

## Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes

When: April 11, 2017 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Sun Lakes Country Club #1, AZ Room

Who: Approximately 100 people

### AGENDA

1. Chairman Mike Tennant welcomed the guests and led the Invocation .
2. Jay Sanderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mike introduced State Representative Jeff Weninger. Jeff gave us an update on the State Legislature. One of the things they are doing is reducing the fleet of cars down 10% for the next 2 years to help to reduce the State budget. They are also trying to pass "Initiative Reform". HB2404 and would make it illegal to pay for individual signatures collected on petitions for an initiative. The collectors can be paid an hourly wage but that's all. HB1236 will require the originators to be responsible to present addresses of petition carriers when requested, not the State. HB2244 will make it necessary for all petitioners to comply strictly with the set regulations for petitions. This will hopefully make it more difficult for people to file frivolous initiatives. They are also working on the K-12 Budget. He shared with us that the minimum wage initiative has caused many small businesses to have to close down or cut back on their franchises. Outback is closing at Chandler Mall because of the rising costs which are a result of the higher minimum wage initiative.
4. Mike informed everyone about the gun raffle fund raiser. There will be 160 tickets sold and one winner. SLRC Board members and their immediate families cannot participate.
5. Carolyn introduced Secretary of State Michelle Reagan. She informed us about the importance of protecting the votes of Arizona citizens from ballot harvesting and fraud. Secretary of State Michele Reagan holds the second highest office in our state, as Arizona has no office of Lieutenant Governor. If Gov. Ducey ever had to step down, she would be the one to take his place. As part of her job she supervises the library system as well as filings for all business services. She supervises museums, elections and the witness program. She is starting a website "See The Money" which will track campaign contributions. AZ citizens will be able to go to this site to see where the money for campaigns came from. This starts in the Fall.
6. Next month the main speaker will be Dr. Larry Schweikart who will give a National perspective of "How Trump Won" the 2016 Presidential election.
7. Congressman Andy Biggs will be doing a "Town Hall" here in Sun Lakes on Friday, April 14th. Reservations have to be sent to the link in the flyers which have been sent out by email.
8. \$62 went to the winner of the 50/50% Raffle winner. The winnings were donated back to the club.