

# CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

**JANUARY 2011**



**Program for January 6th —Russell Pearce— —Lori Klein—**

I am a fifth generation Arizonan on both sides of my family. My Great, Great Grandfather built Pearce Ferry on Mead Lake at the other end of the lake from Lee's Ferry. My Grandfather James Pearce founded Taylor Arizona in the 1860's. My Great Uncle Joe Pearce was one of the original Arizona Rangers serving from 1901 to 1909 when they were disbanded and he was the last one to die. My Mother's side was my Great, Great Grandfather Lorenzo Hill Hatch, who settled in Northern Arizona in the 1860's also.

I have two sons in law enforcement, Colten with Gilbert PD and Sean with the Sheriff's Officer: My son Sean was also shot in the line of duty, by an illegal alien while serving homicide warrants on illegal aliens on Dec. 16, 2004. He was shot in the chest and stomach and was critically wounded.

Chief Deputy of Maricopa County Sheriff's Office: I spent 23 years with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, achieving the rank of Chief Deputy of the fourth largest Sheriff's office in the nation, responsible for many innovations including the "Tent City" for inmates that save taxpayers millions of dollars in construction costs and to insure that the "NO Vacancy" sign never goes up. I was recipient of the Medal of Valor (highest award given in law enforcement for exceptional bravery); Shot and critically wounded in the line of duty, I was nominated Deputy of the Year five times and young law enforcement officer of the year by the JC's  
Created with the FBI the Fugitive Task Force, "Desert Hawk", FBI, DOC, DPS and other local and state law enforcement agencies focusing on violent or repeat offender fugitives.

- \* Responsible for fugitive and warrant enforcement, civil division, security of the Maricopa County courts.
- \* Responsible for enforcement of Maricopa County lakes and rivers.
- \* Directed search and rescue operations in Maricopa County
- \* Served on national and statewide criminal justice related committees. Built and enhanced partnerships with all law enforcement agencies, city and county governments, community colleges and universities

Currently chairman of the Senate's Appropriations Committee; "I am the gate keeper not the gift giver, this money comes from labor of Dads and Moms who have a right to keep the fruits of their labor."

**Educational background includes:**

BA in Management at the University of Phoenix  
Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government  
Motor Vehicle Legal and Law College  
Advanced Executive Development, Arizona State University  
Budget and Appropriations, University of Arizona  
Arizona Judicial College, Supreme Court of Arizona  
Over 2,000 hours of specialized law enforcement, executive and management training



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year (2010) was an exciting year for Cactus Wren. It was an election year and **Colleen Crump** (then Second Vice President) provided us with an array of candidates seeking public office. In the coming year, at the direction of Second Vice President **Barbara Cook**, we hope to provide you with interesting speakers from a variety of backgrounds.



We are also planning something new. Education Chair **Jill Jeanes** and Co-Chair **Regina Buzzello** will each month present a short biography on one long term member of Cactus Wren and one new member. The members chosen will then be asked to tell us why they are a "Republican Woman." It will give us all a chance to know a little bit more about our fellow members.

Please know that although the monthly Board meetings are open to all, we would especially like to see the Committee Chairs attend. The Board meetings are a great way to learn more about Cactus Wren, the Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AFRW), and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

The Board and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the January meeting.

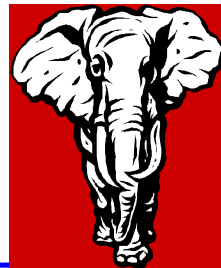
**Sandra Ramsey Lines** —*President,*  
*Cactus Wren Republican Women*—

## BOARD MEETING

For Jan. 13th 2010

Meeting time is at 6:00 p.m.

Marie Calendar's  
2420 W. Northern, Phoenix



### CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN 2011

#### ELECTED OFFICERS

President	<b>Sandra Ramsey Lines</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	<b>Colleen Crump</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 Bertilson</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>Aileen Ten Eyck</b>	50/50
<b>Deborah Miller</b>	Legislation
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Membership
<b>Joyce Orr</b>	Newsletter
<b>Donna J. Metz</b>	Pachyderm Surprise
<b>Tammy Gillett</b>	PAC
<b>Mandi Nilsen</b>	Publicity, Website & Public Relations
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Telephone/Outreach
<b>Tara Roesler</b>	Youth Activities & Scholarships



### Lori Klein

Lori Klein is the owner of Lori Klein & Associates, which specializes in fundraising for non-profit issue advocacy and limited government projects. For nearly two decades she has labored to manage and pass voter initiatives to protect Arizonans and their rights.

Her conservative resume is quite extensive. She served as the Executive Director and Director of Development for Medical Choice for Arizona (Proposition 101) that was defeated by a mere 8,000 votes of the 2.1 million votes cast in 2008. She is currently working in Development raising funds for The Health Care Freedom Act which will be on the Arizona November 2010 ballot. Both of those efforts were designed to protect Arizona residents from any successful efforts to nationalize health care through plans like "Obamacare."

Ms. Klein served the National Director of Development for Americans for Fair Taxation from 2002-2006. She worked as the Executive Director and then the Director of Public Affairs for the

Arizona School Choice Trust in 1998 and served for six years as Chairman of its Advisory Board.

She was the Executive Director of the Taxpayer Protection Alliance in 1999-2000 which spearheaded Proposition 107, a ballot initiative that would have eliminated the Arizona state personal and corporate income tax over the course of four years, making Arizona competitive with Nevada, Washington and Texas in attracting business.

