

February 2016

Program and Guest Speaker



Seth Leibsohn

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Seth Leibsohn is a radio host, writer, editor, policy, political, and communications expert. The former Vice President of Empower America, one of the nation's premier think tanks, Mr. Leibsohn has counseled, written speeches for, and collaborated with candidates for national office and several former Cabinet officials. He collaborated in the writing of prominent op-eds, speeches, and several national best-selling books. He is the President of **The Leibsohn Group**, a Senior Fellow with **The Claremont Institute**, Chairman of the Board of **Not-My-Kid** and Chairman of the political action committee **Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy**.

For the past several years he has served as the Chief of Staff to former Education Secretary William J. Bennett with whom he co-authored the book, *The Fight of our Lives*. Mr. Leibsohn has been the producer, co-host, and guest host for the nationally syndicated radio show, Bill Bennett's *Morning in America*, helping bring it from 60 to over 250 stations nationwide and making it the 7th largest national radio show in the country with 3.75 million listeners. Born and raised in Phoenix, he holds a graduate degree in political theory from the Claremont Graduate School and a law degree from Northeastern University in Boston.

Meeting Information

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Doors open at 10:30 am, Lunch and Program 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Prescott Resort & Conference Center
1500 E. Highway 69, Prescott, AZ

MENU

Beef Stroganoff with mushrooms & noodles
or
Veggie option – RWOP Signature Salad

both include lemon custard filled tart topped
with blueberries & whipped cream

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 11 at 5:00 pm

Elsie Tyree (928) 778-0235 / tyree200@msn.com

or

Pam Calhoon (928) 778-7157 / pjcalhoon@hotmail.com

(Click on email address in this box to link to Elsie or Pam)

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

President's Message

Just one year ago, I had the privilege of welcoming Kris Paronto (Tanto) to our RWOP luncheon. Kris was just one of six American security operators that fought to repel the Benghazi attackers resulting in the deaths of Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Officer Sean Smith and two CIA operatives / former Navy Seals, Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods. The rhetoric from Washington at that time was that a video was the cause of the Libyan attack.

Last year Kris announced a movie about Benghazi was in the making and recently "13 Hours" was released. A bit anxious about seeing the movie I anticipated the brutal battle scenes, but I was NOT prepared for the same deep emotional disgust I had felt for our Administration 4 years ago to resurface as it did. The images of four caskets draped with the United States flag sitting on the tarmac, while our President and Secretary of State stood there making erroneous statements to the press, riveted my senses. And yet, four years later, the American people are still waiting for the truth from our government. WHO was ultimately responsible for the "Stand Down" command? My mind reaches high in the Administration of our Government, while Hillary's words, "What difference, at this point, does it make?", echoes in my head.

Although, we the people, may need to wait years for our Government to exhale the truth, this much we know to be true. Information was uncovered during the Benghazi investigations that our Secretary of State compromised national security with her brazen ineptness regarding email protocol.

So we ask the questions: How will Hillary Clinton be held accountable for compromising top secrets?; Would she be allowed to be President of the United States?; Will our Attorney General do the right thing? Our voices and actions must propel a halt to Hillary ever walking into the House of the People as our President.

I encourage all RWOP members to pay homage to the movie, "13 Hours." See it and become engaged as I did. But, above all, we must "Stop Hillary!"

Proudly we Prevail,

Donna



Caring for America

Dear RWOP Members,

Due to the tremendous support given to HONOR FLIGHT ARIZONA IN 2015, the **Caring for America** committee has selected them for our February 2016 charity. Our goal is to send at least one Korean War Veteran to Washington, D.C., all expenses paid. This will include the flight, meals, bus, and hotel.

In 2014, Jack Teague was the guardian for one of our sponsored Vets. Guardians pay their own expenses and accompany the Vet throughout the entire trip.

Presently, several hundred Veterans are on the waiting list. Because so many of the Korean War Vets are getting older quickly, the HONOR FLIGHTS have been described as a "mission with an expiration date."

If you choose to help by donating, please note that HONOR FLIGHT ARIZONA is a non-profit 501c3 organization in which 100% of donations are tax deductible, while 96% of the funds GO DIRECTLY TO SERVE THE VETERANS. Whether you choose to be a GUARDIAN or a supporter, you can also contact: HONOR FLIGHT ARIZONA, P.O. Box 12258, Prescott, Arizona 86304. (928-377-1020) or contact, info@honorflight.org or www.honorflightaz.org Red envelopes will also be on each table at our February meeting/luncheon.

RWOP Meeting Dates

2016 RWOP Meeting Dates: *Note date change in May

Tuesday. January 19	Tuesday. July 19
Tuesday. February 16	Tuesday. August 16
Wednesday. March 16	Monday. September 19
Tuesday. April 12	Monday. October 17
Tuesday. May 17 *	Tuesday. November 15
Tuesday. June 21	Tuesday. December 13

Membership

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM HAS AN URGENT REMINDER FOR YOU!
This month, February, is your last opportunity to:
Join or renew to be included in our 2016 Directory - to be distributed in March!



Have your picture taken (or email one to us) to be included in our 2016 Directory.



Be included in our Contest for the individual who made the most referrals of new members - Grand Prize to be awarded in March!



DON'T WAIT!

Join or renew on or before our February 16th luncheon. We need you NOW to help us maintain our status as the largest Republican Women's Club in the Nation!

