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**HISTORICAL NOTE:** The Pima County Republican Women's Club (PCRWC) was established in 1924 by a group of sixteen women led by Emma Parsons (Mrs. Clifford W. Parsons) and is now the oldest Republican women's club in the state of Arizona. The club is dedicated to educating women in the political process, registering Republicans, and electing Republicans to office. The group changed its name from the Women's Republican Club of Pima County to the Pima County Women's Republican Club, then to Pima County Republican Women. The Pima County Republican Women's Club has met at a variety of locations including the courthouse, the Old Pueblo Club, Republican Headquarters, Veterans Hospital, Tucson Electric Building, the Plaza Hotel, local restaurants such as El Parador Restaurant, and private homes. Many members have served as elected officials in state and local offices including Representative Freddie Hershberger, Senator Toni Hellon, Representative Lou-Ann Preble, Representative Laura Knaperek, former Tucson City Council Member and Vice Mayor Cheri Cross, and precinct committeeman Virginia Boys. PCRWC is affiliated with the Arizona Federation of Republican Women (AFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection is arranged in **four** series. Each series is organized chronologically.

**Series I:** Records (1930-2009)

**Series II:** Member Biographies

**Series III:** Scrapbooks

**Series IV:** Cookbooks

**Series I: Records** includes club bylaws, membership directories, meeting minutes, financial reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, letters, photographs, and event notices and invites. This series was kept in its original chronological order. The clippings in the series include articles about Sandra Day O'Connor while she was Arizona Senate Majority Leader and upon her retirement from the Supreme Court. Correspondence in the series includes letters from the Eisenhower and George H. W. Bush White Houses, Gov. Fife Symington, Senator John McCain, and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as well as letters written to Congress and President Nixon by the club against impeachment. The series includes commemorative invitations to the inaugurations of President Reagan and President George Bush. Other materials in the series include World War II materials, Barry Goldwater pamphlets, 1968 Republican National Convention program, "Justice in Arizona: Proposals to Combat Crime" by Bruce Babbitt with letter, and a Christmas card from Governor Jane Dee Hull. The Records series also includes materials from the Arizona Republican Party, Arizona Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation of Republican Women including awards, newsletters, meeting minutes, handbooks, pamphlets, and magazines.

**Series II: Member Biographies** includes biographies from the *Trunklines* newsletter, letters, resumes, photographs, clippings, awards, obituaries, and memorabilia. Many of the member biographies are from the member spotlight section of the *Trunklines* newsletter which was added in 2003. The materials for Jackie Ross, Conn O'Sullivan, Charlotte Woodworth, Hon. Elsa Mulhern, and Louise English were previously organized in a binder in remembrance.

**Series III: Scrapbooks** (1924-2009) consists of clippings, letters, photographs, newsletters, meeting minutes, event invites, and other memorabilia. The scrapbooks' contents shifted over time with the older scrapbooks having more clippings, telegraphs, and letters, while more recent scrapbooks contain primarily photos with newsletters and event invites. The materials in this series are similar to Series I, but different!

**Series IV: Cookbooks** (1985-2005) includes two cookbooks, one from 1985 and one from 2005, written and compiled by the Pima County Republican Women's Club. The 2005 cookbook includes recipes from Republicans and elected officials throughout the country including Barbara Bush, Jeb Bush, Jon Kyl, John McCain, Ann Day, Jim Kolbe, Jan Brewer, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Bob Walkup, Toni Hellon, J. D. Haysworth, Lou-Ann Preble, Freddy Hershberger, Linda Lingle, and Betsy Bayless in addition to recipes from members.

**SUBJECT TERMS:** Arizona--Politics and government; Pima County (Ariz.)--Politics and government; Political clubs--Arizona; Political clubs--Arizona--Tucson; Republican Party (U.S. :

1854- ); Republican Party (Ariz.); United States--Politics and government; Women--Political activity--Arizona; Women--Societies and clubs; Women politicians--Arizona; Women in politics--Arizona--Tucson; Women in politics--Arizona--Societies, etc.

