

2010 ARIZONA CAPITOL TIMES Best of the CAPITOL

Please mark the box next to one candidate in each category.

1. Place to Impress a Client

- The Capital Grille
- Durant's
- Kincaid's Fish, Chop & Steakhouse
- University Club
- Alexi's
- Other: _____

2. Capitol Lawn Event

- Restaurant & Hospitality Day
- Arizona Association of Community Managers Legislative Day Luncheon
- SRP Day at the Legislature
- Rite of Passage/Canyon State Academy Luncheon
- McDonald's Day
- Other: _____

3. Awards Event

- Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry Heritage Award
- Governor's Celebration of Innovation — AZ Tech Council
- Impact Awards — Phoenix Chamber
- Aguila Fulfilling Our Destiny Luncheon
- Governor's Arts Awards
- Other: _____

4. Cocktail Party

- Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Governor's Reception
- Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative at Rustlers Roost
- Arizona Association of Realtors reception for Legislators at The Phoenix Art Museum
- Foundation and the ASU School of Public Policy
- House Chief Clerk Norm Moore's retirement party at University Club
- Other: _____

5. Political Fundraiser

- Rep. Robert Meza
- U.S. Sen. John McCain
- Jonathan Paton
- Rep. Jim Weiers
- Rep. Kirk Adams
- Other: _____

6. Dressed Male

- Steve Roman
- John Kaites
- Jake Logan
- Michael Preston Green
- Mitch Menlove
- Other: _____

7. Dressed Female

- Rep. Lucy Mason
- Rep. Kyrsten Sinema
- Genevra Richardson

- Sen. Rebecca Rios
- Rep. Olivia Cajero Bedford
- Other: _____

8. Shoes — Male

- Marcus Dell'Artino
- Bob Stump
- Victor Riches
- Michael Preston Green
- Stan Barnes
- Other: _____

9. Shoes — Female

- Michele Reagan
- Kyrsten Sinema
- Janna Day
- Kelsey Lundy
- Sen. Rebecca Rios
- Other: _____

10. Hairdo — Male

- Marcus Dell'Artino
- Michael Preston Green
- Mitch Menlove
- Joe Hart
- Tom Farley
- Other: _____

11. Hairdo — Female

- Rep. Kyrsten Sinema
- Susan Charlton
- The Hon. Rose Mofford
- Susie Stevens
- Eileen Klein
- Other: _____

12. Person to Have Lunch With

- U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor
- Gov. Jan Brewer
- Sen. Thayer Verschoor
- U.S. Sen. John McCain
- U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl
- Other: _____

13. Political Operative

- Chuck Coughlin
- Jay Heiler
- David Waid
- Spencer Kamps
- Allison Bell
- Other: _____

14. Person on Golf Foursome

- Kathy Senseman
- Ron Bellus
- Cloves Campbell, Jr.
- Jaime Molera
- Russell Smolden
- Other: _____

15. Administrative Assistant/Secretary

- Mary Peralta
- Becca Farmer
- Galen Kimmick
- Sylvia Oliver
- Pamela Soto
- Other: _____

16. Staffer

- Wendy Baldo
- Michael Hunter
- Victor Riches
- Katie Yanez
- Dawn Wallace
- Other: _____

17. PR Person/Company

- Kurt Davis, FirstStrategic
- Coleman Dahm & Associates
- Ziemba Waid Public Affairs
- Jason Rose/Rose & Allyn
- R&R Partners
- Other: _____

18. Government PR Person

- Paul Senseman
- Cari Gerchick
- Barrett Marson
- Sarah Muench
- Doug Nintzel
- Other: _____

19. Capitol Watchdog Group

- Goldwater Institute
- Arizona Tax Research Association
- Sierra Club
- PAFCO
- Arizona Free Enterprise Club
- Other: _____

20. Republican Senator — 49th Legislature

- Carolyn Allen
- Bob Burns
- Steve Pierce
- John Huppenthal
- Barbara Leff
- Other: _____

