



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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## The Lincoln Link

September 2015

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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2015**  
**Via Linda Senior Center**  
**10440 E via Linda, Scottsdale**  
**6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**  
**Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested**

**\*\*SPECIAL IN PERSON VOTE TO BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. DETAILS BELOW\*\***

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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor**

Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

LD 23 has had a very busy summer. In addition to the many PC training classes which Nancy Ordowski will address in her report, we continued our efforts to bond new PC's into the fabric of our organization through several social events. I extend a big thank you to Ted Naeckel, Linda Longazel and Karen John for hosting a fun gathering in early July; to a new PC, Dan Farley, who hosted a mid-summer party at his home in Dreyfus Precinct, and finally to Joanne & Larry Hagan for their Annual Friend-raiser held in mid August. We encourage precinct captains to couple together with other captains to co-host joint get-togethers in their neighborhoods. These meet & greets are great opportunities to connect fellow PC's and engage them in the work of the district. I also thank those of our

PC's who volunteered your time and energy making phone calls which increased voter turnout in the attempt to help defeat the City of Phoenix Proposition 104.

We are anticipating a very busy fall beginning with our next General Meeting on September 10, 2015. One of the items of business at that meeting will be a vote by attending PC's (i.e. no proxy voting) on your opinion of an Article V, Convention of the States. One of our PC's, Tom Sinyard of Cactus Glenn approached the Executive Committee and requested we conduct a vote to determine where our LD 23 PC's stand on the subject. The wording of the resolution upon which we will be voting will be included in the September District Newsletter below.

Regarding our future General Meetings, I encourage all PC's, both old and new, to make a point of inviting a republican friend to attend a meeting with you. We are interested in bolstering our ranks with new recruits and equally important asking our PC's and their visitors to meet the candidates and chose for themselves which ones they would like to volunteer to help in next year's primary and general elections.

We have arranged to rotate meeting venues to accommodate our PC's from all ends of our large district. We plan to hold two of our future meetings in North Scottsdale (Dynamite & Pima), two in Ft. Hills (Learning Center) and the balance at the Via Linda Senior Center (just south of Shea Blvd). All of those locations allow larger seating capacity than does Mustang Library which had been our traditional meeting place.

Nancy Ordowski will be looking for volunteers in larger numbers than usual to serve as greeters, welcoming new folks and their visitors to our General Meetings and connecting them to district leadership team, to all of our republican candidates running in 2016, and tomaking sure visitors are not looking abandoned. There are so many of you with winsome smiles and gregarious personalities, this is your opportunity to help us to make the Republican Party look and feel attractive. Come join the fun.

As is the case with every election, what we chose to do or fail to do matters. A Republican win in 2016 cannot be taken for granted. We must drive republican voter turnout in every precinct possible. In LD 23 we have 57 precincts and many of those are void of PC's or only have one or two serving republican voters. I encourage each of us to lend a hand to under staffed precincts. Rich Rutkowski and Nancy Ordowski will be undertaking the establishment of a set of metrics to motivate republican voter turnout.

Those have been used in the 2014 cycle by LD 22 under Chairman Eric Morgan with success in increasing republican voter turnout district wide by 7% points over the previous election cycle.

Lastly, as I mentioned in my first letter to you as Chairman, our efforts however bold they may be will be faint without the help and blessing of Almighty God. I encourage each of you to pray for His guidance and His strength as we face the challenges ahead. It continues to be my practice of holding a short one-half hour prayer meeting at 6:00PM for all those who wish to attend. Registration for the meeting follows at 6:30PM with our meeting beginning at 7:00PM sharp.

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**SPECIAL IN PERSON ONLY ELECTION, NO PROXIES:**

**CONVENTION OF STATES / ARTICLE V / U S CONSTITUTION**

**A Resolution to Determine the Sense of LD23**

**In Accordance with LD 23 Bylaws**

Submitted by Tom Sinyard, PC, Cactus Glen

Generally expressed opinions of the conservative voting public include, but are not limited to:

- Washington, DC has become the ultimate rule maker in violation of their limited and enumerated powers under the Constitution.
- The Founders of the Constitution reserved both the power and the duty of the several States to guard against abuse of power by the federal government.
- The federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending.
- The federal government has invaded the legitimate and constitutional role of the States.
- The federal government has ceased to abide by a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States through its Courts as originally intended by the Founders.

.... And since...

- Article V of the Constitution gives the States both the right and the method to call a Convention of States to discuss solutions to the above listed grievances and to propose amendments to the Constitution, for ratification by the States, in order to clarify and place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power,

Therefore...

