



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

**Tuesday, December 13th RWOP Holiday 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  
**\$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:**

Sliced Ham with Calvados Spiced Apple Demi-Glace  
Parmesan Orzo Risotto with Peas  
OR  
Chicken Waldorf Salad OR Vegetable Cobb Salad  
Holiday Dessert

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

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

**To help speed up our check in process:**

- Prepaying for the luncheon is encouraged - online or by check mailed prior to luncheon
- Arrive early and allow time for parking
- No large bills accepted
- Have your payment ready – CASH or CHECK (made payable to RWOP for \$30 - already filled out)

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## 1st VP Programs - Judy Blake

### SPECIAL GUESTS:



Installation of the RWOP 2023 Executive Board will be performed by our Arizona State Treasurer, Kimberly Yee.



Sheila Polk will be speaking in regard to her retirement as our County Attorney after 22 years of service.



Rodney Glassman will be singing Shalom Rav -a Hebrew Prayer for Peace.

### Holiday Musical Selections

Provided by:

**The RWOP Singers**

Our Chorus currently has twelve members. Ten of us have sung together for many years in another larger chorus. In the past two years, we have added two singers who found us at the monthly luncheons. We sing in acapella-style four-part harmony. Our motto is: We sing for God, Country, Community, and each other.



#### Our members are:

Lead: Stacy Dann, Bea Jensen, Nancy Lawson, Peggy Ricker, Carol Standley, and Jeanne Zimmerman  
Tenor: Helen Barko and Shirley Slattery  
Baritone: Kathy Stephens and Judi Kay Williams  
Bass: Reva Fredericksen and Kathie Hutter

For information on the RWOP Singers, please contact Judi Kay Williams, Team Coordinator, (310) 486-6995 or email: [judikaywilliams47@gmail.com](mailto:judikaywilliams47@gmail.com)

## President's Message – Sherrie Hanna

The month of November was extremely busy and stressful and now, December is here. The month of December represents the ending and the beginning. It is a month for gathering with family and friends to reminisce about the completed year and think about what is to come. Since 1996, December has also been recognized as U.S. Spiritual Literacy Month. The main purpose of the month is to encourage us to read at least one book on spirituality. This December, now more than ever, we can all open up our minds and at the same time deepen our faith by reading books about spirituality, faith or religion.



corner for more information.

RWOP's Veteran's Day Luncheon was a HUGE success with 100 Veterans being our guests for lunch. Our whole program was very moving and supportive of our Veterans and the sacrifices they and their families have made for our Country. Our featured speaker, Col. Sean J. Corrigan (USA Retired) Executive Vice President Special Operations Warrior Foundation, was exemplary! Many of you have asked me where to make a donation to Col. Corrigan's Foundation. Please go to [warrior@specialops.org](mailto:warrior@specialops.org) 813-805-9400 Jamie Oltersdorf, President of the Student Executive Leadership Board of Yavapai College's Student Government Association and a Veteran, gave an emotional and inspiring presentation. Should you wish to contact Jamie to support her efforts, please go to [jamie.oltersdorf@yc.edu](mailto:jamie.oltersdorf@yc.edu). Please read our Armed Forces

Election night, however, did not produce the Red Wave in our State and around the Country we expected. Here in Yavapai County, we saw a solid Red Wave and I am grateful to every one of you who worked hard on behalf of our Republican candidates and the election process. The day after the election, my phone was ringing constantly from friends, family and RWOP members asking, "what the heck happened?" A couple of good things: 1) the GOP flipped two seats and will now send a Republican majority to Capitol Hill, 2) in the Arizona State Legislature, the GOP is expected to hold onto their one-seat majority in both chambers. Overall, I believe the midterms were a huge let down for Arizona Republicans. I could go into what I feel went wrong, but I would rather concentrate on what we as Republicans can do moving forward to protect Prescott and Yavapai County.