**RELATED MATERIALS:** Emma Follin Parsons papers, MS 0644; Mildred F. Parsons collection, MS 0646; Places-Arizona-general-politics-Republicans [ephemera file]

**CONTAINER LIST:**

<b>Series I: Records</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	1	Clippings, minutes, treasurer's reports, letters	1930-1940
	2	Press Book of Pima Co. Women's Republican Club	1941
	3	Meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, letters, WWII	1941-1944
	4	Membership directory, bylaws, meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, letters, event notices, telegraph	1945-1950
	5	Meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, letters, clippings, bulletins, yearbook (1952-1955)	1951-1953
	6	Minutes, treasurer's reports, letters, clippings, bulletins, modern mimeography handbook	1954-1955
	7	Meeting minutes, financial reports, newsletters, letters (including from the Eisenhower White House), clippings, composition book, membership card	1956-1957
	8	Meeting minutes, financial reports, newsletters, letters, clippings, event notices, convention program	1962-1963
2	1	Meeting minutes, membership directory, financial reports, bylaws, newsletters, letters, clippings, event notices, convention programs, Goldwater pamphlets	1964-1965
	2	Minutes, member directory, financial reports, newsletters, letters, clippings, event notices, convention programs, Barry Goldwater pamphlets	1966-1969
	3	Membership directories, bylaws, newsletters, clippings, meeting minutes, letters, event notices	1970-1971
	4	Directories, minutes, financial reports, Nixon, <i>Challenge</i> magazine, RNC seminars, clippings	1972
	5	Directories, bylaws, <i>Challenge</i> magazine, newsletters, letters (against impeachment)	1973
	6	Newsletters, meeting minutes, financial reports, <i>First Monday</i> , <i>Challenge</i> magazine	1974
	7	Minutes, newsletters, membership directories, financial reports, clippings, <i>Challenge</i> magazine	1975
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>

3	1	Newsletters, meeting minutes, financial reports, letters, event flyers, clippings	1976
	2	Directories, newsletters, financial reports, minutes, event flyers, bylaws, National Federation of Republican Women award ribbons	1977
	3	Minutes, financial reports, events calendar, board and member directories, newsletters, bylaws, letters	1978
	4	Membership directories, financial reports, meeting minutes, bylaws, newsletters	1979
	5	Membership directories, meeting minutes, financial reports, report of political contributions, newsletters	1980
	6	Directories, minutes, financial reports, list of Republican candidates, bylaw amendments, newsletters, event invites, inauguration invitation	1981
	7	Directories, minutes, financial reports, political contributions, newsletters, NFRW chairman sheet, comprehensive advocacy program, Bruce Babbitt	1982
4	1	Membership directories, newsletters, National Federation of Republican Women leadership booklet, list of Reagan administration women appointees	1983
	2	Pima County Deputy Registrar Manual	1983-1984
	3	Directories, financial reports, newsletters, Guide to effective Planning for the Republican Precinct Committeeman, event invites, inauguration invitation	1984
	4	Directories, minutes, financial reports, newsletters, bylaws, strategic long-range plan for the Arizona Republican Party, NFRW leadership manual	1985
	5	Operating procedures book for P.C.R.W.C. members	1985
	6	Membership directories, meeting minutes, newsletters	1986
	7	Pima County Deputy Registrar Manual	1986-1987
	8	Directories, minutes, Pima Republican newsletter	1987
	9	Directories, newsletters, NFRW prayer book	1988
	10	RNC State Legislative and Local Campaign Manual	1988-1989
	11	Financial reports, newsletters, campaign workshop, bicentennial presidential inauguration program	1989
	12	AFRW Guide for Republican Women	1989
	13	Financial reports, minutes, political contributions, newsletters, <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine, award from the Pima County Republican Party	1990
5	1	Financial reports, minutes, newsletters, member directory, awards/documents from the AFRW, NFRW award, convention program/guides, <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine, letters	1991
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	2	Membership directories, financial reports, meeting minutes, newsletters	1992
	3	Bylaws, AFRW member directory, bylaws, treasurer's reports, officer guides, newsletters, minutes, NFRW brochure, chairmen sheets, public relations guide, <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine	1992
	4	Event notices, letters (including responses from the offices of Gov. Fife Symington, The White House and Sen. John McCain), clippings	1992
	5	Newsletters, Arizona campaign finance report, Midwestern Leadership Conference program	1993
	6	Newsletters, club notices	1994
	7	Financial reports, press releases, minutes, newsletters, Arizona Federation of Republican Women convention	1995
	8	Financial reports, newsletters, list of Republican candidates, AFRW member report, organization chart, protocol guidelines newsletters, NFRW chairmen sheets, "Talking points for Republican women", "Internet demonstration", and "Seminar on computer record keeping" booklets	1996
6	1	NFRW Unit Club President's Guide	1996
	2	Membership directory, newsletters, financial reports, RNC candidate recruitment booklet	1997
	3	Member directories, newsletters, event notices, AFRW reports and meeting minutes, Republican women leaders forum reports, NFRW reports, bylaws	1998
	4	Member directories, financial reports, minutes, State of Arizona campaign finance report, newsletters, AFRW reports and minutes, NFRW committee reports and leadership development workshop	1999
	5	Financial reports, meeting minutes, event flyers, newsletters, NFRW leadership handbook	2000
	6	Member directories, financial reports, minutes, newsletters, event flyers, NFRW awards worksheets	2001
	7	Member directories, financial reports, minutes, emails, newsletters, AFRW reports, minutes and newsletters, NFRW reports and book list, <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine, Gov. Hull card	2002
7	1	Member directories, financial reports, minutes, emails, event flyers, letters, newsletters, AFRW awards, minutes, reports, convention program, advocacy workshop booklet, NFRW awards, meeting minutes, and <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine	2003
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	2	Member directories, bylaws, financial reports, minutes, emails, club history, 80th anniversary celebration, program, and agenda, letters, newsletters	2004
	3	Arizona Republican Party meeting program, Pima County Republican Party newsletter, AFRW newsletters, member directory, bylaws, minutes, reports, and programs, NFRW member handbook, programs, financial statements, directory, <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine, clippings	2004
	4	Member directories, club description and story, bylaws, financial reports, minutes, emails, letters, newsletters, event flyers, AFRW newsletters, awards, convention programs, NFRW newsletters, and <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine, photograph, clippings	2005
	5	Member directories, financial reports, minutes, letters, newsletters, AFRW awards, club treasurer handbook, <i>The Republican Woman</i> magazine, photos	2006
8	1	Member directories, financial reports, minutes, event notices, newsletters, letters (including response from Sandra Day O'Connor), AFRW awards, NFRW convention program, reports, <i>The Republican Woman</i>	2007
	2	Board directory, meeting minutes, emails, financial reports, event flyers, newsletters, AFRW newsletters	2008
	3	Description of duties of officers and standing committees, financial reports, minutes, newsletters, Gov. Brewer program, photo of Cyndi Collins with donated flags and Gloria Harris from Marana School District Office, 85th anniversary invitation, program, certificate from Gov. Brewer, AFRW newsletters, report form, and convention program	2009
<b>Series II: Member Biographies</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
8	4	Virginia Boys	
	5	Sheilah Brown	
	6	Virginia (Ginger) Burkholder	
	7	Mary Ann Burr	
	8	Louise English	
	9	Hon. Freddy Hershberger	
	10	Hon. Elsa Mulhern	
	11	Col. Anne Connaught (Conn) O'Sullivan	
	12	Jackie Ross	
	13	Margaret Sanger Slec	
	14	Col. Charlotte Ives Woodworth	
<b>Series III: Scrapbooks</b>			

