

# Mesa Republican Women



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### Constitution Month!

Join us for our Mesa Republican Women's September 8th luncheon as we dive into the foundations of freedom, the Arizona State Constitution and the U.S. Constitution. We are honored to welcome Cindy Biggs and the Honorable J.D. Mesnard, who will share their insights and passion for protecting the principles that make our state and nation strong.

This will be an afternoon to be inspired and informed of the values we stand for.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn from incredible voices who are dedicated to preserving our constitutional heritage. Joining us for the first time, we welcome Pinal County Attorney Brad Miller, who will share how the Arizona Constitution safeguards our civil liberties—especially free speech—and why those protections matter for every Arizonan.

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

**Next Meeting - Monday, September 8, 2025**

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

**Doors open at 10:45 a.m.**

**Apache Wells Country Club**

## WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

### Get Ready! For a Dynamic and Enlightening Program in Celebration of Our Constitution

The United States Constitution is one of the greatest governing documents ever created — a timeless framework securing liberty and limiting government power. In turn, the Constitution of the Great State of Arizona, adopted in 1912 when Arizona became the 48th state, reflects these same principles while addressing the unique needs and values of Arizonans.

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Cindy Biggs, a favorite long-time MRW member and a passionate, knowledgeable presenter on all things Constitution. Joining her is Senator J.D. Mesnard, who will give an informative and timely overview of the Arizona State Constitution — the governing document that shapes what's allowed (and what's not) right here in our state. Senator Mesnard is a respected lawmaker and political science professor who brings both legislative insight and academic expertise to this important topic.

Mesa Republican Women is also excited to host Pinal County Attorney Brad Miller, elected in 2024. County Attorney Miller will speak on the role of the Arizona Constitution in protecting citizens' rights. He'll highlight how our state constitution complements — and in some areas expands upon — the U.S. Constitution to safeguard fundamental freedoms such as free speech, especially timely in today's climate of balancing state and federal authority.

Our final speaker, Hon. Barbara Blewster, will bring a lighter touch, sprinkling in surprising and delightful constitutional fun facts you've likely never heard before.

September is a must-attend program for anyone who cares about liberty, law, and learning more about the documents that define us.

**Sharpen your constitutional smarts — there could be a pop trivia challenge waiting for you!**

**RSVP TODAY**

**Guarantee your seat when you RSVP by Wednesday, September 3rd**

Cancel at least 24 hours in advance  
[mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com](mailto:mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com)

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**PREPAY FOR THE MEETING TODAY!**

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

**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

## MEET OUR PANEL OF GUEST SPEAKERS

### **Mrs. Cindy Biggs**

Long-time MRW member and co-founder of Constitution in the Classroom, Cindy Biggs is a dynamic and engaging presenter on America's founding principles. She is also known for her portrayal of Caesar Rodney, the Delaware patriot whose dramatic midnight ride secured a vote for independence. Married for 44 years to Congressman Andy Biggs, Cindy is also an elected board member of the Gilbert County Island Fire District and plays trumpet in the Mesa City Band.



### **Senator J.D. Mesnard**

Arizona Senate - District 13

Currently serving his third term in the Arizona Senate representing District 13, Senator Mesnard previously spent eight years in the State House, including two as Speaker. In addition to his legislative service, he has taught political science for nearly two decades at ASU and Maricopa Community Colleges. A husband, father of three, and community leader, he brings deep knowledge of both policymaking and constitutional principles.



### **County Attorney Brad Miller**

Pinal County Attorney

Elected Pinal County Attorney in 2024, Brad Miller is a Marine Corps Reserve officer and seasoned prosecutor. He previously spent nearly a decade in the Maricopa County Attorney's Special Victims Unit, earning multiple lifetime convictions against dangerous offenders. He has also built a respected private practice and received recognition for top defense verdicts and veteran



advocacy. His dual legal and military careers uniquely position him to address constitutional protections in Arizona.

**Honorable Barbara Blewster**  
Former Arizona State Representative

A former Arizona State Representative (1999–2001), Barbara Blewster has remained active in Mesa politics and civic education. Alongside her husband Bill, she has hosted countless events to teach and inspire others about the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions. Known for her humor and deep knowledge, she brings “fun facts” and historical nuggets that make constitutional learning both enjoyable and memorable.

## RECENT EVENTS



### **DC Crime Plummets Following President Trump's National Guard Deployment**

Washington, D.C. is experiencing a remarkable turnaround in public safety — and it happened fast. Just one week after President Trump deployed the National Guard to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with local police, crime in the nation's capital has dropped sharply across nearly every major category.

The results speak for themselves:

(\*\*NOTE\*\* comparison to the week before NG was deployed and crime rates the same time the previous month)

**Homicides:** ↓ 29–35%

**Sexual Assaults:** ↓ 42–46%

**Robberies:** ↓ 29–40%

**Assaults with a Dangerous Weapon:** ↓ 15–20%

**Burglaries:** ↓ 19–22%

**Total Violent Crime:** ↓ 27–30%

**Property Crime:** ↓ 6–9%

**Overall Crime:** ↓ 12–15%

These dramatic numbers reflect not just a temporary dip, but the powerful impact of decisive leadership and a clear commitment to law and order.

