

# CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

**APRIL 2010**

**CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN  
2010**



**ELECTED OFFICERS**

President	Judy Sides
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Sandra Ramsey Lines
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Colleen Crump
Secretary	Barbara Cook
Treasurer	Mandi Nilsen

**APPOINTED OFFICERS**

Corresponding/Roster	Karen Groseclose
Parliamentarian	Yvonne Reed
Historian	Bev Kraft
Chaplain	

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

<b>Rae Chornenky</b>	Achievement Awards
<b>Barbara Cook</b>	Americanism
<b>Patti Newell</b>	Arrangements & Hospitality
<b>Mary Hoiness</b>	By Laws
<b>Robyn Cushman</b>	CWAC
	Campaign & Political
<b>Elinor Daly</b>	Community Involvement
<b>Lauren Eutsler</b>	Education (Point / Counterpoint)
<b>Robyn Cushman &amp; Judy Sides</b>	Fund Raising & Ways and Means
<b>Tammy Gillette</b>	50/50
	Legislation
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Membership
<b>Joyce Orr</b>	Newsletter
<b>Donna J. Metz</b>	Pachyderm Surprise
<b>Jill Jeanes</b>	PAC
<b>Mandi Nilsen</b>	Publicity & Website
<b>Tina Shaw</b>	Telephone
<b>Tara Roesler</b>	Youth Activities



**—April 1st PROGRAM—  
HUGH KEALER, DEAN MARTIN,  
BUZ MILLS, JOHN MUNGER**

**Candidates for Arizona State Governor**  
(All declared candidates were invited—bios of 4 who responded to attend the meeting as of this publication date are below)



An Arizona native, **HUGH KEALER** was born at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona in 1967. Hugh Graduated from Maryvale High School in 1985 where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Battalion XO in JROTC, participated in the Marching Band's percussion section, competed in Track & Field events plus Junior Varsity and Varsity Football.

Right out of High School, he enjoyed playing in the newly formed Arena Football League where he was a member of the Arizona Renegades as a free safety, slot back and kicker.

As a CPA Hugh enjoyed working in the home and commercial building industries where he climbed the ranks from an Accounting Clerk to CFO. During his time as a Corporate Accountant, Hugh was responsible for budgeting and forecasting for companies with revenues up to \$200 Million. He was the Liaison between accounting and other department heads to help in the budgeting and forecasting process for each department. Hugh has received numerous awards for his management and accounting skills, including Top 3 in the Western Region Increase in Controllable Income, Process Improvement Awards, (which saved a company in excess of \$1 Million per year). Currently working as a private accountant, he enjoys the opportunity to help small business owners manage their costs and analyze their business processes to achieve financial success.

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**DEAN MARTIN** was elected in 2006 as State Treasurer, Arizona's Chief Financial Officer, responsible for the prudent custody and management of state and local monies. The Treasurer also serves as the Chairman of the State Board of Investment, and State Loan Commission, as the State Surveyor General and on the State Land Selection Board. Treasurer Martin is currently second in line of succession to the Governor.



Dean has opened government finances to the public on his website [AzTreasury.gov](http://AzTreasury.gov). He is a three-time "Freedom of Information Award" winner for his leadership in opening government and improving access to public records.

(Bios continued on page 3)

# President's Message

Our meetings continue to bring out our members to hear from the candidates. March had **Margaret Dugan** and **John Huppenthal** debating their ideas of what they would bring to the Arizona Department of Education.

April will have some of the candidates for governor.

Congratulation, **Rae Chornenky**, on being elected 1st V-P of the National Federation of Republican Women. Cactus Wren continues its great tradition of leadership. We are fortunate to have three past state presidents among our members, **Joan Heskett**, **Ramonia Thomas** and **Rae Chornenky**. Ramonia is a past member-at-large and 2 V-P of the NFRW.

At our board meeting **Robyn Cushman**, CWAC Chair, agreed to take on another role, that of co-chair of our fundraiser, with me **Judy**, being the other chair. This fundraiser is scheduled for June to meet the candidates. In the past this has been a very successful and fun way to meet and greet as many candidates as possible, as well as, raising much needed funds for our club. So put on your thinking hats and help us find a venue--along with what items you would like to have auctioned.