<b>Box</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
9	1	bylaws, clippings, telegraphs, letters, litany, photos	1924-1943
	2	clippings, newsletters, club constitution	1943-1945
	3	clippings, letters, NFRW materials	1946-1950
10	4	photographs, clippings, letters (Goldwater, Nixon)	1970-1971
	5	clippings, photographs (Charlotte Woodworth, Freddy Hershberger, Elsa Mulhern, Gerald Ford, Mayor Lew Murphy)	1972
	6	Tucson Northwest Republican Women: letters, certificates, clippings, photographs	1972-1973
	7	clippings, photographs (Elsa Mulhern, Charlotte Woodworth with George Bush), letters (Gerald Ford, Goldwater, Nixon), newsletters, NFRW award, event invites (White House reception for Elsa Mulhern)	1973
11	8	Tucson Northwest Republican Women: bylaws, clippings, photographs	1974-1983
12	9	photographs (Charlotte Woodworth), newsletters	1981-1982
	10	photographs, clippings, (Charlotte Woodworth, Jackie Ross, with Mayor Murphy)	1986-1987
13	11	Photobook (including Silver Tea and Night in Italy)	[1992]
14	12	minutes, newsletters, photographs, event invites	1993-1994
15	13	membership directory, photographs, newsletters	2002-2003
16	14	newsletters, photographs, 80th anniversary	2004-2005
17	15	photographs, event invites, newsletters	2006-2007
18	16	80th anniversary scrapbook (photographs)	2004
	17	85th anniversary scrapbook (photographs)	2009
<b>Series IV: Cookbooks</b>			
19		<i>Pima County Republican Women's Club Cookbook</i>	1985
		<i>Daily Specials: Memorable Recipes from Remarkable Republicans!</i>	2005