

SUN LAKES REPUBLICAN CLUB MINUTES

WHEN: May 9, 2017 6:30-8:30 PM

WHERE: AZ Room at Sun Lakes Country Club #1

WHO: Approx. 160 in attendance

AGENDA

1. Mike Tennant welcomed the guests and read the poem The Boys of Benghazi.
2. Carolyn gave the Invocation.
3. Jay Sanderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Mike reminded everyone about the SLRC fund raiser gun raffle. There will be 160 tickets sold . We have 30 tickets left to sell. We will let the winner know by phone and or mail and or email once all 160 tickets are sold.
5. Mike had petitions for people to sign for Kelley Ward for Senator. She is running against Jeff Flake in the 2018 election .
6. Andy Biggs gave a report on happenings in Washington. He explained why he did NOT vote for the recent Republican health care bill. There was a question and answer period after his talk. Here is his most recent letter to constituents:

Over the past seven years, House Republicans have continually argued that the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or Obamacare, is unconstitutional and should be fully repealed. Unfortunately, the American Health Care Act (AHCA) leaves the basic framework of Obamacare in place and continues to commit Republicans to an ill-considered, ill-defined, and an almost certainly ill-fated three-stage plan to completely repeal Obamacare at an unspecified later date. Even worse, I have seen no compelling evidence that the AHCA will offer substantive relief to Arizona families who have been crushed by devastatingly high health insurance premiums. For these reasons, and because I promised my constituents a full repeal, I voted “no” on this legislation.

Some of my colleagues claim that by passing the AHCA we are eliminating hundreds of billions of dollars in Obamacare taxes. There is some truth to this argument. But the AHCA does not do anything to eliminate the costly ACA subsidies already in place, and it continues the dangerous precedent established by the ACA of granting the federal government the power to regulate our nation’s healthcare system. I did not come to Washington to give unelected bureaucrats the authority to dictate health insurance options to me, my family, or the residents of the East Valley. This is not a fight I am prepared to surrender.

This week, I submitted two amendments that would have vastly improved the AHCA. One of these amendments would have allowed individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines; the other would have allowed states to opt out of any or all provisions of the ACA or AHCA without prior Department of Health and Human Services waiver approval. Those amendments, which were drafted in good faith and would have brought the AHCA far closer to the goal of full repeal, were not included in the final version of the AHCA.

Although I could not vote for the AHCA because of the promises I made to my constituents, I appreciate the good faith and tireless efforts of many of my colleagues. The House Freedom Caucus dramatically improved the AHCA through their negotiations, and I specifically applaud the work of Congressman David Schweikert, whose high-risk pool amendment was included in

the final bill, and Congresswoman Martha McSally, who championed a separate bill to ensure that Members of Congress and their staff are not exempted from the laws we pass. I look forward to renewing our fight to advance our conservative agenda and keeping the promises we made to our constituents. You can be assured that my work on health care reform in the House of Representatives is far from over.

- [OP-ED: To restore trust, Congress must repeal and replace Obamacare](#)
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As always, I am extremely humbled by the trust that you have bestowed upon me and honored to serve as your Congressman.

Sincerely,



Andy Biggs
Member of Congress

7. Carolyn introduced Larry Schweikert whose talk was about the 2016 Presidential election.

Dr. Schweikart has appeared on Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Fox and Friends, Al-Jazeera, Book TV, and nearly every major radio show in the nation. Larry spoke about his latest book, released on February 27, 2017, ***How Trump Won: The Inside Story of a Revolution***, co-authored with Joel Pollak. When Larry Schweikart calls Trump's victory "the most astounding election in American history", he knows whereof he speaks.

Larry is a professional historian with decades of college teaching, ground-breaking historical research, and numerous popular history bestsellers to his credit. He has written extensively on the American presidency, particularly in the nineteenth century, and so he brings a long historical perspective to the astonishing events of 2016 that culminated in the election of Donald J. Trump as President of the United States.

This presentation gave us the “inside scoop”, since Larry has been friends with the chief strategist of the Trump Administration, Steve Bannon, for years. Dr. Schweikart participated in data analysis and collection in the 2016 Trump campaign that helped to direct resources to Pennsylvania and Michigan. Larry predicted on Twitter, on August 20, 2016, that Trump would win with “between 300 and 320 electoral votes.”

Author of the #1 New York Times bestselling *A Patriot's History of the United States*, Schweikart was a history professor at the University of Dayton from 1985 to 2015 and has authored over 20 books.

Another of his popular books, *Seven Events That Made America America*, reached #7 on the Wall Street Journal list and was the basis for his first documentary film that aired on PBS, *Rockin' The Wall*, about rock music's part in bringing down the Berlin Wall. Larry, a former touring rock drummer, co-founded Rockin' the Wall Studios to do documentary and feature film projects. His subsequent documentaries include *Other Walls 2 Fall*, about music vs. tyranny in the Middle East featuring Yanni, Clint Black, a heavy metal band from inside Tehran, Iran, and more. It explores the struggle between rock musicians and Islamic culture.

Dr. Schweikart received his PhD in history from University of California, Santa Barbara. In 2006, Schweikart and five other scholars were invited by President George W. Bush to the Oval office to discuss military history.

There was a question and answer period after his talk.

8. There will be a Christmas/Holiday Dinner Dance on December 12, 2017. Details to be announced at a later date.
9. The 50/50 Raffle winner donated his \$64 winnings back to the club.
10. The SLRC will not have any meetings this summer due to vacations but we will still be in touch with each other through email.