

# CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

**APRIL 2011**



**Program for April 7th —DIANE COHEN—  
Attorney, with the Goldwater Institute**

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### ELECTED OFFICERS

President	<b>Sandra Ramsey Lines</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	<b>Regina Buzzello</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	<b>Barbara Cook</b>
Secretary	<b>Mandi Karvis</b>
Treasurer	<b>Myna Owens</b>

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Corresponding/Roster	<b>Karen Groseclose</b>
Parliamentarian	<b>Lynne Crane</b>
Historian	<b>Bev Kraft</b>
Chaplain	<b>Carla Bertillon</b>

### STANDING COMMITTEES

<b>Rae Chornenky</b>	Achievement Awards
<b>Barbara Cook</b>	Americanism
<b>Patti Newell</b>	Arrangements & Hospitality
<b>Kathleen Dougherty</b>	Budget & Finance
<b>Mary Hoiness</b>	By Laws
<b>Susan Fair</b>	CWAC
<b>Susan Bitter Smith</b>	Campaign & Political Activities
<b>Judy Sides</b>	Community Involvement
<b>Jill Jeanes</b>	Education (Point / Counterpoint)
<b>Regina Buzzello</b>	Fund Raising/Ways & Means
<b>Deborrah Miller</b>	Legislation
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Membership
<b>Joyce Orr</b>	Newsletter
<b>Jill Jeanes</b>	PAC
<b>Mandi Nilsen</b>	Publicity, Website & Public Relations
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Telephone/Outreach
<b>Tara Roesler</b>	Youth Activities & Scholarships



**Diane Cohen** is senior attorney with Goldwater's Scharf-Norton Center for Constitutional Litigation. Diane spent more than ten years as a trial attorney for the

City of Chicago Corporation Counsel's office, where she represented the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, handling a variety of constitutional and civil rights cases.

Prior to working for the City of Chicago, she served as legal counsel to State of Illinois Comptroller Loleta Didrickson and as counsel to United States Senator Charles Grassley on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Diane began her legal career as an attorney for the US Department of Justice and has also worked as an associate in private practice. Diane received her JD and BA from Washington University in St. Louis.

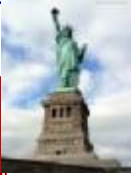
# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my short time as president of Cactus Wren, I have become aware of so many members who demonstrated in a variety of ways their commitment to the Republican Party through Cactus Wren. The biographies have helped us learn more about our fellow members and my participation in the AzFRW and Board meetings has given me insight into some of the achievements by many members. For example, I learned that **Ramona Thomas** was once President of AzFRW and went on to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of NFRW. **Joan Heskett** and **Rae Chornenky** were also Presidents of AzFRW. Now we have **Deborah Miller** who is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of AzFRW. Rae is currently 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the NFRW and our hopes are that she will be the next President of the NFRW.



While reading the members directory, I saw the names of several past Presidents who have served more than one term: **Jill Jeanes**, **Tara Roesler**, **Lynne Crane**, **Patte Newell**, and **Judy Sides**. Many members may not know that **Tina Shaw** has served three terms. There have been times when I thought I do not have the time for the duties of President. I then think of these women – women with families, careers, and obligations who have made the time. I am humbled by them and grateful for their support.

**Sandra Ramsey Lines** —*President,*  
*Cactus Wren Republican Women*—



The February meeting for AzFRW education and entertainment. They dinner and Saturday's lunch.



in Tucson was an excellent meeting. It was filled with energy, had many workshops and guest speakers both for Friday night's

The members who attended were: President Sandra Ramsey Lines, NFRW 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rae Chornenky, AzFRW 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Deborah Miller, Hon Helen Purcell, Yvonne Reed, Patte Newell, Tina Shaw.

Friday afternoon there were two workshops. James Miller, Deborah Miller's father had a workshop on How to Run an Effective Meeting. He had hand-outs to pass around about Holding an Effective Meeting, Leading a Meeting, Creating an Agenda with questions and comments at the end. Secretary of State Ken Bennett then held his workshop on Forming a Political Action Committee (PAC).

The Hon John Shadegg spoke at the Friday night dinner. He was very informative and talked about the future of the GOP. Also Brett Mecum the Executive Director of the State GOP Party also spoke at the meeting getting us motivated for the 2012 elections. After the dinner they also had a live auction with some great gifts for a fund raiser. Saturday after the Board of Directors meeting they had a workshop facilitated by the AzFRW Leadership chairman Dianna Sue Mynt. She spoke on leadership and 7 habits of highly effective people.

Cactus Wren also was presented with a membership certificate for 100% of member renewals.

Members should consider attending one of these AzFRW state meetings. You will learn a lot about the Federation and meet some great women. The next meeting will be in cool country at the Radisson in Flagstaff on June 10 & 11, 2011. Hope we will see many more of our members attend these meetings.

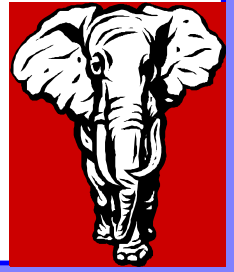
**Tina Shaw** —*Membership Chairman*—

## BOARD MEETING

For Apr 14th 2011

Meeting time is at 6:00 p.m.

Marie Calendar's  
2420 W. Northern, Phoenix



Saturday - March 12 - At the NFRW Board of Directors meeting in Arlington, VA, **Phoenix was selected as the site for the 2015 NFRW Convention.** Cities in contention were: Dallas, TX; New Orleans, LA; and Las Vegas, NV.