Community Involvement is very important to Cactus Wren. Some time ago I was sent an e-mail detailing an organization called "Angels on Patrol". I have asked the founder, **Jacqui MacConnell**, of this organization to come to our April meeting and present just what they do and how we could be of assistance. These angels help distressed children.

I want to thank **Lauren Eutsler** for taking notes at our board meeting.  
Great Job.

See you at the April meeting.

**Judy Sides** —President—  
Cactus Wren Republican Women

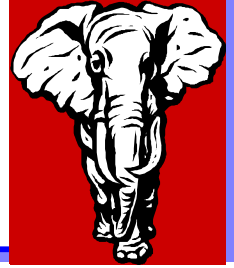


## BOARD MEETING

For **Apr. 8th 2010**

Meeting time is at **6:00 p.m.**

Marie Calendar's  
2420 W. Northern, Phoenix



## ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. By laws of this club may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at any regular meeting of this club or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing and mailed to all active members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting. A proposed amendment shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors before being submitted for consideration.

## CALL TO VOTE

### ARTICLE VIII – DUES

Section 1. Membership dues shall be \$24.00 per year, which includes State and National Federation per capita dues and shall be payable according to dates established by NFRW and State Federation requirements. AFRW. State and National dues payments shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer according to

**PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGE**

### ARTICLE VIII - DUES

Section 1. Membership dues shall be decided on an annual basis, which will include . . .

**To be voted on at the Cactus Wren Republican Women general meeting April 1, 2010 (Previously sent to all voting members)**

## Calling All CWACs!

The Cactus Wren Auxiliary Club is updating its member files and needs your help! Please submit your current contact information, including mailing and email addresses, and phone number(s), to: Robyn Cushman, CWAC Chair, 602-989-2710 or [az1red@cox.net](mailto:az1red@cox.net).

Not a member yet? **Lifetime CWAC** membership is \$39.95 and open to Republican men. Call Tina Shaw, Membership Chair, at 623-934-9730 for further information. Thanks!

**Robyn Cushman** —CWAC Chairman—

Phoenix, Arizona USA

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## Congratulations to **Rae Chornenky**

She has been elected to the 1st Vice President of the National Federation of Republican Women. We will all be supporting her in the coming year. Best wishes to Rae for all her dedication to the Federation. This is well deserved



A leader who has served our country. A businessman who has created hundreds of jobs. A defender of our freedoms and liberties. **BUZ MILLS** believes the trying times in Arizona call for new leadership, new ideas, and a committed philosophy based on conservative principles. Low taxes, limited government, individual liberties.

He spent six years serving in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve. His service to our country taught Buz about leadership, about commitment, about sacrifice.

Following his service to our country, Buz became an ironworker. He built bridges, got his hands dirty, and earned an honest living. Buz learned much about the value of hard work and sweat equity and decided to go to work for himself.

In the years to follow, Buz became a successful communications entrepreneur developing public emergency communications systems. He helped design and build 911 emergency operations centers and Emergency Medical Communications Systems. Buz created hundreds of jobs, built many successful businesses, and became an example of an American success story. In 1999, Buz bought Gunsite Academy, a firearms and self-defense training facility in Paulden, AZ. He has since trained thousands of our country's law enforcement officers, members of our nation's military, and citizens from all over the world. Gunsite still offers over 100 training classes for military veterans at no charge. Buz's 35 years of experience as an entrepreneur taught him the value of meeting a deadline and budget, and making a payroll. As a conservative, he knows that low taxes and less regulations means businesses will have the opportunity to succeed or not. He knows that government doesn't create jobs, but the private sector does. Buz knows that you don't raise taxes to balance the budget, you cut spending. And he is the only candidate in the Republican primary election for Governor who is a true fiscal conservative, and favors dealing with the state budget problem head-on, the same way he approached his successful business career.

