



## The Lincoln Republican Women's Club Newsletter- January 2009

Happy New Year everyone!

Are you ready for a *real* Republican at the Governor's helm, Jan Brewer? As everyone in the media is breathlessly waiting for President-elect Obama to be *crowned*, *I can't wait* for Janet Napolitano to move out to DC Wonderland and take the next plane out of here as she leaves our over-spent, tax-burdened state in shambles! What a silver lining in the political cloud we got!

AZ Democrats will be standing around with "dear in the headlights" looks saying, "What do we do now?" Republicans pretty much have a majority in both houses and are able to push through any legislation if each member of the party stays within party lines. It will be up to the party leadership to carefully plan walking through the financial landmines that await them in this session. Let us hope fiscally responsible Republicans prevail and put back some voter confidence that AZ can operate on a more balanced budget and help out ( not *bail out*) AZ struggling businesses and taxpayers.

At our last December meeting Stan Barnes gave more of a national overview of the party and said that the party is having an identity crisis. I agree. It is looking for some national party leader to capture the imagination of the now independent (formerly Reagan Democrats/Republicans) and the conservative base to come together and once more become more of a larger broader tent. The party needs to be more focused on winning elections as the Democrats were this time. The philosophical differences keep us apart too much and we could not gain momentum as we sat bickering with each other, snubbing one another and let the election slip by us. We now have a smaller, more philosophically cohesive tent but it is not that influential with the overall public

as we were being scarred by scandal and public service corruption. We wait for our Republican “General” who will bring us together for election victories.

As regards the Lincoln Club, we had our annual meeting.

We elected by affirmation the following:

President: Joanna Hagan

Vice President of Programs: Pat Kaufman

Vice President of Membership: Shirley Konen

Treasurer: Roberta Wilkinson

Secretary: Tina Homolka

We also changed the by-laws to allow the annual meeting to be in December ( vs. November) and we announced a policy change for guests by *adding an additional \$3 per guest to be added to menu prices* This change is to encourage frequent guests to register as a member, or an associate or a Lincoln Todd Member.

We are looking forward to our January guest speaker, State Treasurer Dean Martin on January 5<sup>th</sup> who will give us some ideas as to how to get out of the financial mess we allowed ourselves to get into this year. It will prove to be an enlightening session. See you there! Thank you again for all of your support and remember to renew your membership!

Joanna Hagan

President

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