



The Redline

September 1, 2026



As the weather begins to cool, the kids head back to school, and we look forward to November, it is important that we remember the power of working together. Even if our preferred candidates did not win their primary elections, we must come together to support those who advanced to the general election.

Please reach out to the candidates and find out how you can help. Whether it is knocking on doors, making phone calls, putting up signs, sending postcards, or helping in another way, there is a place for everyone in this effort. No matter your abilities, limitations, or the amount of time you have available, you can make a difference. We all need to work as a team to help elect these candidates in November.

As many of you know, Brother John's closed its doors in June. While we are certainly sad to see it go, our club is looking ahead and moving forward. We are excited about our new meeting venue and look forward to seeing all of you there!

Our August meeting was both informative and deeply moving. Norma Darnell, President of Southern Arizona Against Slavery (SAAS), joined us to speak about human trafficking and how to recognize the signs that someone may be being groomed. Norma also presented a fashion show featuring survivors of trafficking as models. Their stories and strength made a lasting impression on all of us.

Your Board voted to designate SAAS as our August Caring for America project, and thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised \$397 to donate to this important organization.

Norma also operates a Bridal Boutique in Tucson that provides assistance to survivors. If you have a wedding dress or gently used formal gown that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the boutique. Norma would be happy to put your donation to good use helping survivors rebuild their lives.

While our August meeting addressed a very serious and important issue, September will bring us together to celebrate our Constitution. I hope to see all of you there as we recognize this important foundation of our nation and enjoy another wonderful meeting together.

Let's continue to support one another, support our candidates, and work together to make a difference in our community and our country.

Celebrate the Constitution with Tucson Republican Women!

Monday, September 28th
12 - 1:30 pm
(Doors *open* at 11:30 am)
Hilton Garden Inn
6575 S Country Club Rd

Cost is **\$35** per person for lunch.

Reservation made; Reservation paid.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Don't forget to put it in your calendar! We look forward to seeing you.



WHERE IS A GREAT
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GREAT PARKING?

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TUCSON REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

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New Meeting Location

More Than a Fashion Show

Sometimes a program stays with you long after the luncheon is over.

Our August Tucson Republican Women meeting was one of those programs.

Yes, there were beautiful clothes. There was laughter and applause. Our models stepped out looking wonderful, and they brought an energy to the room that made the fashion show fun for everyone.

But somewhere along the way, it became about something much bigger than fashion.

Our program featured Southern Arizona Against Slavery (SAAS), an organization working right here in our community to fight human trafficking and support survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking. SAAS works directly with survivors through programs that provide mentorship, specialized therapy and emotional support, education and career opportunities, advocacy, and something that can be much harder to measure: the opportunity to rebuild confidence and independence.

That mission came to life before our eyes.

After the meeting, one of the women who had modeled texted SAAS President Norma Darnell and said something I don't think any of us will soon forget:

"Thank you for this amazing opportunity for me to take back dignity and respect for myself through this. It's been a beautiful experience."

Think about those words for a moment.

Dignity. Respect.

For most of us, participating in a fashion show might simply be an afternoon of fun—putting on a beautiful outfit, walking in front of friends, smiling for a photograph and enjoying the applause.

For someone rebuilding a life after exploitation, that same walk can mean something entirely different.

It can mean being seen without being used. It can mean being admired without being exploited. It can mean standing in front of a room full of people and knowing that the applause is for you.

That may have been the most important lesson of our August meeting.

Human trafficking is not an easy subject. It is uncomfortable. It is disturbing. And it would certainly be easier to choose a luncheon topic that sends everyone home smiling without asking us to confront something so painful. But our members understood why this conversation mattered.

Southern Arizona Against Slavery began because its founders recognized that human trafficking was happening and too few people were talking about it. Today, SAAS continues that work through survivor services, community education, awareness programs and prevention efforts throughout Southern Arizona.

Silence doesn't protect vulnerable people. Awareness does. Education does. Communities willing to recognize what is happening around them do. And organizations willing to walk alongside survivors as they rebuild their lives absolutely do.

I was especially proud of Tucson Republican Women that day. We didn't shy away from a difficult subject. We listened. We learned. We asked questions. And we welcomed women whose journeys may be very different from our own with warmth, encouragement and, yes, a whole lot of applause.

Perhaps we thought we were simply watching women model beautiful outfits.

One of those women reminded us that we were witnessing something far more important.

We were watching a woman reclaim a little piece of herself.

And that is beautiful.



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