

[RWOP Newsletter Editor: Joan Lesko, RWOP VP Communications, contact@rwop.info](mailto:contact@rwop.info)

**RWOP Veterans Luncheon  
Tuesday, November 8th RWOP Member Luncheon**



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

**Luncheon: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Doors open at 10:00 AM**

For RWOP Members and Associate Members  
All Veterans will be the guests of RWOP  
**\$30.00 per person**

**Reserve your spot on the waitlist:**

Reservations on a first come first served basis  
All reservations to Elsie Tyree 928-778-0235  
or [tyree200@msn.com](mailto:tyree200@msn.com)

**MENU:**

Turkey w/mashed potatoes, gravy & green bean bundles

Side of cranberry relish

or

Vegetarian Cobb Salad or Waldorf Salad with Chicken (no nuts)

Dessert pumpkin pie w/whipped cream

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

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS THE DAY OF THE EVENT**

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## 1st VP Programs - Judy Blake



### Special Guest Speaker:

Sean J. Corrigan, COL (USA, Retired)  
Executive Vice President  
Special Operations Warrior Foundation

Sean J. Corrigan retired from the Army after 30 years of service, with his last assignment as the US Special Operations Command Director of Special Activities. He is currently serving as the Executive Vice President of Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to providing cradle to career education opportunities to the children of fallen Special Operations personnel and Medal of Honor recipients.

His prior assignments included command of the Joint Operations Group Central, and command of Special Operations Forward, Yemen, in Special Operations Command Central. He previously served in Joint Special Operations Command as the J3 Chief of Current Operations and Chief of Staff. His other assignments include Deputy Commander, Squadron

Commander, and other assignments in one of the United States Army's Special Mission Units. COL Corrigan began his military career as an infantry officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, in the 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

COL Corrigan commanded troops in combat operations in OPERATIONS JUST CAUSE (Panama), DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM (Saudi Arabia and Iraq), JOINT ENDEAVOR (Bosnia – Herzegovina), ENDURING FREEDOM (Afghanistan), and IRAQI FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE (Iraq).

COL Corrigan received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy in 1988, a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Navy War College in 2001, and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina – Aiken in 2021.

Sean is married to LTC (USA, Retired) KerriLynn A. Corrigan, who also served in the Army for 28 years. They have a 20-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old son.

## Caring for America – Nancy Grigas



**NOVEMBER ORGANIZATION  
of the MONTH  
TOYS FOR TOTS**



Well, it's that time of year again when we start thinking about the holidays and all our blessings and also about those that aren't so fortunate.

**Toys 4 Tots is our charity of the month for November** and as we have for years, we'll be collecting toys and cash donations for the needy children in our communities. A contingent of local Marines as well as coordinator extraordinaire Debbie Mathern, will be at our November luncheon collecting and compiling the gifts you bring.

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This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Toys 4 Tots and we would like this year to be our best and biggest event ever, so please dig deep and help out with whatever you can. There will be a raffle drawing for several wonderful gift baskets. For every gift you donate, you will receive one raffle ticket and for every \$10 donation, you will receive one raffle ticket. So don't miss out on the fun and the good feeling you'll get knowing your gifts will bring a big smile to some underprivileged youngster.

The little ones are easy to buy for, but the pre-teens and teens would surely like to receive something as well. All gifts should be UNWRAPPED.

*Thanks in advance and I'll see you at the luncheon!*

## President's Message – Sherrie Hanna



**November has arrived.** Most of the leaves have fallen off the trees and a cooler wind seems to remind us that colder winter weather is on the way. There are three well-known events that take place during the month of November. Before you read about that, there are two events I want to mention. First, I want to express a sincere "Thank You" to all our RWOP members who attended our Annual RWOP Chili Cook-Off. This always proves to be one of our most popular fundraisers and this year was extra special because of the special presentation at the event. If this has piqued your curiosity, please read further down in our newsletter for the full story! I also want to thank Sue Davis, RWOP's 2nd VP of Ways & Means, and her hard-working team for their efforts in making this year's Chili Cook-Off another successful event!!

