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#### THINGS TO CONSIDER:

 Join the new "26 Club" game.

 Republican Picnic
Visit our website Ibrwc.com

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#### PRESIDENT-KATHY ELLSWORTH

The AzFRW meeting in Chandler in mid-June, was a great opportunity to connect with other AZ club presidents, get some mentoring from the AzFRW leaders, and hear great speakers. Among them was Sheriff Mark Lamb (running for State Senator) and AZGOP Chair Gina Swoboda. Andy Biggs ended the weekend as the Saturday luncheon speaker, giving us encouraging updates on what has been happening in Congress.



As the Primary draws near, here are important dates to note:

#### Important Voting Dates:

Last day to register for the Primary - Monday July 1st Mail in ballots sent out - Wednesday July 3rd Mail in ballots must be received by 7:00 PM on Tuesday July 30th (mail by July 16th or drop off at early voting locations) Early Voting July 3rd through – Friday July 26th at 7:00 PM Primary Election - Tuesday July 30th

If for some reason, you have requested and received an early voting ballot but aren't able to mail or drop off at the early voting locations, please take to your regular voting location on election day and drop off. This is better than not voting at all.

Please continue to bring guests to hear the candidates. I can't stress enough how important it is to vote REPUBLICAN all the way down the ballot. Here's the thing, having a Republican President is not enough. If the House and Senate are not Republican majorities, the president will be very limited in what he can accomplish.

Encourage everyone you know to vote. This truly is an important election year. Our country's very existence may hinge on this election. If you think the Dems have been radical so far, imagine what they will do in the 2nd term of Poopy-Pants Biden! It will be no holds barred!

Kathy Ellsworth, LBRW President

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: July 1, 2024 Place: Shugrue's Bridgeview Room Time: Social 5:00. Dinner 6:00. Cost: \$25 Menu: Chef Salad, croissant; Dessert-Strawberry shortcake

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 24 2 PM Board Meeting, Headquarters
- June 29 Republican Picnic Hualapai Mountains (Tix available at meeting & Headquarters
- July 1 5 PM Social Hour, <u>6 PM Monthly Dinner Meeting</u>, Shugrue's Bridgeview Room
- July 29 2 PM Board Meeting, Headquarters

August 5 5 PM Social Hour, <u>6 PM Monthly Dinner Meeting</u>, Shugrue's Bridgeview Room

#### LYNNE LAWHORN 1ST VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAM



Speakers: Candidates for Mohave County Sheriff Sheriff Mike Gannuscio Sheriff Doug Schuster Candidates for Board of Supervisors District 3 Sonny Borelli Buster Johnson

> AZGOP Chairman Gina Swoboda (Short Hello)

#### STEFANIE MICHELS 3RD VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

## Welcome to The Rose Family, David, Crystal, Crista, Christopher

We have had a lot of guests and some new members signups! We will be



ing. Keep inviting and impacting our city. Thank you for participating!

drawing names for some winners at our July meet-

The member with the most guests who become members will be named in October and will win a free renewal for the next year.

Next drawing is in July. Want in on the FUN? Give me a call at 520-247-7787!

## RESERVATIONS-MARILOU PERFETTI



We use our website to make reservations for our dinner meetings. Go to **Ibrwc.com** Click on <u>meetings</u>, then choose the date you want to make your reservation. You may pay the \$25 online with a credit or debit card. Or you may pay at the door with cash or check. **Reservations are a MUST.** Please remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me. 928 453-0956

### BETTY WEBSTER CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



HI all and welcome to July! I hope you are all loving this heat we are having. Hard to believe the USA will be celebrating 248 years this month! Our forefathers

had so much divine wisdom and insight when they wrote our constitution.

They knew the rights we would need to stay free.

Please encourage everyone you know to get out and vote this month. We have to keep America Free and Great!

Please let me know if there is any one in our LBRW group that need a card from the club. So far I have sent out birthday cards. I look forward to seeing you all in July.

Betty Webster 714-833-8909, Betty.webster1958@gmail.com

### VICKI CORCORAN 2ND VICE PRESIDENT WAYS AND MEANS



# "26 CLUB" Fundraiser/Game

We have sold 222 tickets. Our goal is 450. We only have 2 months left to get those remaining tickets sold. We need everyone to do their part. Please!!!



