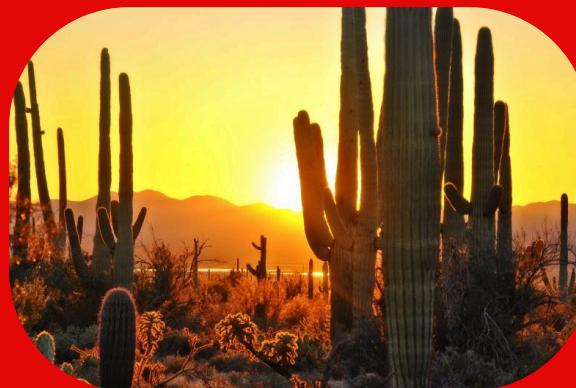


# Mesa Republican Women



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Join us for a special **Mesa Republican Women** evening meeting on **Monday, August 11th at 5:00 PM** (doors open at 4:15 PM), as we shift from our usual luncheon to a light dinner format. With school back in session, we're refocused and ready to keep fighting for Arizona and America.

We're honored to welcome **Congressman Andy Biggs** and other special guests for an inside look at border policy from the **"good guys' perspective."** Don't miss this powerful night of truth and action. **Join us and be part of the movement to stop crime, fraud, and waste!**

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

## ONE TIME ONLY EVENING MEETING!

**Next Meeting - Monday, August 11, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Doors open at 4:15 p.m.**

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

## WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

### **BORDER TALK: From the Good Guys' Perspective**

An Exclusive Conversation on the Truth Behind the Headlines

Join us for a powerful and eye-opening evening as Congressman Andy Biggs, Vice President of the National Border Patrol Council Art Del Cueto, and former Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb share their frontline experiences, insights, and solutions on the border crisis affecting our nation.

This no-spin discussion will be moderated by George Khalaf, President of The Resolute Group, who will guide a candid and timely conversation on the challenges, myths, and real-world consequences of border policy failures, recent successes and what must be done going forward.

Hear from the leaders who have seen it firsthand. Get the facts from the good guys who've made border security their mission.

HONEST. BOLD. UNFILTERED.

## RSVP TODAY

**Heavy Appetizers ~ Light Refreshments ~ Cash Bar**

**Guarantee your seat when you RSVP by Wednesday, August 6th**

**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](#)

[Click here to pay for Guest  
\\$21.00](#)

## MEET OUR PANEL OF GUEST SPEAKERS



**Rep. Andy Biggs**  
Arizona Congressman- CD 5

In a March 2025 congressional hearing, Rep. Andy Biggs (AZ-5) grilled sanctuary city mayors over immigration policies that he says “invite lawlessness” by allowing illegal immigrants to remain in the U.S.

“You’re allowing them to stay in America. Your policies have created an open invitation for cartels and traffickers. Meanwhile, communities along the border are bearing the brunt of the crime, the fentanyl, and the chaos that follow.”

Sanctuary city policies undermine federal immigration enforcement. Immediate policy changes are needed to protect border communities. Cartel activity and drug trafficking are being fueled by policy gaps.

Click Andy Biggs’ photo above to check out more about all his efforts to combat the illegal border invasion—despite past administrations’ failure to enforce immigration laws. He now continues his efforts by supporting ICE however possible as we welcome President Trump’s common-sense enforcement of border protections.



**Art Del Cueto**  
Border Security Advisor at [FAIR](#)  
Retired U.S. Border Patrol Agent (December 2024)

&

**Mark Lamb**  
Law Enforcement Advisor at [FAIR](#)  
Former Pinal County Sheriff

**Click their picture above** to watch their recent YouTube podcast — you’ll get an introduction to their backgrounds, perspectives on border security and immigration, and why their voices matter in today’s conversation.

Together, they all bring decades of frontline experience and policy insight on securing America’s southern border.

Don’t miss your chance to connect with the story in person at our next meeting!



**Panel Moderator: George Khalaf**  
Managing Partner of The Resolute Group

George Khalaf brings deep experience in grassroots strategy, data analysis, and public policy to his role as moderator. As Managing Partner of [The Resolute Group](#), he has guided key conservative legislative efforts across Arizona's most competitive districts. He also leads [Data Orbital](#), a nationally recognized survey research and data visualization firm known for accuracy and transparency.

## RECENT EVENTS



### **Six Months In: So Much Winning, It's Hard to Keep Up!**

We are just past the six-month mark of President Trump's second term—and what a ride it's been already! From restoring American pride and securing our borders, to protecting parental rights and dismantling radical overreach, this administration has hit the ground running.

Promises made are being **delivered at record speed**, and the results speak for themselves. But let's be honest—there's been so much winning, it's hard to keep track!

That's why we've pulled together a **comprehensive list of accomplishments** in an [attached document](#)—so you can see for yourself just how much has already been achieved for **our economy, our families, our faith, and our future**.

Take a moment to read through it. Share it. Celebrate it. This is what bold leadership looks like—and we're just getting started. Let's keep pushing, keep praying, and keep fighting to restore this great nation.



## Congratulations to Our AzFRW Biennial Convention Delegates!

We're proud to announce and congratulate the incredible women from Mesa Republican Women who will represent us as **delegates** at the **Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AzFRW) Biennial Convention** this October!

These members stepped forward to volunteer their time and energy to represent our club's voice at the state level, and we are grateful for their dedication to our shared conservative values and the future of Arizona.

