



The Redline March 16, 2026



Just a quick reminder to review the minutes of the February meeting. Please bring any corrections to the March 23rd meeting.

As another reminder, in contested races TRW cannot officially endorse anyone, even if they are a member of our club. However, that being said, every person in TRW can and is encouraged to support the candidate of their choice and assist them in any way you so choose, up to and including help to get signatures, go door knocking, write postcards or anything else they may need. The only restriction is you cannot do it in your official capacity as a TRW member. I highly encourage you to reach out to the ladies (or gentlemen) who are candidates and also club members to

see if they need any assistance. This is the last week they have to get and submit signatures. Let's all help to get these candidates on the ballot.

Don't forget to get your tickets to the Lady Cats softball game on Friday, April 24th. We are getting tickets in the general admission area. Tickets are going fast.

I am still looking to fill some committee spots, please reach out if you would like to join one of the committees.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Luncheon on the 23rd.

March's Meeting

Monday, March 23rd
Program is 12 - 1:30 pm
(Doors open at 11:30 am)
Brother John's
1801 N Stone Ave

Cost is **\$35** per person for lunch.
Reservation made; Reservation paid.

[Click here to RSVP](#)



Come celebrate with
Tucson Republican Women!

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March Speakers

Preparing for the July Primary: Meet Key Republican Candidates on March 23

The upcoming **March 23 meeting of the Tucson Republican Women** will provide members and guests with an important opportunity to hear directly from several Republican leaders who are currently running in **contested statewide races ahead of the July 21 Republican Primary Election**.

We are pleased to welcome four distinguished speakers who play critical roles in Arizona's government and future leadership.

Rodney Glassman, a candidate for **Arizona Attorney General**, will share his vision for restoring integrity and strengthening the rule of law in our state. The Attorney General's office plays a pivotal role in protecting Arizona citizens, defending constitutional rights, and ensuring accountability in state government.

Also joining us will be **Tom Horne**, Arizona's **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, who is running for re-election. Superintendent Horne will discuss the progress made in Arizona education and outline his priorities for continuing to improve academic achievement, parental involvement, and responsible education policy across the state.

We will also hear from two members of the **Arizona Corporation Commission** who are seeking another term: **Nick Myers and Kevin Thompson**. The Corporation Commission plays a vital role in regulating Arizona's utilities, overseeing energy policy, and protecting consumers while ensuring reliable infrastructure for the future.

Because each of these races is **contested**, it is especially important for Republican voters to become informed about the candidates and their priorities before the **July 21** primary election. Tucson Republican Women is proud to provide a forum where members can hear directly from candidates, ask questions, and gain the information necessary to make thoughtful decisions at the ballot box.

We encourage all members to attend and to bring guests who want to stay informed and engaged in Arizona's Republican leadership.

Why Statewide Elections Matter for Arizona Voters

While national elections often receive the most attention, **statewide elections in Arizona** play a critical role in shaping policies that directly affect residents' daily lives. Offices such as the **Arizona Attorney General**, **Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction**, and members of the **Arizona Corporation Commission** make decisions that influence law enforcement, education, and essential services throughout the state.

The Attorney General serves as Arizona's chief legal officer, responsible for enforcing state laws, representing the state in legal matters, and protecting consumers from fraud and abuse. Decisions made in this office can impact everything from public safety to the interpretation and defense of Arizona laws.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction oversees the administration of Arizona's public education system. This role helps guide policies that affect school standards, accountability, funding distribution, and educational programs that serve students and families across the state.

Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission have regulatory authority over many of the state's public utilities, including electricity providers. Their decisions influence energy policy, infrastructure planning, and utility rates that affect homes and businesses throughout Arizona.

Because these statewide offices have such broad responsibilities, elections for these positions help determine the direction of major policy areas that impact communities across Arizona. Staying informed about candidates and participating in the election

process helps ensure that voters have a voice in shaping the leadership and policies that guide the state's future.

Your Tucson Republican Women, a chapter of the National Federation of Republican Women, works to make sure that you have the opportunity to meet all the candidates for office--federal, state, and local. Join us in getting involved, being knowledgeable, and taking action.