See flyer with details on page 3



Still trying to get my head around the fact that "Take Out" can mean food, dating or murder.

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LBRW "26 Club", 2024-25 Fundraiser, Tickets are \$25 each

A total of 450 tickets will be available for purchase from Feb. 2024 thru Sept. 2024 for \$25 each.

There will be Twenty-six drawings of 2 or more per month at the LBRW General meetings. Drawings will begin on Oct 7, 2024, with the final drawings in Sept. 2025. The drawings consist of twenty (20) \$50 winners and six (6) \$250 Celebration Day winners, to be drawn in the months of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Memorial Day, Easter, Fourth of July and 9-11. Members are asked to buy or sell 4 tickets each. An extra \$50 prize is drawn at the March

& June 2025 meetings. Each drawn ticket is returned to the drum for future drawings, making each one eligible for all 26 drawings! Winners receive a "prize" check by mail.



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All winners will be published in the LBRW newsletter, "The Right Report."

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#### SPOTLIGHT MEMBER - ELLEN ALBERT

I was born on New Years Day, (also my mother's birthday) in 1943 in Whittier Calif. I am the second child of four. We lived on an acre and a quarter of land outside the city limits in a home designed and built by my parents in 1946. It was sold in 1991 when my parents, due to health reasons, were forced to move to a retirement home.

I would wish my life on every child in America. We went barefoot all summer because our school shoes were getting small by June. Dinner was always at the table as a family and we started with a blessing. We ate the beef, chicken, fruit, vegetables, eggs, honey and nuts all grown or produced on our property. (Yes we went to the grocery too) We went to church on Sunday. There was very little drinking or swearing and NO Smoking. We <u>never</u> used the front door and never locked the back door. When we went on our first vacation at age 11, we couldn't find the keys when the topic came up that we probably should lock the back door. After 4 days of searching, they were found at the very back of the kitchen junk drawer. The house wasn't always perfectly clean but it welcomed everyone that came. It was very common for friends to come over on Sunday after church and allowed to pick boysenberries or fruit that happened to be ripe at the time. As youngsters, there wasn't much money but it didn't matter. We had loving parents and plenty of food on the table. My mom got a job teaching school when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I got my first store bought



dress when she got her first paycheck. Before that all our clothes were home made or "hand-me-downs" from friends. My dad could fix anything and everything, cook, iron and sew up a hole in his pocket if need be. After he retired, he invented a macadamia nut cracking machine that is still used around the world. My brother in Gooding Idaho makes the replacement parts. I could write a book just on the many macadamia stories.

I had rather uneventful school years. I wasn't as good a student as my older sister so I was a disappointment to all the teachers that had her first. In looking back, I am surely smarter because I'm a Republican and she is a Democrat. primarily because she is an abortion advocate. I graduated from Fullerton College with an Associate of Arts degree in 1963. I never went to the admissions office to pick up my diploma. Three hours after my last college class was over, I reported to my new job at the City of Fullerton in the Engineering Dept.

I soon met and married my present husband, Ray, on April 4, 1964. So if you do the math, we just had our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this past April. I continued to work for the City but transferred to the Treasurers Dept where there was a lot more excitement. Our first child, Douglas, was born in 1966. He was always a happy kid and adapted well to all situations. (As an adult, he has been very successful.) I thought my working days were over but the City called me back to fill in while people were out sick or on an extended vacation. Those departments included Parks and Rec., Building and City Clerk. After our second child, Dawn, was born in 1968, I became a full-time mom. Dawn was born with multiple birth defects. The first was discovered soon after her first birthday. One kidney was only a remnant. A weak point burst and began to spread infection internally. It had to come out. That operation was her start of lifelong medical and emotional issues.

As the children went through school, I was active in the classroom as an aid, a room mother and served on the PTA Board. I soon found greater interest in their sport activities. I coached Dawn's soccer team for five years and was team mother for Doug in baseball and soccer for more years than I can remember. It kept both kids out of mischief and Ray and I there to enjoy the fun. Some of our best memories come from the eight years Doug was on a very winning traveling soccer team. "Go Wildcats."

