lives.* The Thrift Store on Fair Street is open six days a week and all profits are used for the benefit of our clients.

Donations are always welcome and volunteers are always needed.

## President's Message – Sherrie Hanna

**After another grueling and divisive primary campaign season, I have received several requests from RWOP members on what the subject of my August President's message should be: **UNITY****

Remembering my eighth grade American History class and the importance of what I was taught, the most influential individual who stood out to me was our Sixteenth President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. He had the daunting task of bringing the Union together after a bitter Civil War. So important was his theme of "**Unity**", President Lincoln based his Second Inaugural Address around it. At the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC inscribed is President Lincoln's Inaugural Address. Above the Address is a mural depicting the concept of "**Unity**." In the mural, the Angel of Truth joins the fingers in two hands representing the North and the South coming together. A solemn reminder of all they endured and a prayer for "**Unity**."



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Another story was told by President Ronald Reagan in his July 4th, 1986, speech on “**National Unity**”. Part of his speech involved two of our greatest Founding Fathers, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. President Reagan told the following story about them:

"They had worked so closely together in Philadelphia for independence. Once a government was gained and formed, something called partisan politics began to get in the way. After a bitter and divisive campaign, Jefferson defeated Adams for the Presidency in 1800. The night before Jefferson's inauguration, Adams slipped away to Boston, disappointed, brokenhearted and bitter. For years their estrangement lasted. When both had retired, Jefferson was 68 and Adams was 76, they began through their letters, to speak again to each other. Letters that discussed almost every conceivable subject, happy and sad; the loss of loved ones, the mystery of grief and sorrow, the importance of religion, and of course the last thoughts of two old men, two great patriarchs for the country they helped found and loved so deeply. "It carries me back," Jefferson wrote about correspondence with his cosigner of the Declaration of Independence to the times when, beset with difficulties and dangers, we were fellow laborers in the same cause, struggling for what is most valuable to man, his right to self-government. Laboring always at the same oar, with some wave ever ahead threatening to overwhelm us and yet passing harmless...we roar through the storm with heart and hand.



President Reagan said "This was their last gift to us, this lesson in brotherhood, in tolerance for each other, this insight into America's strength as a Nation. When both died on the same day within hours of each other, that date was July 4th, 50 years exactly after that first gift to us, the Declaration of Independence.

My fellow Americans, it falls to us to keep faith with them and all the great Americans of our past. Believe me, if there's one impression, I carry with me after the privilege of holding for five and a half years the office held by Adams, Jefferson and Lincoln, it is this: that the things that unite us - America's past of which we are so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the future of the world and this much-loved country - these things far outweigh what little divides us." President Reagan went on to speak of the love he had for this country before ending his speech.

Long before Ronald Reagan decided to seek the Republican nomination for President of the United States in 1976, which he lost, he was the 33rd Governor of California for two terms from 1967 - 1975. Republican decorum was famously characterized by Ronald Reagan as the "Eleventh Commandment" which declared, "Thou shalt not speak ill of another Republican." Reagan credited Gaylord Parkinson, State Chairman of the California Republicans during the 1960's with originating the idea, and in Reagan's 1966 campaign for California Governor, he pledged to honor it. Throughout Reagan's entire political career, he held true to his pledge.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could honor two of our Founding Fathers and our 40th President, Ronald Reagan by bringing back civility into our politics and not speak ill of another Republican? I believe voters want to hear what the individuals seeking public office stand for, how they are going to make our lives better and preserve our United States Constitution. If incumbents are seeking re-election, run on what they have accomplished. Candidates should spend their time, energy and money on POSITIVE advertising. One thing is for sure, when the Primary Election is over, if the Republican candidate you have chosen to support did not win, we must all coalesce around the Republican candidates that did win. Please, you must still vote in the General Election for all our Republican candidate nominees. If you sit out the General Election and do not vote because your candidate did not win the Primary, that is a vote for Democrats! OUR GOAL MUST BE TO DEFEAT THE DEMOCRATS!



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We have to keep Republican majorities in the Arizona State Legislature while gaining more Republican seats. We must win Republican majorities in the US House and Senate to stop Democrats from further destroying our country. We must all come together, stop this Republican infighting and be UNITED for the benefit of our Republican Party, our beautiful State of Arizona and our United States of America!