On a patriotic note, RWOP participated in the November 11th Veteran's Day Parade. A huge "THANK YOU" to Rinda Ranch-Hillis who provided and drove her beautifully decorated red Jeep. THANK YOU to all the RWOP members who made time to attend the parade and walk alongside Rinda's jeep carrying our banners. There were nearly 100 entries in the parade. It was great to see all the patriotism on display for our Military and Veterans!



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On Monday, November 14th, ten of RWOP's Executive and Full board members travelled to Wickenburg to attend the Republican Women of Wickenburg's (RWOW) monthly meeting. RWOW is AzFRW's newest Republican sister club. Several of our RWOP board members are friends with members of RWOW. We wanted to show them our support, so we travelled to Wickenburg to support them! It was a great meeting; they already have 100 members in their club! ***Congratulations RWOW!!***



RWOP's Executive Board and members will still be active in attending the PUSD Governing Board meetings and supporting our Republican members on that Board. Jill Martin, RWOP's 5th VP of Education, has a long-range plan which will reach out to PUSD families to provide resources to help them become more informed and involved. Committees are currently being formed to include RWOP retired teachers and education personnel to review the PUSD social studies curriculum currently on display and give their insight on whether this is acceptable curriculum for the next 20 years for our PUSD students. Please read the Education section **click [HERE](#)** of our newsletter for further updates.

Of course, we will do whatever we can to support our Arizona LD1 Representatives Quang Nguyen, Selina Bliss and LD1 Senator Ken Bennett. Our new Congressman, Eli Crane, will have great mentors in Congressman Gosar and members of the Freedom Caucus, which Congressman elect Crane has indicated he will join. We will have a Republican majority in the US House of Representatives and our Representatives will have a lot of work to do! RWOP's plan for next year is to continue our support for YavGOP and work together with the other Republican clubs in our County to create strong alliances. Unity will be key in keeping our County Red while continuing to support our law enforcement, firefighters, military, veterans and Republican values. Next year, there will be the Prescott City Council elections and we must work hard to promote strong Republican candidates that will seek election on that Council. We have our work cut out for us, but I like to look at what we **CAN DO** as opposed to what we can't do. Please stay strong and remember, we do have strength in numbers! As a woman of faith, this scripture was sent to me after the election, and I took it to heart:

1 Peter 3:13-18: Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

In other RWOP club news, it is with regret that I have to inform you that our luncheons will see a price increase of \$35 effective January 2023. The Prescott Resort has experienced price and labor increased costs which have been passed down to us. Everyone around our Country has been experiencing "Biden Inflation" and Prescott is no different. I have reached out to the Presidents of other Republican Women's clubs in AzFRW and they all have had price increases comparable to ours and some, even



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higher. Please be assured your RWOP Executive Board is working with the Resort, doing everything we can to continue to bring you tasty luncheon entrees, along with great speakers to our luncheons. RWOP is also experiencing operating cost increases. Your RWOP Executive Board has been very diligent about protecting YOUR funds to deal with rising costs overall.



To usher in the Christmas Season, the 30th Annual Gingerbread Village will be on display at the Prescott Resort starting Saturday, November 26th thru Sunday, January 1st, 2023. If you haven't had a chance to view the Gingerbread Village, please make it a point to bring your family and friends. You will be touched by all the hard work our local non-profit organizations, families and students put into entering their Gingerbread creations for this event. This is the third year, yours truly, has been asked to be a judge for the event. I can honestly tell you this is the hardest event I have ever judged. They all deserve to be winners!!!

In closing, I want to again thank you all for the support and encouragement you have given me throughout this last year. I have been blessed to have a dedicated Executive Committee and Full Board and we have accomplished great things for our club and community. Please stay tuned for next year, it promises to be just as successful!

***I wish you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas! Please remember the "Reason for the Season!"***

Sherrie Hanna  
2022 President

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

**Republican Women of Prescott**  
**Holiday Bake Bazaar & Shoppe**

The text is surrounded by decorative elements: a pink cupcake with red frosting and white cherries on the left, a gingerbread man on the right, and a small Christmas tree on the far right. There are also several light blue snowflake icons scattered around the text.

