

Arizona Legislative District 23 Republican Committee  
Newsletter, November 2013

***Chairman's Corner - Doug Little***

This month there are two things that I wanted to talk briefly about. First, if you missed our event, An Evening with Dennis Michael Lynch, you really missed a phenomenal presentation. Lynch was absolutely fantastic and really helped drive home why it is so important that we get a handle on illegal immigration in this country.

He also exposed Obamacare for what it appears to be...a government attempt to take over 1/6th of the US economy and drive towards the ultimate goal of a single payer healthcare system.

If you are interested, we have a couple of extra sets of Lynch's documentaries on DVD. Let me know and I will be happy to loan them to you...we'll get them around to everyone that would like to see them.

Second, we are announcing a new addition to the newsletter. We are calling it "The District Speaks" and each month we will review submissions from PCs in our District and select one for publication in each newsletter. If we get multiple submissions, we will do our best to publish them in subsequent newsletters. We will reserve the right to edit for space and obvious grammar and spelling...but otherwise, we will print what you wrote. Just remember to keep it clean, relevant and avoid personal attacks...we are looking for your expression on ideas, not vendettas or diatribes.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our first article written by Frederica Sinclair...thank you Frederica for being the first in what I hope is a long series of guest columns by our PCs.

***First Vice-Chair - Joe Romack***

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I would like to send out a big "thank you" to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Dennis Michael Lynch event such a huge success. It has clearly positioned LD23 as the foremost Legislative District in the state!

The Dennis Michael Lynch event was not only motivating, but also a real eye opener. It is now very obvious that we are now in a battle for our very existence. The confluence of Obamacare and "Immigration Reform" (Amnesty) poses a very serious threat to our nation.

It will be up to us, the Precinct Committeemen, to take this battle to the streets. It is imperative that we do everything in our power to strengthen the GOP, from registering new voters, to enlisting new PCs, and to developing and improving lines of communication to the residents of our respective Precincts. If we become involved in our Precincts, we can motivate and educate the voters, improve the turnout, and deliver the right votes!

The first step to building our team is recruitment. To that end, we need to identify and fill the remaining openings in our Precincts. I will send out an e-mail shortly with information and instructions on how we can reach that goal.

The second step is to train and motivate ourselves. I am currently working on a training manual that will be useful not only to new Precinct Committeemen, but also to our veteran PCs.

Finally, we need to inspire and encourage each other to succeed. Dennis Michael Lynch said it best when he stated "The problem with the GOP is that we are always chasing the Democrats". We need to get out and get ahead of them, it won't be easy!

### ***Second Vice-Chairman - Joe Meli***

The steps toward establishing the LD23 Business Network have been steady and sure. On Friday, November 1st, the Dennis Michael Lynch event, in itself a feather in the cap of its committee and LD23,

introduced for the first time the future of political networking and fundraising: our own Business Network.

Several PCs have wondered what the purpose of the network is and why we should spend time, talent and energy on it. The answer is that we as LD23 are very fortunate to have a huge number of gifted, talented PCs willing to see the potential power of bringing like-minded business people together to mutually support our business, political and social network.

Our fundraising in prior years to support our post-primary candidates and issue advocacy have relied on tried and true events. However, given the state of elected politics today, it's clear that our political events should not be solely responsible for the financial needs of our LD.

Additionally, we need more frequent and strong PC events to stoke the fires for the 2014 election cycle. Our mission is clear: win every election for Republican candidates, period.

The LD23 Business Network is but one part of an overall strategy to make LD23 the benchmark for the state. Join us in making it successful today. Please see our website and become a part of making our LD the best it can be.

Once more, I join with my fellow Board members and Chairman Little in thanking our outstanding committee Chair Liz Alcorn and all members of the LD23 Business Network presents Dennis Michael Lynch event committee whose hard work made the evening a complete success.

