

# March 2021 Newsletter

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## NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, March 11, 2021

FOUNTAIN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING CENTER  
16000 E. PALISADES BLVD.

FOUNTAIN HILLS

MAP

Registration: 6:30 PM - Call to Order: 7:00 PM

(We encourage attendance in-person, but there will be a Zoom option.  
That link will be sent out on March 9.)

### CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

President Trump was the keynote speaker at last week's CPAC meeting in Florida and spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of conservative activists. He was in true form and called out the harmful actions of the current occupant of the White House in only one month. He clearly stated that he did not support the formation of a new third party and that it was the Republican Party which must affirm and strengthen its support of the America First agenda and he would be actively supporting candidates with the same goal. He isn't giving up and neither should we.

We have had an abundance of interest from people who want to become more active and involved in our work. Between Nancy and I, there are several new inquiries every day. Dozens of appointments of new PCs to fill vacancies have been, or are in the process of being, submitted. So, you'll be seeing many new faces as we expand the ranks of our organization and put everybody to work as we prepare for the next election. Please welcome them and help them become active participants in our efforts to advance America First principles. If you haven't been in contact with your precinct captain, please make a point of doing that now. Precinct captains, please connect with your PCs to build an effective team.

Please check regularly for Constant Contact messages (Newsletter, Action Alerts, Events, etc.). My goal is to keep you well informed but not overwhelmed. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is at [ld23gop@gmail.com](mailto:ld23gop@gmail.com). I check that inbox several times every day.

### FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

PC Training Sessions: Open to all PCs who came on board in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Reservations needed, space limited.

Thursday, March 18 at Horizon Park (located where we hold the picnic) from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Monday, March 22 at Horizon Park from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday, March 25 at Buffalo Chip Saloon, Cave Creek back patio from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Monday, March 29 at Buffalo Chip Saloon, Cave Creek back patio from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

You will be able to order dinner at Buffalo Chip if you wish. Actually we hope you will as we are not being charged to use the patio.

Please reserve your spot with Nancy Ordowski at [ncordowski@gmail.com](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 11.

## SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

We received very positive feedback from last month's LD23 District Meeting. A special thanks to our presenters! Presenters Dan Farley's lessons and tools for activism, along with Former Secretary of State Ken Bennett & his team (including LD23 PC – Deputy State Director Julie Fisher) introductions of AZ51 Voter project were both well received.

At this month's meeting, we have a full docket, all value filled and super informative and across all stages of our mission- from voter recruitment, to legislation, through cases underway to reverse Prop 208. You'll want to make sure to attend our meeting in person and online.

Our agenda will include:

### **Growing the Party & Winning Elections**

Jim Lamon, CEO of DEPCOM Power

Jim has doubled-down on the future of Arizona GOP, Maricopa County Republicans, and our local LD. He is generously personally funding AZ51 Voter Project and a number of other subcommittees as part of a winning state-wide strategy for the AZGOP and our Districts. Jim will discuss his strategy and how we all can help Jim and his team in keeping Arizona Red.

### **Defending the Vote through Legislation**

Michelle Ugenti-Rita, State Senator LD23

State Senator Ugenti-Rita will give us an update of the election-integrity legislation

she and others have drafted. You'll want to hear her update of the SCOTUS review of her ballot-harvesting legislation, and status for current bills.

### **Fighting the Battle against Prop 208**

Jon Riches, Director of National Litigation & General Counsel, Goldwater Institute  
The Goldwater Institute is a conservative and libertarian public policy think tank located in Phoenix whose stated mission is "to defend and strengthen the freedom guaranteed to all Americans in the constitutions of the United States and all fifty states". Proposition 208 was dubbed by the Left as "Invest in Ed"; but at its core potentially the largest income tax hike in Arizona history. Another of the poor outcomes from the 2020 General Election, Proposition 208 "passed". There are numerous grounds on which the proposition is being contested, and likely soon a case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. Counselor Riches will discuss the case status and the Goldwater Institute's role in the challenge to Proposition 208's constitutionality.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Activity & Reconciled Bank Balance**  
**Month-Ended Feb. 28, 2021**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations/dues	\$ 1,285.00
Other income	25.00
Name Badges	<u>180.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>1,490.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Name badges	43.64
Office/overhead	50.38
Bank/CC fees	33.60
Election	500.00
Facility Rent	<u>210.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>837.62</u></b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>652.38</b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end</b>	<b><u>10,925.87</u></b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,578.25</u></b>

**Your 2021 donations have been strong, and they are appreciated! Also, we are making name badges for many PCs! In February, the Executive Committee voted to create voluntary donation tiers. They will be reflected on the sign-in sheet, and are as follows:**

Green.....	<b>\$30/person (\$50/couple)</b>
Gold.....	<b>\$50/person</b>
Red.....	<b>\$100/person</b>

Annual Donations can be made at monthly meetings, or by the following:

1. Pay with credit card by clicking the donate button on the website at LD23gop.org
2. Mail a check along with the completed Donation Form (Documents section of www.LD23GOP.org) to:

Barry Graham, Treasurer  
District 23 Republicans  
8776 E. Shea Blvd. Suite 106-341  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Make check payable to: **District 23 Republican Committee**

Note: Both checks and credit cards accepted. Donations not tax deductible.

