

CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Phoenix, Arizona

FEBRUARY 2010



**CACTUS WREN REPUBLICAN
WOMEN
2010**

ELECTED OFFICERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

Barbara Cook	Achievement Awards
	Americanism
Patti Newell	Arrangements & Hospitality
	By Laws
Mary Hoiness	CWAC
	Campaign & Political
	Community Involvement
	Education (Point / Counterpoint)
Tammy Gillette	Fund Raising & Ways and Means
	50/50
	Legislation
Tina Shaw	Membership
	Newsletter
Joyce Orr	Pachyderm Surprise
	PAC
Donna J. Metz	Publicity & Website
	Telephone
Mandi Nilsen	
Tara Roesler	Youth Activities

**PROGRAM: ARIZONA CORPORATION
COMMISSION—3 CANDIDATES**

BRENDA BURNS, GARY PIERCE, BARRY WONG



Brenda Burns has a long history of representing Arizonans. She first served in the Arizona House of Representatives from 1987 to 1995. In 1993, Republican House members elected Brenda to the position of Majority Leader, making her the first woman to hold the position in Arizona. Brenda served eight years in the Arizona State Senate. In 1997, she became the first woman to hold the position of Arizona Senate President. As Senate President, Brenda was instrumental in the formation and passage of the State's \$6 billion dollar budget and reduced the Senate's multimillion dollar budget by over eight percent. A champion for taxpayers, she led successful efforts to reduce and keep taxes low for both individuals and business. Brenda's persistent emphasis on protecting Arizona citizens from high taxes, high regulatory costs and excessive spending led to her recognition by the U.S. Small Business Administration as "a leader in regulatory reform". Throughout her political career Brenda Burns worked with leaders throughout the United States. As an active member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, she served on its board for nine years, becoming ALEC's national President in 1999. There she worked with other national leaders on many issues, with a strong focus on States' Rights.

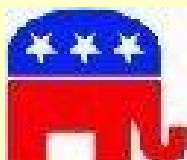
Brenda is married to Bob Isbell. They have six adult children and ten grandchildren.

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Gary Pierce is a member of the Arizona Corporation Commission and a former member of the Arizona House of Representatives. Mr. Pierce was elected to the Arizona Corporation Commission in 2006. In the House of Representatives, Mr. Pierce served as the Majority Whip (2005-2006). He is a member of the Rules, Environment, and Federal Mandates and Property Rights committees. He had previously served on the Judiciary Committee and others. Prior to his election to the Legislature he was twice elected to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors. His distinguished record of public service includes serving on the Governor's Commission on National and Community Service from 1994 to 1997 and on the Arizona Housing Commission in 1996 and 1997. He also served on the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation Advisory Board. In Yuma, he served two years on the City Board of Adjustment.



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President's Message

Today as I sit and write this message I am heartened by the events of the past week. Who knew that a republican would win the senate seat in Massachusetts. It seems that the TEA parties are beginning to be heard. We as republicans in an election year need to heed what the public is saying. Our program chair, **Colleen Crump**, will present to the members at our next meeting our proposed programs for the year. Come and meet the candidates who are running for the seats of Attorney General, Governor, US Congress. Now is the time to really get involved.



As we watch the news we are all in shock at the devastation that the earthquake brought to the people of Haiti. The board voted to send a contribution to the Red Cross.

The turn out for our first meeting at the Hilton was great! We had 26 former Cactus Wren presidents in attendance. Wow!! Keep up the good work. Our guest speak was, Don Covey, Maricopa County School Superintendent, who gave us a most informative look at what his office provides to the children in his charge.

See you at our next meeting!

Judy Sides —President—
Cactus Wren Republican Women

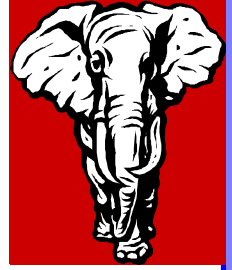


BOARD MEETING

For Feb. 11th 2010

Meeting time is at 6:00 p.m.

Marie Calendar's
2420 W. Northern, Phoenix



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

I am happy to report that our first reporting to the AZFRW State organization yielded 51 members so far for the fiscal year 2010. I want to thank the past members that sent their renewed membership checks.

All renewed 2010 dues are due by March 31, 2010. If we do not receive your membership dues by this date you will no longer receive our Club newsletters, AZFRW newsletters and any notifications regarding the news of our club.

If you have not yet sent in your membership dues for 2010 please do so at your earliest convenience. Please send your checks to:
Tina Shaw 9613 N 55th Drive
Glendale, AZ 85302

We would like our long times members to contact past Cactus Wren members that you know we have not seen in a long time. Invite them to attend our next meeting. It is an election year and the meetings will be informative, challenging and interesting. We will get the opportunity to meet and hear many candidates through out the County and the State who are running for office.

Also I have about 10 more tickets available for the MOTIVATED SEMINAR taking place in downtown Phoenix on Thursday Feb 4, 2010 from 8:00am to 4:45pm. It is a full day of many well known celebrities. If you are interested in joining the group and attending the Seminar please call me at 623-934-9730.