Regards,  
Joe Meli  
2nd Vice Chair

***District 23 Minutes - Lynne Breyer, Acting Secretary***

With concurrence of the members present, the General Meeting of the Members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Mustang Library, located at 10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale,

Arizona 85258 on October 10, 2013, was called to order at 7:07pm by Chairman Doug Little

Officers Present:

Joe Romack, 1st Vice-Chair  
Chair

Linda Rizzo, Treasurer

Lynne Breyer, Acting Secretary

Also present were 58 Precinct Committeemen for a quorum under Art. V., Section 1 of the Bylaws. There were 13 guests. Also present was the speaker, SPI John Huppenthal.

Officers Absent:

Joe Meli, 2nd Vice-

Rev. C. T. Wright gave the invocation and Michael Auerbach led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Little introduced elected officials present and special guests.

Chairman Little then introduced the 2014 candidates present.

Minutes from September meeting were unavailable.

Chairman's Business

Announced Secretary Vera Heminger's temporary leave from the LD23 Board and Lynne Breyer will be acting Secretary during her absence.

Asked everyone to send information for the newsletter for review to be considered for publication.

One week from tonight will the Governor's Candidate Forum at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy. Doors open at 6:30, Forum from 7:00 - 8:30

Candidate Attendees: All candidates except Andrew Thomas

Doug laid out the format for the forum. Two Hundred Fifty seats are available, so please invite everyone who might be interested

Recognized Sheila Muehling who discussed the upcoming Dennis Michael Lynch event. Net proceeds go to LD23 to help elect Republican candidates in the 2014 General election. Doug elaborated

on the details of the event and reported that most of the cost for the event has been donated so there will be money to put into the treasury.

Date reminders:

The MCRC mandatory meeting is on Jan 11, 2014; the AZGOP meeting is on January 25, 2014.

The Executive Committee will revisit the state committeeman list to bump up everyone on the list to fill seats that have been vacated.

Those moved up will be notified. Credentials must be submitted the first weekend in January.

A collection was given to the TAARs in memory of Tom Buggeln who contributed much to TAARs; comments and thanks were provided by Mackenzie Shane who also reported on her trip to DC.

Reports:

1st Vice-Chairman Joe Romack, Membership:

\*Reported on the conference call with Rep. David Schweikert.

\*Fifteen new PC applications have been turned in the past month for a total of 371 PCs in LD23; trying to get to 400.

\*PC applications need to get turned in before November 1st to be eligible to vote at the mandatory meeting. In response to a question, PCs always get to vote in the mandatory meeting if submitted by the deadline date.

***Treasurer Linda Rizzo:***

\*The Financial Report of LD23 was presented.

\*Linda noted that dues can be made online or by using the form and envelopes available at the table in the foyer. Badges can be ordered and events can be paid online at <http://d23azgop.org>

RESOLVED that the Financial Report be, and hereby is, approved as presented.

Speaker Introduction:

Chairman Doug Little introduced John Huppenthal, Superintendent of Public Instruction, speaker on the topic of his experience in public office and on the Common Core Standards, which he said would not be imposed in Arizona schools without some modifications to better serve Arizona students.

Questions & Answers followed. Joe Romack collected written questions and read them to be answered.

Chairman Little reported LD23 will be addressing the Common Core issue again next month.

Recognition of committees for reports:

- \* By-Laws Committee: no report
- \* Communications Committee: no report
- \* Christmas party: Shirley Cordasco gave a brief report - Dec 12 at 6:30 pm, Gainey Golf Club, great entertainment, mail your checks with dinner menu choice, cost: \$50pp.
- \* Finance Committee: no report