**I want to thank all of you that have participated in our RWOP functions. I also want to thank my Board of Directors for their hard work and leadership in overseeing our many functions.**

Our luncheons have been sellouts! Our Parent Empowerment Forums and Arizona Downs Day at the Races were huge successes! Our membership numbers keep rising! Many of our members have commented to me on how smoothly the luncheon registration line is moving, how the food has improved and

compliments on all the new merchandise we have available for sale. The Yavapai County Fair is September 8-11 at the Prescott Rodeo Grounds. RWOP will have our booth where we will be selling our merchandise and registering voters. If you would like to sign up to help, please see Sue Davis, 2nd VP of Ways & Means. Many of our RWOP members are Precinct Committeemen and are helping our Yavapai County Republican Party with the RED WAVE '22 election campaign.

**This is why RWOP is so successful, TEAMWORK!!**

***I look forward to seeing you at our August luncheon!***

Sherrie Hanna, 2022 President

**Chaplain – Marla Bassler**



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ways and Means – Sue Davis



**Welcome to the Yavapai County Fair  
Prescott Rodeo Grounds  
September 8-11, 2022**

**Have YOU Signed Up To Volunteer?  
Volunteer for what you ask?  
We Want Your Help with Merchandise Sales!**

**Contact Mary Brauberger 949-861-0565 or Sue Davis 352-262-5890**

## Voter Registration & Campaigns Chair - Anita Zytkowski

### WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN THAN A COUNTY FAIR

As RWOP members our goal is to support Republican candidates in the upcoming election.

***You can do that by registering voters at the YAVAPAI COUNTY FAIR***

***Volunteers are needed for:***

Thursday, Sept. 8th 9:00 to 1:00 & 1:00 to 5:00  
Friday, Sept. 9th 9:00 to 1:00 & 1:00 to 5:00  
Saturday, Sept. 10th 9:00 to 1:00 & 1:00 to 5:00  
Sunday, Sept. 11th 9:00 to 1:00 & 1:00 to 5:00

You will be teamed up with experienced members who will train you.

This is a great opportunity to meet many other RWOP members while doing something vitally important in keeping Yavapai County and Arizona red.

**Please contact: Anita Zytkowski, [anitajz2609@gmail.com](mailto:anitajz2609@gmail.com), 602-295-5902**

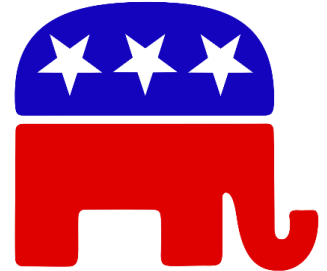


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## "Did you Know...?" - Secretary, Linda Nichols

### **"Did You Know": It's good to remember... and/or be reminded!**

The following principles of the Republican Party are what our Founding Fathers, and many believe by Devine order, envisioned for America. Values that result in an America for all people that ensures the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness! These Republican principles have never been more challenged then they are today! As you read the following think about how important each principle is to our freedoms and share them with a friend or family member, especially a young person.



#### **AS REPUBLICANS WE BELIEVE IN:**

Individuals' rights

The government exists to protect the freedoms of the people

Limited government interference

A government closer to the people providing for themselves

Equal rights, justice and opportunity for all

The Constitution, the rule of law and the three branches of government

A government that is accountable for a strong economy without excessive taxes

A government that is responsible for our national defense as well as a strong and free America

The Republican Party, its people and its values/principles

In America today we are facing more and more challenges and attacks on our Republic. Our children are being bombarded by evil-doers who want to create chaos in their minds to confuse them into believing false doctrine. For God, Family and Country we must prevail, and we must fight for what we believe is right!

**Thank you and God Bless America.**

## 3rd VP Membership - Heather Densmore

**As of the printing of this newsletter: Total members: 1005**

**Active members: 795**

**Associate members: 206**

**Students: 4**



## 4th VP Communications - Joan Lesko



**New Full Board Website Directory:** You can view the photos, bios, and job descriptions of the RWOP Full Board on the Officers & Committees page of the website: <https://www.rwop.info/officers--committees.html> The executive board felt it would be helpful to show you the faces behind the names of the volunteers for our organization. We have included the job description of each committee chair so that you can see what each job entails, and we hope it will serve as a guide if you are interested in volunteering and don't know where you fit in.



