



**Next Meeting - Monday, April 14, 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**

**Will Trump's DOGE Eliminate Federal Income Tax Before the Filing Deadline?**

As we gear up for our April meeting on **Monday, April 14th**, we can't help but wonder—will President Trump's "DOGE" (Decimate Oppressive Government Expenditures) plan finally put an end to the dreaded federal income tax before Tax Day? While we won't hold our breath, we will be meeting to discuss the latest in conservative politics and hear from those continue fighting for our values.

**Attention High School Seniors!**

The **MRW Liberty Scholarship** deadline is fast approaching! If you know a **female high school senior** preparing to graduate, encourage her to apply before **April 13th**. This scholarship supports young women pursuing their dreams while upholding the principles of liberty. To receive a digital copy of the application or ask questions, please email [mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com](mailto:mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com) **before the April 13th deadline**.

See you on April 14th!

**For Liberty,**  
Ashley Trussell  
President, Mesa Republican Women

## GUEST SPEAKERS

🇺🇸 April is Here!

**Join Mesa Republican Women for an Informative and Engaging Meeting!**

Mesa Republican Women is excited to welcome two of our esteemed Maricopa County officials: **Assessor Eddie Cook** and **Recorder Justin Heap**.

**Assessor Eddie Cook** will share some surprising and valuable information about programs available through the County Assessor's Office. From **Veteran benefits** and **Senior Relief** programs to **Title Fraud Alerts**, you'll learn about resources you may not even know exist—just in time for **Tax Day on April 15th!**

**Recorder Justin Heap**, our newly elected County Recorder, will give us an inside look at the work he's accomplished in just a few short months. With his experience as a former **LD10 Representative** who championed multiple election-related bills, Recorder Heap will also address some of the headlines and set the record straight on recent stories in the spotlight.

🌟 **Don't miss this opportunity** to hear directly from these key county officials and stay informed on the latest updates and programs that impact you.

Read more about these gentlemen below.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Maricopa County Assessor  
**EDDIE COOK**

Eddie Cook brings a wealth of technological, leadership, and public service experience to the Maricopa County Assessor's Office. Appointed in February 2020 and then elected in November 2020, he is currently serving his second full term. His vision has been to create a "One Team" culture that provides the public with a high-performance team that is both efficient and effective at the lowest cost to the taxpayer.

Eddie continues to innovate and anticipate the community's changing needs and embraces the latest technology while creating a workplace that inspires and empowers staff to perform at the highest level. In 2023, under Eddie's leadership, the Assessor's Office was named one of Arizona's Top Workplaces.

A respected member of the Gilbert Town Council from 2011-2020, Eddie helped successfully lead the fast-growing community and introduced initiatives and programs that have become a model for municipalities across the state. Among his public service accomplishments are creating the Town of Gilbert ENDVR (Ending Domestic Violence Responsibility) program and serving as the president of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association and chairman of the Maricopa Association of Government Domestic Violence Council. In 2023, Eddie was selected to be one of the Flinn-Brown Fellows with the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Arizona State University. He has also served on various boards and commissions, including the Arizona State Information Technology Authorization Committee, which reviews some of the state's largest IT projects, Full Circle Program, which provides an enthusiastic recovery approach for teens/young adults at risk with addiction, and the CeCe Hope Center, which provides the needed assistance for young women rescued from human trafficking.

Born in Okinawa, Japan, Eddie and his wife Jenny have five children and five grandchildren. In his free time, he volunteers for several charitable organizations, is a certified glider pilot, and enjoys scuba diving, astrophotography, and exploring Arizona in his Jeep.



Maricopa County Recorder  
**JUSTIN HEAP**

Maricopa County Recorder Justin Heap is a 6th generation Arizonan, a trial attorney, and a former Arizona lawmaker. Recorder Heap was born in Tucson, Arizona and earned a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a law degree from Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Heap has been affiliated with the State Freedom Caucus.

Prior to running for County Recorder, he served for two years on the Arizona House Election Committee. He ran for Recorder in 2024, promising to bring more honesty, transparency, and confidence to our elections in Maricopa County.

Recorder Heap was sworn in as your new Maricopa County Recorder on January 6, 2024. Since taking over as Recorder, Recorder Heap has made significant strides in cleaning the voter rolls and enhancing the signature verification process. The Recorder is extremely excited to share updates from the office with you.

