

## Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes

When: Tuesday September 12, 2017 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Where: Sun Lakes Country Club AZ Room

Who: approximately 80 people

### AGENDA

1. Chairman Mike Tennant welcomed the guests and had the new people stand to be acknowledged by the attendees.
2. Jay Sanderson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mike gave the Invocation and also read the poem "The Boys of Benghazi".
4. Mike read a moment by moment historical account of the 9/11 attacks.
5. Jeff Weninger gave an update on what is going on at the State Legislature. The Attorney General has filed a law suit against the Board of Regents because they may be out of compliance with the State Constitution which says the board has to supply "as nearly free as possible" education for in-state students. The Board of Regents has increased their tuition and fees 370% since 2002. That is approximately 9-10 times the rate of inflation. He also informed us about the unintended consequences of an initiative that was passed by voters last year in reference to minimum raise increases for workers to \$7. Some businesses have

been forced to close their doors or to fire employees in order to comply. The legislature is trying to make it more difficult for people to put initiatives on the ballot by raising the level of accuracy demanded for initiatives to the same level of accuracy as that of the legislature when they compose laws. There is no way for the legislature to amend an initiative that has been voted into law unless the amendment “furthers” the initiative. It cannot curtail unexpected consequences or negative aspects that are now threatening to cripple small business across the state.

6. The original Key note Speaker, Christine Sandefur was unable to speak this evening due to a surgery. So she exchanged evenings with Mark Spencer who was scheduled for being our speaker in October. Mark is one of the people from Judicial Watch who is trying to bring to light illegalities in our political system. By using FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) he and others from Judicial Watch can demand papers that may shed light on on going investigations and spark new investigations. Once they have enough information they can then sue those politicians who are suspected of illegal activity and hold them accountable in the eyes of the public. If it weren't for Judicial Watch most of the things politicians do would remain “behind the scenes” and the public would never know what was really going on. There are 500 separate litigations going on presently.

7. The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated his \$51 back to the club treasury. It is with dues and raffle money that we pay our rent and other expenses during the year.
8. Next month the speakers will be : Christina Sandefur the Executive Vice President of the Goldwater Institute and Senate Majority leader Kimberly Yee. The subject matter will be “Preserving Liberty”.
9. The SLRC started selling \$20 tickets to the Christmas dinner dance which will be held Tuesday Dec. 12, 2017. There will only be 150 tickets available because of limitations of the size of the room. More information to come.