

Mesa Republican Women



Historic trends often suggest an advantage for the party not currently in power, concerns about the 2026 midterm election results favoring Democrats are understandable. However, the Republican Party's proven achievements in border security, economic relief through tax cuts, energy independence, and renewed commitment to cost effective healthcare provide a solid foundation for continued success. These achievements can be leveraged for victory. Recent polling underscores that affordability and the economy remain top priorities for voters, offering compelling talking points for Republican candidates.

Positive Developments in Voter Registration (January 2026):

- Republicans: 35.79% (1,550,566)
- Democrats: 28.15% (1,219,616)
- Independents/Other: 34.27% (1,484,627)

Leadership Update in Arizona: In January 2026, Sergio Arellano was elected as Chairman of the Arizona GOP, succeeding Gina Swoboda. As a U.S. Army combat veteran, resolute activist, Tucson native, and the first

Latino to lead the state party, Sergio Arellano is committed to fostering inclusion, welcoming those seeking alternatives, and expanding the GOP's reach. His leadership emphasizes unity, integrity, and innovation

**Lori King, President
Mesa Republican Women**

Consumer Goods Prices Improve Under Trump		
	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Biden</u>
Eggs	-34.2%	110.3%
Gas	-8.0%	32.6%
Fuel Oil	-4.2%	52.0%
Used Cars/Trucks	-2.0%	21.1%
Fresh Whole Chicken	-1.3%	27.6%
Baby Formula	-1.0%	30.2%
Cheese	-1.2%	9.1%

US Bureau of Labor Statistics



**⚡ Power, Policy & the Future of Arizona:
Corporation Commission Showdown ⚡**

This is not a routine luncheon. This is a front-row seat to the future of Arizona.

On **March 9th**, Mesa Republican Women will host **all four Republican candidates for the Arizona Corporation Commission** in one place, on one stage, answering your questions.

Candidate lineup:

- **Representative Ralph Heap**
- **Representative David Marshall Sr.**
- **Nick Myers** (Incumbent)
- **Kevin Thompson** (Incumbent)

Candidates will introduce themselves, lay out the priorities driving their campaigns, and take questions directly from our club and audience.

Why is this important?

Arizona Corporation Commission controls issues that hit your wallet every single month — utilities, energy policy, infrastructure decisions, and regulatory oversight. This race affects rates, reliability, and the direction of Arizona's economy. If you want informed choices heading into election season, this is where you get them.

But wait, there's more!

Our final guest speaker will be the Grassroots Director from **Arizona Free Enterprise Club**, giving us a straight update on what's been happening at the State Legislature this session.

You'll also learn how to use **RTS (Request to Speak)** — one of the most powerful tools grassroots conservatives have to influence legislation in real time. If you've ever said, "I wish I could do more," this is how.

If you care about Arizona's future, you need to be in the room.

Join us. Bring a friend. Bring your questions. Come ready.

March 9th. See you all there.

Next Meeting - Monday, March 9th, 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 4th

Cancel at least 24 hours in advance

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 SPEAKERS

Commissioner Kevin Thompson



District 5 (Northeast Mesa)

Commission, and has over 25 years of utility, regulatory, and public service experience, including serving as a twice-elected Mesa City Councilman. Kevin is a United States Air Force combat veteran, serving in Operation Desert Storm. As a small business owner, he has helped clients grow and expand their own businesses while bringing economic development to Arizona. Kevin was a co-founder of the Mesa Veterans Resource Center, an East Valley resource for veterans that helps with employment access, resume building, VA healthcare and benefits training, and mental health counseling.

In January 2023, Kevin was sworn into a four-year term as a Commissioner with the Arizona Corporation Commission. He currently serves on the Western Energy Imbalance (WEIM) Body of State Regulators (BOSR), the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors, the NARUC Electricity Committee, and the Critical Consumer Information Forum Advisory Council.

Kevin holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is the recipient of multiple awards and recognition's, including 2025 Champion of the Year by the Arizona Manufacturers Council, United Food Bank Service Award, recognition as a Champion for the Southeast Business Group, and was awarded the Mesa Veteran Appreciation Award, to name a few. Kevin and his wife, Donna, have been married for over 37 years and have two adult children.

Chair Nick Meyers



Nick Myers serves as the Chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). He was elected to the Commission in 2022, bringing a background in software engineering, entrepreneurship, and regulatory advocacy following a dispute with a utility company. Upon taking office, Myers' first official act was to open a docket to modernize Arizona's rate-making process, spearheading the Commission's adoption of a Formula Rate Plan Policy in 2024. He has opened formal inquiries into expanding both natural gas infrastructure and nuclear energy generation in Arizona. He has prioritized regulatory stability, the elimination of subsidies, utility wildfire mitigation, and the challenge of data centers and large industrial. Myers serves as Chairman of the Markets+ State Committee, ensuring state interests are embedded in Southwest Power Pool's Markets+, a real-time and day-ahead regional energy market expected to go live in 2027. Chair Myers also serves as a member of the Committees on Gas and Critical Infrastructure at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and is a member of the Federal State Current Issues Collaborative with FERC and NARUC, representing the West.