Welcome New Members

RWOP MEMBERS

Ann Terese Atkinson
Jamie Clark
Barbara Fast
Belinda Gail
Rose-Marie Gontowski
Connie E. Grey
Nancy Hamerly

Gloria Kappeler
Shannon Lovdahl
Mary Jane Moore
Kelly J. Owsley
Ellen Radavich
Mary Rogers
Edie Starr
Ann Stewart

Ruby Stoltz
Linda Szczyk
Karen Wagley
Laura West

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Colin Lovdahl
Jerry Northwood
Walter Tidwell

RWOP/Las Fuentes Monthly Forum

RWOP/Las Fuentes Resort Village Monthly Forum

Topic: How We Can Improve our Country

Speakers: Kelli Ward, Candidate for U.S. Senate; Clair Van Steenwyk, Candidate for US Senate, also, Leslie Hoffman (or someone from her office) on Voter Dates and Procedures

Moderator: Linda Gray

Date: Friday, February 19th Time: 3 - 4 PM

Place: Las Fuentes Resort Village, Social Room

1035 Scott Dr., Prescott, AZ

Voter Registration in lobby starting at 2 PM Free parking, but get there early

Scholarship

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF PRESCOTT ARE AWARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016 GRADUATING SENIORS
RWOP is proud to offer Scholarships to graduating seniors attending
schools within the Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt,
Mayer, and Bagdad areas. The Scholarship amounts range from
\$2000 to \$250

Requirements are:

- ~ An applicant (if 18 or older) or Parent/Guardian must be a registered Republican.
 - ~ **A completed application postmarked by February 24, 2016**
- ~ One letter of recommendation from a Teacher, Counselor or Principal.
(May not be a family member.)
- ~ An official high school transcript and official college transcript, if applicable.
 - ~ A minimum 500-word essay, typed and double-spaced on the topic
stated in the Scholarship Application Packet.

Students can obtain an application of additional information, by contacting their
school counselor or by going to: www.rwop.info

State & Federal Legislature - Linda Gray

Brokered Convention

A brokered convention is when no single candidate has secured a majority of delegates by caucuses and primary elections across the states.

ARS16-243 states that at the Republican national convention each delegate shall vote for the party's presidential nominee candidate who received the greatest number of votes in the presidential preference election until the candidate is nominated for the office of President of the US by the convention, until the candidate releases the delegate from the delegate's obligation, until a candidate withdraws from the race or until one convention nominating ballot has been taken. After a candidate is nominated, withdraws from the race, delegates are released or one ballot is taken, each delegate is free to vote as the delegate chooses, and no rule may be adopted by a delegation requiring the delegation to vote as a body or causing the vote of any delegate to go uncounted or unreported.

Since 1952, there have been times when brokered conventions were projected but did not come to pass. In 1976, the Republican primaries gave President Gerald Ford a lead in both popular vote and delegates, but not enough to secure the nomination. However, Ford managed to receive the support on the first ballot to edge Ronald Reagan.

Americanism - Susan H. Cohen

The Importance of the Electoral College

George Washington was the first and only president to be unanimously elected President of the United States by the Electoral College - both terms. It was argued whether the fledgling republic should elect the president of the United States by the popular vote of the people, or whether Congress should elect him. Eventually, the Continental Congress agreed on a compromise.

Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution grants each state the power to elect the president and vice president via the Electoral College. If the people ever elected the president, it would be decided by the states with the most voters; those states with the least voters would never have a say in the matter. In effect, they decided the Electoral College members of each state should elect the president, not the people.

Today, electors are very much aligned with their political party and typically vote according to how their constituents would vote. (That's why it's important to keep Arizona a red state.) The number of electors per state is equal to the number of senators plus the number of representatives, and is elected by the voters. Arizona has 11 electoral votes.

The Electoral College includes 538 electors; once the candidate receives half plus one of the electoral votes - 270 - he or she is deemed president-elect.

Arizona's Presidential Preference Election (PPE)

FACEBOOK: Loraine Bennet Pellegrino posted in Arizona Federation of Republican Women. Arizona's Presidential Preference Election (PPE) is scheduled March 22, 2016. PPE is when registered voters of participating, organized political parties cast their vote for who they prefer the Arizona delegates cast their vote for at their party's national convention. Registration deadline is February 22, 2016. For a current listing of candidates, please visit <http://bit.ly/1MxJf7k>. Arizona's "open primary" provisions do not apply to the Presidential Preference Election. In order to cast a ballot in the March 22 election, "independents" must be registered with a political party by February 22, 2016.

Conservative Conversation Club



Are you excited about the 2016 elections? Do you want to discuss candidates, policies, and propositions with intelligent, informed woman? Then join the Conservative Conversation Club at Frozen Frannies across from the Courthouse in Prescott, Wednesday, February 24, 10:00 am. For more information please call Nettie Lamerson 928-277-4010.

Volunteer Hours

AzRFW/NFRW CAMPAIGN AWARD PROGRAM July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

RWOP VOLINTEER HOURS

The Campaign Award Program is used to demonstrate the Power of Republican Women at the local, State, and National level. The program honors individual Clubs and State Federations that spend tremendous amounts of time volunteering (non-paid) for the Republican Party and Republican candidates. RWOP is asking that you take some time to keep track of your volunteer hours for the time frame above. We are behind in tracking hours from July 1, 2015 through the end of 2015. Please gather and submit the hours to Pat Moomey that you have spent for RWOP and the Republican Party during that time, and then continue on from January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

RWOP, AzRFW, NFRW

The following can be included: attendance at all meetings, including luncheons for local, State, or National events. Also, all committees, events, or time spent for candidates, GOP office, or petitions, phones, classes, etc. The time spent to and from the events can also be included. If you are on a committee, you will submit your hours monthly to the chair and the chairs will submit hours to me monthly.

A form is available that explains ALL of the activities that can be included-contact Pat Moomey at moomey.pat@gmail.com or 928-771-0272

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