Second, if you attended RWOP's 80th Anniversary Celebration, I hope you enjoyed the event as much as I did! Many of you had such nice things to say about the event. I want to personally thank the 80th Anniversary Committee: Elsie Tyree, Linda Nichols, Judie Vullo, Barb Ernst, Judy Blake, Judi Kay Williams, Sue Davis and Susan Cohen for all their efforts. Your hard work played a pivotal part in the success of our event. I would be remiss if I didn't give a special "Thank You" to Tom Blake. Tom enlarged and transferred all our photos onto the big posters placed throughout the Eagle's Nest. This saved us a lot of time and expense!



Our Special presentation of the event was our tribute to Senator Karen Fann. Senator Fann has been a faithful member of RWOP for many years. Several years ago, she was bestowed an Honorary Member of RWOP. We all know of Senator Fann's many political accomplishments and why she is such a great representative of her constituents. RWOP also wanted to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for her personal attributes as our long time representative: A great mentor, advisor, very accessible to her constituents, her devotion to her rural community roots and fighting to protect our rural way of life and her unwavering devotion to the Republican Women of Prescott and the Republican Party.

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On behalf of RWOP, with sincere appreciation and gratitude, I presented Senator Fann with a beautiful glass mirrored jewelry box with her name engraved on it. Even though she is "retiring" at the end of this year, I know she will continue to be a part of our club and be semi-active in Republican state and national issues.



**November 6th we set our  
clocks back. November  
8th we take our country  
back**

ELECTION DAY falls on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Even though a presidential election comes only every four years, there are other elections throughout the years for local and state positions. Election day this year is Tuesday, November 8th. American citizens MUST take the time and the initiative to exercise their right to vote. Voting is the way Americans show their approval or disapproval on candidates and issues that are on the ballot.

This year, RWOP's Executive Board voted to become active in the local 2022 PUSD Governing Board elections. Policies and situations in the PUSD school system were brought to our attention and made it apparent that we could no longer sit by, do nothing and watch from the sidelines.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King, Jr. This quote hits home and reinforced the need for us to take action. Since RWOP has gotten involved in the PUSD election, RWOP's 5th VP of Education, Jill Martin, working with our Board of Directors and her team members accomplished the following:

- Brought awareness to the public on who the Republican PUSD governing board candidates are and their policies
- Featured the Republican PUSD Governing Board Candidates with a forum at one of our luncheons
- Held parent forums which educated parents and the public on their rights and major issues that needed to be changed in PUSD
- Brought attention to The Launch Pad Diversity and Inclusion Pamphlet that was sent out in an e-mail to PHS students and parents and was posted on the PHS website. That pamphlet has now been taken down
- Brought attention to the Q-Prom and Drag make up contest for students 12-18 years old at The Launch Pad
- Arranged to have the Republican PUSD Governing Board candidates on local radio stations to help give them exposure
- Exposed the current PUSD Superintendent's philosophy regarding our children enrolled in the PUSD school system. <https://youtube.com/clip/UgkxRkjhatPxArxZjh8xl9xSuxQPGsAfFtF>
- Under Arizona Law, the school never takes the place of the parent.
- Provided an Education page on our RWOP website where parents and concerned citizens can go to find resources to inform them on parental rights, PUSD candidates and other pertinent educational information
- Provide a 5 Point Plan to help educate parents located on our Education page <https://www.rwop.info/5-point-plan-for-parents.html>
- Provide a list of resources to parents can go for support located on our Education page

IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, RWOP is hopeful, with this election, the PUSD Governing Board can be flipped to a conservative Republican majority in order to push back on State and Federal liberal education policies that will come down from government agencies. Whatever the outcome of this PUSD Governing Board election, RWOP will continue to be involved by monitoring what goes on at the PUSD Governing Board meetings.