Tina Shaw — Membership Chair—

Jim Waring announced he's running for U.S. Rep. John Shadegg's seat in Congressional District 3, which covers most of north-central Phoenix. Waring, who was preparing a run for the state Treasurer's Office, waited a day after the announcement to declare he was in the race. The Phoenix lawmaker will be jumping into what is shaping up to be a very crowded GOP primary. More than a dozen noted Republicans from the district are known to be mulling over a run. As it stands right now, only Waring and **Rep. Sam Crump** from Anthem have officially announced. Before jumping into the congressional race, Waring was gearing up for a run at the state Treasurer's Office. Last week, **Treasurer Dean Martin** announced he would not be seeking re-election and would instead be running for governor.

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His distinguished record of public service includes serving on the Governor's Commission on National and Community Service from 1994 to 1997 and on the Arizona Housing Commission in 1996 and 1997. He also served on the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation Advisory Board.

Gary was born in Illinois and moved to Mesa, Arizona with his family in 1960. He attended Emerson, Lincoln, Mesa Junior and Mesa High School, graduating in 1970. A track scholarship provided an education at Mesa Community College where he graduated in 1972. Moving on to Arizona State University, he graduated in 1974 with a Bachelors Degree in Education.

For three years Pierce taught at Taft Elementary School in Mesa. A career in the automobile business followed his teaching experience, and upon selling his businesses he became involved in local politics.

Gary is married to Sherry (Moore), a Mesa, Arizona native, since 1973. They have four sons. All attained the rank of Eagle Scout.



A lifelong Arizonan, **Barry Wong** was born in Phoenix where he joined his parents and five siblings working at the family's grocery store in South Phoenix while attending Barcelona Elementary School, Glendale and Alhambra High School in Phoenix.

- **ASU:** B.S. in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude; Board of Regents, selection committee for ASU president; President's Advisory Council
- **U of A:** Law Degree; Represented law school at American Bar Association/Law Student Division; Alumni Association, Board of Directors
- **Thunderbird School of Global Management:** Leadership Program; Global Leadership Certificate
- **Arizona House of Representatives:** Four terms championing technology, renewable energy, higher education and small business
- **Arizona Corporation Commission:** Appointed to fill an open seat in 2006; involved with renewable energy, electricity, water, telecommunication and investment regulation

Among others, some of Barry's Community Services:

- Luke AFB, Honorary Commander
- Law Enforcement: FBI Citizen's Academy, Graduate — DPS Citizen's Academy, Graduate — Phoenix P.D. Citizen's Academy, Graduate — U.S. Marshal's Posse, Member
- Fiesta Bowl Committee, Life Member
- Phoenix Museum of History, Board of Trustees, Member
- YMCA, Chris-town, Board of Mgmt., former member
- Valley Leadership, Class XXIII
- Government Boards and Commissions:
 - Arizona Corporation Commission's Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, Member
 - Arizona Supreme Court volunteer service: Committee on Character & Fitness (background check for prospective lawyers), past chair and member

DID YOU KNOW? CORPORATION COMMISSION

Only **7** states have constitutionally formed Corporation Commissions. Arizona is one of **13** states with elected Commissioners. In the other 37 states, commissioners are appointed by the Governor or the Legislature. In most states the commission is known as the Public Service Commission or the Public Utility Commission.

Our Commission, however, has responsibilities that go beyond traditional public utilities regulation. These additional roles include facilitating the incorporation of businesses and organizations, securities regulation and railroad/pipeline safety. By virtue of the Arizona Constitution, the Commissioners function in an Executive capacity, they adopt rules and regulations thereby functioning in a Legislative capacity, and they also act in a Judicial capacity sitting as a tribunal and making decisions in contested matters.

The Commissioners have the ultimate responsibility for final decisions on granting or denying rate adjustments, enforcing safety and public service requirements, and approving securities matters.

Colleen Crump — *1st Vice President & Program*



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED to chair the FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS—Collect & Tabulate information regarding club's activities in order to meet NFRW & AFRW award criteria. Poll members regularly to record hours volunteered in eligible categories.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT—Yearlong club charity project. To select the charity and present it to the board and general membership. Coordinate activities, arrangements, donations and volunteers to help with the community charity projects.

Please Contact Judy Sides if interested.

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

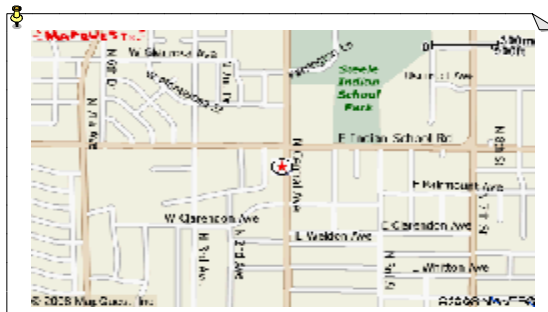
The social hour begins at 5:30 PM and the business meeting
will follow the 6:30 dinner and program.



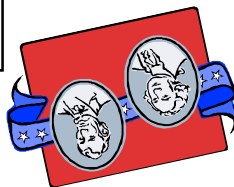
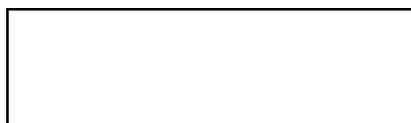
For reservations, call 623-934-9730, Tina Shaw

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 may however, enjoy coffee or



February Menu
Roast Loin of Pork
Garden Green Salad, Rice Pilaf
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Hot Rolls & Dessert



c/o Joyce Orr
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Tempe, AZ 85283-3509

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