

SUN CITY GRAND REPUBLICAN CLUB
Minutes of General Meeting
July 17, 2021

President Sally Cotten opened the meeting by introducing Gayle Salter for the invocation; then Phil Axelrod led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Sally advised that the trip to the Capital will be October 13, instead of September 10 as originally planned.

The social will be held again at Chef Peter's at Sun Village, 3-5 p.m. on July 29, 2021, with Chef Peter providing an appetizer buffet for \$11.00 for those that wish to partake. Margaritas will be \$2.00 as before.

Jan Shank has been working at the AZ election audit for several weeks and explained that there are two computer programs: one to tell how many ballots were sent out, and how many were returned. Per the audit:

- There were 74,243 more ballots returned than were sent out!
- 18,000 people voted on election day who had been removed from the rolls as having moved away or died.
- Another 3,326 people voted who were not on the voter rolls, and
- 3,981 people voted who had registered after the October 15 cutoff date. Their votes were counted anyway .

Austin Roe from Debbie Lesko's office (Bell and 125th) reminded us that they are there to help with any problems concerning the VA, IRS, Medicare, etc.

He advised that Debbie Lesko:

- ✓ Has visited the Mexican border.
- ✓ Is on the Energy and Commerce committee.
- ✓ Sponsored and voted on HR352 for law enforcement to be appreciated and not defunded.
- ✓ Voted for HR859, protecting American energy, providing \$12 billion dollars to local and federal government for drilling on government land.
- ✓ Voted 'No' on the infrastructure bill as it increases the national debt without tackling issues. She believes the national debt is a threat to national security.
- ✓ She voted NO on resolution 503, which established an investigative committee for the January 6 protest. She feels that Nancy Pelosi is using this protest to help the democrat cause.

Frank Carroll (AZ State House Member) advised that he has been to the audit site, where he was pleased to see so many of our LD-22 people working and helping Ken Bennett. He gives Ken Bennett a lot of credit for the work being done properly.

June 30 was the end of the session and the democrats tried to do what the Texas house members did and leave town so as not to vote but it didn't happen.

They are getting good feedback on the 2.5% flat tax and the 3.5% Small Business tax. They have a proposed CRT bill calling for a financial penalty for those teaching Critical Race Theory. Litchfield schools are challenging this ruling.

In the 2022 midterm elections:

- David Livingston is running for Treasurer for AZ
- Ben Toma is running for the House where he will probably become the speaker, if elected.
- Frank Carroll is running for Senate seat.
- An up-and-coming young man, 26-year-old Austin Smith, working for Turning Point USA, will run for the house.

Other Frank Carroll announcements:

- a) The Free Enterprise Club has bumper stickers saying "Don't California my Arizona!"
- b) A PAC is being formed for border issues and needs signatures.
- c) A "Heart Beat" Bill is being worked on by Frank to make it illegal to have an abortion once you can hear the heartbeat of the unborn baby. The baby will have all the rights we attribute to any other human being.
- d) One of our elected republicans pushed through DACA Instate Tuition, which will go to ballot.
- e) The Transportation Conservation Corp Commission sent a letter saying what to do to take care of fossilizing fuel sources

Frank Rizzo advised that the 99th street office was going to close, so a consortium of several LDs and GOP clubs have created a PAC to take it over and keep it as the West Valley Republicans office for our area. It is desperately needed for the 2022 and 2024 elections. Several funding options will be presented to the West Valley organizations.

LD-22 is conducting its periodic fundraising raffle:

- The featured prize is an AR15 rifle, with other prizes to be announced. Tickets are only \$10 each, with and only 300 tickets will be sold, so the chance of winning is good.
- In December they will have another raffle for two pistols, His and Hers.
- Funds will also be used to print "Golden Tickets" to help Republicans know who we are promoting as candidates and justices.

FEATURED SPEAKER - PAT CONNELL

See accompanying addendum and/or Mr. Connell's bio on the Grand GOP website.

It was noted in closing that Jan Shank has many good speakers in the coming months, such as Hugh Holman and his son, J.T. Harris from 550 radio, and a Panel of those running for the U.S. Senate from AZ.

Meeting adjourned after 50/50 drawing.

Addendum to minutes of General Meeting July 17, 2021

Pat Connell, born in Dublin Ireland in an orphanage, was adopted by American couple and brought to USA, went into the Marine Corp in 1970, had sea duty at Gulf of Tonkin, worked as a police officer in Omaha, and went to Phoenix where he became an investigator. He worked on treatment of Veterans in the VA and was elected to Veterans Hall of Fame.

People came to the USA from all over the world to escape religious freedom. Blacks were sold into slavery so our forefathers, like Thomas Payne worked for freedom for all these people. In 1812 many immigrants came to the U.S., about 1/3 of which were Irish, along with 5 million Germans.

Many Irish went into being police officers, especially in Boston, Chicago, New York and Washington DC. To this day many police officers are Irish. Many Irish's concern was religious and economic freedom and they started businesses, ran for office, went into armed forces to help build the fabric of the USA.

Today many people want everything free and not have to work for it, including becoming a citizen. Too much work! Immigrants need to leave old country ways and language and assimilate into the USA. They need to believe in the US Constitution, taking the time that is needed to become a citizen. Coming to the USA legally is worthwhile and immigrants can have every right of an American citizen when they become a citizen. Need to fly the American Flag, use English as the language of the Country. No hyphenated names such as African-American or Irish-American, just American.

Our forefathers came to this country to escape religious and economic boundaries. They made the Constitution which said that this country would be run by and for the people, not the government. You can tell the greatness of a country by how many want to enter it rather than how many want to leave it. We need to change some of our laws such as: Anyone who comes across the border to have a baby-the baby automatically becomes a US citizen; and then they are allowed to bring in whole families because of this citizenship.

Pat spent four years in the Marines with two terms in Vietnam. When he returned to the USA there was a lot of hostility toward servicemen. He wanted to work with the veterans and went to Prescott where he put in a sports court for veterans. He helped the Phoenix VA with their physical rehab program and worked with other volunteers on the Fisher House in Tucson. So many people have died for the Constitution. It should be revered instead of vilified.