



## The Redline

### January 12, 2026



As you ladies know, we have been looking for a permanent place to hold our monthly meetings. While I understand that we like visiting different venues, it is getting much harder to find places that can accommodate everyone for a reasonable price. There are pros for meeting in one location, such as: always knowing where you are going each month, knowing the meal cost, others knowing where to find us more easily, making it easier to invite friends, etc. Another consideration is that minimum wage in Tucson just went up by 45 cents on January 1, 2026.

Being the Tucson Republican Women's Club, the Board looked within Tucson city limits

for a locally-owned business that could provide good food for a reasonable cost. We looked at several venues and did a cost analysis before choosing one.

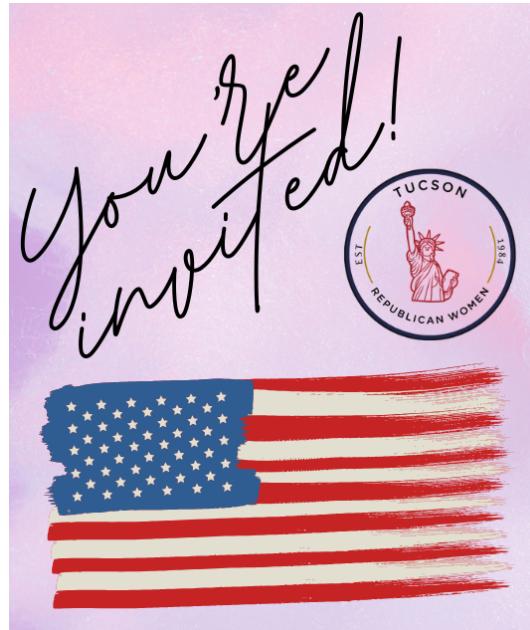
I am happy to announce that the board was able to secure an 11-month contract with Brother John's for our meetings. The cost will be \$35, all inclusive. While we understand that \$35 seems high, we raise our prices only as the venues raise theirs. With the minimum wage going up and the cost of goods still high, we were lucky to lock in this rate for the entire year. I hope to see everyone at Brother John's on January 26th for what I am sure will be the beginning of a wonderful year.

## January's Meeting

Monday, January 26th  
Doors open at 11:30 am  
Program is 12 - 1:30 pm  
Brother John's  
1801 N Stone Ave

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

[Click here to RSVP/pay at the door](#)  
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## January's Speaker(s)

In 2026, Tucson and the surrounding area will be part of several important elections as part of Arizona's statewide election cycle. The state has multiple scheduled election dates, including a **March 10 special/local election, a May 19 local election, an August 4 partisan primary, and the November 3 general election**. We are going to be very busy this year!

At the **local level in Tucson and Pima County**, voters may see ballot measures and local offices on the ballot in the March and May elections, including regional transportation questions and other city or county propositions as they are qualified.

The **November 3, 2026 General Election** will include major statewide and federal contests that Tucson voters will participate in, such as U.S. House races (such as CD-6 with Juan Ciscomani and CD-7 with Daniel Buttierrez), statewide executive offices like governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, two seats on the Corporation Commission, and all seats in the Arizona Legislature.

In addition, local school board and municipal offices in Tucson and nearby jurisdictions will also appear on ballots in 2026, giving residents opportunities to shape both their local government and broader state and federal leadership.

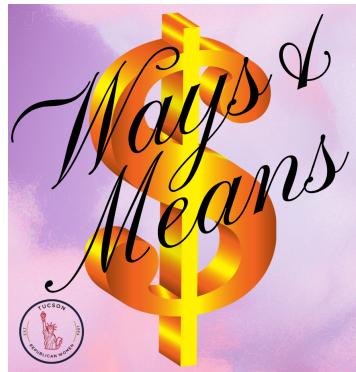
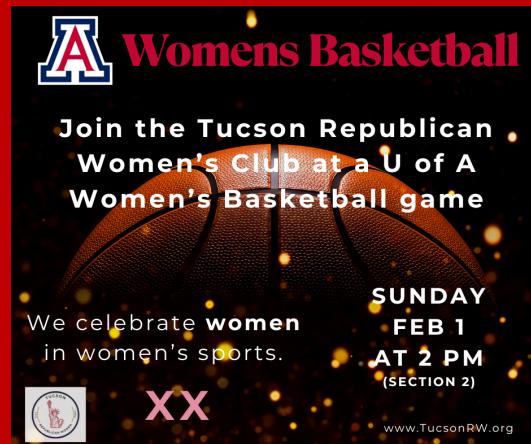
What does that mean for us at Tucson Republican Women? Lots of candidates will be joining us for lunch. We will start in January with Congressman David Schweikert (running for Governor) and possibly Congressman Ciscomani and Attorney General candidate Rodney Glassman may be able to join us--they are working some schedule conflicts now.