***Event Announcements:***

- \* Palo Verde Republican Women will have their meeting next week.
- \* Paradise Republican Women's Club will meet this Saturday with Bitter Smith and Brenda Burns, Arizona Corporation Commission as speakers.
- \* Kathy Littlefield asked all to vote NO on Scottsdale Bond election, had yard signs.
- \* Margie Creedon recommended Yes on Scottsdale School Board Override.
- \* Linda Longazel provided further info on making reservations for Nov 1, 2013 event.
- \* Shirley Cordasco reminded all that the annual Christmas Party will be held at Gainey Golf Club on December 12 at 6:30 pm. Reservations are required no later than November 20, 2013. Please make checks payable to LD23 and mail to Shirley at 7900 E. Princess Drive, #1279, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 or contact Shirley for more information at [seeshirley@cox.net](mailto:seeshirley@cox.net)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Joe Romack, seconded by Richard Breyer. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Breyer  
LD23 Acting Secretary

***Treasurer's Report - Linda Rizzo***

October 2013

REVENUE

Contributions (Dues)  
393.13

Name Badges

36.00

Special Events (Nov 1)

8067.89

Restitution

490.00

8987.02

EXPENSES

Website/Email

107.43

Fees

15.00

Petty Cash

200.00

Meeting Room Rental

22.00

Special Events (Nov 1)

6455.84

6800.27

Net Income (Loss)  
2186.75

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION**

\$30.00 Individual,  
\$50.00 Couple of Household,  
\$100.00 Chairman's Level, or more

I would like to thank the following for their contribution during October:  
Dee Harrison, Sam West, Joanna and Larry Hagan, and Will Berry.

A special thank you to Ted Marek and Richard McMullen for their  
Chairman's Level contributions

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***The District Speaks***

*The Wounded Republican*

I am a wounded Republican. The 2012 reelection of Barack Obama left me in a politically and psychologically wounded state. I have been limping ever since. However, I believe help is on the way.

I came across an article written by Peggy Noonan in the Wall Street Journal and it is a great piece of profundity so I culled a few of her



suggestions and hope I will be able to transfer them in this message with the utmost clarity.

She inspired me, and maybe a little of her wisdom and political acumen rubbed off on me. I melded her suggestions with mine.

So here goes:

First, we need to take an honest look at our intransigence, and let go. The Establishment side of our Party has to accept the fact that it can't survive without the Tea Party. Second, the Tea party must embrace the Establishment.

Let's call the Tea Party a young branch of our Republican tree. It has the enthusiasm, the roughness, and the disorderly conduct of youth.

The Establishment trunk of the Republican tree has the wisdom, infrastructure and tradition it has grown since it was founded and also the intemperance of the old.

That being said, the Tea Party must stop the insults. No more RINOs, arrogance, and naivety. Settle down to a degree that is acceptable and palatable to the Old Guard.

Remember, all Republicans want a smaller government, fewer taxes, protected frontiers and adherence to the Constitution.

As for the Establishment, it is time to evaluate the same beliefs some have had for a long time and possibly wonder if these beliefs held so dear are a sign of ungraceful aging?

What if we sat down with "those" guys and listened to them, really listened to them without having a rebuttal peeking from a corner of our mind. For a start, we could have these discussions during our monthly district meetings. Let's form small groups and begin the talks.

The Dems are watching our internecine arguments with great delight and make no effort to conceal it. We should be horrified.

Our Grand Ole Party is being dragged in the mud and what do we do? We suffer through the attacking speeches of some politicians who have been in Congress for eons and think of themselves as designated Guardians of Reaganism...

On the other hand, we watch young Turks' strident declarations and the result of both iterations is? Well, the result is that we are perceived as resentful of one another therefore unable to accomplish anything that would attract voters to our side.

Today is the time to check our egos at the door. Today is the day to unite. Today is the day to act in unison. Having meetings is great, fundraising parties are necessary I suppose, but we will never get out of the ditch we dug on ourselves by listening to speakers, having bake sales and business connections.

As Precinct Committeemen, our main responsibility is to help elect Republicans to office and most of all to the White House. Have we lost sight of this mission? America is a great nation and we owe it to her to be her strongest servants. Our descendants deserve to live in this great nation, not in a potential autocracy or who knows what?

The time is now. Remember Lincoln's words: We are not enemies, we are friends. We need to start acting like it.

Frederica Sinclair, PC. District 23