

AZ Insider: District 3 Race Dominates Social Calendar

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This week: The scoop on the "Night for Life" gala!

It's unusual this year that in these typically quiet summer months on the fundraising social calendar, there's an event almost every night! That's because the heated race for an important seat in a politically important climate.

The social calendar has been buzzing with those hosting fundraisers for their favorite political candidate- specifically for the crowded race for Congress in Arizona's 3rd Congressional District. There are 12 candidates vying for the seat left vacant by **John Shadegg**- 10 of them are Republican. Within this "congested" race, there was a recent fundraising event with, you might say, an interesting "prescription" for the "congestion."

I'm referring to one of the events for Republican candidate Attorney **Paulina Morris** was at **Carey and Dr. John Musil's** home. John is the founder and **CEO of the Apothecary Shops**, a family of national independent specialty pharmacies.

Event co-hosts included **Tess and Bill Burleson**, **Bill and Mary Way**, **Kathleen**, and **Derek Chester**, **Wendy and Mark Briggs**, **Lynn Van Buren** and **Bob Engelman**.

Above is the picture I snapped when I asked Paulina's husband, **Jason Morris**, to pose with a few of his wife's supporters- Pediatrician **Dr. Irene Biggs** and **Tess Burleson**, T-Gen's Chief Operating Officer.

And pictured below is the candidate Paulina who is engaged in a political conversation with **John and Carey Musil**.



The other Republican candidates eying the Congressional seat in District 3 are **Bob Branch**, **Sam Crump**, **Pamela Gorman**, **LeAnn Hull**, **Vernon Parker**, **Steve Moak**, **Ben Quayle**, **Jim Waring** and **Ed Winkler**. The Libertarian candidate is **Michael Shoen**. Democrat **Jon Hulburt** is running and you can read my story on one of his events by [clicking here](#).

Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS Gala:

Paulina Morris was among the several politicians who turned out for the gala for the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS. The "Red is the Night: 15th Annual Night for Life" was a major success with a turnout of 600 guests. It was the first year that this black-tie affair added an after dinner party- a casino cabaret.

Kudos to event chairs **Libby and Dr. Joel Cohen**, **Walt Danley** and **Chuck Wasson**. Honorary co-chairs were **Robert Black** and **Marc Reid**. Southwest Center's President and CEO **Carol Poore** noted that "guests would have stayed until 1 in the morning if the casino tables would have continued."



Pictured above at the gala is **Kirk Baxter** who founded the Southwest Center as Body Positive in 1990 and **Tom Betz**, the Center's Board of Director's Vice Chair.

Vital to the event's success is its long-term collaborative partners. **John Musil** stepped up again this year with Apothecary Shops being a major

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corporate sponsor (they were the title sponsor of the 2009 Night for Life gala.)

And through Apothecary Shop's ongoing business partnership with Sonora Quest Laboratories- the Laboratories were the co-presenting sponsor with Apothecary for the 2010 gala.



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