It's going to be a great year to be a part of the Tucson Republican Women and lead Southern Arizona in political knowledge and campaigning!

Join us at the the McKale Center to watch the U of A Women's Basketball team take on Oklahoma State.

We celebrate having only women in women's sports, and we want to support them as they play.

[Get your tickets here.](#) We are purchasing tickets in Section 2 (the \$20 seats).



Happy New Year from Ways and Means. We will be doing some fun things this year to raise money for the club, and I would love any suggestions from our members of ways to raise money in a fun way. We will be raffling off various goodies throughout the year and doing fundraising. I will be having a "blow-out" sale at the January meeting to get rid of some of our old inventory, so as Don Corleone (the Godfather) would say, "Make me an offer." I hope to see you all on January 26th at Brother John's.

## 2026 Membership Drive

We are off to a good start. We have had 25 people renew for 2026.

We would like to welcome six new Primary Members to our club: Diane Aitken, Dorothy Bemis, Ana Henderson, Blanca Jaidar-Navarro, Eileen Lupkes and Dorothy Niemi.

We also have three new Associate Members: Pat Lorenzen, AzFRW President whose home club is Prescott Valley RW, as well as Pam Furrie and Kristen Pruett, who hail from Pima County RW.



Also, let's wish a very Happy Birthday to our members who have January birthdays: Joyce, Caroline, Roz, Trudy and Kim. May you all have many more!



## NFRW Membership Challenge

This campaign honors the enduring legacy of 1776 while empowering our clubs to grow stronger, engage more deeply, and prepare the next generation of conservative women leaders. Just as our Founding Fathers united with courage and vision to build a free America, we are called to rekindle that patriotic spirit within NFRW—ensuring our Federation thrives for centuries to come.

### !! Member Highlight !!

Many of you know of Ms Linda Barber, but do you **know** Ms Linda? She has been in Republican politics for a whole lot of years. In fact, she's been a precinct committeeman since 1972!! How amazing is that?

[Click here to read more about Linda Barber](#)

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHT**

**LINDA BARBER**

**At a glance**

- Precinct Committeeman since 1972
- Chairman, Pima County Republican Party
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, AZ Republican Party
- Manager, Gov Evan Meacham Tucson Office
- Southern AZ Coord, Joh Kyl for US Senate
- President, Pima County Republican Club
- Presidential Elector 2000 and 2004
- Delegate, RNC, 1988.



The Founders of our great country vehemently opposed and condemned Thomas Paine's writing and publishing of *The Age of Reason*. Mr. Paine was very vocal in expressing hostility toward Christianity. From Benjamin Franklin, Sam Adams and John Adams to lesser-known Founding Fathers William Paterson and Charles Carroll, the sentiment was the same: you're a fool, Thomas Paine. Paine died an outcast in New York, being buried in a cow pasture because no American cemetery would accept his remains.

In Matthew 13, Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who sowed good seed into his garden. His workers, however, fell asleep and his enemy sowed weeds among his good seed. This is very similar to American citizens. We have been those workers, falling asleep when we should have been protecting the garden, allowing the leftists to come in and sow weeds

(evil) in our city, county and in our great country.

We must take a page from our Founders and push back on this evil fox in the hen house.  
(taken from The Founder's Bible)

## Congratulations



The 2026-2027 officers of the Arizona Federation of Republican Women.

We look forward to your leadership.

President - Pat Lorenzen  
1st Vice President - Shelley Kais  
2nd Vice President - Denise Johnson  
3rd Vice President - Yendi Parker  
Secretary - Jan Hermsmeyer  
Treasurer - Joyce McClung

Reg I Director - Lauren Hawkins  
Reg 2 Director - Sarah Ramsey  
Reg 3 Director - Sue Nagle  
Reg 4 Director - Janet Wilson  
Reg V Director - Sue Davis  
Reg VI Director - Debra Short Schinke  
Reg VII Director - Carmel Scharenbroich  
Reg VIII Director - Charmaine Roth

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