

# Mesa Republican Women



## **Peace Through Strength: Trump Brokers Peace around the globe:**

- Israel and Hamas (Gaza): Trump claimed his eighth "ended war," with a ceasefire involving the release of hostages, brokered by his administration.
- Israel and Iran: Following a 12-day conflict in June 2025—which involved U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear sites—Trump announced a "Complete and Total CEASEFIRE".
- Armenia and Azerbaijan: Trump hosted leaders from both nations at the White House in August 2025, where they signed a peace agreement to end a decades-long conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region.
- India and Pakistan: Trump announced a "full and immediate ceasefire" in May 2025 following a serious border escalation in Kashmir.
- Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda: Trump brokered a peace agreement in June 2025 to end long-standing tensions.
- Thailand and Cambodia: Trump stopped fighting over a border dispute by threatening to halt trade negotiations.

- o Serbia and Kosovo: Trump prevented a "big war" between the two sides, focusing on economic normalization efforts.
- o Egypt and Ethiopia: Trump has cited the prevention of war regarding a long-running dispute over Ethiopia's Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam on the Nile.

Peace Through Strength: Feb. 28, 2026 - President Trump Launches Operation Epic Fury to Crush Iranian Regime and End Nuclear Threat. Iranian Americans celebrate.

Let's keep President Trump, his administration and our US service members in our prayers. Let's pray that this conflict will end as quickly and as abruptly as it began. May peace and prosperity prevail for all!

**Lori King, President  
Mesa Republican Women**



### **State House Candidate Forum & Election Readiness Briefing**

The upcoming primary will shape the direction of Arizona, and the only way to make the right decision at the ballot box is to hear directly from the candidates, understand where they stand, and ask the questions that matter most.

Join us on **Monday, April 13th** for our luncheon dedicated to exactly that. We are bringing together many of our current **Republican State House candidates** from across **LD 9, LD 10, and LD 15:**

**LD 9:** Bradley Bettencourt



**LD 10:** Ciara Anderson, Justin Olson, James Rogers



**LD 15:** Michael Way, Neal Carter (*pending legislative session availability*)

Each candidate will share their **vision, priorities, and reasons for running**, giving you a clear look at who they are and what they stand for. Following their remarks, we will open the floor for **audience Q&A**—your opportunity to press for clarity and determine who has earned your vote.

## **Next Meeting - Monday, April 13th, 2026**

**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**

**RSVP TODAY**

**Guarantee your seat when you RSVP by Wednesday, March 8th**

**Cancel at least 24 hours in advance**

**[mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com](mailto:mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com)**

**[Click here to RSVP and Pre-Pay](#)**

**Meeting Fee = \$20/Member and \$22/Guest.**

**PAY OPTIONS:**

1. Prepay via credit card using the links on your RSVP confirmation page (\$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)

## MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER

# Maricopa County Recorder Justin Heap



**District 5 (Northeast Mesa)**

Since taking office, Recorder Heap has been facing an intense, ongoing power struggle with the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. With ongoing back-and-forth between the Recorder's Office and the County over election responsibilities, shifting control, and how our elections are being managed, there's been no shortage of headlines—but not always clear answers.

This is your chance to hear directly from the source.

Recorder Heap will provide an update on what's actually happening behind the scenes and where things stand today

Most importantly, he will address how prepared Maricopa County is for the upcoming election cycle—what's in place, what still needs attention, and what voters should expect as we head into the primary.

If you want clarity—not noise—you won't want to miss this.

## LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP 2026



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MESA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB  
**LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP**  
2026 Application Details

Mesa Republican Women is a political organization affiliated with the Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AzFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

- ❖ The Mesa Republican Women's Club Liberty Scholarship shall be awarded each year to female Mesa residents or attending a Mesa HS and who are graduating high school whose application has been approved by the MRW Executive Committee.
- ❖ The recipient shall be a registered Republican if the applicant is of voting age.
  - o If the applicant is under 18 years of age her parents/guardian must be a registered Republican.
- ❖ Application DEADLINE: Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- ❖ The award will be presented to the recipients at the Mesa Republican Women's May luncheon (Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2026).
- ❖ MRW will fund a minimum \$500 of the scholarship to be awarded.

***\*Application must be received no later than Sunday, April 19, 2026***

Please email **application, essay, and letter of recommendation** to:  
[Mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com](mailto:Mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com)

*Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are accepted and appreciated year-round.*

## Happy Hour Mingle and Meet



**Mesa Republican Women**  
**Happy Hour**  
**A Modo Mio Cucina Italiana**

1042 N Higley Rd.

Tuesday, March 31,

6:00 PM

\$10.00 to reserve a seat and enters you into a \$100.00 A Modo Mio gift card

Pizza appetizers will be provided.

**Please RSVP by texting Helen Taran  
602--573-0297**

**RSVP by March 29th**

We encourage you to bring a friend.

**Who are you? We want to know!**

# Helen Taran



*Mesa* Republican Women

We have new name tags available so that we can greet you by name!  
Please see Helen at the  
Ways and Means table during the monthly meetings to order yours today!

**Magnetic name tags are \$15.00**

**Show me the money!**



**You can win CASH!**

Mesa Republican Women Club is gearing up for an incredible 2026 — It all starts with YOU!

✔ Bring CASH so you can win CASH!

✔ Did you renew your membership online?

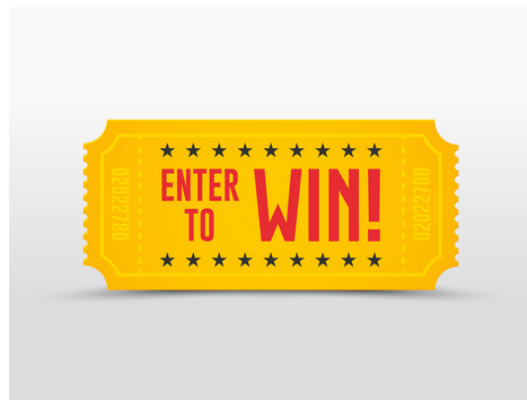
✔ Do you have fundraising ideas? We would love to hear from you!

Don't miss your chance to stay connected, make your voice heard, and start 2026 off as part of a strong, unstoppable network of conservative women making a difference across Mesa and beyond.

**Click below to renew your membership**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM AND  
PAYMENT LINK**

**CASH PRIZE 50/50 RAFFLE**



🎉 Get Your Raffle Tickets! 🎉

Stay tuned for some new and amazing prizes this year!

📅 Raffle tickets will be available: **\$5 each or 3 for \$10**

**50/50 CASH DRAWING will be available:  
tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5**

Don't miss your chance to win and take home something special while supporting our club!

**APRIL MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



Last Name	First Name	Month	Day
Brandenburg	Pat	APR	1
Stearns	Denise	APR	3
Masters	Michelle	APR	5
Trussell	Ashley	APR	10
Bodger	Stephanie	APR	13
Goldblatt	Arlene	APR	21
Irwin	Louise	APR	21
Joice	Beth	APR	23
Martinez	Terrie	APR	23
Knodle	Kathy	APR	29
Steele	Ed	APR	30



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*You received this email because you are a Mesa Republican Women Member, Associate Member, Guest, or prospective Member  
Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you at our next meeting!*

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