**December 13, 2022**

**COME EARLY!  
DOORS OPEN TO SHOP**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 10:00AM**

If you have questions, please call or text Sue Davis, 352-262-5890.

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

### *The Installation for the 2023 Executive Committee Officers is as follows...*

The 2023 Officers are installed by AZ State Treasurer, Kimberly Yee, here is the process (speech) for the Executive Committee's Installation and Oath of Office:

#### **ALL OFFICES WILL:**

1. Promote an informed electorate through education.
2. Foster loyalty, increase effectiveness and support the objectives of the Republican Party.
3. Work for and support the election of Republican candidates.
4. Attend RWOP meetings as required unless otherwise excused.
5. All Officers will oversee any of the Standing or Special Committee Chairs assigned to them under the Organizational Chart.
6. Act as a conscientious, responsible and helpful team member of the Executive Committee.
7. Perform other duties as may be assigned to them by the President and/or Executive Committee.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Membership – Heather Densmore

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

Total Members: **351**  
 Active Members: **269**  
 Associates: **81**  
 Student: **1**



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

10:30 am Social  
 11:30 am Meeting & Program

Wednesday.....	January 18
Tuesday.....	February 14
Tuesday.....	March 7
Tuesday.....	April 4
Tuesday.....	May 9
Tuesday.....	June 13
Tuesday.....	July 11
Tuesday.....	August 8
Wednesday.....	September 13
Tuesday.....	October 10
Tuesday.....	November 14
Tuesday.....	December 12

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5th VP Education - Jill Martin



PUSD is 2 months away from final approval of a **NEW Social Studies Curriculum for K-12.**

**\* WE NEED VOLUNTEERS \***

*Choose your participation level below:*

- 1** Join the Curriculum Review Team **TODAY!** (This team will issue a report)
- 2** In 2 weeks, review the detailed report and submit feedback to PUSD
- 3** In 2 weeks, review a summary report and send emails to Governing Board Members

Our goal is to analyze, document and provide a report to our RWOP members, the public and the schools during the month of December.

**EMAIL JILL MARTIN to sign up: Jill Martin [homewith4@me.com](mailto:homewith4@me.com)**



**SAVE THE DATE! Arizona March for Life**

**FEBRUARY 23rd, 2023**

RALLY: 11:00 a.m.

MARCH: 12:00 p.m.

Phoenix, AZ

Come join your RWOP friends for a fun day at the capital!  
We are reserving a bus so we are all comfortable.

Email Jill Martin to make your reservation.

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.

**RWOP**  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF PRESCOTT

Established 1942

Largest Federated Republican Women's Club in The Nation!



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

Armed Services Chair – Deb Robbins



**Unheard 22** – Yavapai College Student Government Association initiated a project to pay tribute to the 22 Veterans who commit suicide daily in an effort to raise awareness about mental health issues facing veterans and gain support to reduce those numbers to Zero. The solemn but inspiring ceremony was held on November 11 at both the Prescott and Verde Valley campuses. Each month on the 22nd, they will again display 22 combat boots with flags as a reminder that each one of us can make a difference

by remembering **S.A.V.E.**

**S – Signs** - Look for signs of suicidal thoughts

**A – Ask** what they are going through

**V – Validate** their feelings

**E – Encourage** them to get help

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The speakers were Dr. Lisa Rhine, President of Yavapai College; Jamie Oltersdorf, President of the Student Government Association at Yavapai College and a retired Air Force veteran of 10 years having served in the Security Forces; and JennyLee Challis, VA Suicide Prevention. All speakers added value to the ceremony by adding their own stories and struggles.

**SPEAKER: Jamie Lee Challis, VA Suicide Prevention**



Everyone is welcome to stop by to see this powerful visual on the 22nd of each month.

