



AZ Legislative District 8 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – March, 2012

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**District Meeting – March 8, 2012
6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Mustang Library
10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale**

Our speaker for this month is County Attorney Bill Montgomery.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JIM WARD

The season is heating up. Congratulations to all of you who volunteered to help at the Presidential Republican Primary Debate held on February 22nd. It was a tremendous success and the debate turned out to be critical during the primary process.

But our work is just beginning. We have petitions for PC elections, elections for delegates to the convention and, of course, committees to fill for our all important work of electing our Republican candidates. Please sign up and help us achieve our goals.

Congratulations to Barb McMullen for having been won the Maricopa County Republican Committee's Ronald Reagan Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual Lincoln Day luncheon. Job well done, Barb. We are so proud of you for having received this award which is well deserved.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – BARB MCMULLEN

Have you ever heard the saying “I have good news and bad news?” The good news is that we will have petitions and affidavits available at the District Meeting on March 8th. We will have the forms at a separate table from the registration table. The due date for turning in the signatures is May 30th, but we will start taking the completed forms to County Elections after our May General Meeting. In April and May we will have a notary to notarize your affidavits. This is the procedure we used two years ago. I will make copies of all of the petitions we take in and then have a dated receipt from the County Elections Department to show they were delivered.

The bad news is that you will have to gather signatures for the new precincts. There are several ways to determine which precinct you are in. One is to go to the County Recorder’s website: <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/pdf/CountyPlan4bBOSMetropolitan.pdf>. The site will show you the precincts. Unfortunately, the map is shown by County Supervisor Districts, so you have to know the Legislative District boundaries to figure out which precincts fall in the new Legislative District 23. To find the Legislative Map you have to go to www.azredistricting.org and go to maps. Our western boundary for the most part is Scottsdale Road. The southern boundary is both Thomas and partly Oak Street. If you look at the map you will see that many of our precincts have merged into larger precincts, so you are not necessarily in the same precinct you have been in the last two years. I asked the County Election’s Department if you could go to their district locator app to locate your new precinct, but that feature will not be activated until the Department of Justice signs off on the Arizona Redistricting Plan. You will need to gather 10 signatures from other registered Republican and Independent voters in your precinct. Yes, you can sign your own petition. You must also remember to fill out the back of the form. The affidavit basically says you are you and it is notarized to certify that you are you. The final number of PC’s for your new precinct is being determined on March 1st.

I will be working with the Area Directors who will be working with the current precinct captains to make sure that each of you has a current walking list from voter vault in order to find out which of your neighbors can sign your petition. Rule of thumb is that you can only sign petitions for the number of PC’s authorized for your precinct. Example: if your precinct is authorized four positions you can only sign four petitions.

We are still growing. Please welcome the following new precinct committeemen who were appointed in February: *Patricia Ferree*, Stonegate: *Troy Roberts*, Cielo: *Kathryn and Frederick Schneider*, Pinnacle Vista: *Jeffrey Schwartz, Lucas and Adam Sonnenklar*, Meadow Hills.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

This month's meeting will again be at our regular home at Scottsdale's Mustang Library. County Attorney Bill Montgomery is the only confirmed speaker as of publication date. Come ready to listen and to ask questions.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – DOUG LITTLE, SECRETARY

The meeting was held at the Mustang Library in Scottsdale, AZ and was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Jim Ward. Joan Parker delivered the invocation and led the assembled members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Ward then asked Secretary Doug Little if the minutes had been distributed. Little replied that they had been distributed. Ward asked for a motion to approve. There was a motion to approve which was seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote of those present.

Chairman Ward then introduced two elected officials that were present. They were Congressman David Schweikert and Constable Dan Ryan.

Chairman's Business

Chairman Ward announced several awards that were presented at the Arizona GOP Chairman's Dinner. Judith and Robert Rutkowski received the PC Rookie of the Year award. Our District, LD 8, received the award for District of the Year. Chairman Ward recognized Barb McMullen's outstanding contribution towards the District achieving this award. The Fountain Hills Republican Club won the award for Outstanding Club.

