

Anchorage Republican Women's Club

"Looking for women of all ages and backgrounds to share ideas and their dedication to help guide the Republican Party back to leadership!"



Thoughts and Comments

--- from your president, Judy Eledge, **Questions That Need Asking**

"Two visions of the future, two fundamentally different ways of governing – their government of pessimism, fear and limits, or ours of hope, confidence, and growth. Their government sees people only as members of groups. Ours serves all the people of America as individuals. Theirs lives in the past, seeking to apply the old failed policies to an era that has passed them by. Ours learns from the past and strives to change by boldly charting a new course for the future."

-- Ronald Reagan, second inaugural address

Never have these comments meant more to Republicans than today. How can the things we have seen in the last 100 days have happened so quickly, and have the support of so many Americans? How could the first bailout have started with a Republican President when the vast majority of Americans opposed it? Did this help lead to an election of an extremely liberal Democrat, and overwhelming Democrat majorities in House and Senate?

We can blame Democrats all we want, but the buck stops with the Republicans elected, and the people who elected them. Did you vote for Republicans in the Alaska Legislative to have Hollis French and Les Gara speak for the "majority supposedly led by a Republican?" Did you question the behavior and in fighting between both our Executive and Legislative branches during the last session? Did you think that naming the malamute as the official dog of Alaska was more important than passing legislation to allow parent's notification of their minor daughter getting an abortion?

Tough questions, but ones that need to be asked. And guess who is doing the asking? Local members of the recently held tea parties! Who are these people? They are young people never before involved in politics and registered as undeclared. Some were Democrats, some were Republicans, and some Libertarians, but we all stood together in front of the Federal Building sharing the same disillusionment with elected officials.

Where have all the Republicans gone? Why aren't they leading this charge? Oh, many of them were busy fighting among themselves, and acting like Democrats! Does it seem to you that it is more important to be liked than to stand firm on principals and be counted? Is not the silence deafening?

The Republican Party is at a turning point. We are either going to make changes within the party or the people we elect, or become the party of irrelevance. There are signs this is already happening. Are we willing to fight and turn the tide in the Republican Party? I and many of us, in the Anchorage Republican Women's Club are. We work tirelessly to ensure that Republicans continue to stand for the values of our party. We raise money, we support conservative candidates and we do this by labor not just by sending a check. Are you working to ensure the Republican Party remains viable?

If so, are you willing to become involved locally in the Republican Party by attending your local district meeting? Perhaps you have always wanted to run for public office. Now is the time!! Won't you join us in helping elect and hold accountable, Republicans that pledge to hold strong the Republican values written below?

If we don't stand now against what is happening it won't take but a few more 100 days to destroy the great country that we once knew.

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MAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 14th

Millenium Hotel
2800 Spenard Road
11:30am - 1:00pm
\$25 (Checks are preferred when paying to simplify APOC process.)

Please RSVP by calling 696-1114 or responding to arwcyes@yahoo.com.

TOPIC

- Panel: "Women Running for Public Office"
Guest panelists: Representative Ann Fairclough, School Board Member Crystal Kennedy, Former Legislator and Candidate for Congress Gabrielle LeDoux, Assembly Woman Debbie Osslandder, and former Candidate Sherri Jackson.

**Congratulations,
Mayor Sullivan**



*April Luncheon Speaker,
Scott Jepsen Denali
Pipeline Vice President for
External Affairs*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We, in ARWC are looking for a "few good women." Call us and we will let you know how you can help us begin the "tea party" in the Republican Party!!

CALENDAR

Any member wanting to go as a guest to the AFRW Convention in September in Orlando, FL, Please contact me as soon as possible at 349-8309. (Deadline: May23, 2009)

June 11th, 2009 - Regular Luncheon

July 9th, 2009 - Summer Salad Luncheon - (Membership Drive: Any ARWC bringing a *female* guest interested in joining ARWC will be charged only \$10 for the guest's luncheon. Prize for the member bringing the most guests!)

Questions That Need Asking

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The next time someone asks what Republican stand for, read them this list:

I'm a Republican because...

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

I BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

-- From the GOP website

Judy Eledge
ARWC President



SPOTLIGHT

ARWC Assistant Treasurer, Lisa Vaught

My name is Lisa Vaught and I am currently serving as Assistant Treasurer for ARWC. Last year I served as the Americanism Chair. This past fall I was privileged worked on Senator Stevens re-election campaign.

I am proud to be a third generation Alaskan. My grandparents came to Alaska in 1934 and our family has called it home ever since. I grew up in rainy Cordova and came to Anchorage about 9 years ago.

I was self employed in Cordova for 13 years. I moved to Anchorage and began working for H&R Block preparing taxes for seven years. I loved all of it. Yes, believe it or not, taxes can be interesting! I worked for Morris Alaska for 3 years and then was excited to have the opportunity to work for Lt. Governor Loren Leman. It was a ton of fun! I currently am operating The Vaught Spot Corporate Apartments and I also serve on the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission. I am the District Chair for District 25 and serve on the State Central Committee.

My husband Chuck and I have six children ages 4 through 24. They have kept us very busy over the years and we now have 2 son-in-laws, 1 daughter-in-law and four grandchildren to round out the family. Our future looks bright and busy.

Community Service

The ARWC completed a 3 year Literacy Project to put 3 books in 62 ASD elementary school libraries. These books, for elementary students, describe the way our American Government works, and are a cute way to interest students in our government. With names like "Woodrow Wilson for President", "Washington, DC ABC's", and House Mouse-Senate Mouse these darling books will be available for many generations. A special thanks goes to our Past President Margaret Brown and Community Service Chair Lavonne Taber for all of their hard work!

Beginning soon our club will become part of the Platoon Partners program. Representative Anna Fairclough, an ARWC member has agreed to chair our Community Service Committee and spearhead the effort.

ARE YOU A WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS?

We are looking to identify all current ARWC members who own their own businesses. If you are a woman owned business and a member of ARWC we would like to advertise that business to other members. Our hope is to eventually put out a directory. You will need a business card. Please either bring the card to our May meeting or mail to our post office box.

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