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The meeting was called to order by President Susan Kay Schultz at 11:50 AM. Chaplain Sally McCormick gave the prayer and led the pledge of allegiance. She also recognized member Jeanne Carey who died on February 7th.

President Susan Kay Schultz welcomed the group. Since our program was so full she directed the audience to look on the board to see who the guests were and she introduced the new members. Today's program was the first of three candidate forums that PRWC will host in 2010. March will feature candidates for CD 3 and Barry Arons will be the moderator. June 12th will feature candidates for Arizona Governor.

Secretary Barb McMullen was recognized and the minutes from the January 8, 2010 General meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Carol Zraket reported that we had a beginning balance on 12/31/2009 of \$4780.18. January income of \$2128.18; January expenses of \$3078.08 and a checking account balance of \$3078.08 on January 31, 2010. Savings balance - 12/31/2009 of \$5005.67. Interest earned 1/31/2010 - \$.64 and a savings balance on 1/31/2010 of \$5006.31. Check/ savings Balance as of 1/31/2010 - \$8836.59. Report was filed.

2nd Vice-President Joy Russell reported that 2010 dues are due by March 1st. We have 203 Active members, 21 Associate members, 14 men auxiliary and one honorary member, Governor Brewer for a total of 239 members.

Caring for America Chair Essie Fleischer introduced her committee to the audience. They are Anthea Dyer, Dottie Puskar, April Sessner and the Honorable Jini Simpson. Jini is chairing the "**Relay for Life**" which will be held May, 1, 2010 at the Phoenix Country Day School. Volunteers are needed. All funds go to fight cancer. Essie reported that we have had an enthusiastic response for our program, "**Diapers Galore**" to have baby showers for National Guard wives. We will hold its' first shower on April 24th 1-3 PM at the Arizona National Guard Armory, 52nd and McDowell. There were envelopes on the tables for donations to help make baskets for each pregnant wife. Anthea Dyer recognized PRWC member Harriet Sioles who has donated \$500.00 towards the baskets. Anthea also announced that she was passing around a sign-up sheet for members to attend a tour of the New Day Center on March 5th at 11:00 AM. She also had invitations for New Day's Bird Song which will be held on February 20th at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club.

Donna Reagan, Legislative Chair did not have enough time to make a presentation at this meeting but gave us an advance preview of a future program on "How a Bill Becomes a Law".

President Susan Kay Schultz announced that she has been appointed by NFRW President Sue Lynch to serve on the NFRW Diversity Committee and has appointed Bev Cooper as PRWC's Diversity Chair.

Bev Cooper, Diversity Chair announced that February is Black History Month and she told us about Hiram Rhodes Revel (MS) who was the 1st African American to serve in the U.S. Senate in 1870. More information is posted on the PRWC website.

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Social Media: There will be a Facebook class on Saturday, March 6th at AZGOP Party Headquarters. Check the PRWC website for details.

President Susan Kay Schultz introduced 1st Vice-President Shawna Bolick has filed to run for the House in Legislative District 11 and is a current member of the “Dodie Londen Series in Excellence Program” and that PRWC is very proud of her.

1st Vice-President Shawna Bolick opened the PRWC Congressional District 5 Forum by introducing Moderator Betsey Bayless, former Arizona Secretary of State and current CEO, of the Maricopa Integrated Health System. Ms. Bayless briefly spoke about the Health Care system. It is the only Public Hospital in Arizona and was created by the voters in 2003. It is a safety net for many and provides valuable programs to Arizona. They are concerned about Federal Health Care Legislation which may eliminate Kid Care and cut the number of residents’ training at the Health System.

The Congressional District 5 Candidates were introduced to the audience. They are Lee Gentry, Dr. Chris Salvino, David Schweikert, Mark Spinks, Jim Ward and Eric Wnuck. Candidate Susan Bittersmith was unable to attend. The candidates were asked various questions such as “Why they are a Republican”; “What bills they would introduce”; “How they would handle the Recession in Arizona”; “What were their plans to handle the immigration problem.” All of the candidates stressed how important it will be to support the winner of the primary in August. Candidates were available for questioning after the forum.

Meeting Adjourned 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted Barb McMullen, Recording Secretary