



The Redline

August 1, 2026



It is August 1st and the primaries are over. Congratulations goes out to Minute Man Chris King for winning the nomination for the LD17 Senate seat. I would also like to congratulate all of the other winners across the state. Now the real work begins. We must all band together and help to get these people elected. We must support all the republican candidates. We need to unite and work hard to get these men and women elected, even if you did not support them in the primary, we all need to support them now.

Elections have consequences. As most of you know we lost our meeting venue in June when Brother John's closed it doors. I am happy to announce that our VP of Arrangements, Michelle Ludwig, has been able to secure a new location. We will be meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. Look for more information from Michelle on this matter.

It has certainly been a crazy busy few months. In June we had the AzFRW State Meeting, lost our venue, found a temporary venue for the June meeting and had the kids out of school. Then in July America celebrated her 250th birthday, many people were able to go on vacation and we had the primary. August, doesn't seem to be slowing down in the least. Kids getting ready to go back to school, our luncheon at our new venue and continuing to work at getting republicans elected.

While TRW took a small break in July, I know many of our members continued to work hard to help push candidates over the finish line. We will be coming back stronger than ever in August and I look forward to seeing all of you on August 24th at the new location.



WHERE IS A GREAT
LOCATION WITH
GREAT PARKING?

Hilton Garden Inn
6575 S Country Club Rd

TUCSON REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

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New Meeting Location

August Meeting

You're Invited to Our August Meeting!

Mark Your Calendars — You Don't Want to Miss This!

Join Tucson Republican Women on Monday, August 24th, for a special meeting where we'll discuss human trafficking, from exploitation to rescue to rebuilding lives destroyed.

Monday, August 24th
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.**



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MINDED LADIES
FOR
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Hope Has a Future: Our August Program

Human trafficking is often discussed through statistics, crime reports, and headlines. Yet behind every number is a person—someone whose trust was

exploited, whose choices were taken away, and whose future may have seemed lost. At our August 24 meeting, Tucson Republican Women will welcome Norma Darnell, President of Southern Arizona Against Slavery, for a powerful program about exploitation, survival, healing, and the restoration of hope.

Southern Arizona Against Slavery, known as SAAS, is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting human trafficking and supporting survivors of sexual exploitation. Founded in 2009, SAAS has grown from an awareness and education coalition into a survivor-centered organization providing mentorship, advocacy, career development, emotional and legal-system support, specialized assistance, and opportunities for survivors to rebuild their lives.

Norma Darnell brings both professional knowledge and deep personal understanding to this mission. She holds a master's degree in social work and began her advocacy career as a recovery support specialist, using her own experience to help others find hope. She later supervised recovery programs and helped develop a recognized recovery-housing model. As a survivor of sexual abuse, Norma understands how trauma can affect trust, confidence, and the ability to imagine a different future. Her experience informs her commitment to ensuring that survivors are treated with dignity and given meaningful opportunities to rebuild their lives.

One of the organization's most innovative programs is its partnership with Free Ever After Bridal, the boutique Norma owns. Through a paid internship, survivors receive hands-on experience in customer service, sales, marketing, retail operations, and employment readiness while working in a safe and supportive environment. Participants also receive mentoring and assistance as they begin planning their next steps. Norma will incorporate a special fashion show presentation into our August program, celebrating dignity, confidence, resilience, and new beginnings.

Human trafficking is not merely a distant problem or something that happens only in large cities. It exists here in Southern Arizona, often hidden in plain sight. Understanding how traffickers identify and manipulate vulnerable people is one of the first steps toward prevention. Equally important is learning how a community can respond without judgment—helping survivors regain control of their lives and become recognized for their gifts, talents, and potential rather than defined by what was done to them.

Please join us on August 24 for this important and inspiring program. Bring a friend, a daughter, a granddaughter, or someone who works with young people. Together, we can become better informed, help protect the vulnerable, and support survivors as they move from exploitation to empowerment.

Join me. Hope has a future—and each of us can help build it.

Shelley Kais
1st Vice President
AzFRW and TRW



Human trafficking is not only a distant problem, it also exists in communities across Southern Arizona, often hidden in plain sight.

On August 24, Tucson Republican Women will welcome Norma Darnell, President of Southern Arizona Against Slavery, for an important program about prevention, survivor support, and the journey from exploitation to empowerment.

Join us as we learn how awareness can become action—and how each of us can help protect the vulnerable and support new beginnings.





What happens after a survivor escapes exploitation?
Rescue may be the beginning, but rebuilding a life
requires trusted relationships, practical skills,
meaningful opportunities, and hope.

On August 24, join the Tucson Republican Women and
learn how SAAS helps survivors move toward healing,
independence, and a new future.

www.tucsonrw.org

The Primary Is Over The Mission Is Clear

The primary election is behind us. Republicans across Arizona made their choices, and while some of the candidates you may have supported prevailed, others did not. That is the nature of a primary. We may have entered the election supporting different people, but we now leave it with a shared responsibility: **electing our Republican nominees in November.**

Unity cannot be something we merely talk about. It must be demonstrated through our work. From October 8–10, the AzFRW Fall Conference at the Prescott Resort in Prescott will become a working campaign headquarters under the theme **Campaign for Success: Mobilize. Organize. Win.** We will make phone calls, send text messages, use social media, prepare campaign literature, and provide direct support to Republican candidates across Arizona. The Call Letter and registration will open about August 17—so get ready to register!

This will not be a conference where we simply listen and then go home. It will be an opportunity to put our experience, energy, and statewide network to work when our candidates need us most. Every phone call, message, social-media post, and prepared piece of literature can help reach another voter.

The primary asked us which candidates we preferred. The general election asks whether we are willing to come together and do the work required to win. The answer must be yes.

One team. One mission. The team is taking the field. Join me in Prescott.

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