### **Republican Leadership = Real Results**

Thanks to more than 800 National Guard troops joining forces with local law enforcement, Washingtonians are beginning to feel safer walking their streets, heading to work, and enjoying their neighborhoods. This is more than statistics — it's peace of mind returning to families and communities.

President Trump's swift action has delivered what so many residents have been asking for: security, accountability, and order. These early results are proof that Republican leadership prioritizes the safety of citizens and is unafraid to act boldly to protect them.

D.C. has turned the corner. With order restored and momentum building, this success story sends a clear message nationwide: **conservative law-and-order policies work — and they work immediately.**

## **CALLS TO ACTION**

### ● **Attention SRP Property Owners in Mesa** ●



**REGISTER TO  
VOTE  
FOR THE  
SRP ELECTION**

**STEP 1: VISIT SRP EARLY  
VOTING WEBPAGE**

**STEP 2: ENTER YOUR VOTER  
ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

**STEP 3: ENTER YOUR ELIGIBLE  
VOTING PROPERTIES**

**STEP 4: CONFIRM AND SIGN—  
YOU'RE READY TO VOTE**



**TURNING  
POINT ACTION**


**SRP**  
SUSTAIN RESPONSIBLE POLICIES




**TPACTION.COM/SRP**

If you or someone in your household **owns property in Mesa**, you are eligible to vote in the **critical Salt River Project (SRP) elections** happening **April 7, 2026**—but **you must register in advance** to receive your early ballot.

 **This is a critical local election for conservatives in 2026.**

 **46 seats are up for grabs**, including board and council positions that control **energy rates, water access, infrastructure projects, and long-term power planning.**

 **Only landowners can vote**, and with voter turnout historically under 2%, **just a handful of votes can swing entire districts.**

 **Why it matters to conservatives:**

SRP is one of the last major utilities **not fully captured by extreme green energy mandates**. If we lose control of the board, we risk following in the footsteps of APS—where progressive leadership has pushed costly “green new scam” policies, triggering **significant rate hikes** for families and small businesses. SRP is already under pressure from climate activists. **We must hold the line.**

 **Key Timeline:**

**Mid 2025** – Early ballot registration window opens (registration required)

✓ **Protect conservative leadership. Stop radical energy mandates. Keep utility rates in check.**

**Your property. Your vote. Your responsibility.**

👉 Use this icon link below or the barcode above to **register for your early voting ballot** today.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS



🚩 **Don't Miss the 43rd Biennial NFRW Convention in Orlando!**

Join Republican women from across the country at the **NFRW National Convention, September 25–28, 2025**, at the stunning **Rosen Shingle Creek** in Orlando, Florida! 🌴

This action-packed weekend includes:

- Dynamic training workshops
- Powerful general sessions
- Exclusive networking opportunities
- Inspiring speakers and awards
- Unforgettable events like the Welcome Reception and Prayer Breakfast

Whether you're looking to lead with confidence, connect with like-minded women, or shape the future of our movement—this is *the* place to be.

🎯 Let's show up strong and proud to represent Arizona on the national stage!





### Registration Details:

**AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 16:**

Late online registration= **\$575**

(after this date, registration is on site only at a rate of \$640)

**Event  
Schedule**

**Registration**



**Hotel  
Details**



🎉 **The AzFRW Biennial Convention is Coming to MESA — and MRW is Helping You Get There!**

### **2025 AzFRW Biennial Convention**



**October 9–11, 2025**



**DoubleTree by Hilton**

Get ready to experience the **“Golden Age of Arizona”** — the **2025 AzFRW Biennial Convention** is happening **right here in Mesa** on **October 9–11** at the DoubleTree by Hilton!

This is a *can't-miss* weekend filled with inspiring speakers, powerful programming, and the chance to connect with fellow Republican women from across the state — and it's happening in our own backyard!

🌟 **Even better news:** Your MRW Board has voted to cover **up to \$275 of your registration fee** for ALL members who choose to attend. That means **YOU** can attend this incredible event at a fraction of the cost!

♦ **Final Registration:** \$395 (Aug 23 – Sept 16 by midnight)



**Questions?** Contact Diane Lentz at 614-370-3692 or [arrangements@azfrw.com](mailto:arrangements@azfrw.com).



Hotel booking is on your own — but everything else is ready to go.

🔥 Don't sit this one out. Let's show Arizona the strength, unity, and leadership of Mesa Republican Women!

👉 Register today, then receive reimbursement after your confirmed attendance!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## 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 members!**

Patricia Humphrey  
Barbie Brasch

## SEPTEMBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Member Name	Day
Charlene Anderson	1
Helen Taran	3
Carolyn McCorkle	6
Heather Scantlebury	10
Diane Ortiz-Parsons	10
Diane Andersen	11
Sherry Burak	11
Suzette Coggins	11
Pat Nordheim	13
Peggy Matney	15
Tanya Ewing	16
John Brown	19
Mary Baumbach	20
Barbara Blewster	21
Diane Cantile	21
Nina Jo Butler	22
Linda Calvert	23
Betty Breeden	24
Bobbie Glowney	26
Charlene Ives	26
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MRW Standing Rules

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