

Sun City Grand Republican Interest Group  
Minutes of General Meeting  
August 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Sally Cotten.

Chaplain Gayle Salter led the prayer  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Axelrod

President Sally Cotten introduced guests and officials. Her remarks included:

- Announcement and details of October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - To be held in the Sagebrush Ballroom in the Sonoran Plaza at Sun City Grand.
  - Doors will open at 12:00 noon and the meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. Speakers will include three candidates for the United States Senate: Jim Lamon, Blake Masters and Retired Major General “Mick” McGuire, as well as radio talk show host Seth Leibsohn.
  - Guests are urged to park across the street in front of the Palm Center.
  
- We will have the Happy Hour/Social at Chef Peter’s in Sun Village in Surprise from 2:00 to 4:30 on Thursday September 23. Members and guests are urged to sign up for this event on the link provided in September emails.
  
- Our Club is sponsoring a trip to the Arizona Capitol on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheet is available on upcoming emails. More information will be provided soon.

Report from Debbie Lesko’s office by Keith Forte: Debbie has a local office at 12515 West Bell Road. Members are urged to contact this office with any governmental concerns.

Report from Frank Rizzo, First Vice Chair LD 22:  
LD 22 is holding a raffle for four prizes. Tickets are available from Frank for \$10.00 each.  
The West Valley Republican Office at 99<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road will be re-opening soon.  
Donations and volunteers are needed to help run the office.

Introduction of Speakers by First Vice President Jan Shank:

- ✓ Surprise Mayor Skip Hall
- ✓ Surprise Chief of Police Benny Pina
- ✓ District 2 City Councilwoman Alyson Cline

Speakers gave updates and addressed concerns of attendees.

Commemoration of the Anniversary of 9/11 by Mitch Friedlander: Mitch provided a slide show and added comments on Afghanistan.

Comments from Candidates for Office

50/50 drawing

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.