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As for our school volunteers, RWOP continues to volunteer in PUSD. This year, our School Volunteer Chairman, Debra McVey, worked with Trinity School to bring our RWOP members into Trinity as school volunteers to help their teachers. The RWOP member volunteers were invited to Trinity's Annual Banquet to celebrate another successful year of Christian education and record-breaking attendance and academic scores in Trinity's school. What an awesome event this was!! The Ballroom at the Prescott Resort was packed full of donors, teachers and parents to help recognize the students, teachers and administration with the great work they do! If you would like to take a tour of Trinity School, please call 928-445-6306. I guarantee you will be pleasantly surprised what a well-run school it is, the curriculum, the teachers, staff, students and the pleasant atmosphere that exists at Trinity School. Oh wait, we can't forget to mention the high level of academic scores that can be viewed on request! If you would like to sign up to be a school volunteer at PUSD or Trinity School, please contact Debra McVey at 928-778-0000.



**Trinity School Banquet Attendees**  
From left to right: Gary and Linda Nichols, Sherrie Hanna, Jill Martin, Linda and Larry Gray.

I also want to thank our many RWOP members who, like me, are a Precinct Committeeman and worked knocking on doors in their precincts, took part in the Sidekick telephone calling program to inform Republican and Independent voters in Yavapai County to VOTE REPUBLICAN and took part in flag waving events throughout our County to visibly promote our Republican candidates.

Bea Jensen and Jill Martin,  
YavGOP Precinct Committeemen



## VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11th



RWOP supports our Veterans throughout the year. Our November Veteran's luncheon is our main event to honor our Veterans as our guests for lunch and present them with a small token of our appreciation. **THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS FOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICES THEY MADE, AND CONTINUE TO MAKE, TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU** to all our members who give generously throughout the year by contributing to our Red Envelopes. All the money raised through the Red Envelopes is used **ONLY** for Veteran related projects. RWOP's Armed Services Chair, Deb Robbins, works diligently to provide information to assist all our Veteran members. Members of RWOP will take part in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Prescott. Please plan on joining us as we take part in this great event to honor all our Veterans!

As we think back on the courage and heroism that our Veterans projected, it inspires me to want to do whatever I can to protect our freedoms and way of life. Although many of our Veterans physically fought and died in wars, you might say we are **MODERN DAY PATRIOTS** following in their footsteps, fighting a war within our own Country. Our great 16th President, Abraham Lincoln said "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we lose our freedoms, it will be because we have destroyed ourselves from within."

I am grateful for every one of you who are out there fighting the good fight to preserve our freedoms and protect our Constitution!

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## THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day, which always occurs on the fourth Thursday in November, is based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal that took place over three days. The harvest celebration involved around 50 colonists and the Wampanoag Tribe at the Plymouth Plantation. Giving "Thanks" was an important part of both cultures. For the Pilgrims, before and after every meal there was a prayer of thanksgiving. The Wampanoag Tribe gave thankful prayers all day long as a daily part of their lives. American families

today should reunite, express gratitude for one another, be grateful for our freedoms living in this great Country and thankfulness for God's blessings in our lives. Oh wait, we should do this every day, not just on Thanksgiving!! WISHING YOU THE GIFT OF FAITH AND THE BLESSING OF HOPE THIS THANKSGIVING!

Regards,  
Sherrie Hanna  
2022 President  
Republican Women of Prescott

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

### *Fun Times at Lazy G's*

A sold out crowd of RWOP members and friends enjoyed nine delicious chili tastings on Tuesday, October 25th at Lazy G's Brewhouse. Jim and Jean Marie Wellington, owners of Lazy G, were gracious to offer their restaurant for our use three years in a row. Winners of the 2022 chili contest were Jim Ferris - First Place, Rinda Hillis – Second Place, and Wendy Radimer - Third Place.