Americanism

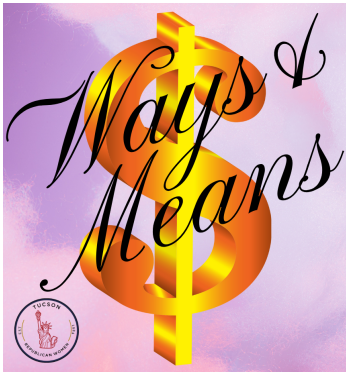
"IT'S NOT DEAD"



America First!!

We have recently witnessed this with the American Hockey team win at the Olympics, Donald Trump's State of the Union address and the strategic attacks on Iran. The sight of the American hockey team wrapping themselves in the American Flag and singing our national anthem should give us pause to reflect on the many gifts our nation has bestowed upon us.

Sometimes it is disheartening to witness the misinformed and stupid voters of Tucson and Pima county. I find myself embarrassed by the behavior of our two United States Senators and our Pima County Sheriff. To think that they represent me is "BEYOND THE PALE". Nevertheless, we must stand together as Republican women for the morale and ethical truths of our country and our GOD. Spread the word to those who will listen.



Welcome from Ways and Means. Many of our club attended the AZFRW Winter meeting, and I was able to get some good ideas for possible fundraising for TRW which I will hopefully be presenting in the months to come. Our table was successful at the meeting, making a total of \$235. We want to do more fundraising activities to help the club make money in order to benefit our members. If any of you have ideas for fundraising activities, please come see me. I will see you all at the luncheon on the 23rd.

2026 Membership Drive

Don't forget that it is time to Renew for the new year. We have had 27 people renew so far.

Please give a warm welcome to new member Martina Romero. We also added two more associates to our ranks: Mary Baumbach from Ahwatukee RW, and John Winchester who is a candidate for LD17 House.

This month we are asking everyone to bring one. Every member who brings a guest will be entered into a prize drawing, AND the guest will be entered into a separate drawing. President Joyce McClung and 1st VP Shelley Kais picked up some really fun gifts for these drawings while they were in Washington DC for the NFRW Board meeting.

Please wish a happy birthday to Dottie, Kim, Sarah and Michelle.



Pima County Voters Approve Propositions 418 and 419

Ted Maxwell, CEO of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, spoke at our February meeting and answered many of our questions about Propositions 418 and 419. And the voters have spoken.

Voters in Pima County, Arizona, approved Proposition 418 and Proposition 419 in the March 10 special election, authorizing a new long-term transportation plan for the Tucson region. Early results showed approximately 61% of voters supporting Proposition 418 and about 59% approving Proposition 419, with voter turnout just under 30 percent.

Together, the two measures implement the “RTA Next” plan through the Regional Transportation Authority. Proposition 418 approves a 20-year regional transportation plan, while Proposition 419 extends the existing half-cent regional sales tax that will fund the projects. Both measures were required to pass in order for the plan to move forward.

The plan is expected to generate approximately \$2.67 billion over the next two decades for transportation improvements across the region. Projects include roadway upgrades, pavement rehabilitation, transit operations, safety improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

The previous Regional Transportation Authority plan, originally approved by voters in 2006, is set to expire in 2026. Passage of Propositions 418 and 419 continues the program and provides funding for a new generation of transportation projects throughout the Tucson area.

Marian McClure has been involved in the Republican Women’s clubs for many years. Locally, she was the TRW Treasurer from 1992 to 1994, and was elected as our President from 1994 to 1996.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

MARIAN MCCLURE

At a glance

- 1992-1994 TRW Treasurer
- 1994-1996 TRW President
- 1996-1998 Treasurer, AzFRW
- 1998-1999 President of AzFRW
- State Legislator 2000-2008
- Military wife for 28 years

[Read more here.](#)

TRW has elected to take on the Fisher House as our Caring for America project this year. Fisher House provides temporary housing for families of Veterans who are in the VA Hospital. We will be accepting donations at all our meetings for the Fisher House.

