

## AZ Insider: A President Joins Cindy McCain and Phoenix VIPs

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Why a PRESIDENT was in Paradise Valley and the Phoenix areas.

**Cindy McCain** and some Phoenix area VIPs first welcomed a President at a private reception at a home in the exclusive gated community of Clearwater Hills, followed by a breakfast the next morning at the Peoria police station, culminating with a dinner that evening on the ASU West campus.



The President? **Vicente Fox** who was elected President of Mexico in 2000, in a historically significant election year in Mexico; and served until 2006. The 6 foot 5" political leader flanked by his wife **Marta Sahagun de Fox** and former U.S. Treasurer **Rosario Marin**; were in the Phoenix area to put the spotlight on several vital topics that are shared by Mexico and the U.S.



Pictured above at the breakfast, **Sharon Harper** President/CEO of the **Plaza Companies**, and **Kurt Volker**, Executive Director of the McCain Institute share a front seat with President Vicente Fox and Rosario Marin, (who served as U.S. Treasurer under President **George W. Bush**.)

**The McCain Institute for International Leadership** and **United Peoria Foundation** (founded by Peoria Vice Mayor **Tony Rivero**) partnered together to coordinate the various events which put the spotlight on critical issues such as trade and commerce, human trafficking, and immigration. An intimate group of guests gathered for breakfast to hear Cindy McCain, (wife of **Sen. John McCain**, who had to be in Washington, D.C. at the time) and the former First Lady of Mexico, Marta Sahagun de Fox, chat informally without a script about the issues of the two countries.



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