I got tugged away from my daily home duties when my mother became ill with Guillain Barre Syndrome in 1980. After her release from seven weeks at UCLA Medical Center, she needed a daily caregiver and she "picked me". I took a part time job at a tire store in 1982, and slowly weaned myself from daily visits to weekly visits as mom slowly improved.

We always knew we wanted to retire in Lake Havasu. We had taken out all the permits to build our "dream house" on the property we bought in 1989. But a call from the Building Dept. changed that idea. We quickly bought an empty nine month old home and moved in 10 days later on June 28, 1995. It was over 120 degrees for the next 19 straight says. The locals were all complaining. We didn't care. Ray was 56 and I was 52. We were so excited. We put our personal touches

inside and out, bought a boat, entertained a lot of out-of-town company and found many new wonderful friends. We still love Lake Havasu City.

Since moving to LHC 29 years ago, I've held one or more board positions with the Elketts, Christian Women Connection, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, (I am currently President), Keep Havasu Beautiful Committee, Lighthouse Club and currently Newsletter Editor for 14 years with the London Bridge Republican Women that I joined in 1998 thanks to Kathy Hodel. **WITHOUT A DOUBT MY FAVORITE**. Volunteer position is selling tickets at Grace Arts Live Theater Box Office. So that brings up Riley, our sweet Yorkie rescue that got to be on stage as Toto in The Wizard of Oz in February, 2022. If I have a tough day, he always puts a smile on my face with lots of sloppy, loving kisses.



June 16, 2024 Summer Surprise: The Looming Biden Replacement By William Sullivan

In February, I predicted that it can't be Joe Biden representing the Democrat party in November, and that he would be replaced sometime in the summer before

the Democratic National Convention. The day before that article was published (but after I had written it), the Robert Hur investigation report dropped, in which Biden was described by the special investigator as a "sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

I honestly wondered at the time if that revelation would make the subject of my article somewhat moot. On top of the points made in the article, such as four-infive Americans thinking he's too old to run for a second term and his horrifyingly bad polling on the most pressing voter issues like the economy, immigration, and crime, Biden had just been deemed by his own DOJ as too mentally unfit to stand trial over his having illegally taken and stored classified documents. There's no way that they could continue the charade of pretending that the DNC would still intend to have him on the presidential ticket in November, I thought.

But here we are, several months later, still pretending that Biden will be on the ticket in November. And the old man isn't getting any better, folks. The glitches are getting worse, whether he's wandering away from world leaders at the G-7 or rambling more incoherently than ever. Such recent displays led Steve Forbes to recently suggest that "the continued, painfully obvious mental decline of our commander-in-chief has revived widespread public speculation of his withdrawing."

And though they stopped for a while, even Democrats are noticing and making similar comments again. As his polling just hit all-time lows at polling guru Nate Silver's website, FiveThirtyEight, the pollster suggested on X that Biden should finally consider dropping out. "Dropping out would be a big risk," he says, but "there's some threshold below which continuing to run is a bigger risk."

What's clearer to him, he says, is that "Democrats would have been better served if Biden had decided a year ago not to seek a second term, which would have allowed them to have some semblance of a primary process and give voters a say among the many popular Democrats across the country."

Anyone paying attention in 2016 and 2020 knows how little Democrats care about "giving voters a say" in the primary process. As the Party has veered everleftward while prioritizing radical environmentalism, intersectionality, and a general Marxist economic disposition and disdain for this country and its history, the primary process in recent years has yielded a commanding advantage to hard-left socialists like Bernie Sanders as the crowded field of moderate candidates vied for the political center during the Democrat primaries.

To put it bluntly, neither octogenarian Bernie Sanders nor shrill socialist Elizabeth Warren would play in Peoria, or any of the vital swing states for that matter, and the DNC's awareness of that fact is ostensibly why they underhandedly rigged the 2016 and 2020 primaries against Bernie Sanders in the first place.

And hard-lined leftists like Sanders or Warren would have had a huge opportunity with an open primary in 2024, not only because moderate Democrats are disaffected with current leadership, but because there is an absolute dearth of "popular Democrats" to pick up the Democrat baton.

