SUN LAKES REPUBLICAN CLUB MEETING

WHEN: Jan. 10, 2017 6:30 PM -8:15 PM

WHO: About 95 people

AGENDA

The meeting began promptly at 6:30 pm by Chairman Michael Tennant

- Michael recognized veterans.
- Michael opened the meeting with the Invocation. Jay Sanderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Karen Enns discussed the Blue Star Memorial Highway. This group honors veterans of WWII. Sun Lakes 1 is having a memorial at the flagpole. Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1 pm. There will be a dedication, ceremony, motorcycle brigade, and the Am. Legion Post 35 ROTC will supply color guard. There will be music and speeches.
- There was a discussion on room rent. It has gone up from \$75 to \$100.... Audience was asked to please purchase 50/50 tickets. This helps with the rent.
- There will be a new website coming. Lots of great info and updates will be posted. Lots of improvement: <u>SLGOP.org</u>.
- Carolyn McCorkle introduced all the guests who came for the first time. Four people stood.
- PC's have received their call letters this coming LD17 Saturday's meeting. This meeting is important. Every PC vote is needed. If you are not planning to attend, be sure Carolyn or Michael is carrying your proxy.
- -- Carolyn introduced first speaker .. Jim Wollery.

—Jim predicted the exact number of electoral votes for Mr. Trump. How can polls be so wrong?

His views: Polls are rigged. Don't take them to heart. And he uses 1972 software to help him with his process.

What is the worth of Polling?

For public opinions

Creates News

Sways public

Supports winners

New ways to poll: Use of cell phones, landlines, internet, and party Polled by groups: Age, income, education, race, etc.

There is "weighting" of polls by not using equal numbers from all groups.

Mark Twain said, 3 kinds of liars: Plain, Damn, and Stats (ie, Pollsters!!!)

"Clear Politics" posts pollster maps. These maps change as the election nears.

Note: on US map: Take off NY, Calif, and Chicago.... and all the rest are red! Those 3 main areas determine the popular vote.

In this election polls were misleading because there was an undersampling of Trump people and oversampling of Democrats.

People need to be trained on how to ask polling questions.

"Garbage in, garbage out" -- What you put into polls, you get out of polls

No "real" random polling....all is "weighted".

-- Carolyn introduced next speaker: AZ State Representative and Speaker of the House: Rep J D Messnard

He noted that democrats lost over 1000 total seats in this election. but LD17 gained more democrats.

The AZ Senate and House have more republicans than democrats He was pleased with Gov Ducey's State of the State speech

- Education is main effort : Add \$ to K-12, Teacher raises, Student Debt for teachers eased, Teacher Certification, add Full day kindergarten.
 - Try to get switched out of the 9th court of appeals
 - Less licensing for businesses needs streamlining
 - Drug treatment for prisoners, employment centers in jails
 - Increase Cyber Security

He says AZ has most progressive constitution in the country as people can vote directly.

He talked of the new minimum wage increase: the new costs will mean our budget surplus will be gone.... It will cost AZ \$70 million this year. It will create automation, higher prices, and layoffs.

He says there will be less red tape now because a new website was created: Redtape.AZ.gove

- -- Greg Safsten, who is the District Director for Andy Biggs, was introduced. He will be attending every one of our Sun Lakes Meetings to bring issues to our new US Congressman, Andy Biggs.
- -- Our 50/50 was \$120. \$60 to our club and \$60 to our winner. Winner donated the winnings back to the club.
- -- Our next meeting will be on FEBRUARY 21, not February 14... as that is Valentine's Day.

Our guest at the Feb. 21st meeting will be Dr. Craig D. Idso, Founder and Chairman of the Center for the study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change in Tempe, AZ. He will be be discussing: "Understanding Global Warming and the Effect of Rising CO2 on the Biosphere."

NEXT MEETING: 3RD TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY -- THE 21ST -- FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM ARIZONA ROOM AT SUN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

Meeting was dismissed at 8:15...

Submitted by : Sandy Tennant, Sun Lakes, AZ in absence of SLRC Secretary Patricia Koepp