Thank you,

Barry Graham  
(602) 740-2570  
[BSGraham@gmail.com](mailto:BSGraham@gmail.com)

SECRETARY - Deborah Poland

**District 23 Republican Committee  
Regular Meeting – February 11, 2021  
Fountain Hills School District Learning Center & Zoom**

**Call to Order (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Dominick Reale led Invocation; Terri Sheridan led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept the January 14, 2021 Minutes

Motion to accept made by Dominick Reale and seconded by Jeff Dial

Motion passed without objection

**Treasurer's Report (Barry Graham, Treasurer)**

Reported a cash balance of approximately \$10,500

Donations/Dues are payable online on the home page of website in addition to at meeting

Order forms for name badges are available

**Introduction of Candidates and Officials (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

Elected officials were recognized and welcomed.

A large number of guests and pending PCs were introduced and welcomed.

**Speakers (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

Jay Wilson from Fair Maps Arizona spoke on the history and the process of how AZ legislative maps are drawn. Currently AZ is still waiting on census date, but work is continuing on schedule. Once draft maps are available the public can comment on them for 30 days. You can stay informed, donate, and/or volunteer by going to the website: [www.fairmapsarizona.org](http://www.fairmapsarizona.org)

Ken Bennett, State Director for AZ51 Voter Project, The goal is to register 250,000 conservative Republican voters in AZ before 2022. This would represent the margin needed to insure Republican win in the Senate.

Dan Farley spoke on the need for activism to fight the 3 wars – election integrity, elections, and the culture. You can contact him at: [president@teapartyaz.com](mailto:president@teapartyaz.com)

Ted Naeckel spoke briefly about the bill HCR2032 which would make “stand down” orders illegal in AZ.

**District Business and Announcements**

**(Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

AZ Legislative Request to Speak – Contact Sergeant of Arms at 623-229-7674 to sign up

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**(Nancy Ordowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman)**

Update on current new appointments for PCs. Nancy explained how the process of becoming appointed and the timeframe to accomplish.

List of PCs will be updated and new PCs appointed by next meeting

Next Meeting – March 11, 2021 at Fountain Hills USD Learning Center  
Motion to Adjourn made by Dominick Reale and seconded by Allen Skillicorn;  
Motion passed without objection at 8:35 pm

## DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

### **Paradise Republican Women's Club**

Next meeting: Saturday, March 3  
McCormick Scottsdale Resort  
7401 N. Scottsdale Rd.  
8:15 AM Registration & Social / 9:00 AM Meeting  
Please email your meeting RSVP by February 10,  
Speakers: Aaron Withe & Alek Skarlatos, The Freedom Foundation  
Brunch & meeting - \$35 per person. For information & RSVP, please visit <http://prwc.org> or  
contact Treasurer Val Teich at [mvvt.az121@gmail.com](mailto:mvvt.az121@gmail.com)

### **Lincoln Republican Women's Club**

Meetings: 1st Monday  
McCormick Scottsdale Resort  
7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale  
5:30 PM Meet & Greet / 6:00 PM Meeting / 6:20 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Program  
Speakers: -----.  
Reservations needed by January 10 (\$35 cash or check to "LRW"). RSVP to  
Karen Garrett at 602-571-6020 or [azgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:azgarrett@gmail.com).

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 17  
PLEASE CONFIRM DETAILS WITH PVRW  
Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House  
8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale  
11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch  
Speaker: -----  
Reservations required (\$35) at <https://pvrwluncheon.eventbrite.com>

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Next meeting: Saturday, March 20  
New Location: Calvary Chapel  
13221 N. Verde River Drive, Fountain Hills  
9:00 AM  
There will also be a virtual option.  
Speakers: -----  
Members are encouraged to attend in-person. Those desiring to participate virtually should  
contact the club at [FHRepublican@gmail.com](mailto:FHRepublican@gmail.com) to obtain required codes for virtual access.  
For more info, contact Boe James  
at [FHRepublican@gmail.com](mailto:FHRepublican@gmail.com) or visit <http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org> or Fountain Hills  
Republican Club on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub](http://www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub).

This month's newsletter was compiled, edited, and respectfully submitted  
by Rich Rutkowski, District Chairman.