Who, after all, are the "many popular Democrats" that Nate Silver imagines Democrats to have on the bench?

Gavin Newsom? California is a failing state at the moment, having gone from a \$100 billion surplus after federal COVID stimulus to a \$73 billion deficit in just two years. It is currently enduring an unprecedented homelessness crisis while also experiencing an exodus of high-income taxpayers. Meanwhile, it is welcoming illegal aliens and unskilled laborers who benefit from California's ambitious welfare state.

Pete Buttigieg was once another name sometimes mentioned as a possible replacement for Biden in 2024, hilariously. After being the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, he ran for president in 2020 on the strength of his being an articulate gay man. While he saw some early success in 2020, he now holds the distinction of being the only Secretary of the Department of Transportation to have taken several months of paternity leave without his spouse having actually endured birthing a child amid a massive supply-chain interruption, a toxic train derailment in Ohio, and a wayward ship destroying a vital bridge in Baltimore, all while overseeing a \$7.5 billion initiative which, after 3 years, has yielded exactly seven electric vehicle charging stations.

Oh, and if you think black voters are defecting to Trump at a quick pace now, try putting Buttigieg at the top of the ticket and see how that shakes out.

Kamala Harris represents a different kind of problem. She's not genuine, and she's wildly unlikeable. There's really not more to it beyond that, and her campaign for the presidency fizzled out long before a primary vote was even cast in 2020. And despite her checking several boxes for social credibility as a black and South Asian woman, she would arguably be a practical downgrade from Biden, if that's possible.

Democrats aren't interested in an electoral catastrophe with either Biden or Harris at the top of the ticket in November, any more today than they were in February. But I believe there is a reason that Biden is still the ostensible frontrunner that lots of people are still pretending will actually be on the ticket in November.

And that's because it benefits the DNC to not pull the plug on Biden's campaign just yet, and to have everyone pretend for a little while longer, allowing the old man and his family to absorb all the slings and arrows spent by the opposition as long as possible, ideally right up until the Democratic National Convention in August. There is incredible value in such deception and creating this political fog of war. "All warfare is based on deception," according to Sun Tzu, and a smart general will:

Set up decoys and feign confusion, and give the enemy the impression we are about to guit our position. Then select our elite mounted troops, and send them on ahead into enemy territory under a cloak of silence.

Everyone watching Biden is certainly confused about what Democrats are doing. Greg Gutfeld, in what seems like a moment of exasperation while talking to Marie Harf on the June 12 episode of "The Five." said that he'd actually rather vote for Hunter Biden than Joe Biden:

At least Hunter Biden has a brain. Joe Biden... you cannot believe for a second that Joe Biden is gonna be the nominee. You look at him. You saw him on at the Juneteenth thing... [Harf interrupts, saying "100%, he will be" the nominee] He can barely speak!

Yet all the energetic attacks by conservative media and pundits, not to mention millions and millions of dollars of RNC attack ads, are directed at this decaying decoy that is being strategically placed in front of our eyes.

It certainly appears that Democrats are "ready to give up their position" by running Joe Biden in November, and losing the election.

But I don't believe it. It's still hard to imagine that Biden won't drop out of the race just before the convention in late August. I expect that he'll cite a need to focus on family, particularly given his son's criminal trials, and will bow out. He can then pardon Hunter before leaving office.

To capitalize on the ruse, however, Democrats have very few "elite mounted troops" to deploy. But arguably, there are two.

Michelle Obama might qualify, but the going wisdom suggests that she's not interested. I've never truly counted her out, though. Replacing Joe and passing over Kamala as a black woman will carry a bit of outrage that Michelle Obama's nomination would easily overcome.

However, Michelle Obama has never governed or served in any political office, and besides being put in high-paying make-work jobs (her job earning \$317,000 as a diversity consultant before becoming first lady doesn't count), she has no previous experience suggesting executive leadership.

But there is a candidate that few are talking about, and who is well-positioned to replace Biden. And that candidate would be J.B. Pritzker, Democrat governor of Illinois.

