

*Mesa*  
**Republican**  
**Women**



**Next Meeting - Monday, May 12, 2025**

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Doors open at 10:45 a.m.

Apache Wells Country Club  
5601 E. Hermosa Vista Dr.  
Mesa, AZ 85215



**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

## He is Risen!

As we rejoice in the promise of renewal and grace, we also welcome the beauty of spring—a season blooming with hope and fresh beginnings. May Day reminds us of the strength and spirit of community, and this month we honor another vital part of that community: our law enforcement. As we gather during **Police Week**, we will pause to recognize the courage and dedication of the men and women who protect and serve, especially the **Mesa Police Department**.

We look forward to seeing you at our **Monday, May 12th** meeting for inspiration, fellowship, and a shared commitment to our values. Do not miss this meeting where you'll also meet our three **Liberty Scholarship winners**!

**God Bless,**  
Ashley Trussell  
President, Mesa Republican Women

## GUEST SPEAKERS

 Mesa Republican Women Presents:  
Honoring Our Heroes In Blue Monday, May 12th

In honor of **National Police Week**, Mesa Republican Women proudly present a special program paying tribute to the men and women of law enforcement. This important and timely event will feature newly elected **Maricopa County Sheriff Jerry Sheridan** and **Betsy Brantner-Smith, spokesperson for the National Police Association** and retired Chicago police sergeant.

 Don't miss this opportunity to hear from two outstanding leaders as we stand united in support of our law enforcement community.

Read more about our two heroes below.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Maricopa County Sheriff  
**JERRY SHERIDAN**

Sheriff Jerry Sheridan oversees the fourth-largest sheriff's office in the country. Born and raised in Queens, New York, Jerry was inspired by his father, a New York City police officer. After relocating to Arizona in 1976, Jerry joined the

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) as a Reserve Deputy in 1977. Over the next four decades, he rose through the ranks—serving as detention officer, deputy sheriff, patrol deputy, lieutenant, captain, and Chief of Custody.

Appointed by three governors to the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, Jerry holds a master's degree in organizational management and is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy. He later served as Chief Deputy under Sheriff Joe Arpaio during a period of intense federal scrutiny, audits, and organizational challenges.

Elected Sheriff in 2024, Jerry is committed to giving back to the agency, its employees, and the citizens of Maricopa County, honoring the department that shaped his lifelong career in law enforcement.



National Police Association Spokesperson  
**BETSY BRANTNER-SMITH**

Sgt. Betsy Brantner Smith retired in 2009 after 29 years with a major metropolitan police department in the Chicago suburbs. Starting as a dispatcher at 17, she went on to serve in patrol, investigations, narcotics, hostage negotiation, crime prevention, and field training. She holds degrees from Western Illinois University and the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

As a sergeant, Betsy supervised the K-9 Unit, led recruitment and bike patrol teams, coordinated crime prevention efforts, and was a founding member of her department's Honor Guard. She has earned numerous local and national awards for her leadership and service.

Today, Betsy is a nationally recognized law enforcement trainer, keynote speaker, and media commentator. She frequently appears on Fox News, Newsmax, News Nation, and other major outlets to provide expert analysis on policing issues. She has also been featured in the Biography Channel's "Female Forces" and serves as the spokesperson for the National Police Association. Through The Winning Mind LLC, she continues to advocate for law enforcement professionals across the country and around the world.

**RSVP TODAY**

**Guarantee your lunch when you RSVP by Wednesday, May 7th**

Cancel at least 24 hours in advance for no charge.  
[mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com](mailto:mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com)

[Click here to RSVP](#)

## **PREPAY FOR THE MEETING TODAY!**

**Meeting Fee = \$18/Member and \$20/Guest.**

**\*\*meeting fee is the same with or without lunch\*\***

**Prepay links will not work after the RSVP deadline.**

### **PAY OPTIONS:**

1. Prepay via credit card using the links below (\$1 handling fee applies)
2. Pay the day of the meeting, at the door with cash or check
3. Pay at the door with credit card (\$1 handling fee applies)

[Click here to pay for Member  
\\$19.00](#)

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\\$21.00](#)

## **RECENT EVENTS**



### **President Trump's First 100 Days: Promises Made, Promises Kept**

The American people gave President Trump a resounding mandate to restore strength, prosperity, and pride to our nation. In just his first 100 days as the 47th President, Trump has delivered historic results, keeping his promises with bold action and unwavering resolve. From securing our borders to slashing waste and reigniting the economy, here's a celebration of the monumental wins so far—and this is only the beginning!