The following is a list of items needed at the Fisher House:

Canned food	Individual snacks & chips
Cases of water	K-Cups
Charmin toilet paper	Napkins
Dish soap	Paper plates and bowls
Dishware detergent	Paper towels
Disinfecting wipes	Plastic utensils
Disposable baking pans-various sizes	Swiffer Wet Mop Pads
Foil	Tissue boxes
Individual coffee creamer flavored & non-flavored	Ziploc bags, sandwich, storage and freezer



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 2026

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HOBBS VETOES ONE BIG TAX BILL

Republicans sent a full conformity tax package to Hobbs' desk, aiming to align our state tax code with federal updates.

Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed the measure, which will create chaos and confusion for Arizona taxpayers, who will have no clear direction on how to file taxes this April. Many residents will be required to file amended returns.

To mitigate the panic, House Republicans are sending a second bill, HB2785, which reflects the forms the Dept of Revenue issued.

The GOP's second bill passed out of the Ways and Means Committee and is expected to go to the Floor for a full vote this February.

KRIS MAYES CENSURED

House Republicans censured Attorney General Mayes this month, calling for her to resign after failing to retract statements suggesting that Arizonans could use lethal force against federal immigration officers acting in their official capacity.

HOUSE GOP CELEBRATES NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

This month, House Republicans reaffirmed their commitment to parental choice and the empowerment of Arizona families. Republicans continue to fight to protect empowerment scholarship accounts (ESAs) for students, ensuring that every child has access to the best education possible that fits their unique needs. Education is not one size fits all, and Republicans remain dedicated to funding students over systems and giving parents the choice to decide what learning system works best for their children's needs.

DON'T BE A DRAG

Some lines shouldn't be blurred. HB2589 is a critical piece of legislation that protects children from exposure to inappropriate drag shows and adult-oriented performances. During committee hearings, the public heard powerful testimony from conservative members and concerned parents, underscoring the need for age-appropriate environments. This bill sets clear boundaries to ensure that sexually explicit "drag" performances are not accessible to minors, prioritizing the safety and innocence of our youth.

AFFORDABILITY IS NUMBER ONE

As inflation continues to squeeze household budgets, House Republicans advanced a package of bills designed to help reduce prices at the pump and protect utility ratepayers. This affordability package includes bills that temporarily suspend the gas tax in certain counties and require data centers to front the costs of infrastructure buildout. While Republicans are working to lower costs for hardworking families, Democrats are voting NO on affordability, revealing their rhetoric is just that.

SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S FIVE 'C'S

The House Land, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee took decisive action to support Arizona's ranchers and food producers by advancing HB2149, a clean eight-year continuation of the Arizona Beef Council, strengthening our agricultural economy. House Republicans also voted to advance HB2791 to ban lab-grown meat, along with legislation requiring clear labeling, standing up for transparency, food integrity, and Arizona's proud ranching heritage.

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS MUST SPEAK ENGLISH

The House Transportation Committee advanced HB 2443, sponsored by Representative Lopez, to strengthen roadway safety by ensuring that commercial drivers can demonstrate English proficiency. The bill requires original applicants for commercial driver's licenses to pass an additional English knowledge exam covering reading, speaking, writing, and listening. As Rep. Lopez noted, this is a safety issue, and it aligns with existing federal requirements, ensuring that all non-English speakers, not just Spanish, can understand safety rules, road signs, and emergency instructions before getting behind the wheel.

HAPPY 114TH BIRTHDAY TO ARIZONA ON FEBRUARY 14!

Know Your Representatives

JUAN CISCOMANI
ARIZONA'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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T.J. Shope (R)
Teresa Martinez (R) Chris Lopez (R)

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District
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Vince Leach (R)
Rachel Keshel (R) Kevin Volk (D)

Senate House
District
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Priya Sundareshan (D)
Nancy Gutierrez (D) Christopher Mathis (D)

Senate House
District
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David Gowan (R)
Gail Griffin (R) Lupe Diaz (R)

Senate House
District
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Sally Ann Gonzalez (D)
Alma Hernandez (D) Betty Villegas (D)

Senate House
District
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Rosanna Gabaldon (D)
Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D) Consuelo Hernandez (D)

Senate House
District
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Brian Fernandez (D)
Michele Pena (R) Mariana Sandoval (D)



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