Representative Ralph Heap



District 10

Raised with a deep love for Arizona, Ralph graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University before earning his medical degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He then went on to practice orthopedic surgery for over 40 years in the East Valley, helping thousands of patients live fuller, healthier lives. In addition to his practice, he served as a volunteer team doctor

for two local high schools and for a time with the Milwaukee Brewers organization.

Dr. Heap's dedication to service extended far beyond Arizona. As a medical missionary in Africa, he has traveled to 23 countries — providing life-changing pediatric orthopedic care and supporting faith-based healthcare initiatives around the globe. He has been an advisor to three international medical charities working to bring hope to underserved communities.

He and his wife Denise — his high school sweetheart — have built a life rooted in faith, family, and freedom, raising three children and eight grandchildren in the state they love.

Ralph Heap was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives, where he has been a strong voice for limited government, free markets, medical freedom, and parental rights. Now, as a candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission, Dr. Heap is ready to stand up for ratepayers, defend rural communities, and block the encroachment of globalist energy agendas.

Representative David Marshall Sr.



District 7

Born in Bethesda, Maryland and raised in California, David grew up in a patriotic, service-oriented household. His father served in the United States Marine Corps, instilling in him a strong sense of duty and discipline. After graduating high school in Santa Ana, David joined the United States Air Force, serving honorably before continuing his service as an officer in the Santa Ana Police Department. There, he worked in narcotics, gang suppression, and the city's graffiti task force, ultimately earning the rank of Corporal and serving as a Field Training Officer before retiring in 1996.

In 1999, David and his family moved to Snowflake, Arizona, where they launched a Christ-centered safe house for battered women, operating the ministry for seven years. In 2005, he was ordained as pastor of Calvary Chapel Snowflake, where he continues to serve and shepherd his community today. David was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2022 and reelected in 2024, representing the rural, hardworking values of Legislative District 7. At the Capitol, he has been a steadfast defender of the U.S. Constitution, individual liberty, school choice, election integrity, and parental rights. Now, he's bringing that same resolve to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Grassroots Director Darla Gonzalez



AZ Free Enterprise

Darla Gonzalez has been a dedicated advocate for political activism since 1988, starting her journey in Oregon before moving to Arizona in 2004. In 2010, she returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ottawa University, with the intent of working in the non-profit sector. In 2017, after witnessing the indoctrination of her children in public schools, Darla joined the Arizona freedom movement, igniting her passion for protecting the values enshrined in our U.S. Constitution.

Since 2020, Darla has served as the Grassroots Director for the Arizona Free Enterprise Club, and in 2023, she expanded her impact by taking on the additional role of Executive Director for the AZ Liberty Network. Darla is driven by the belief that it is essential to empower every Arizonan to understand the significance of their voice and to ensure they are equipped with the truth. She is dedicated to preventing radical leftist ideologies from infiltrating Arizona, enabling both Arizonans and future generations to thrive and create a brighter future for all.

Darla and her husband also have a business that supports non-profit ministries addressing critical issues such as human trafficking, clean water, foster care, and homelessness. A devoted follower of Jesus, she cherishes authentic relationships and enjoys exploring Arizona and gaming with her husband and family.



 **We've Been Called to Protect Life.**

We Will Answer. ❤️

Arizona Life Coalition March for Life

The **pro-life** movement needs **visible, united voices now more than ever**—and this is one of the most important opportunities of the year to show exactly where we stand.

 **Saturday, February 28, 2026**

 **Arizona State Capitol | Phoenix**

Mesa Republican Women will proudly join the **Arizona Life Coalition March for Life** to stand for the **most fundamental conservative principle of all: the right to life.**

This march is about **defending the unborn**, supporting mothers and families, and making it clear that **life is not negotiable**. Our presence matters. Our numbers matter. And our willingness to stand publicly for this belief matters.

Day-of Schedule

- **10:00 AM – Pre-Rally Gathering:** Arrive early to connect and prepare
- **10:30 AM – MRW Group Photo:** Wear a **RED** shirt so we are clearly visible 
- **11:00 AM – Rally Begins:** Hear inspiring speakers and key messages
- **12:00 PM – March Starts:** We will walk together, proudly representing **Mesa Republican Women**

Bring **pro-life signs** of your choosing and be ready to **stand shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow conservatives** for life, and represent our values with conviction—not quietly, not passively, but boldly.

 **Please RSVP via text by Tuesday, February 24th**

 **Frankie Bower: 480-703-1127**

(So we can organize our group and ensure a strong showing)

Let's show Arizona—and our city—**where we stand.**

For life. For families. For the future.

LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP 2026



MESA REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Serving Republican Women Since 1974

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 19th, 2026
- ❖ The award will be presented to the recipients at the Mesa Republican Women's May luncheon (Monday, May 11th 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

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



💰 — **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 today

**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!

Welcome New Members!

- Alicia Goforth
- Deana Deal
- Sharon Evans
- Bradley Bettencour

MARCH MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



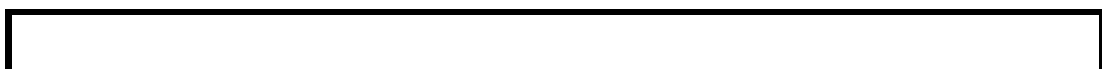
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Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you at our next meeting!*

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