

Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes

When: October 13, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Tri City Baptist Church

Who Approximately 100 people

AGENDA:

1. 2nd Vice Chairman, Carolyn McCorkle, led the guests in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Chairman Michael Tennant was directing guests from the parking lot to the meeting room on the second floor due to a last minute room change.
3. The first speaker was Congressman Andy Biggs. He spoke about the accomplishments of President Trump. He went into detail as to why this election is so important to our country. There are several issues that will be at risk if the election goes to the left rather than to the right: Pro-life legislation, 2nd Amendment, law enforcement, the military, border issues, Amy Coney Barrett being installed on the Supreme Court. The left will “pack the court” if they get the Senate and the Presidency. He explained the difference between “packing the court” and appointing someone to the court that has similar political views. There have been 29 times in the past when sitting Presidents have appointed judges in the midst of an election. In those cases where the President had a Senate majority those appointments were made. In cases where the President didn’t have a Senate majority, those appointments were NOT made. In those cases, the incoming President could appoint a judge. That is because the Senate has to approve the appointment of the President by a majority vote. In contrast, in the case of “packing the courts”, a sitting President and Senate will add extra (more) seats to an already existing Supreme Court of 9 justices. The court has had 9 Justices for the last 150 years. It is expected that the left will appoint 4 more judges, should they gain power after the election, bringing the total of seats to 13. They would do this to create a liberal majority so they can “legislate from the bench”. Judges are supposed to judge a case as to whether it conflicts with the US Constitution, they are not supposed to create law from the bench. Congress is supposed to create the laws, the Court is supposed to rule whether or not the laws are “constitutional”. Congressman Biggs said he is guessing that this 2020 election will have to be decided in the courts.
4. Martha McSally was the next speaker. She agreed that this election will determine the course of our country going forward for generations to come. She said that AZ is the state most at play at the center of the race to win a Senate majority. She said she is promising Arizonians that she will continue to fight for the “Great American Comeback” along side President Trump. Her

voting record is voting along with his ideas 98% of the time. She promised will continue to fight for veterans rights and healthcare. The VA was a mess prior to Presidents Trump's administration. Now veterans are giving the VA an approval rate in the 90% range. She got the endorsement of The National Border Patrol Council today and promised to "have their backs" and to support the dangerous work they are doing at the border. The Council represents 19,648 border patrol agents. One of the agents, Art Del Cueto, Vice President of the organization, offered to shake hands with Mark Kelly during his campaign visit but Kelly would not shake his hand, he turned away and said, "You are one of them." Kelly denied it when he was accused of doing this during the Senate debate. McSally, too, is hoping Amy Barrett gets appointed and installed on the Supreme Court before the election and without any "glitches". She shared that President Trump has added almost 300 conservative "originalist" judges to the lower courts since he took office and that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is "on the verge of flipping conservative. She is opposed to the "Bad Green Deal" that will make us energy dependent and destroy jobs. She also said that the left is accusing her of being opposed to covering people with "pre-existing conditions". However, she said that they are referring to her votes against Obamacare. She is fighting to retain coverage for pre-existing conditions. She promised to continue to do so. She will fight against the "government take over of health care". Putting everyone on a "one payer government plan" will bankrupt the country and people with private healthcare will lose it. Care will diminish and wait times will increase. Lives will be in jeopardy should this happen. She led everyone in a rousing chorus of "God Bless America" at the end of her talk.

5. The next speaker was Mike Broomhead. Mike Broomhead is a popular talk show host from the morning show on KTAR radio station 92.3 from 8 AM to 12 noon. He spoke about the local politics, particularly the school districts who are over run with left leaning socialists pushing their anti-American curriculum like the 1619 Project and indoctrinating our children. He said it just will take one generation to lose the Republic so many of our forefathers fought and died for. He especially cited "Red for Ed" and the out of state influences that keep that organization funded here in AZ. Prop 208 and 207 will change the AZ constitution. It has financial requirements which will have to be met in a crisis before the needs of the rest of the citizenry and this will not be able to be altered — even in a crisis — by the legislature. That is why Propositions and Initiatives which try to avoid the proper channels of the legislature to create law are such dangerous things. It is better to have the State Legislature make the laws and not a lobbying PAC. He said it is important to learn how to explain what Conservatives believe to others in a rational, easy to understand way. We also need to learn how to use social media to get the messaging out. Each of us, he said, has either money, time

or talent (or perhaps all 3) which we should use to support our country and protect it from those who would tear it down.

6. The next speaker was AZ Senate President JD Mesnard. He told us he passed a bill this year that protects people with pre-existing conditions — SB 1397. Because of this work on this bill he was named the 2020 Legislator of the Year by Health Systems Alliance of Arizona who represents more than 80 acute care hospitals and facilities across the state. He reminded us that he fought to get teachers the 20% raise they wanted. However the political ads from the left are accusing him of exactly the opposite. He says it is frustrating but that we need to stay the course and fight hard to maintain a “red majority” in the state. That means voting Republican all the way down the ballot.
7. AZ House Representative Jeff Weninger was the next speaker and he reiterated and summed up all of what the other speakers had said. He said we need to not get complacent and to get out the vote. We need to make sure the ballots we vote get counted BEFORE or ON November 3rd. Ballots dropped off at polling places on Nov.3rd may not get counted at all (or at the very least will be counted last). The County claims they will start counting early voting ballots on October 20th. Vote from home ballots (PEVEL) can be dropped off at several early voting places. There are 7 open now and many more will open October 20th, including some in Sun Lakes. Dropping the ballot off at the polling place prior to Nov. 3rd will avoid having it go through the US Postal system— a system fraught with problems and delays. To find a polling place close to you, go to BeBallotReady.gov and enter your personal information.
8. The final speaker was Liz Harris who is running for the AZ House of Representatives. She spoke about the problems going on in the schools regarding the repression of conservative ideas and the promoting of left leaning socialist ideas. She spoke about the vandalism of Republican signs. She concurred on the subject of the lies in the ads the left is using against our republican representatives. She encouraged us to stay strong and to vote and to encourage others to do the same. She also suggested volunteering as Poll Watchers to insure an honest election. If you are interested in being a Poll Watcher here is the link: <https://azsos.gov/pollworker>
9. The next meeting of SLRC will be announced by email and by the Sun Lakes Splash newspaper . It will be dependent on the COVID situation and ability to find a big enough venue to hold our many members and guests! Presently it looks like the second Tuesday in January 2021 will be the next meeting.