21. Democratic Senator — 49th Legislature

- Rebecca Rios
- Paula Aboud
- Linda Lopez
- Jorge Luis Garcia
- Ken Chevront
- Other: _____

22. Republican Representative — 49th Legislature

- Kirk Adams
- Bill Konopnicki
- Andy Tobin
- Adam Driggs
- Rich Crandall
- Other: _____

23. Democratic Representative — 49th Legislature

- Chad Campbell
- Robert Meza
- Kyrsten Sinema
- Matt Heinz
- Tom Chabin
- Other: _____

24. Lobbyist

- Barry Dill
- Barry Aarons
- John Kaites
- Don Isaacson
- Michael Preston Green
- Wendy Briggs
- John Mangum
- Other: _____

25. Officer at the Capitol

- Mike Ransom
- Donald Post
- Cmdr. Andrew Staubit
- Jeff Trapp
- Nathan Clark
- Other: _____

26. Democratic Elected Official

- Attorney General Terry Goddard
- U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor
- U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords
- U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick
- U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell
- Other: _____

27. Republican Elected Official

- Secretary of State Ken Bennett
- U.S. Rep. Jeff Flake
- U.S. Sen. John McCain
- U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl
- State Treasurer Dean Martin
- Other: _____

28. Quote — Republican Representative

- "I was not sure what I would do on this bill until I heard Mr. Crandall's forceful neutrality."* — Rep. Andy Biggs, a Gilbert Republican, responding after Rep. Rich Crandall asked on the floor of the House of Representatives if he could rise "neutral" to a bill.
- "I was picking his brain. You can always use another brain."* — Rep. Doug Queland, testifying Sept. 21, 2009, in his own defense and explaining why he allowed Larry Davis to volunteer on his 2008 campaign after having a falling out with the political consultant and ending a year-long contract after only two days. Davis denies the contract was canceled.
- "We're not thinking anything yet, at least not out loud."* — House Speaker Kirk Adams, speaking to reporters June 11, 2009, about the possibility of how a tax increase could be structured as part of a budget plan.
- "I've suggested that we add the fourth floor onto the building so that, when we jump, we don't just break our legs."* — Rep. Russ Jones, a Republican from

Yuma, expressing his dismay May 13, 2009, in the House Appropriations Committee at the choices lawmakers were faced with to solve a massive budget deficit.

"I suspect that might be Democrat math, which is a lot different than Republican math." — Rep. John Kavanagh, a Republican from Fountain Hills, responding to a question regarding the budget from a Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

Other: _____

29. Quote — Republican Senator

"I consider this first panel — not necessarily the governor or her staff — but this first panel of people testifying to be a kangaroo court." — Sen. Jack Harper, a Republican from Surprise, commenting on the education panel during Gov. Jan Brewer's June 9, 2009, budget forum.

"I would liken it to being released from prison only to walk across the street and get hit by a bus." — Sen. Pamela Gorman, a Republican from Anthem, describing legislative Republicans' shaky relationship with Gov. Jan Brewer, after Brewer replaced Janet Napolitano as governor.

"It's ugly, and I don't think we can ever make it pretty." — Senate President Bob Burns, commenting on the budget.

"I have decided that I am going to try to adopt the attitude that this is going to be a two-year running sitcom, which could be a comedy ... but I think that the public might not think it's funny." — Sen. Carolyn Allen, a Republican from Scottsdale, describing the state's budget woes prior to a fall 2009 special session.

"Apparently, myself and Senator Gorman are ... kind of like the anti-tax Jedi knights. We are the last Jedi banished to the hinterlands, so asking what our opinion on what leadership is going to do is probably the wrong place to ask." — Sen. Ron Gould, a Republican from Lake Havasu City, responding after being asked what he thought would happen prior to a fall 2009 special session.

Other: _____

30. Quote — Democratic Representative

"I'm not that kind of girl." — Assistant House Minority Leader Kyrsten Sinema, a Democrat from Phoenix, responding to another lawmaker who addressed her on the House floor using the honorific "Mrs." instead of "Ms."

