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## February 2010 Supervisor's Update

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The year is off to a quick start. February seemed to fly by.

The Lost Dutchman Marathon (LDM) happens this month every year; at least for the past nine years. The race is a fantastic showcase for Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Pinal County and Arizona. This year's race was sold out! I'm proud to sit on the LDM board. The Marathon raises thousands of dollars for kids in the form of scholarships. Visit the LDM website if you'd like to volunteer or...run. [www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org](http://www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org)

The City of Apache Junction held its annual Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo and Parade this month. The rodeo is a great event filled with rides, food, entertainment and rodeo. The Gold Canyon Rotarians and other civic organizations earn thousands of dollars from the event with the sale of beer and food. I ended up spending the better part of a day selling beer to thirsty cowboys and cowgirls...

The Lost Dutchman Parade was huge this year. I rode Pepper again this year with the Superstation Horseman Association. The streets were packed as over 150 entrants made their way down the Trail in AJ.

February is a big month for the Republican Party. Republican organizations celebrate President Abraham Lincoln and his contributions to both America and Republican ideals. The Pinal County Lincoln Day Luncheon was a packed house at Florence's Windmill. Thanks to all the volunteers and organizers.

The Lions Club of Gold Canyon had a big month. I was honored to be the guest speaker early in the month while later in the month we held our annual Casino Night. The Mountain Brook Village venue was nearly a sell out as literally hundreds of people had a good time while we raised thousands of dollars for the sight impaired.

Valentine's Day was a big hit in both Gold Canyon and San Tan Valley. The Vegas act, Three Men and a Tenor, played at Poston Butte High School and The Views in Gold Canyon. It was a great show and represents the kind of events that bring communities together. Let's hope for more events of the same quality.

Former U.S. Congressman, J.D. Hayworth, announced this month that he will run against Arizona's senior Senator, John McCain, for U.S. Senate. Two days after Mr. Hayworth's announcement, I had the honor to introduce him to a room full of Gold Canyon citizens at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort. It speaks well of Gold Canyon and Pinal County that a race this big starts in our own backyard. This is going to be interesting...

Also on the political front, I had the pleasure of having Arizona State Representative Frank Pratt on the Bryan Martyn Show this month. Representative Pratt represents Legislative District 23 which covers the majority of Pinal County. Rep. Pratt is doing a great job as he surely has his hands full as the Legislature struggles with the State's budget.

A highlight of this month's radio shows was the State of the District briefing held in San Tan Valley. The meeting was well attended and was simulcast on the radio show to over 75,000 listeners. Tune in every Thursday night from 6-8 pm at [www.kqcklive.com](http://www.kqcklive.com)

Finally, the Johnson Ranch HOA held its annual elections meeting. Sheriff Babeu and I had the pleasure to address a room of over 100 Johnson Ranch homeowners. The topic of San Tan Valley incorporation seemed to be the most talked about issue. Look for more incorporation information at the Pinal County website: <http://pinalcountyaz.gov/Residents/Pages/SanTanValley.aspx>

February's Employee of the Month has one of the toughest jobs in the county, Budget and Research Director. As we react to the ever-changing cuts made by our State Legislature, Mrs. Janette Weedon continues to provide information and valuable insight into the county's financial picture. Janette, thank you for working with three unique County Supervisors as we try and balance the needs of the county with our own ideas of how the county should be financed.

Stay involved. Stay informed. And remember, "The credit belongs to the man/woman in the arena..."

*President T. Roosevelt*

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