## RSVP TODAY

**Guarantee your lunch when you RSVP by Wednesday, April 9th**

**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**

**[Click here to pay for Guest](#)**  
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## RECENT EVENTS



💖 Thank You to Nancy Salmon & Our Hearts and Hugs Team! 💖

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our former President, Nancy Salmon, for graciously opening her home to host our very special **Hearts and Hugs** event on March 14, 2025, in honor of our early renewal members. Nancy went above and beyond, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and even treating us to a delicious homemade cake—we'll definitely need to get that recipe to share!

A special thank you to **Congressman Andy Biggs** for joining us and providing valuable insights into what's happening at the Capitol and what we can expect in the coming months. Your time and expertise are truly appreciated.

We also want to recognize **Lori King, our Second Vice President of Membership**, for her dedication in coordinating this event for our attendees, as well as **Michelle Young, our Treasurer, and Caroline Helton, our Third Vice President of Ways and Means**, for their hard work in preparing an incredible spread of sweets, including chocolate-covered strawberries, white chocolate-covered Oreos, and more.

This event would not have been the success it was without each of you, and we are so grateful for the support and camaraderie of our Mesa Republican Women.

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The **Arizona March for Life** on **March 15, 2025**, at **Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza** in front of the Arizona State Capitol Complex was a powerful gathering of pro-life advocates, including **many of our amazing Mesa Republican Women members**. The event featured inspiring speeches, personal testimonies, and a united march through downtown Phoenix. Attendees also enjoyed great food truck options, adding to the sense of community and celebration. **God could not have blessed the cause with a more beautiful day—the weather was absolutely perfect**, making it a truly uplifting and memorable event.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS



🎓🌟 Know a Conservative Young Woman Ready to Lead? 🌟🎓

The **Mesa Republican Women Liberty Scholarship** is open! If you know a **female high school senior** who is a **registered Republican**, encourage her to apply for this incredible opportunity!

✅ **Application Deadline:** April 13

🏆 **Winners Announced:** May Mesa Republican Women Meeting

✉ For questions or to request an application, email:  
[mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com](mailto:mrw@mesarepublicanwomen.com)

Let's support the next generation of strong conservative women—share this with a deserving student today!

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👜 Join the Fun and Pick a Purse at Our April 14th Meeting! 👜

For just \$20 or \$40, you can choose a beautifully curated purse filled with exciting surprises — each one valued higher than the price! It's a fun way to treat yourself while supporting our cause. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of the excitement and uncover what goodies await inside! See you there!

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**Sweeten Your Easter with See's Candy!**

Join us at our April 14th meeting and grab your Easter Chocolate Boxes from See's Candy for just \$10 each! Perfect for gifts or a treat for yourself, these delicious chocolates help support our cause. Don't miss out — get yours before Easter!

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**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

**POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED**

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

Join in the National Day of Prayer Gatherings that are happening all across the country, organized by individuals just like you! [Find a gathering near you.](#)



☀️ **Save the Date!**

**AzFRW Summer Board Meeting & Membership Conference** ☀️

 **June 19-21, 2025**

📍 **Sheraton Wrigleyville West, Mesa, Arizona**

Join us for an exciting weekend filled with **engaging speakers, valuable workshops, and key leadership updates!**

✨ **Event Highlights:**

- ♦ **Patriotic Angel Reception** – Exclusive to Patriotic Angels (**June 19**)
- ♦ **Cocktails & Conversation** – Open to all registered attendees and guests (**June 19**)
- ♦ **Dynamic Speakers & Workshops** – Sharpen your skills and stay informed
- ♦ **AzFRW Nominating Committee** – Candidate interviews & recommended slate announcement (**June 21**)

📍 **This year's conference is right in our backyard—let's show up strong and make it one of the best-attended events yet!**

📅 **Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!**

**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 and associate members!**

Faith Pedersen  
Sarah Andrews  
Susan Leach

## APRIL MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Member Name	Day
Damaris Hammon	1
Pat Brandenburg	1
Denise Stearns	3
Gail Bruning	6
Ashley Trussell	10
Gary Gertz	10
Bill Rashford	13
Louise Irwin	21
Arlene Goldblatt	21
Beth Joice	23



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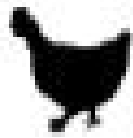
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Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you at our next meeting!*

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