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Go to [www.rwop.info/standing-meetings](http://www.rwop.info/standing-meetings) to view the *RWOP Luncheon Schedule* on our website

## 5th VP Education - Jill Martin



### SUCCESS!!

There were **TWO Parent Empowerment Forums** during the month of July. A total of 181 people attended including 30 parents and many concerned citizens.

### 3 Reasons to Attend Future RWOP Candidate Events

1. Get more clarity and insight on each of the candidates.
2. Gain knowledge about the complex issues facing our schools.
3. Connect with other articulate RWOP and community members.

### EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Do you have questions about what ESA is?

Here is a great article by the Goldwater Institute.

<https://www.goldwaterinstitute.org/arizona-legislature-passes-goldwaters-esa-expansion-to-empower-families/>

### ACTION PLAN FOR ESA

1. Thank your legislators.
2. Spread the word.
3. Don't sign petitions.
4. Start Building Schools
5. Network with parents.

**LEAD. PROTECT. EMPOWER**  
**PARENT EMPOWERMENT**

Do you have questions? Ideas for future events?

Email Jill Martin at [homewith4@me.com](mailto:homewith4@me.com)

## Legislature Chair - Cathy Messinger

As of July 23, 2022, **eight statewide ballot measures** were certified for the ballot in Arizona for the election on November 8, 2022.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Voters will decide a ballot measure to allow in-state tuition for residents without legal citizenship status and repeal related provisions of Proposition 300, passed in 2006.
- Voters will also decide will decide a ballot measure requiring a date of birth and voter identification number for mail-in ballots and eliminating a two-document alternative to photo ID for in-person voting.
- The Arizona State Legislature referred two constitutional amendments related to ballot initiative law, the Single-Subject Requirement for Ballot Initiatives Amendment and Legislative Changes to Ballot Initiatives with Invalid Provisions Amendment.
- Voters will decide on whether to create the office of lieutenant governor.
- A measure to change all ballot measure voting threshold requirements to a supermajority (60%) rather than a simple majority is also on the ballot, and will impact future ballot measures.
- Three citizen-initiated measures submitted signatures for the ballot. One measure would make changes to campaign finance law, another would limit interest rates for debt from healthcare services, and the third would make changes to voting and election policy.
- The Arizona Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative did not make the ballot.

## Armed Forces Chair – Deb Robbins



**RWOP hosted an educational and networking event for our women veterans on June 23 at Founding Fathers, catered by El Gato Azul.** Our excellent speakers from Northern Arizona VA Health Care System (NAVAHCS) and US Vets (Sheryl Gillum) informed guests of benefits available to veterans and detailed ways each organization assists veterans. These dedicated teams not only help veterans

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with their physical, mental, and emotional health, but also provide a whole array of resources such as food, clothing, housing, job training, job equipment and job assistance.

To learn more about events, services, and activities for veterans and volunteer opportunities, please call 928-445-4860 ext. 2237 for Women Veteran Programs and 928-776-6013 for Voluntary Services at NAVAHCS. You can also go to [RWOP.info](http://RWOP.info) to view the Armed Services Corner.

## AzFRW Region V Director - Elsie Tyree

### Arizona Federation of Republican Women



**Fall State Meeting 2022**  
**Wildhorse Pass Hotel & Casino in**  
**Chandler, AZ**

**September 15-17<sup>th</sup>**



**Come join the Arizona Federation of Republican Women at their fall meeting and see our state organization in action** – this is a wonderful opportunity to see the operation of the AzFRW Executive Board and our state committee in action and meet fellow Republican women from other clubs throughout the state.

If you would like to attend, please notify Elsie Tyree – AzFRW Region V Director representing the Republican Women of Prescott – thank you. [Elsie Tyree at 928-778-0235 or tyree200@msn.com](mailto:tyree200@msn.com)

## RWOP Photographer - Judie Vullo

**Last Month's Photos go to <https://www.rwop.info/photos-2022.html>**

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