

Next meeting is Groundhog's Day on February 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Hi everyone,

This is the Lincoln Club's monthly newsletter updating everyone on what is going on with the Lincoln Club. We are still doing our membership drive and picked up two new members during the County Republican meeting over this past January 10th weekend. We want to welcome our newest members **Joanne Lane**, wife of our Scottsdale City Mayor and **Kathy Littlefield**, wife of Scottsdale City council. This is a reminder for all of those who are receiving this to renew with their associate membership or their membership. We are still shy of last year's record count. **Remember the dues are *still* only \$20 per year.**

Last month we were privileged to have **State Treasurer Dean Martin** give us a reader's digest version of how bad the finances are for our state. Arizona has the dubious honor of having the biggest percentage deficit of any state in the union. We are *billions* in the red. **The majority of the money is going to AHCCCS, Department of Health Services, Department of Economic security and Department of Corrections.** Treasurer Dean Martin stated that we have *more people on welfare in this state than are getting educated!* Based on some estimates the State will be out of cash by February 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year! Our legislators have pretty grim future for our very Republican legislature and our about-to-be-sworn in Governor Jan Brewer has a herculean task to balance the budget *without new taxes*. I know it can be done but will our legislators have the courage to do it?

Going forward for **programs in February**, we have the newly installed Scottsdale city mayor, **Jim Lane**, who will enlighten us on how he is going to make Scottsdale city government more transparent to the citizens and roll up his sleeves and balance that budget! In **March** we have on board **either** the new governor of the state **Jan Brewer** or the LD8 legislators in a panel; **Senator Carolyn Allen, State Representatives Michele Reagan and John Kavanaugh** who will give us their rundown on how they are coping with the budget challenges. In **April** we will have a **lecture on terrorism and Moslem faith and how they are interconnected.**

We invite you all to attend these informative events. Bring friends so they can see what we are all about.

Well that is about all, January is still a hectic month for us republicans with the county and State elections of party officers. I hope to see all of you in those rooms participating in the process. See ya at the next meeting!

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