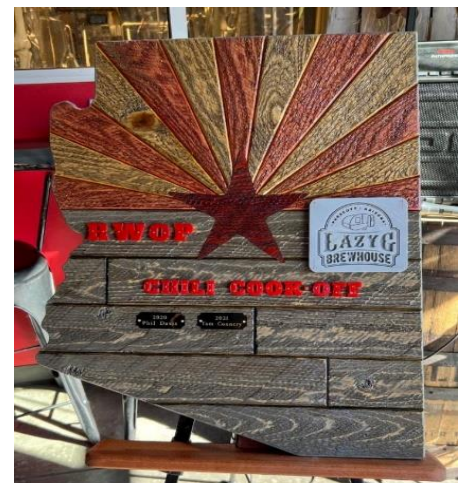


From left to right: Sue Davis, Wendy Radimer, Jim Ferris, and Rinda Hillis



To show our appreciation, husbands of RWOP Board Members, Mike Ernst and Shaun Hillis, created a wooden perpetual trophy in the shape of the state of Arizona, for presentation Jim and Jean Marie. Both Lazy G Brewhouse and RWOP logos are prominent on the plaque,

along with name plates for the first place winners for the last three years. Each year another name plate will be added.



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Pictured: Jim and Jean Marie Wellington with members of the RWOP EC & Full Board

RWOP's Ways and Means Team, consisting of many volunteers, coordinated the event again this year. Special thanks to this team and to all who participated for making this a fabulous event.



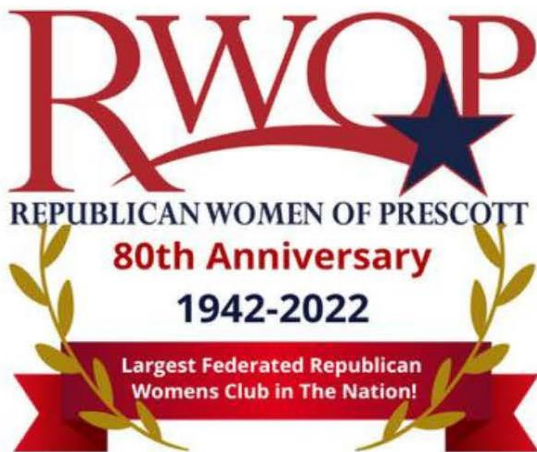
Back Row: Maggy Fisher, Lynn Beckelhimer, Bobbie Helwig-Ferris, Elsie Tyree, Liz Davidson, Valerie Ellis, Cathy Mack, Marilyn Read, Nancy Field, Charlotte Berryman  
Front Row: Maureen Salfrank, Mary Brauberger, Sue Davis, Donna Stephens

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



*"Did You Know"...*

*RWOP is 80 years Young!*



RWOP celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Eagle's Nest at the Prescott Resort. Our Federated Club was founded in 1942, the second longest running club in Arizona just after AzFRW! As a complimentary event, it was attended by many wonderful RWOP members and their guest. This event was RWOP's way to thank our members for their contributions to our club's success and to show them how much they are valued.

Beautiful balloon arrangements and red, white and blue banners helped to make the event festive and fun! A deep red drink, especially made for RWOP, called the RWOP Drop was featured at the no host bar. A delicious, decorated red velvet cake with RWOP's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo on it was served and enjoyed by all along with lots of yummy cookies!

Beautiful balloon arrangements and red, white and blue



*Reva Fredrickson on the piano*

Piano music filled the air, when our guests entered the event, as Reva Fredrickson welcomed them with her fabulous and lively songs. It started everything off perfectly and gave a certain ambience to the festivities!



*A Beautifully Decorated Stage!*



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*Ms. Joan Bigley and Sherrie Hanna*

One of our honored guests was Ms. Joan Bigly who has been a member of RWOP for a very long time and is 97 years young!