👏 A special thank you and congratulations to our **voting members of the AzFRW Board of Directors**:

**Nancy Cottle**  
**Ashley Trussell**

🎉 Please also join us in congratulating our **official delegates**:

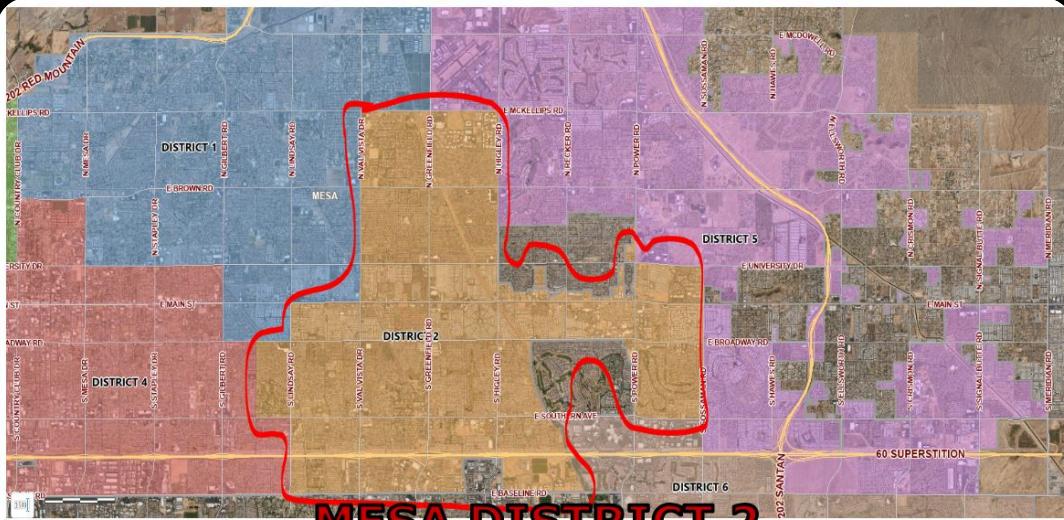
**Sarah Andrews**  
**Antonnette Andruzzi**  
**Frankie Bower**  
**Diane Cantile**  
**Suzette Coggins**  
**Tracy Ducharme**  
**Danette Henderson**  
**Lori King**  
**Joanie Larson**  
**Susan Leach**  
**Myra Moody**  
**Lori Osiecki**  
**Lisa Pena**  
**Nancy Salmon**  
**Jessica Wilhelmsen**

And thank you to our **alternates**, who are equally vital in ensuring our club is well-represented:

**Shelli Boggs**  
**Diane Carl**  
**Helen Taran**  
**Melody Whetstone**

Your willingness to serve and represent our club at the AzFRW Convention is deeply appreciated. We are confident you'll make us proud and help shape the future of our party!

## CALLS TO ACTION



### **Special Recall Election in Mesa District 2 —** **Mark Your Calendar for November 4th!**

Mesa voters will head to the polls for a **Special Recall Election in City Council District 2**, taking place on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. This election comes in response to a certified citizen-led petition to recall current Councilmember **Julie Spilsbury**.

The recall effort stems from **growing community concerns** around recent council decisions and how they align with district priorities. Among the cited reasons:

- Voted to **raise utility rates** (Ordinances 5832–5838)
- Voted to **increase council salaries** (Ordinance 5840)
- Supported converting a hotel into a **social service facility for temporary homeless housing** (Ordinance 5817)

With **over 3,800 verified signatures**, voters have officially triggered the election. Councilmember Spilsbury has confirmed she **will run again** in the recall to retain her seat. The winning candidate—whether her or a challenger—will serve the remainder of the term through **January 2029**.

 **Who Votes:** Registered voters in **District 2**  
 **Election Day:** **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

This election gives residents a direct say in the direction of city leadership. **Whether you're seeking change or satisfied with current representation, your vote matters.**

MRW will invite confirmed candidates to speak at an upcoming meeting once the filing deadline passes later in August.

For more information, contact **Mesa Legislative Districts 9, 10, or 15**. Let your voice be heard. Make your plan to vote.

## Attention SRP Property Owners in Mesa



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)  
October 2025 – Candidate forum & official list released  
April 7, 2026 – Election Day

 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



### August MRW- Mayor on the Move! FREE EVENT



#### Special Invitation from Mayor Freeman

You're invited to a private gathering of our newly completed Northeast Public Safety Facility hosted by Mayor Freeman—featuring exclusive access and conversation!

 **Date:** Saturday, August 9, 2025

 **Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

 **Address:** 1333 N. Power Rd., Mesa, AZ 85205

 **Spots are limited—only the first 12 RSVPs will be accepted!**

To reserve your place, RSVP immediately by contacting **President Ashley Trussell at 602-350-8244**.

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## 📣 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.

💼 Early bird registration is open now — don't wait!

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



### Registration Details:

**JULY 3 - AUGUST 14:**  
Regular online registration= **\$499**

**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!

- ◆ **Early Bird Registration:** \$275-with included rebate (ends July 25)
- ◆ **Late Registration:** \$350 (July 26 – Aug 22)
- ◆ **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!

**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!**

**Beverly Appleton**

## AUGUST MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Member Name	Day
Aleks Vranick	4
Bobbie Bower	18
Cindy Biggs	20
Julie Ryan	23
Jeanette Understille	25
Brenda Warbritton	27
Sandy Wanner	XX



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### **Mesa Republican Women Membership Form**

**MRW Bylaws**

**MRW Standing Rules**

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

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