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**JOHN MUNGER** is a Republican candidate for Governor running on a platform of "Real Leadership, No Excuses." He is committed to restoring prosperity in Arizona by setting principled priorities that empower small businesses, provide business tax relief, reform government and stimulate job growth through massive infusions of private investment in Arizona.



John Munger is a longtime advocate for quality education and has been a passionate supporter of community-based business initiatives. He has served as president and member of the Arizona Board of Regents, managing billions of dollars and thousands of employees in the university system, which consists of all three state universities. He was also Chairman of the Board

## Arizona State Legislative Update Deborah Miller

As the federal government wrestles with the Health Care Bill, our own state legislature has been busy with trying to balance a budget, address State Park closures and a variety of other issues. Earlier this week the Governor signed all bills which related to the 2010-2011 budget. A contingency bill was signed, just in case the voters do not approve a 1 cent sales tax that was referred to the ballot for voting on May 18, 2010. The contingency bill includes a number of cuts to numerous state programs in order to make up for the short fall in revenues the state normally receives each year. (Be sure to carefully read the pamphlet which will be mailed to you on this issue and vote.)

A number of our State Parks are scheduled for closing. A bill in the Senate, SB1349, passed and has been sent to the House for approval. It is an emergency measure that enables the Arizona State Park Board to enter into contracts with public and private entities or Indian tribes for the operation and maintenance of state parks. In effect, it would allow State Parks to remain open by privatizing the management/maintenance of them.

Arizona has it's own Jobs Recovery Bill, passed by the House, HB 2250 establishes a new Arizona Job Training Program, the Arizona Opportunity Fund and other statewide programs which are intended to attract new business to Arizona. Additionally, it will provide for expansion in the types of business that can qualify for tax incentives and will reduce the corporate income tax rate, thereby making Arizona a much more "business friendly" environment.

As with each session, there are those forgettable bills as well, HB 2611 establishes milk as the official state beverage and HB 2634 establishes the colonial Spanish horse as the official state horse.

Since this is the half way point in the session, bills introduced in the Senate, heard in committees, voted on by full Senate are now over in House and visa versa for those bills introduced in the House. If bills have not gone through this process, it is very difficult for those bills to make it into law.

Be sure to check out the Arizona Legislative website for all the bills and your ability to watch our legislators in action. ([www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)).

of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce where he helped to spearhead local business development.

Mr. Munger is a small business owner and an accomplished entrepreneur himself, as a partner in the law firm of Munger Chadwick, P.L.C., where he has been variously listed among the best lawyers in the country, and as co-founder and vice-chairman of Commerce Bank of Arizona. He holds a B.A. from Stanford University and a J.D. and L.L.M. in international trade and business law from The University of Arizona College of Law, where he served as editor of the law review and graduated with distinction.

John Munger is a proud military veteran, an avid horseman, a black belt in Shotokan karate and both speaks and writes in Spanish.

**Colleen Crump** — *1st Vice President  
& Program Chair*

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



**APRIL Menu**

**Homemade Meat Loaf  
 & Mashed Potatoes  
 Salad , Hot Rolls & Dessert**

**\$22**

**DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE  
 APRIL 7, 2010**

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 Day\\_at\\_the\\_Legislature.htm](http://azfrw.org/Day_at_the_Legislature.htm)

AZFRW.org web page under Site Map and  
 then Day at the legislation.



*Chairman Randy Pullen*  
 and

*AZFRW President Leona Johnston*

*cordially invites you to Breakfast with*

*RNC Co-Chairman Jan Larimer*

*Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010  
 7:00 AM Registration  
 7:30 AM Breakfast of Program*

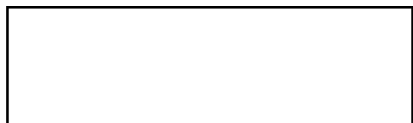
*Gainey Ranch Golf Club  
 7600 East Gainey Club Drive  
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258*

*Gold Table Sponsor: \$1,000  
 Table Sponsor: \$500  
 Individual Ticket: \$50  
 PCs of GOP Club Members \$40*

*Please RSVP by March 18 to Brett Mecum at 602.957.7770 or [bme@azfrw.org](mailto:bme@azfrw.org).*

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