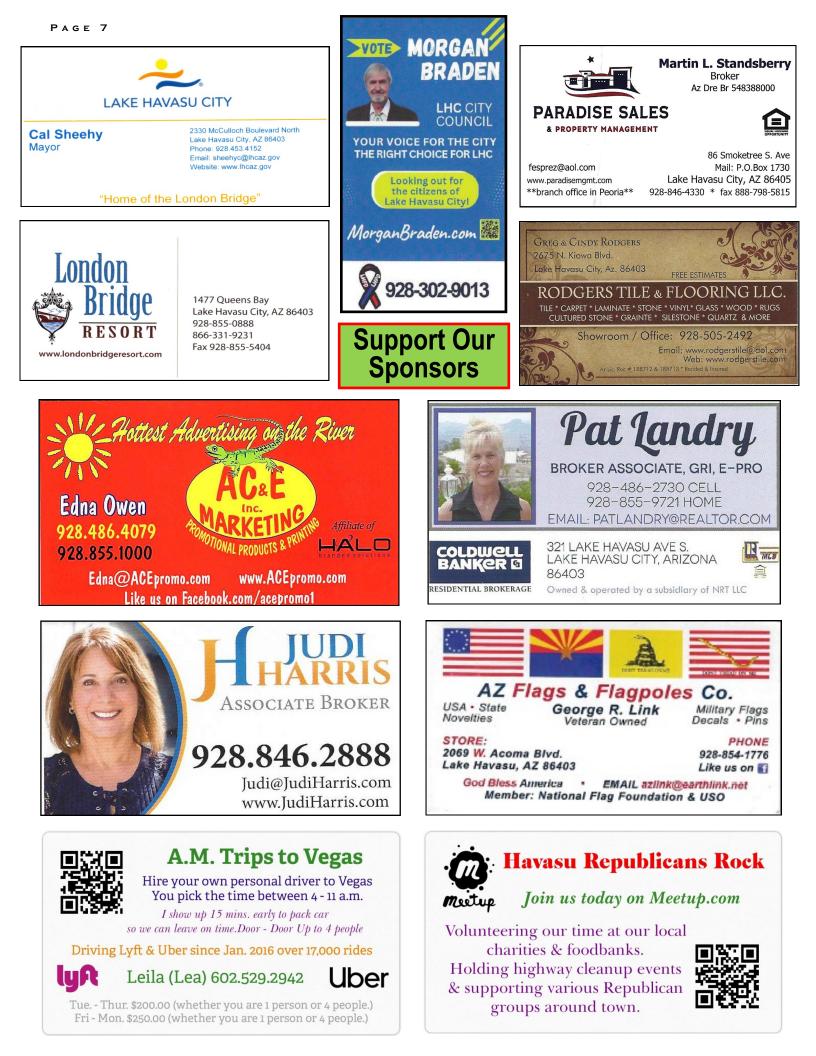
He's been on the shortlist of Biden replacements in the past. In 2023, Shia Kapos at Politico called him the "Dems' Secret Weapon." As New York Magazine noted in 2023, "it's lost on no one that if Biden were to step aside and Kamala Harris were to falter, Pritzker would be without equal in his ability to fund a last-second campaign." He has also been vocal on the Dobbs decision and abortion, which Democrats believe to be a winning issue for them at the moment, and was providing early advice to Biden to go out, "every day, every day," to tell constituents that "We are working to protect women however, wherever we can."

Is it a coincidence that the New York Times is heralding him as "leading his party's attack on Trump as a felon?" Maybe.

But he'd certainly be a strong foil to Donald Trump, and if I've figured that out, so has the DNC. He's rich, and has executive experience. He's also articulate, and can play to the political center. And perhaps most beneficial of all in this moment, he is unknown enough that the low-information woke-socialist-Hamasniks wouldn't have the time to gather ammunition to attack heavily from within the party tent, and the opposition would have precious little time or resources in planning their attacks against him because the Republicans would only have two months to do so. And by that time, the RNC will have spent untold energy and treasure chasing around a dementia-ridden old man and his corrupt family.

Now, if the notion that Biden will be replaced this summer sounds crazy to you, tell me-- does it sound any crazier than Democrats letting a clearly dementiaridden Joe Biden continue to glitch out on the campaign trail all the way to a November defeat?





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