Ms. Klein has been active in the Arizona Republican Party as a Precinct Committeeman and as a former member of the Ponderosa Republican Women.

## Legislative Update, by Deborrah Miller

It truly is a "Happy New Year". Republicans control both the House and Senate, as well as retaining the Governor's office. (Not to mention the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Mine Inspector).

This legislative session will be very interesting to watch, as our state leaders grapple with a large budget deficit, legal challenges from Washington and the continued loss of state revenues. One of the first steps taken which will greatly impact how this session plays out, is the committee chairmen and member appointments made by both the Speaker of the House, Kirk Adams and the Senate President, Russell Pearce. (See list below). These are the men and women who will decide which bills receive the public opportunity for testimony and which ones "never see the light of day".

So, it is very important that we as members of Cactus Wren familiarize ourselves with who these folks are and how we can provide them with valuable input on the measures which effect our daily lives. Each of us can go to the legislature and register at a kiosk to speak directly to the members during committee hearings about bills, as well as, emailing, writing, and/or calling our legislators with our concerns and/or support. Our voices are as powerful as we make them. Now more than ever, it is important to know the issues, hold our Republican elected officials accountable, and positively impact our state.

### House Standing Committee Assignments:

<u>Banking &amp; Insurance</u>	Rep. McLain – Chair
<u>Energy &amp; Natural Resources</u>	Rep. Pratt – Chair
<u>Ways &amp; Means</u>	Rep. Harper – Chair
<u>Education</u>	Rep. Goodale – Chair
<u>Rules</u>	Rep. Weiers, Jerry – Chair
<u>Environment</u>	Rep. Reeve – Chair
<u>Government</u>	Rep. Burges – Chair
<u>Employment &amp; Regulatory Affairs</u>	Rep. Robson – Chair
<u>Military Affairs &amp; Public Safety</u>	Rep. Gowan – Chair
<u>Higher Education, Innovation &amp; Reform</u>	Rep. Court – Chair
<u>Health &amp; Human Services</u>	Rep. Ash – Chair
<u>Commerce</u>	Rep. Weiers, James – Chair
<u>Appropriations</u>	Rep. Kavanaugh – Chair
<u>Agriculture &amp; Water</u>	Rep. Jones – Chair
<u>Transportation</u>	Rep. Williams – Chair
<u>Judiciary</u>	Rep. Farnsworth – Chair
<u>Technology &amp; Infrastructure</u>	Rep. Stevens – Chair

### Senate Standing Committee Assignments:

<u>Appropriations</u>	Andy Biggs
<u>Water and Rural Development</u>	Gail Griffin
<u>Border Security, Federalism and States' Sovereignty</u>	Sylvia Allen
<u>Economic Development and Jobs Creation</u>	Michele Reagan
<u>Commerce and Energy</u>	Al Melvin
<u>Education</u>	Rich Crandall
<u>Finance</u>	Steve Yarbrough
<u>Government Reform</u>	Frank Antenori
<u>Healthcare and Medical Liability Reform</u>	Nancy Barto
<u>Judiciary</u>	Ron Gould
<u>Natural Resources and Transportation</u>	John Nelson
<u>Public Safety and Human Services</u>	Linda Gray
<u>Veterans and Military Affairs</u>	Adam Driggs
<u>Banking and Insurance</u>	John McComish
<u>Rules</u>	Russell Pearce

## CALL TO VOTE in FEBRUARY

This is a **CALL TO VOTE** on the 2011 Cactus Wren annual budget. Pursuant to our By Laws as stated below. To be voted on and discussed at the **February 3rd, 2011** general meeting.

### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS Section 1.

- C. The annual budget shall be voted on by the general membership at its February meeting. The call to vote on the budget shall be mailed at least two weeks prior to the February meeting.

The vote will be on the 2011 budget approved by your Board of Directors at its December 9th board meeting. The budget will be made available for review before the February 3rd meeting upon request.

## Arizona School Choice Showdown at the U.S. Supreme Court

Last November, lawyers representing the 27,000 Arizona children who depend on the Arizona tax credit scholarship program to be able to attend private schools - schools chosen by their parents - in the case of *Garriott v. Winn*, argued their case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The program allows taxpayers to make donations to the school of their choice and deduct that amount from their State taxes dollar for dollar. The amounts donated can be used toward tuition for the taxpayer's designated student. Likened to a voucher system already upheld by the court in a Cleveland program, the Court's liberal bloc, Justices Ginsberg, Soto-Mayor, Breyer and Kagan asked questions of the lawyers that seemed generally hostile to the program.

The decision is expected this Spring and proponents of the program are hopeful that the court will affirm that the Constitution allows school choice programs that allow parents to choose the school that best suits their children's needs.

—Rae Chornenky—

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



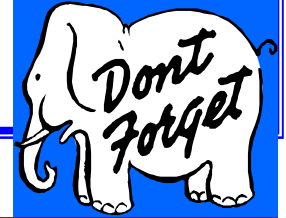
**January Menu**

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
 Stuffed w/ ham & cheese  
 Saffron rice, Coffee & Tea



It is that time of year which we will be col-  
 lecting membership dues for fiscal year 2011.  
 We start collecting renewals in October so  
 come January 15, 2011 when we make the  
 first reporting to the state we have a good  
 showing of total members for the coming  
 year.

**Tina Shaw** —  
*Membership Chairman*



**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



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