



Member Perspective: Fireside Chat with Mike Ingram

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REIAC Southwest’s first program of 2020 at the Camelback Golf Club was a wonderful and compelling insight into the life of an industry titan with a focus on family, friends and faith. A self-made man, Eldorado Holdings Founder and Chairman Mike Ingram recounted the story of his humble beginnings as a salesman in Oklahoma to his partnership with John Tuffs in Texas and eventual purchase of John Wayne’s El Dorado Ranch in Maricopa. He championed that relationships are essential in this life, humbly praising other Arizona icons including moderator John Graham, the late Eddie Basha, Bill Gray, Jerry Colangelo and one of REIAC’s founding members, Larry Heath. He acknowledged that they and others all provided guidance to him throughout his endeavors. Ingram has donated much of his time recently to philanthropy and discussed his love of fishing and hunting – a conservationist at heart. We were all honored to have him speak at REIAC and wish for his continued success with the future I-11 corridor.



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