- By vote in accordance with current LD23 bylaws, the Precinct Committeemen here present in our meeting, the tenth of September, 2015, do so vote to express our opinion as Precinct Committeemen, as to our sense of the appropriateness and the timing of a Convention of States, in accordance with Article V, US Constitution.

**HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips**

Scottsdale- We Have a Problem!

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Scottsdale voters will decide whether or not to tax themselves to the tune of \$94 million dollars for the next 25 years. This \$94 million will accrue another \$25 million in interest. The city took \$500,000 of your tax money to pay for this special election.

As your elected representative on the Scottsdale City Council, I feel obligated to tell you this bond is not necessary. After sitting at council meetings for 3 years, listening to monthly financial updates and voting on three fiscal budgets, I am solidly convinced Scottsdale does not have a funding problem, we have a spending problem!

This last fiscal year alone, after balancing our budget with all sources of income, we are still left with over \$20 million. The city lovingly refers to this excess tax collection as the "Unreserved Fund Balance."

Traditionally, council waits with baited breath for the UFB, because the more that's left, the more we have to allocate to special interest projects.

I have tried to get council, with the approval of the city manager, to make it policy that any "leftover" funds should go to the "Capital Improvement Project" fund.

This Fund is where we do all the things this bond is asking for. We have built 7 of the 13 Fire stations with this Capital Fund money. Yet council balked at the idea. Why? Because this would leave no room to play with your tax money. I suggested if that's the case then we should just rebate the Scottsdale residents the extra tax (about \$115 per resident), which of course drew chuckles from the council.

I will state right here that if past councils had been fiscally conservative, most if not all these projects before you would already have been completed.

The bottom line is that in only 5 years this Unreserved Fund Balance alone could pay for all these "improvements" without having to raise your taxes one cent! So, if we can raise the \$100 million without lifting a finger, why would council want you to raise your property tax instead? Well that my friends, is the \$100 million dollar question!

I ask you to **VOTE NO TO ALL 6 QUESTIONS** and tell Scottsdale to start being fiscally conservative.

Guy Phillips  
Scottsdale City Council

### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski**

Even though we did not hold a District meeting in July and August, these past 2 months have been busy. Area Director Ron Schott put together a power point presentation and by the end of August we will have held 5 training classes with approximately 100 PC's in attendance. I want to thank Ron for stepping up with information to present to our PC's. We encourage any of our Area Directors to hold training sessions for the PC's in their Areas or to share with the District. Please submit ideas and information to Jim and Nancy.

We also have had the opportunity to hear from our Congressman David Schweikert at two sessions, covering PC contact with voters in our precincts. We appreciate David taking time to meet with our PC's while he is in Arizona.

On Wednesday, September 16, I will be holding a basic training session for all new PC's. We will be meeting at the Via Linda Senior Center, Room #4, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

If you had your picture taken at any recent District event they will be available at our September 10 meeting.

You can always reach me at [ncordowski@gmail.com](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com) or 480-203-5278.

### **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski**

Welcome back from our summer general meeting break. As we resume our routine, our September 10 meeting will include a presentation from Chuck Schmidt, a member of the Arizona Board of Education. He will speak about education funding in Arizona, including Governor Ducey's proposal to implement a change in the amount of state trust land revenue which is used for this purpose.

In future months, we will be hearing about a variety of issues and several candidates for office in anticipation of and preparation for the 2016 elections. Please visit the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org), on a regular basis to keep apprised of other dates and information.

### **CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli**

Dear Fellow PCs,

For many years those pursuing an undergrad political science degree were required to read "The Prince", (Niccolo Machiavelli, 1469-1527). For modern grassroots conservatives, Machiavelli's signature work is a very useful guide to left-wing political thought.

Perhaps the most significant theme we can see in it is that honor and integrity are irreconcilable with political success. Many of us who believe this nation is exceptional and rests firmly on the Constitution, strictly construed, reject Machiavelli.

Now the cynical reader will chuckle at this "quaint" idea. After all, back rooms and hallways outside meeting places are perfect for making "deals" to get what one wants politically. Who believes in honor and integrity anymore? What is this silly Republican platform these conservatives are always carping about? Isn't just winning and gaining power what it's all about? Why do we have to be true to anything? Just call yourself Republican and the naive will believe anything you say to get elected. Machiavelli would be very proud!

Well my fellow PCs, rejecting that kind of intellectually bankrupt and unprincipled thinking was how the British occupation of the colonies was ended and thus led to the birth of the United States of America. When the honor and integrity of our Founders overcame the practice of working and gaming the system, our revolution came to be. Remember, there were many colonists who did not want the revolution to succeed. Like now, they were content to collude with the corrupt British bureaucrats and unelected officials to get what they wanted. They didn't truly believe in anything beyond their own self-interest and petty vanities. Sound familiar?