**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Deb Robbins, RWOP Armed Forces Chair, Sherrie Hanna, President of RWOP, Deb McCasland, Chair, Yavapai College Board, Jamie Oltersdorf, President of YCSGA, Dr. Lisa Rhine, President of Yavapai College and Linda Nichols, Secretary of RWOP.

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## Veterans Luncheon on November 8<sup>th</sup>

The members who were able to attend this luncheon know how inspiring it is to talk with the veterans who attend and hear the ones who speak. We laugh; we cry; we celebrate those who dedicate themselves to keep America free. This year we had nearly 100 veterans as guests. The veterans I spoke with were so appreciative! Colonel Sean Corrigan was motivational, and we collected many Toys for Tots for the Marines. **If you haven't had a chance to look at the photos on our website, [RWOP.info](http://RWOP.info), it's worth the effort.** It turns out that S.O.S. (chipped beef on toast) is called the same thing in all military branches!

## Legislature – Cathy Messinger

### Republicans scrape back control of US House

Republicans have won back control of the House of Representatives, scraping a victory from a midterm election that many had expected to be a red wave of wins but instead turned into more of a trickle.

Nevertheless, the party finally won its crucial 218th seat in the lower chamber of Congress, wresting away control from the Democrats and setting the stage for a showdown with Joe Biden in the next two years of his presidency.

The result means the end of Democrat Nancy Pelosi's time as House speaker. She is likely to pass the gavel to the Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, who has announced his intention to take up the post.

Control of the House is crucial as it will allow the Republicans to launch an array of congressional investigations into issues ranging from Biden's botched withdrawal from Afghanistan to more obviously politicized probes of government actions during the Covid pandemic and Biden's son Hunter's business activities.

The Republican-run House is likely to be a raucous affair as its predicted slim majority means it will take only a few rebels to stymie any legislation – in effect handing great power to almost every Republican member of the House. With the Republican right full of fringe figures, including Georgia's Marjorie Taylor Greene, that could be a recipe for chaos and the promotion of extremist beliefs and measures.

Biden congratulated McCarthy on the victory and said he was "ready to work with House Republicans to deliver results for working families".

Biden and his party had gone into election day largely expecting to get a thumping from an electorate angry at high inflation that has wrought misery for millions of Americans struggling with bills and spiraling prices. Republicans had doubled down on that by running campaigns that stoked fears of violent crime and portrayed Democrats as far-left politicians out of touch with voters' concerns.

But the Democrats fought back, pointing out the extremist nature of many Republican politicians, especially a cadre of far-right figures backed by Donald Trump, and warning of the threat to US democracy they represented. They were also boosted by the backlash from the loss of federal abortion rights, taken away by a conservative-dominated supreme court.

The result was a shock: Democrats held up in swathes of the country and while Republicans won in some parts, such as Florida, in many other parts their candidates were defeated. High-profile Trump-backed candidates such as Mehmet Oz and Doug Mastriano in Pennsylvania lost their races.



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Meanwhile, Republican performance in the Senate was worse. Democrats retained control of the upper chamber when their incumbent senator was projected as the winner in Nevada the Saturday after election night.

The remaining seat up for grabs, in Georgia, will be decided in a run-off between incumbent Raphael Warnock and his Republican challenger Herschel Walker in early December after neither surpassed 50% of the vote.

If Warnock wins, Democrats will enjoy a two-seat majority, 51-49, in the 100-seat senate, a small but significant improvement on the current 50-50 balance, which leaves Democrats in control because the vice-president, Kamala Harris, has the tie-breaking vote.

*That situation will continue if Walker wins the seat for the Republicans.*

## Chaplain – Marla Bassler



### Cloudy Days

If anyone knows of a RWOP member or family member that is ill, passed away or just needs a note of encouragement please contact me with their address so a personal card can be mailed.

**Marla Bassler**, 480-330-8150 or drop her an email at [marlabassler7@gmail.com](mailto:marlabassler7@gmail.com)

## RWOP Photographer – Judie Vullo

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