Desert Ridge JW Marriott submitted the proposal for the convention. Maribel Velasquez, Regional Director of Convention Sales for the Greater Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau, made the presentation, including stunning photos of Arizona and great photos of the JW Marriott. Ms. Velasquez also set up an information table with lots of giveaways and President Leona supplied individual packets of Cactus Candy.

**This is great news and something for all of us to look forward to!**

**Sheila Brooks**, *Director*  
*AzFRW Region VI*

The NFRW Republican Woman magazine has been mailed to all members. Members should be receiving them soon. I have been sent a number of extra copies so if any clubs need extra, let me know. Our own Governor Jan Brewer is on the cover along with Governors of S. Carolina, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Registration information for Flagstaff will be on the website soon. We are anticipating another great turnout. The Nominating Committee will be interviewing candidates for the Executive Committee positions and we will be electing Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large for the NFRW Convention in Kansas City. The AzFRW Convention Committee Chairmen will also be meeting.

**Leona Johnston**

## Legislative Update By Deborah Miller

Every legislative session there are bills which garner lots of press and attention. I guess we could refer to them as the “Charlie Sheens” of the legislative world. And then there are the bills who quietly make their way through the legislative maze with out any fanfare or hoopla. I’ll refer to these as the “Jon Cryers“, (the other guy on Two and a Half Men). This month, I’d like to focus a few of those “Jon Cryers”.

**House Bill 2636** has made its way through the House and is currently being heard in the Senate. This bill repeals the current individual income tax structure and phases in a flat income tax. The intent of the bill is to adopt a fair and simplified method for individual taxpayers to compute income taxes due. It sets the taxable rate for TY 2015 and thereafter at 2.08% of taxable income. Additionally, it delays the effective date of the flat tax provisions to TY 2013. The legislation also establishes a task force to determine the final state individual income tax rate consisting of the members of the Economic Estimates Commission and two additional members, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Repeals the task force on October 1, 2012, and requires the task force on or before December 31, 2011 to recommend individual income tax rates and additional changes. Keep an eye on this one, as it has a very good chance of passing and getting to the Governor’s desk.

**SCR 1005** is currently being heard on the House side. The resolution urges the United States (US) Congress to pass a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. Concurrent memorials allow the Legislature to petition or request that a recipient acknowledge stated facts and act in a manner consistent with the request. Memorials are generally used to petition Congress, the President of the United States, other state or federal agencies and other states to do things that the Arizona Legislature has no jurisdiction to do itself. Reasons for this resolution are varied, but according to the US Department of Treasury, as of March 17, 2011 the total amount of outstanding public debt is approximately \$14.2 trillion, with \$9.6 trillion of the debt held by the public and \$4.6 trillion in intra-governmental holdings, prompting many of our legislator to call for this constitutional amendment and end deficit spending.

**House Bill 2701** also is in the Senate. This bill requires the Secretary of State to establish a single format for county recorders to use when providing voter registration data. In addition, the Secretary of State will prescribes the manner and template in which all county recorders provide voter registration data to the Secretary and State, and requires all submissions to be identical in format, including the level of detail for voting

history, and that information may be readily combined from two or more counties. The Senate Government Committee has offered an amended version which includes various provisions including; Use of the data in the statewide voter registration database by a vendor, a candidate or a political committee for an end use purpose relating to a political or political party activity, a political campaign or an election or for revising election districts is a lawful, noncommercial use of the data, and any other use is prohibited; A candidate political committee may distribute permanent early voting list request forms to voters; An early ballot also may be challenged on the grounds that the voter's affidavit on the envelope that contains the early ballot is insufficient and on the grounds that the signature on the envelope does not match the elector's signature on the elector's registration form. This is an important bill, not only for our county recorder’s but for our county parties and individual voters.

As always, you can check on these and any other bills by going to [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov).

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Bring your new or gently used purses for this fun evening to be held at the May meeting. Check your closets, etc and bring them to any dinner meeting and/or board meeting to be collected for the event.



We meet at the **HILTON GARDEN INN, PHOENIX**  
 (1 block south of Indian School Road and  
 west of Central Avenue)  
 4000 North Central Avenue, Phoenix 85012  
 The social hour begins at 5:30 PM and the business meeting  
 will follow the 6:30 dinner and program.



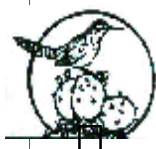
**For reservations, call 623-934-9730, Tina Shaw**  
 Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday or  
 you will be billed. Reservations should be in no later  
 than **Sunday Night**.

**A reminder:** If you attend without making a reservation, you  
 will **NOT** be guaranteed a dinner. You



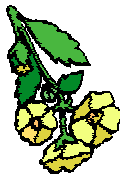
**April Menu**

Plated Filet of Tilapia  
 w/ lemon butter Sauce & Rice  
 Coffee & Tea



**April 2011 — Some Events from History**

- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 3 1866 Ex Parte Milligan, SCt, 4 Wall, (forbidding military tribunals for U.S. citizens where civilian courts still operate).
- April 3 1936 Bruno Hauptman executed for Lindburgh baby kidnap-murder.
- April 4 1968 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated (Memphis).
- April 5 1951 Federal court sentences convicted atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg to death by electrocution.
- April 12 1945 Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32<sup>nd</sup> president, dies.
- April 13 1743 Born: Thomas Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> president.
- April 18 1857 Born: Clarence Darrow.
- April 19 1775 Battle of Lexington @ Concord.
- April 19 1995 Murrah Federal Building bombing (Oklahoma City).
- April 23 2007 Jerry Miller of Chicago becomes 20<sup>th</sup> DNA exoneration
- April 24 Easter



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