



**The Redline**  
**March 4, 2026**

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What a whirlwind month February has been. We started out by attending the U of A Lady Cats game, then just kept going from there. We had our luncheon with three great speakers, and then rolled right into the AzFRW Winter meeting right here in Tucson. We were represented by 13 ladies and 3 associates. There were so many fun and informative workshops, such as Responding to the Left, Conflict Resolution and Overcoming Burnout in Leadership Positions. Chris DeSimone broadcast his podcast from the hotel and had candidates come on and speak. There was also a reverse legislation session, wherein ladies presented legislation they would like to see taken on by members of the state legislature. These ideas were presented to the Senate President and a member of the House.

During that session, our own Michelle Ludwig presented about DEI and sororities. Currently on some college campuses, they are saying that if you are single-sex entities or activities, you cannot be on campus. Michelle's legislation would take on this notion. Think about that. Sororities would have to let anyone who presents as female join the sorority. I don't know about you but if I had a daughter, I would not want her being forced to live in a house with a male just because he says he is female. During her presentation, Michelle also informed us that the Girl Scouts camp up on Mount Lemmon has transgender leaders teaching our girls? I did not know this.

We also had some really interesting keynote speakers, such as Art del Cueto during Friday's luncheon and Mercedes Schlapp during Saturday's luncheon. Art spoke after a fashion show put on by a nonprofit here in town called Southern Arizona against Slavery. The young men and women modeled different options for doing things such as door knocking, club meetings and luncheons. Some of the models were victims of human trafficking. At the end of the show, they all lined up holding signs over their faces with facts listed on them. The one that broke my heart was the one that said, "every 3 seconds someone is a child bride."

After the uplifting time we shared at the recent conference, one key takeaway keeps resonating with me: our voices matter, and using them thoughtfully can make a real difference.

We all care deeply about our families, our communities, and the values that make Arizona strong—freedom, faith, responsibility, and opportunity for the next generation. When we see things that don't align with those principles—like missed opportunities in

education, challenges facing our kids and working parents, or moments where history and truth could be better honored—it's natural to feel concerned.

Instead of just discussing it among ourselves, let's commit to gentle, respectful conversations that share our perspectives and encourage positive change. Speaking up with kindness and clarity can open hearts and minds, hold leaders accountable across the board, and help shape a brighter future for all of us.

We all know the saying, "If we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything." Let's stand together—for our principles, our loved ones, and our state—with grace and determination. One thoughtful conversation at a time, we can help reclaim the narrative and build the kind of community we want to see.

I'm inspired to start those meaningful dialogues in my own circles. Who's with me? Let's support each other as we move forward—stronger together!

## March's Meeting

Monday, March 23rd  
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](#)

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



## Please Join Us!

Continuing in our efforts to support women in women's sports, we are going to attend a U of A Women's Softball game on Friday, April 24, at 6 pm.

We will be sitting in the General Admission section. We encourage you to get your tickets quickly as these games are selling out.

We hope you'll join us. It's always a very fun time.



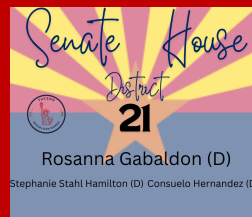
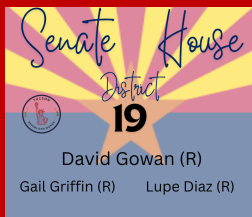
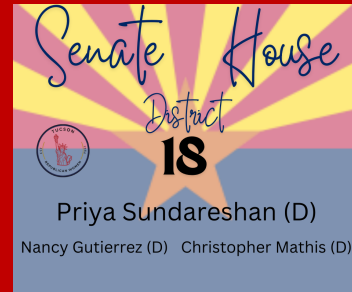
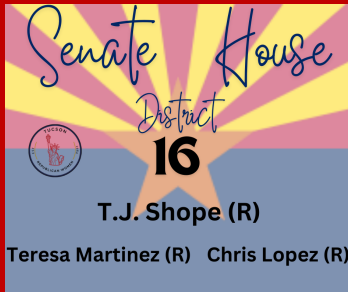
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