"In medical school, we usually had more than 14 hours to go over things before tests." — Rep. Matt Heinz, a Tucson Democrat, commenting in the March 9, 2010, House Appropriations Committee hearing on how little time lawmakers had been given to review the budget before it was heard in committee.

"Those guys are great liars." — Rep. Jack Brown, a Democrat from St. John's, speaking April 27, 2010, to a reporter about a video shown on the House floor that chronicled his 36-year career at the Legislature and featured former colleagues praising Brown's service as a lawmaker. He is retiring at the end of the year.

"I kind of want to know where, physically, she is. Does she come to work?" — Rep. Matt Heinz, a Democrat from Tucson, commenting May 13, 2009, in the House Appropriations Committee on what he feels is Gov. Jan Brewer's lack of leadership on fixing the budget.

"We're not even playing footsie — we're texting." — Assistant House Minority Leader Kyrsten Sinema, likening the budget process to dating.

Other: _____

31. Quote — Democratic Senator

"It is kicking out the public. And I just can't believe the audacity and the shame that we are talking about it at this point during our 'Sunshine Week.'" — Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor, a Democrat from Phoenix, commenting on the decision by Senate GOP leadership to move the press out of the Senate building at the end of the 2009 session.

"I want to implore my colleagues to stop bullying Senator Gould." — Sen. Paula Aboud, a Democrat from Tucson, responding to complaints by Republican Sen. Ron Gould that liberal House Republicans had "rolled" the caucus in previous years by voting for more government spending and tax increases.

"I think we demonstrated that we can have an entire legislative session without true leadership showing up. There were no attempts to approach problem-solving from a broad perspective." — Sen. Debbie McCune Davis, a Democrat from Phoenix, reacting to how the 2009 session played out.

"It's not just some software you go out and buy at Staples." — Sen. Amanda Aguirre, speaking about computer programs to launch Web sites that detail government spending.

"Some of the things that have been pushed through here really take us back to a time when the majority of people believe that women couldn't make those kinds of decisions themselves." — Sen. Linda Lopez, a Democrat from Tucson, who said measures pushed by the Religious Right intrude into people's private rights.

Other: _____

32. Political Websites

- Gila Courier
- Espresso Pundit
- Democratic Diva
- Sonoran Alliance
- Blog for Arizona
- Other: _____

33. Twitterer

- Jason Rose
- Kyrsten Sinema
- David Leibowitz
- Chuck Gray
- Brahm Resnik
- Other: _____

34. Rising Star

- Sen. Frank Antenori
- Rep. Steve Montenegro
- Andrei Cherny
- Rep. Matt Heinz
- Sen. Steve Pierce
- Other: _____

35. Library

- Burton Barr Central Library
- Hayden Library — ASU Tempe Campus

- Tempe Public Library
- Carnegie Center Library
- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
- Other: _____

36. Coordinated Campaign

- Arizona Education Association/Yes on Prop 100
- Governor Brewer Election Campaign
- March of Dimes — Newborn Screening
- Realtors' repeal of the changes to the anti-deficiency law
- Other: _____

37. Grassroots Effort

- Autism Moms/Insurance Mandate
- The teachers' fight to protect K-12 education cuts
- Charter School Budget Battle
- One Arizona
- Other: _____

38. Lunch

- The Original Wineburger
- Tom's Tavern
- Switch
- CIBO
- DES Cafeteria
- Other: _____

39. Bar

- Durant's
- Blue Martini
- Roosevelt Tavern
- The Turf
- Postino Winecafe'
- Other: _____

40. Hamburger

- Original Hamburger Works
- The Original Wineburger
- Lenny's Burger Shop
- Delux Burger
- Zin
- Other: _____

41. Breakfast

- Matt's Big Breakfast
- Eggerly
- First Watch
- The Good Egg
- Over Easy
- Other: _____

42. Dinner

- Durant's
- The Capital Grille
- Postino Winecafe'
- Kincaid's Fish, Chop & Steakhouse
- Cheuvront Restaurant and Wine Bar
- Other: _____

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