



Lincoln Republican Women's Newsletter
December 2008

Hi everyone,

It has been a while since I have written a newsletter. Being overwhelmed with the work that is involved in an election campaign and well as everyday life, time for such luxuries did not exist.

For the past two months phenomenal insightful speakers have graced us at the Lincoln Republican Club. **In October we had Betsy Bayless**, Chief executive in charge of the Maricopa Health System, who was also a surrogate for the McCain campaign. She discussed how Cindy and John were being treated by the press and expressed concerns over the election. She also gave us a good idea of the health district issues for consideration in voting.

This past month, in November, we had **Doug Cole of Highground Consulting** who gave us a recap of national and state elections. The news on the national level was grim given the economic meltdown that occurred in September. McCain had a shot up until then according to Mr. Cole. But we also we had *lots of good news*. On a state level, our state literally bucked the national trend and came out overwhelming in favor of republicans so much so that we actually *gained seats we lost two years ago!* We now have a good **solid majority in both state Senate and House for the first time in a while**. So the news was very good on a state level; and even local and county levels, but was devastating on a federal level. Every cloud *does have a silver lining!*

Lincoln Club Officer Election

On an official level, we are having our general election of Club Officers for 2009. The slate this year includes one of our newest members Tina Homolka. The following is up for election.

President:	Joanna Hagan
First Vice President:	Patricia Kaufman
Second Vice President:	Shirley Konen
Treasurer:	Roberta Wilkinson
Secretary:	Tina Homolka

We are looking for anyone who would like to take on the role of **Historian, Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian.**

Members please make every effort to show up and vote.

By-laws change

Also we decided to change our by-laws.

Currently we are supposed to have elections in November but since this is *the second year* in a row for some reason we cannot get out act together until December, we decided to change it to December!

We need ratification by the membership of this change. The by laws will read **“annual elections will be in December of each year”**.



Membership benefits changes

Beginning with the January 2009 meeting costs for NON-MEMEBERS; all meal charges will be upped by \$3.00 (non-members only). The prices change in November 2008 will stay intact for Members, Associates and Lincoln Todd members.

THIS CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES AND LINCOLN TODD MEMBERS, *just non-members*. This will not affect any speaker's guest meals either. We enacted this policy to encourage frequent attendees to join our group in some capacity.

Going forward we are planning on inviting Secretary of State, Jan Brewer for January or and /or State Treasurer Dean Martin for a state of the State address.

Bring Money!

Fundraising is vital to our organization. With the extra costs being added we need to step up to the plate and have additional revenue streams. At this meeting in addition to the raffle this month, we will also add a **Christmas silent auction for December** with a patriotic Christmas theme. There will be a miniature Christmas tree decorated with a patriotic theme and a patriotic Christmas nutcracker.

Thank you! Our attitude of gratitude to you all

We have had a remarkable year with some of the most successful and well-respected programs within the AZ Federation. We are committed to creating quality programs; lower meeting and membership costs and provide real value for Republican working women who cannot meet during the day. For those members who have been faithfully coming to the meetings, thank you. We appreciate your support. We want you to keep coming back and be more active. For those members who could not attend, please consider arranging your schedule once in a while to visit us. We really want to get to know you better and hear about your world.

To my board who has done a phenomenal job in coming up with raffle prizes, manning the tables and dealing with restaurant staff, particularly my treasured treasurer, Roberta Wilkinson. Thank you for all you do. This club cannot function with one person doing it all. You all make the Lincoln Club possible. Again, thank you with my sincerest gratitude to my board for being there for me when I needed it the most.

I will be seeing all of you this December 1st and get ready plan for our Republican future!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your family,

Joanna Hagan
President
Lincoln Republican Club