

Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes

When: March 14, 2017 6:30-8:30 PM

Where: Sun Lakes Country Club #1 / Arizona Room

Who: approx. 100 in attendance

AGENDA:

1. Chairman Mike Tennant opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.
2. Mike announced that the SLRC Gun Raffle has started. Raffle tickets are \$10 each . Only 160 tickets will be sold. You can get tickets from SLRC board members or by calling Mike Tennant at (480) 802-0178.
3. Carolyn led the Invocation.
- 4, Jay led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Carolyn gave the “Constitutional Minute” about the encroachment of “Progressivism” on our Constitutional form of government.
6. Greg Safsten, representing Congressman Andy Biggs, was our Federal update this month. He pointed out that it is important to send positive feed back to elected officials because most of what they hear is negative from the oppositional political minority groups. Usually “the squeaky wheel gets the grease”. Plus out elected officials need encouragement. The best way too contact them is by US mail or by phone. The Trump postcards are due to go out tomorrow.
7. JD Mesnard reported on our local State updates. He talked about the drawbacks of the “Voter Protection Act”. If an initiative passes the legislature cannot “tweak or change” if there are negative unintended consequences. Only things with will further the intent of the initiative can be added. If a bad initiative passes you are stuck with it unless one revoking the bad one is voted on and passes. There is a bill in he legislature designed to make initiatives more difficult to get in the ballot.
He also discussed the possibility of a Constitutional Congress, and possible subjects that might be addressed at a “Con-Con” . Recently AZ became another state saying they are willing to have a Con-Con (Constitutional Congress). 38 states are necessary.
8. Alan Korwin was our main speaker and his talk was about the value of preserving the 2nd amendment. He says there are many positive aspects of owning a gun: guns protect lives, stop crime, are the second most popular sport in America, and are the “lynch pin of freedom”. He passed around a sign up sheet for his emails. You can see his website at <http://www.gunlaws.com/consult.htm>
He says you can cut through the “fake news” by adding this website (Accuracy in Media) to your “favorites”: <http://www.aim.org>
Alan Korwin is one of the nation's leading experts on America's gun laws, with ten of his 14 books on that subject, and has made 1,000 radio and TV appearances. In the second part of our program, he examined Arizona's gun laws, which have been ranked best in the nation two years in a row by *Guns and Ammo* magazine, from the perspective of personal self-defense and defense of other people. No state that has repealed bans on personally-carrying firearms has

experienced the paranoid myths about blood in the streets. In fact, crime has dropped and stories of lives saved are numerous. How these hard facts should affect public policy, regarding street crime and the ongoing global jihad, was one of the ultimate political questions of the day, addressed head-on in this no-holds-barred presentation and audience discussion.

Alan Korwin was invited by the U.S. Supreme Court to attend oral arguments in both *D.C. v. Heller*, which led to his 11th book, [The Heller Case](#), and *McDonald v. Chicago*, in which his firm Bloomfield Press was an *amicus*. The cases affirmed the Second Amendment as an individual right, and applicable to the states, respectively

7. The winner of the 50/50% raffle won \$56.

8. In April the Sun Lakes Republican Club will feature "Safeguarding our State Elections" with Secretary of State Michele Reagan, at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club, 25601 S. Sun Lakes Blvd., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this important presentation on protecting the votes of Arizona citizens from fraud and ballot harvesting. The many duties of the office of Secretary of State will also be explained.