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The Many Facets of the Republican Party
An organization like a precious stone is made up of many facets. Since most organizations are made up of humans those facets are often as diverse as human DNA.

In order for an organization to thrive and grow they must recognize and respect those different facets. There is no better example of this than the Alaska Republican Party. Republicans are often described as not being as diverse as Democrats but I find the Republican Party extremely diverse in varying ideas, values and thoughts.

Within in an organization lacking strong leadership, this diversity will often cause a lack of trust and loyalty, create turmoil and sometimes even chaos. The events of the Alaska Republican Party over the past 18 months most certainly mirror this. It has been a tough time for anyone involved. It has had people questioning long time friendships and the ethics of others. During this time of turmoil, one facet tries to explain and justify actions of others and another facet fights to be heard but often lack the power to be allowed to speak so they scream! The other facets silently sit in discomfort. All the facets outside the turmoil just questioned whether they want to remain a Republican.

So, the stronger facets began to play "situational ethics," where the situation at the moment defines your ethics. The other facets are not too sophisticated and manage to make their facets appear dull. The silent facets continue to sit in discomfort and begin to move toward the stronger facets. Where are all the facets with courage? Oh, there were a few, but it takes real courage to speak the truth. Truth has no agenda and people who have agendas rarely care about the truth and they will do anything to silence the facets with courage. Sometimes the facets with courage face unpleasant consequences so many begin to back away. Only a few of the toughest facets remained.

So what do our facets look like today? Most of our facets look the same. All of the facets that didn't match have mostly been cut away. Such a shame! All I can think of is what a wonderful opportunity it would have been to make us a stronger organization with many different facets.

Judy Eledge
President ARWC

THE REFERENDUM TO REPEAL OIL TAX REFORM
There are two sides to every story and as the signature gathers are out there collecting signatures, they aren't telling part of the story. "We Are Alaska" wants to
make people fully aware of what the sponsors don't want you to know. When you sign the petition, you aren't hurting the oil companies because they'll find other places to invest their money. You're hurting Alaska. Our economy, our state government and you're hurting the livelihoods of our members and of your neighbors.

We Are Alaska is an independent expenditure group of the Alaska Support Industry Alliance. Our goal is to educate Alaskans on issues that matter to the support industry. We represent more than 50,000 employees, whose jobs are created by the support industry, involving everything from driving trucks and transportation to employee placement and professional training.

While referendum sponsors attempt to collect 30,000 signatures to place the issue on the ballot, the 50,000 Alaskan employees who owe their job to the support industry will continue to fight to ensure that Alaska has a strong future in the oil industry. They will fight to secure Alaska jobs for future Alaskans that are like theirs - the highest paying in the state - that put billions of dollars into Alaska's economy every year.

In the coming weeks, We Are Alaska will provide information about the benefit of SB 21 to the state of Alaska, and more importantly, to the citizens of the state - current and future generations. We hope you find the information we provide useful as you think about an issue that will define our state for the next 50 years.

Check out our website at www.weareak.com, like us on Facebook, follow us on twitter.

Rebecca Logan
General Manager
Alaska Support Industry Alliance

UPCOMING EVENTS

June Membership Meeting
Celebrating Women in Politics
With special guest
Governor Sean Parnell
Tuesday, June 11, 2013
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
At the home of Kay Schuster
16959 Bedford Chase Circle
Price: $10
More Details
Please RSVP by June 8
Call 272-3357 or email arwcyes@yahoo.com

2013 Summer Salad Luncheon
Thursday, July 11, 2013
Home of Lt. Governor, Mead Treadwell
Additional Details Coming Soon
Visit our web site for more information

Board Member Spotlight - Ardy Robertson Vice President

I have served on the ARWC board for over 8 years now. I am a firm believer in the values of the Republican platform; less government and personal responsibility are key to a well-functioning society. I have both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education. I have been teaching high school English for over 18 years. During the summers, I create beautiful wedding cakes (www.ardycakes.com) and can be found hiking throughout Alaska's majestic mountain ranges. My other passions involve serving in my church and traveling with my handsome hubby.
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