

# South Mountain GOP

## Happy Easter Happy Passover and Happy Spring

### **SARA DUNSFORD: AS LD27'S CHOICE FOR THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Many of us have been active in Republican politics for longer than we care to admit not because of affiliation but most likely as it reveals our Senior status. Among our family of Arizona Precinct Committeemen there are many shining stars. One not always in the limelight and politically busy until her last days on earth was State Committeeman, SARA DUNSFORD.

A dedicated patriot, Sara had just turned 83 in January and was still giving the left as much distress as possible before she was called to heaven. She was LD 27 PC of the year for 2020. When the demands of aging attempted to inhibit her physical mobility, she resourced her grandchildren. She would drive through neighborhoods as they hung campaign materials and Republican flyers. She expressed frustration as she wanted to always do more. It could be argued that in her advanced years she may have contributed more volunteer hours on an annual basis than some a quarter of her age. Always available to provide her notary services and armed with signature petitions, her walker secured many footsteps which probably represented many miles. Her activism goes back all the way to President Ronald Reagan and Senator Barry Goldwater years; her political scrapbook would make a fine addition to any Arizona historical display. Among Sara's personal circa 1966 photos is one of her pushing a stroller with her daughter passenger Katherine, prominently displaying a Reagan for Governor sign. She worked credentials at the last AZ GOP 2020 state meeting, something she consistently volunteered for as well as having a nearly perfect attendance record to PC required functions.

Sara homeschooled her three children and the tradition continued with her own grandchildren. Her influence is still represented as her grandson Sal Papandrea will basically replace her in the Ardmore precinct. Sara's daughter Elizabeth Papandrea, Sal's Mother is already a PC, keeping it in the family.

Sara Dunsford was a staunch Republican all her adult life and conservative to the core. She was a devout Catholic and attended Mass nearly every day. Her fellow parishioners relied on her candidate knowledge every election. Her Republican principles complimented her religious commitment. Perhaps that is why she remained engaged until the last of her life. She was never one to back down from a political argument and always had a strong opinion. She was known to be unapologetic about displaying it as well. This was demonstrated as she had a TRUMP sign in her front window which remained until the HOA asked for its removal. Many are eligible for a lifetime achievement award, but certainly SARA DUNSFORD deserves it.

Correction from the Grandkids: The Trump sign remained in the window until the day she died. I am not 100% sure if the HOA fined her for it, but I do know they were arguing about it up to

the end. The kids came up with a plan to turn it around on the day the guy from the management company trundled around hunting down violators -- and then they'd flip it back to reveal "TRUMP 2020 -- KEEP AMERICA GREAT!" for the rest of the month.

-Tracy Ireland and Elizabeth Papandrea

## **Sign up for AZ51 get paid to register Republican voters**

Contact Tatiana to enroll and to start registering voters, earn \$12.00 for each new registration!

[Tatiana.Pena@az51.org](mailto:Tatiana.Pena@az51.org)

602-809-4230

From the facebook page:

'Red Wave Arizona Building ... A Call to Action

In the past six years, the Republican voter registration lead in Arizona has been reduced from 6% to 3% through the actions of Dems with their George Soros money. Our AZ51 Voter Project founder, is a strong conservative, US military veteran and a successful Arizona entrepreneur. He has had enough of the Soros influence in our state and has provided funds to AZ51 Voter Project to immediately rectify and reverse this trend. But I need you to join our fight today.

While our state legislators are working on 10 new laws to reinstate voter integrity in our election process, AZ51 Voter Project launched on 1 February with our goal of registering 250,000 new Republican voters by the next election in November 2022.

Once we reach our goal, we will work to turn out the vote, send the 51st Republican Senator from Arizona, and take back the US Senate!

We need your help building voter registration teams to secure new Republican voter registrations across our state...AND we will pay you for your efforts. We also provide you the training and supplies that you need.

Our Regional Director for your area is Michelle Rugloski. Please contact her at [Michelle.Rugloski@az51.org](mailto:Michelle.Rugloski@az51.org) if you are able to join our efforts.

There is not a day to waste with this Red Wave Arizona building to the next election!

Ken Bennett

State Director • AZ51 Voter Project

Past President of the AZ Senate (2003 – 2007) / Past AZ Secretary of State (2009 – 2015)'

## **Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation Freedom From Violence Walk/Block Party**

The Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation (DGMF) was founded in honor of Damion Gosa, a 35 year old father who was tragically killed during a home invasion in 2009.

The foundation honors his life and legacy through after school and summer youth programs designed to mentor young people to a path towards success and away from violence. According to the website, The DGMF has made it its mission to “steer our youth towards a Christ-like life filled with integrity, love, and respect”.

**On April 10, 2021** we will be marching in a stand against violence and a better path for our youth. Please join us! Information in the link under events.

**LD 27** will be having an LD 27 booth at the Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation Freedom From Violence Walk & Block Party.

We're giving away free bottle water & having a raffle for \*3\* \$25 gift cards!

All proceeds for our gift cards were donated by Nicole, Tommie, Don, Jesus & Daija.

Questions? Nicole Mercado chair: nicolevmmercado@gmail.com

### **Did you know?**

#### **Bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party**

(Download)

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### **Election news**

**City Council District 7 Laveen and District 3** - Please vote! Sam Stones op-ed below:

<https://arizonadailyindependent.com/2021/02/23/phoenix-future-hinges-on-ghost-election/>

### **Request to speak**

<https://www.azleg.gov/group/request-to-speak/>

### **Calendar of events:**

**LD27 Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month, Pot luck social hour 6-7 and Business meeting until 8:30PM**

2070 E Baseline Rd ste102 85042

#### **MCR Board Meeting:**

1st Tuesday, 7pm, & open to Republicans to attend as observers.

**Formal council meeting.** Please register join. Councilman Carlos Garcia

<https://action.phoenix.gov/v.pl?cc27ad5a34192ddd281467b24c689621c43cc9071261056e>

**7th Annual Damion Gosa Memorial foundation Freedom From Violence Walk/Block Party**

8AM 2 mile walk 10 AM Block Party.

April 10th 9AM To register for the event:

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/NDc0NjU=: wwwDGM-F.org](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/NDc0NjU=: wwwDGM-F.org)

**GREATER PHX REP WOMEN** club's April speaker AG Brnovich -April 14th. RSVP: [reservations@gprw1958.org](mailto:reservations@gprw1958.org)

## LIKE SHARE ENGAGE

With this new addition, we now have \*6\* platforms for information:

- Monthly meetings
- Emails
- FB•Private & Public
- Website
- Whats App
- Newsletter
- twitter
- mewe

## Fundraising Update:

Alice Lara is selling beautiful Copper Arizona Commemorative pins for \$5.00 each.

## Organizations to support and follow:

40 days for Life: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/phoenix>

Protect the Harvest <https://protecttheharvest.com>

Damion Gosa Memorial foundation [wwwDGM-F.org](http://wwwDGM-F.org)

EmpoweRanch <https://www.empoweranch.org>

## Womens Clubs:

Arizona Federation of Republican Women

The AZFRW is a grassroots Political Organization with active members across the state. Empowering women from all backgrounds in the political process which provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in government and civic arenas. [www.azfrw.com](http://www.azfrw.com)

## MEDIA:

<https://www.theepochtimes.com> [www.chipnsalsashow.com](http://www.chipnsalsashow.com) <https://jeffreyprather.com> <https://www.tpusa.com>

Care to add events or info? Contact Monique Bontrager [ivoryhoofranch@protonmail.com](mailto:ivoryhoofranch@protonmail.com)