In 2016, there will be good candidates and bad. There will be sincere candidates and scheming, false conservatives. There will be negative campaigning candidates and those who offer their records and stands on issues. There will be real grassroots volunteers and paid political operatives who pretend to

be volunteers. We will see all sorts of desperate, Machiavellian machinations used to further the corrosive left-wing infiltration of our party. We will have to decide who we support and whom we ignore. This will start at the presidency and work its way right down to our local officials.

Have we had enough of the left trying to influence our conservative efforts? You bet we have. Are we going to sit idly by while charlatans and carpetbaggers try to move our party left? No, no and yet again, NO!

Our mission is clear: restore our nation, from the grassroots up, to its rightful course. We must demand our candidates eat, sleep, think and act on true conservative principles, not just ape them to gain the support of the naive and power-hungry. Was there ever a time when our nation depended on conservative grassroots involvement and activism more than now? We must arise each day until Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 with only one goal in mind: winning every office for authentic, platform-adhering Republicans! No nuanced positions, no socially-liberal-fiscal-conservative-politically-correct nonsense should we accept or tolerate! Eight years of that has ruined our nation and our allies around the world.

This is crunch-time, you might say there has never been a crunch-time like it. We will succeed. It will happen. Together, we will reclaim our country's honor and resume our rightful place in the hierarchy of nations! Are you ready?

Regards,

Joe Meli  
Chairman Emeritus, LD23

### **TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk**

#### **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Statement of Income and Expense Month Ended June 30, 2015**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,636.93</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Contributions (dues)	\$ 60.00
Legislators' Breakfast	\$ 80.00
Name Badges	\$ 16.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 156.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bank Charges	\$ 12.00
Meeting Room/Equipment	\$ 52.00
Misc. Expense (AZGOP Insurance)	\$ 100.00
Area Directors' Events	\$ 373.16
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 537.16</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ (381.16)</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,255.77</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$4,315.81</u></b>

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Income and Expense**  
**Month Ended July 31, 2015**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,315.81</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Contributions (dues)	\$ 80.00
Restitution	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 105.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bank Charges	\$ 12.00
Meeting Room/Equipment	<u>\$ 207.50</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 219.50</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ (114.50)</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,141.27</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$4,201.31</u></b>

It was a slow summer for contributions and this resulted in two months of negative cash flow. In the meantime, room rentals and expenses continued as training sessions were held. Less than one-third of all PCs have contributed this year and the District needs your help. Please send your 2015 dues today or bring your checkbook to the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Checks should be made out to LD 23 Republican Committee and can be mailed to: LD 23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Ste 106-341, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

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**DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary**

Arizona Legislative District 23  
District Meeting  
Scottsdale Mustang Library Auditorium  
June 11, 2015  
7:00 pm

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Scottsdale Mustang Library Auditorium was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jim O'Connor.

Officers Present:

Jim O'Connor, Chairman	Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer
Rich Rutkowski, Second Vice Chair	Judith Lawrence, Secretary

Chairman Jim O'Connor confirmed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Nancy Ordowski, that there were 53 members present meeting the quorum requirement.

The Invocation was given by Dr. CT Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Al Shattuck.

Second Vice Chairman - Rick Rutkowski

- 1) The next meeting will be September 10, 2015 back at the Via Linda Senior Center.
- 2) Neville Verster from Alliance Defending Freedom was introduced as the guest speaker. He spoke on religious freedom and the impact of the gay marriage act will have on our lives and freedoms.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Nancy Ordowski invited Ron Schott to speak about the upcoming PC Training called Techniques and Questions. The dates are tentatively set for July 7&15, August 4, 6 and 17.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Larry Hagan reminded us that his 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Friendraiser” will at his home on August 18, 2015.

Ted Naeckel, PC and Co-Counsel, invited everyone to his home for a party on June 27<sup>th</sup>

Mark Singer made an announcement regarding TPP 5:30 pm on Dave Brack on Glen Beck’s radio show, 550am.

Mark Singer also made an announcement about “Never Again Is Now!” A meeting will be held at the North Scottsdale Christian Church. Flyers were distributed to all attendees. They have seminars at the church every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday all year long.

Joe Galli, a representative from Market Freedom Alliance announced that Chuck Schmidt is the president of this organization that is focused on stopping the increase of the minimum wage in Arizona because of the strain it puts on small business. He spoke of the Obama’s announcement through his Labor Department that they are now raising the threshold for overtime which would also negatively impact Arizona small business owners.

