

PARADISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

GENERAL MEETING - MAY 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 by President Judy Lawrence. Janet Hiatt gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge.

Judy announced that Paradise has 6 Delegates going to the National Convention in Cleveland. She then introduced our first speaker, Thayer Verschoor, President of the Arizona Republican Assembly. "AzRA" is a conservative "watch-dog" group that rates elected Republican officials on their adherence to the party platform and conservative values. The scores change after each vote and can be viewed on the website – www.AzRA2016.com. Club member Ardith Hildebrant is the Scottsdale chapter president and Lori Urban is a regional Vice President of AzRA.

Our second speaker was Jason Hayes, Assistant Director of the American Coal Council. He addressed the EPA regulations that are strangling the energy industry. Coal is a cheap, abundant energy source and provides 34% of US energy, followed by natural gas and nuclear. Wind, solar and other sources account for less than 5%. The EPA is trying to shut down the Navajo coal-fired power plant near the Grand Canyon, blaming it for the haze in the Canyon. Mr. Hayes contends the haze is due to the smog in Los Angeles.

Mark Lewis of SRP answered some questions about solar power – he is running for the CAP water board.

Dr. Jana Jackson, running for Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools and Jay Lawrence, running for re-election in LD 23 also spoke briefly.

Business Meeting:

The minutes from the April General Meeting will be posted on the website

Treasurer's Report: The club has \$8406.68 in our checking, savings and petty cash accounts.

Membership: Anna Morrison introduced four new members in the audience – Valerie Teich, Jana Jackson, Kimberly Guimarin and Genny Mulry.

Caring for America: Anthea Dyer passed the basket for the UMOM baby shower on June 25th. Linda Weinberger displayed her "Diaper Cakes" Each of the moms will receive gift baskets and gift cards. All club members are invited to attend.

The AzFRW summer meeting will be held in Prescott on June 17-18. Registration forms are on the website.

Leona Johnston report on "Rosie", the NFRW motorcoach that is touring the country, registering voters and will end up in Cleveland for the Convention.

Diana Marsh announced that the June meeting will deal with gun rights and self-protection. Several groups have been invited to participate, including Debbie Riso and her concealed carry purses. Details will be forthcoming on Constant Contact.

Janet Hiatt won the Queen of Hearts drawing but did not turn over a winning card. There is \$225 in the raffle as of today.

Our speaker, Thayer Verschoor, won a Spa Basket in the May birthday drawing.

The table decorations and favors were provided by Judy Lawrence.

A "Thank you" to Elizabeth Brantley for a job well done – she is our Constant Contact , Website and Facebook master.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Zraket, Recording Secretary