A very interesting exhibit was presented with an extensive and beautifully displayed table of scrapbooks, awards, pictures, etc. which created a fun walk down memory lane.



*Historian Table of RWOP Memorabilia*

There were lots of posters that also recreated the history of RWOP in documents, photos and interesting facts, some of which were about RWOP's founder, Ms. Dora Virginia Rosenblatt Heap.

Our fantastic RWOP Singers sang three wonderful songs and told the group how they harmonize and who within their group sings which parts. It was an interesting addition to their performance!

Nine of RWOP's Past (and one present) Presidents were honored on the stage



*The Fabulous RWOP Singers!*



*Nine of RWOP Past/Present Presidents*

with each receiving a beautiful corsage made up of a Red Rose, White Baby's Breath and luscious greenery...so pretty and deserving to see them adorned with their corsages as they worked hard to make the club what it is today!

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee!

For more photos, go to [RWOP.INFO](http://RWOP.INFO), under Special Events, type "picture gallery" into the search bar.

Thanks to all from the



*80th Anniversary Planning Committee*

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## 3rd VP Membership - Heather Densmore

As of the printing of this newsletter for the 2023 membership year we have:

**Total Members: 233**  
**Active Members: 177**  
**Associates: 55**  
**Student: 1**



New members please pick up your new member packet and 2022 Directory. If you have ordered a name badge, please come pick it up. If you are new and want to order a name badge, please come to the badge table in the mall area.

**Photos for the 2023 Membership Directory will be taken at the December, January, and February Luncheon meetings. If you like your current photo you don't need to get a new one we can just reuse your current photo.**

## 4th VP Communications – Joan Lesko

It all started with a selfie photo taken in the cockpit of a Chinook Helicopter. RWOP member, Jean Perle's son had the honor to take that selfie with Ted Cruz. When Jean found out Ted was going to be in Tucson on October 4th for an event to support Eli Crane, she was on a mission to meet Ted and ask him to autograph the photo that her son had taken. Jean along with RWOP members Sue Davis, Valerie Ellis,



and I traveled to Tucson and booked a hotel because it was going to be a late night. Luck would have it that Ted Cruz's entourage was staying in the same hotel. His Truth and Courage

Tour Bus was waiting outside to take Ted to the event 3 miles away.

Jean and her friends grabbed a pen and the photo and ran out to meet the bus. What a thrill to find Ted very agreeable to signing the photo for Jean. The RWOP ladies signed the bus with inspirational messages and were able to have their photos taken with Ted prior to the event.

I posted the picture on Facebook and "tagged" Ted's account. To my surprise, Ted shared the photo with his followers. **What a thrill!!!**



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## 5th VP Education - Jill Martin



### SUCCESSFUL ELECTION EVENT!! Featuring Gina Swoboda from Voter Reference

This was a powerful time to educate ourselves on the critical election issues here in Arizona. Gina kept us on the edge of our seats as she described the voting issues from a multitude of angles. She also spent a lot of time outlining the important legislative bills that need to be passed in the upcoming session.

Stay tuned for more details on the bills.



Do you like the Educational Events offered this year?  
Are there other ones you have in mind?

Please share your thoughts with me by sending me an email. I am putting together the RWOP Education Calendar for 2023. Thank you! Jill Martin [homewith4@me.com](mailto:homewith4@me.com)



## Outreach Ambassador – Linda Bray

Share The Warmth

### COAT & BLANKET DRIVE

New or used coats and blankets will be collected for the needy in our community. Proceeds will be shared among U.S. Vets, Disabled American Vets and St. Vincent de Paul.

The RWOP Coat and Blanket drive will start on January 2, 2023. There will be collection boxes at our January luncheon and also in our community at Lazy G's and Founding Fathers.

We need new or clean, used men's, women's and children's coats in all sizes. Blankets can also be new or clean and used.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT DURING  
OUR COLD PRESCOTT WINTER!

### 2022 RWOP Executive Board

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