Chairman Jim O’Connor then spoke of a conversation with Congressman David Schweikert about Beau Brunson (202) 225-2190 regarding the Congressman’s vote in favor of the TPA.

Grant Winthrop spoke against the “No Firearms” signs in Scottsdale’s municipal buildings. He asked that we send a letter to the Scottsdale Mayor asking that they be removed.

Treasurer Valerie Giramberk gave her report. The report was accepted and a copy can be found in this newsletter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented in the May 2015 newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Liz Alcorn and seconded by Ted Naeckel.



A motion was made to adjourn by Grant Winthrop and seconded by Ron Schott.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Lawrence

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### **SPECIAL INFORMATION: NEED-TO-KNOW**

Arizona Freedom Alliance has been running a very important series on the coming 2016 Presidential election: GOPE Roadmap. It is in several articles that you need to read. There are so far seven articles in the series that have been posted. Look for those marked GOPE which is the GOP establishment Roadmap: <http://arizonafreedomalliance.ning.com/group/watching-the-elections/forum> , pages 1 & 2. These articles are written by a team from Breitbart.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

SAVE THE DATE: McCormick Precinct is having an LD23 social on November 14 hosted by Jonathan and Angie Paton. More info to come. Mark your calendars.

### **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:**

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

Lincoln Womens Republican Self Defense Seminar

Date: October 24, 2015

Time: 10am – 1pm

Location: Scottsdale Millennium 7401 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85253

#### **EVENT OUTLINE**

Purpose: Provide basic self defense instruction for women of all ages

Instructors: Shannon "The Cannon" Ritch, Dan "The Beast" Severn

#### **EVENT TIMELINE**

1. 8:30am – Load in/ Set up
2. 9:30am – Doors
3. 10:00am – Introduction
4. 10:30am – 1<sup>st</sup> half Instruction \*Anti Rape
5. 11:30am – Break/ Questions
6. 11:45am – 2<sup>nd</sup> half Instruction \*Self Defense
7. 12:45pm – Wrap Up/ Questions
8. 1:15pm – Load out/ Tear down

#### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

Join us on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:30 AM! Dr. Kearns will talk to us about “Bias in the Women’s Health Institute Study: The Profound Impact.”

Dr. Kearns



Dr. Kenneth Michael Kearns, M.D. is a political healthcare speaker, a University of Arizona College of Medicine Instructor, an author, and a practicing physician. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Kearns maintains a private medical practice specializing in menopause, woman’s health, and cancer screening.

11:00 a.m. Social

11:30 a.m. Program/Lunch

Grayhawk Golf Club:

8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House, Scottsdale

The cost of the luncheon is \$25. Checks are preferred but credit cards are accepted. To make a reservation for our luncheon, contact Edith Stock by email: [pvrwlunch@gmail.com](mailto:pvrwlunch@gmail.com), or call her at 480.298.7818 (cell). Please note that reservations are REQUIRED. And a reservation MADE is a reservation PAID!

September Menu: Chicken Chopped Salad, mixed greens, Roasted Pepper, Corn, Black Beans, Green chilies, Tomatoes, Jack Cheese, Tortilla Strips Roasted Red Pepper Ranch Dressing; Raspberry Sorbet; Coffee/Tea/ Rolls/Butter.

**Fountain Hills Republican Club**

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's Saturday, September 19 th meeting will feature Steve Chucri, Chair Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, as the keynote speaker.

Program starts at 9 a.m. in the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Program is free with a social period/meet and greet commencing at 8:30.

Further information about the club can be obtained by contacting the Fountain Hills Republican Club at [fhrepublican@gmail.com](mailto:fhrepublican@gmail.com) or visiting the website at <http://www.FHRepublicanClub.org>.

The Club's monthly "GOP Social" will be September 22nd at Saponi D'Italia Restaurant, 11865 N Saguaro, Blvd., F.H. This is a social event, NO speeches, no reservations. No host bar. Food (snack or dinner) available. Enjoy a pleasant evening with fellow Republicans in a friendly social atmosphere. Everyone is invited without regard to membership in the FHRC.

October 17 is the FHRC's Republican Fall Forum and buffet dinner (4-6 pm in Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church) to which all candidates and elected officials are invited. (This event replaces the traditional FHRC's September picnic in Golden Eagle Park as the club's main fundraising event.) Cost \$15 for members advance pay/\$18 for non members and at the door. Youth 12 and under free. All elected officials and all candidates are invited to attend and speak. Reservations will be accepted by club officers at the September 10th LD 23 meeting.

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