

President's Article and Meeting Update

As many are aware, Governor Brewer is promoting the expansion of Arizona's Medicaid (AHCCCS) program. In an effort to promote open dialogue about the different viewpoints on this controversial subject, Tempe Republican Women is hosting a panel discussion. Tom Jenney from Americans for Prosperity, Christina Corieri from the Goldwater Institute, and Don Hughes from the Governor's office will participate.

We ask that people in attendance please remain respectful and allow for our invited guests to speak and answer questions without interruption. Question cards will be made available at the sign in desk like we did this past month, and will be read by our moderator to our panelists. There is a limit of one written question per individual. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM on May 20th at the Pyle Recreation Center, 655 E Southern Ave in Tempe. The panel will begin at 7:15PM.

June 8 we will be hosting our annual luncheon at the Sheraton on 52nd and Broadway in Tempe. Our speaker will be speaking on campaign reform. Cost is \$25 and reservations are required in advance, so please plan to bring your check to the meeting on May 20. More details will be presented at the meeting.

We will be continuing to have the book sales fundraiser as well as the raffles at our meetings to raise money to send our delegates to the National Convention. Gently used hardcover books will be available for \$2 and paperbacks for \$1. All topics will be accepted for donation. Come make a selection and bring your books to donate as well.

Our regular meetings will continue to be held at the Pyle Center on the 4th Monday of the Month from 6:30pm-8:30pm sharp, as we must vacate the room on time. Your assistance in complying with the meeting hours is appreciated.

Still looking for your participation as committee members so that we can be sure we are offering you what you want out of your membership. We need members and ad hoc committee chairs, so please be thinking about your areas of interest and plan to get involved in at least one committee this year. If time is limited plan to pick a single project in a committee and dedicate your time to that.

We still need a Parliamentarian. I can give you guidance with this, as well as loan you a copy of Robert's Rules of Order to use, with the handy dandy short cut in the middle, so don't feel you have to be a full blown expert to be our parliamentarian. We are not that formal!

Our goal is to increase our members to 80 members this year, so that we are ready to take on the election work for 2014. We are half way there thanks to Kay Fisher and Angie Jacobson's hard work. In addition, as part of our youth outreach, we are inviting college Republicans and are pleased to announce that we had 10 attendees from ASU this past meeting. Also if you are a Facebook user, please go on Facebook and "like" our group and add yourself. This will get you on the event lists.

Check our website often, as Jessica Merrow is doing an excellent job keeping it updated with lots of great blogs, calendar of events, and more. www.temperw.org.

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