[CLICK TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN  
ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR](#)

# UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS



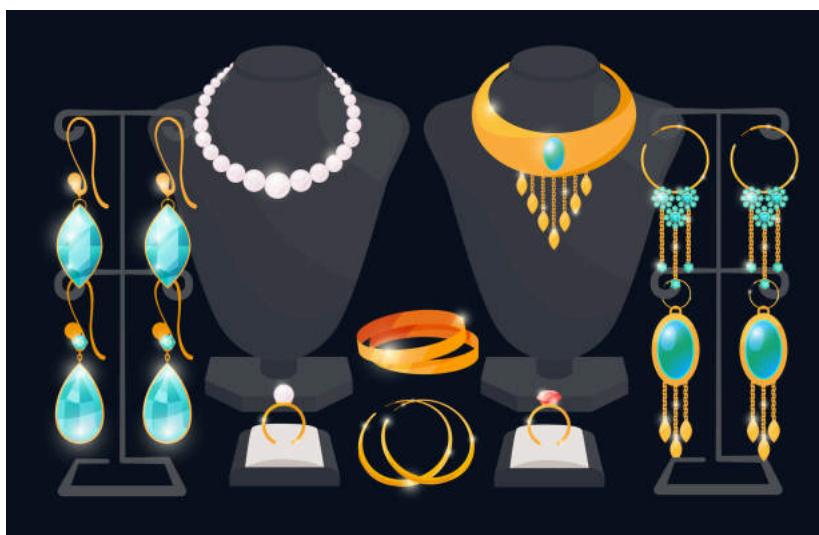
## 🎓 Congratulations to Our 2025 Liberty Scholarship Winners! 🎓

We're thrilled to announce the recipients of the **Mesa Republican Women Liberty Scholarship** — three exceptional young leaders who are each being awarded **\$1,000** for their dedication to academic excellence, patriotism, and community service:

- **Lenore Carey**
- **Elise Olsen**
- **Christianne Troutman**



As a special surprise, **Maricopa County School Superintendent Shelli Boggs** will be joining us at our **May meeting** to personally present the awards and share a few inspiring words. You won't want to miss this proud moment — come celebrate the future of liberty with us!



## 💎 Jewelry Sale at Our May Meeting! 💎

Looking to add something *trendy, beautiful, and budget-friendly* to your wardrobe? Don't miss our **exclusive Jewelry Sale** happening at the **May Mesa Republican Women meeting**!

From bold statement pieces to everyday classics, we'll have a variety of styles — all at **affordable prices**. Whether you're shopping for yourself or picking up



👉 Bring the Bonnet — Win a Prize! 🎉

Get ready to tip your hat to liberty and fun! At our **May MRW meeting**, we're inviting all members and guests to **wear your favorite bonnet or hat** — whether it's bold, elegant, sassy, or just plain fun.

Everyone who participates will be **entered into a raffle** for a chance to win some **fabulous prizes**!

So don't be shy — **top off your outfit** and join the celebration in style!

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📣 **No June MRW Meeting — But a Big Opportunity Is Right Here in Mesa!**

While **Mesa Republican Women** will **NOT hold a regular meeting in June**, we're encouraging all members to show up strong just down the road for this **major statewide gathering**:

⭐ **AzFRW Summer 2025 Board Meeting & Membership Conference** ⭐

📅 **June 19–21, 2025**

📍 **Sheraton Wrigleyville West – Mesa, AZ**

860 North Riverview, Mesa, AZ 85201

☎ **480-664-1221**

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**Register Early & Save!**

**\$30 Early Registration ends May 4**

**\$45 begins May 5**

🔥 **Meeting Highlights (Tentative)**

- **Leadership Development Workshop** (Thursday PM – no extra charge!)
- **Candidate Interviews** by the Nominating Committee (Thursday–Friday)

- **Panel Discussion:** County Recorders Dana Lewis & Michelle Burchill, moderated by Helen Purcell
- **Convention Prep** with Pam Ford & Michelle Ludwig
- **Legislative Panel:** Senate President Warren Peterson, House Speaker Steve Montenegro, Sen. Jake Hoffman, Matt Beienburg (Goldwater Institute) on the DEI Bill
- **Keynote Speaker Kevin Jackson** — *Combatting Political Defeat Leftist Ideas*
- **Friday Evening Fundraiser** hosted by Regions I & V

This is a rare chance to participate in a high-energy statewide event **right here in Mesa** — let's make sure **MRW shows up in full force!**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### Welcome to Mesa Republican Women!

We're thrilled to have you join our **strong, patriotic community!** As a member, you're part of a dynamic group dedicated to **conservative values, leadership, and making a real impact.**

Get involved, connect with fellow members, and help us stand for the freedoms that make America great. **We're honored to have you with us!**

**Please welcome our new member!**

Lori Donna

## MAY & JUNE MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>MAY BIRTHDAYS</b>	
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Day</b>
Cindy Cordes	2
Norman Understiller	2
Patricia Vazquez	6
Danette Henderson	8
Nancy Cottle	10
Joella Brown	11
Nancy Salmon	12
Kate Rose	16
Lisa Pena	20
Duncan McArthur	23
Patsy Ballentine	24
Ashley Stewart	27
<b>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</b>	
Melani Formisano	1
Genny Jones	3
Jeralyn Thelan	10
Betty Ann Canino	12
Mary Ann Mendoza	12
Brian Martin	14
Diana Poulsen	16
Deborah Isley	18
Barbara Johnson	18
Sarah Andrews	20
Julie Martin	22
Jan Cavanaugh	23
Vaunee Ann Lewis	23
Linda Whitlock	23
Angela Zweifel	28



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**Website: [www.MesaRepublicanWomen.com](http://www.MesaRepublicanWomen.com)**

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Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you at our next meeting!*

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