Several others received Honorable Mentions at the AZ GOP Dinner including Paula and Bruce Linker for Best Volunteer and the Paradise Valley Republican Women for Best Club. Jim Ward was also the Runner Up for Best District Chairman.

Chairman Ward also announced a new Communications policy that was discussed by the Board at their last meeting. The existing policy needed clarifications to insure consistency and fairness during the upcoming election season when many candidates want to get their message out. The Board felt that since we are an LD, our focus should be on the District, County, State and Federal levels and that we should not concern ourselves with City races.

The new policy will be to:

- Recognize any candidate that attends our General meeting. They will be introduced and members will have an opportunity to speak with them after the meeting.

- We will distribute any information regarding debates, speaking engagements or information on candidates' positions. We will not distribute fundraising announcements.

- We will no longer have reports in the newsletter from individual Republican clubs.

- The goal of the policy is to insure fairness to all and not overload our Distributor, Judy Eisenhower.

1st Vice Chairman's Membership Report

Barb McMullen was recognized by Chairman Ward to give her Membership report. As of February 9, 2012, we have 370 Precinct Committee members. She also stated that there were 2-3 pending applications that should be approved by next month's meeting.

She also stated that she has received several questions regarding nominating petitions for PCs. She reminded us that many precinct boundaries are still in a state of flux. Petitions are not due until May 30th, 2012, so there is still plenty of time to allow things to settle. She further stated that she would have petitions available at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Parker was recognized to give the Treasurer's Report for January 2012 and to present the District's 2012 Annual Budget.

During the month of January, the District income was \$175.00 while District expenses were \$1,187. Most of the expenditures were to pay deposits for the upcoming Legislative Breakfast and the 2012 Christmas Party. Our beginning balance for January was \$10,422 and the ending balance was \$9,410.57.

Joan then distributed copies of the proposed LD 8 Budget for 2012. She pointed out a couple of significant changes from 2011 including \$7,400 in dues income and \$8,000 in planned expenditures for an election office. The increase in dues was felt possible since less than one-third of our PCs contributed in 2011. She stated that if 300 members contributed the recommended \$30 each it would more than cover the dues included in the budget.

She further stated that it is possible that the election expenses may be offset by contributions from the Republican Nation Committee or the MC GOP as they have in the past, but we cannot count on this assistance.

Chairman Ward commented that we need to be contributing at a greater level in this very important election year. He stated that it was vital to support our candidates for elective office in 2012.

Several suggestions were made regarding how to improve the donation rate including personal contacts with each PC by the Precinct Captains.

Other suggestions to raise money included having a 50/50 drawing or taking up a collection at each General meeting.

Joan stated that the budget had been approved by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the previous Tuesday and would offer their comments at the March meeting.

Chairman Ward asked for a motion to approve the budget. It was so moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote of the members present.

Chairman Ward then asked 2nd Vice Chairman, Bo James to introduce the program. The program for the evening involved several surrogates that would be speaking on behalf of Republican Presidential candidates, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul. The Santorum campaign was not represented. Donna Reagan spoke on behalf of Mitt Romney, Lisa James spoke on behalf of the Gingrich campaign and Jeff Greenspan spoke on behalf of the Ron Paul campaign.

Each surrogate spoke on behalf of their candidate for approximately ten minutes. This was followed by a short question and answer session.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

Beginning bank balance	\$ 9,410.57
Deposits	590.00
Checks issued	<u>-0-</u>

Ending bank balance \$10,000.57

Thank you to the following PC's for their contributions during the month of February, 2012:

Patrick & Anjali Miller	Leona Johnston
Pamela Strimbu	Meredith Munger
James & Marilyn Higgins	Elizabeth & Dean James
Larry & Joanna Hagan	Kathryn Angelis
Gordon & Lisa James	Jayne Heckman
David Schweikert	Judy Keane

A special thanks to the following for contributing at the Chairman's Level:

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