

# Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes

**Where:** Sun Lakes Country Club AZ Room

**When:** Dec. 10, 2019 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

**Who:** about 150 in attendance

## AGENDA:

1. Chairman Mike Tennant called the meeting to order.
2. Mike also led the attendees in the Invocation.
3. Leon Johnson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Carolyn introduced Dan who is the President Trump event planner. He is willing to get people “plugged in” where ever they want to help. You can volunteer on this website: [www.AZGOP.com](http://www.AZGOP.com) They offer these opportunities: make calls, send texts, knock on doors, host a fundraiser. You can also contact Egan Fierro who is our local coordinator. His contact info is: Email address: [eagan.fierro@azgop.org](mailto:eagan.fierro@azgop.org) Phone: 209-602-9271.
5. Jake Burns also spoke briefly with an update on Sen. McSally’s campaign.
6. Leah Peterson was our next speaker. She is running for a seat on the Corporation Commission. She explained how important it is to have conservatives on the commission. Their job is to provide and maintain reliable, affordable utilities, oversee water, waste, electricity, consumer fraud, businesses and telecommunications. All of these are among the things the Commission deals with. To contact her go to [AZCC.gov](http://AZCC.gov)
7. Our next speaker was our keynote speaker Dr. Craig D. Idso. Dr. Craig D. Idso is the founder, former president, and currently chairman of the **Center for the Study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change** based in Tempe, Arizona. The Center was founded in 1998 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit

dedicated to discovering and disseminating scientific information pertaining to the effects of atmospheric carbon dioxide enrichment on climate and the biosphere. The Center produces the weekly online newsletter, *CO<sub>2</sub>Science*, and maintains a massive online collection of reviews of peer-reviewed scientific journal articles relating to global climate change. In 2009, Dr. Idso became the lead author and editor for the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC), overseeing a team of internationally renowned scientists in the production of several major reports on climate change. Those reports include *Climate Change Reconsidered: the 2009 Report of the Nongovernmental Panel on Climate Change*, *Climate Change Reconsidered: 2011 Interim Report*, *Climate Change Reconsidered II: Physical Science*, and *Climate Change Reconsidered II: Biological Impacts*. Dr. Idso's research has appeared frequently in peer-reviewed journals, including *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Environmental and Experimental Botany*, *Forest Ecology and Management*, *Journal of Climate*, *Physical Geography*, *Atmospheric Environment*, *Technology*, and many others. He is the author or coauthor of several books, including *The Many Benefits of Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> Enrichment* (Vales Lake Publishing, LLC, 2011). Dr. Idso received his M.S. in Agronomy from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his Ph.D in Geography from Arizona State University. Formerly, he was Director of Environmental Science at Peabody Energy in St. Louis, Missouri, faculty researcher in the Office of Climatology at ASU, and lecturer in Meteorology at ASU. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Geophysical Union, American Meteorological Society, Arizona-Nevada Academy of Sciences, Association of American Geographers, Ecological Society of America, Geological Society of America, and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Dr. Idso also serves as an adjunct scholar for the Cato Institute and as a policy advisor for the CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition, the Heartland Institute, and the

Committee for A Constructive Tomorrow.

In his presentation he discussed how there is no rigorous evidence that elevated levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) are causing dangerous global warming and/or climate change. It will present evidence that, far from being a pollutant, rising CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are enhancing life for both humanity and nature. Any efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions via laws and regulations will have serious undesirable consequences.

8. Next we had an AZ legislative update by JD Mesnard.
9. Finally we held the “50/50” Raffle. The winner won \$64 this evening.
10. The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Republican Club will be January 14th in the AZ room of Sun Lakes Country Club. The speaker will be Keith De Green. Keith DeGreen is founder and CEO of DeGreen Capital Management in Scottsdale, a fiduciary fee-only investment advisor. He has hosted Arizona’s most popular personal finance show on NewsTalk 550 KFYL, for more than 30 years. His talk is entitled: “Morality and Capitalism - A Defense of Our Constitutional Republic and Democratic Capitalism”. At a time when socialism is becoming a “trend”, this meeting will help you explain the pitfalls of socialism to your friends and neighbors.

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